

PAYNESVILLE HAPPENINGS

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Fall/Winter 2013

NEW SPLASH-PAD FOR GAZEBO PARK!

Paynesville’s City Council approved a new splash-pad for Gazebo park in January of this year. The new splash-pad will be a water feature for children to play in on hot summer days, with spigots built in to shoot water up in the air, much like most popular water parks have. Matt Dickhausen, Paynesville Area’s Community Education Director, did all the research for the project and presented it to the Park and Tree Committee, who then sent it to the City Council. They approved a budget of \$18,000 for the project. Voss Plumbing has already finished construction on the new water feature and it is now accessible to the public. Make sure to visit Gazebo Park to see for yourself! It’s a great way to beat the heat!



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PUBLIC NUMBERS

Garbage	West Central Sanitation	800-246-7630
Cable Television	Mediacom	800-332-0245
	Windstream	320-243-3343
	Telephone Mediacom	800-332-0245
Gas	CenterPoint Energy	800-245-2377
Electric	NSP (Xcel Energy)	800-892-0343
Water/Sewer	City of Paynesville	320-243-3714
Paynesville Community Service Center		320-243-4953
Paynesville Area Senior Center		320-243-4799
Paynesville Public Library		320-243-7343
Tri-Cap (Energy Assistance)		320-251-1612

Contact Your City Officials:

- Jeff Thompson, Mayor
320-243-3180
- Gene Beavers, Council
320-243-1515
- Donavan Mayer, Council
320-243-4928
- Kay McDaniel, Council
320-243-7850
- Jean Soine, Council
320-243-7194

NEW TIRE SWING AT COMMUNITY PARK

Paynesville’s Community Park on Highway 55 is seeing an interesting new addition to its play area: a tire swing. Ryan Christman, who is currently a senior in high school, has been working on becoming an Eagle Scout since the 1st grade. The process is long, and prospective Eagle Scouts must progress through four ranks: Cub Scout, Webelos (We’ll Be Good Scouts), Boy Scouts, and finally Eagle Scouts. To earn his title of Eagle Scout, Ryan has built a new tire swing at the Community Park. Ryan started the project in March after a suggestion from Ron Mergen, Public Works Director. With generous donations from Fleet Supply and the Lion’s Club, Ryan was able to finance his project. Ryan consulted mechanical engineer Tom Floura of Louis Industries about the tire swing’s construction, and Greg Spanier, the owner of Spanier Welding, welded the tire swing into place at the park. As well as contributing to the community, Ryan hopes this project will be enough to earn his way to something only about 5% of Boy Scouts ever make it to: the prestigious title of Eagle Scout. We wish Ryan the best of luck.



MOTOR VEHICLE/ DRIVER’S LICENSE/DNR

You may transfer titles, renew tabs on your motor vehicles or recreational vehicles, or renew your driver’s license between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The State of Minnesota has suspended printing of their driver’s manuals. The driver’s, motorcycle and commercial driver’s manuals may be downloaded at www.dvs.dps.mn.gov. For information on scheduling a driver’s license test, see Page 4.



PROJECT UPDATES

The Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade is nearing completion, with the system to be online September 17th. The project, which would install several new features (including new controls, pumps and pivot upgrades), is financed by a \$2.4 million dollar grant, a low interest loan, and water/sewer rates. A major upgrade to the Water Treatment Facility has also been proposed in efforts to keep a safe and clean supply of water. The upgrade would include equipment such as new filters and a clear well, among others. This will reduce or eliminate many of the pressure fluctuations residents may have experienced.

The 2014 Street Project has started the planning stages. After several years of no City street construction projects, the City of Paynesville will continue with the reconstruction schedule proposed to rehabilitate part of the Old Highway 23 and Minnesota Street west of Highway 55. This project is being done jointly with Stearns County.

ACTIVE SHOOTER PROGRAM: HOW TO RESPOND

Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Because active shooter situations are often over within 10-15 minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation. The Paynesville City Council has authorized trainer Stefan V. Salmonson to hold a training session at City Hall on how to deal with active shooter situations. Salmonson is a licensed deputy sheriff, licensed private detective and protective agent, certified personal protection specialist (bodyguard), international security consultant, airline security consultant, airline transport pilot, and professional speaker. As someone who has had a wide range of experience, Salmonson's training session is meant to help teach utility personnel, managers, directors, administrators, clerks, front-desk personnel, security personnel, fire departments, and others who are interested how to respond in an active shooter situation. Customers and clients are likely to follow the lead of employees and managers during these situations, so it's important to have staff properly trained so they are able to handle themselves and keep others safe should the need arise. This training session will be held October 12th at City Hall, from noon to 4:30 p.m., with the total cost being \$1000.00 plus mileage. For a group of 40 people, the cost per person would be roughly \$20.00 to \$25.00, with the cost decreasing with each additional person. If you or your staff are interested in attending this training session, please contact City Administrator Renee Eckerly at renee@paynesvillemn.com, or at 320-243-3714 ext. 227. Salmonson's training session promises to be informative and relevant to the increasing dangers personnel face in today's world.

VETERAN'S PARK

Located at 15612 Cedar Point Road, Paynesville, which is just off of Old Lake Road on Lake Koronis. Veteran's Park is a 12 acre community park. The Veteran's Park shelter has seating for 134, of which 86 is indoor and 48 outdoor. City Hall is now accepting reservations for the shelter for a fee. Please stop by City Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to make reservations. Facilities available at the park include: oven & stove, microwave, refrigerator, double sink, counters, electrical outlets, restrooms, playground equipment, charcoal grills, 6 picnic tables, 2 volleyball courts/nets, folding tables, folding chairs, boat access to Lake Koronis, walking/biking nature trail, a swimming beach and a lookout tower. The Park Shelter is available for rental from mid-May through the first week of October.



WINE CLUB

Wine Club meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Ron and Judy's Restaurant. Each event offers a variety of wines to sample and pre-order at a discounted price. Wine vendors are available to answer any questions that you may have. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance, available at the Paynesville Liquor Store, or \$7.00 at the door. We look forward to seeing you at our next Wine Club event.

DRIVER'S LICENSE TESTING

For those wishing to take their driver's license test, the Department of Motor Vehicles gives written tests Thursdays only from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., for which no appointment is necessary. Road tests are given Thursdays only. Those wishing to take the road test must call 320-255-3044 for an appointment.

NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

The City of Paynesville has hired seven new employees. Melissa Ball-Warriner is the new payroll specialist, and she will be in charge of payroll, assisting with elections, and customer service. Amber Young is the new Social Media Specialist for Paynesville's cable TV station, Channel 8. She will also be in charge of the newsletter, Facebook and website, as well as ads for the liquor store. Denise Czech-Schwandt is the new Emergency Management Director. She will be in charge of emergency services for the City. Public Works has hired seasonal employee Dave Schwandt. Dave will help with city maintenance. Paynesville Liquor has hired part-time clerks Ann Wendlandt, Wendie Johnson and Bridget Webber. For contact information, please visit www.paynesvillemn.com.



CHANNEL 8

If you have a news item or an upcoming event that you would like to have advertised, please contact Amber Young at ambery@paynesvillemn.com. You may also bring your item into City Hall and we would be happy to forward it to Amber. Please remember to include the dates that you would like to have your event posted and a contact name and phone number.

Daylight Savings Time
Ends On November
3rd! Set your clocks
back one hour!



PET LICENSE AND LOST PET

Pet licenses are now due by the end of September. The 2013 dog and cat licenses are now available at City Hall and must be purchased by September 30, 2013. The license fees are: \$20.00 for unaltered pet and \$10.00 for altered, and will double on October 1, 2013. Please provide proof of rabies vaccination upon licensing your pet. If your pet is lost, check with the Paynesville Veterinary Clinic (243-4329) to see if it has been impounded. If not, contact the Paynesville Police Department (243-7346) to report it as missing. It is mandatory to license your pet within the city limits. This can be very instrumental in the return of your lost pet as license numbers can be tracked to the owner.

R.V. DUMP SITE

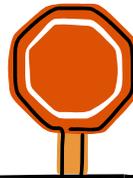
The RV dump site is located at 605 Lake Ave. (also the site of the ambulance garage). The RV dump site is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for your convenience. The site is open April 20th through November 10th, 2013. A free will donation in the box provided is greatly appreciated and is used to maintain the facility.

SCHOOL HAS STARTED!

School is back in session. Please remember that by law, any person approaching a school bus displaying an extended stop arm and flashing lights must stop at least 20 feet away.

Failure to stop is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$300.00.

Please drive carefully and remember to stop for all pedestrians in the crosswalks. The School Zone speed limit is 20 mph, and crossing guards will be present during school hours.



ENERGY ASSISTANCE

In this economy, more and more people and families are having difficulties making ends meet. Tri-County Action Program Energy Assistance provides assistance for energy bills, emergency assistance if a household's home energy service is shut off, and more. If you are having difficulty paying your heating and/or electric bill, contact Tri-Cap's Energy Assistance program at 320-251-1612 or 888-765-5597, or visit their website at www.tricap.org.



Motor Vehicle and City Hall Closings

- Monday, September 2nd**
(Labor Day)
- Monday, October 14th**
(Columbus Day)
- Monday, November 11th**
(Veterans Day)
- Thursday, November 28th**
(Thanksgiving Day)
- Friday, November 29th**
(Day After Thanksgiving)
- Tuesday, December 24th at noon** (Christmas Eve)
- Wednesday, December 25th**
(Christmas Day)
- Wednesday, January 1st**
(New Years Day)

Winter Parking Ban

Paynesville City Code, Chapter 9, Entitled Parking Regulations, was amended on January 22, 1997, making it illegal to park on any residential street between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day between November 1 and March 31. The Paynesville Police Department will enforce this parking ban. The first and second offense will result in a \$10.00 fine. The third and subsequent offense is \$25.00.

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U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT #1

CITY OF PAYNESVILLE

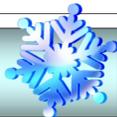
Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 320-243-3714
Fax: 320-243-3713



Your business tag line here.

SNOW/ICE REMOVAL ON SIDEWALKS



City Code Chapter 7; Section 7.05 Subd. 1. states: All snow and ice remaining upon public sidewalks is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance and shall be abated by the owner or tenant of the abutting private property within 24 hours after such snow or ice has ceased to be deposited. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of this Section. Subd. 2. Beginning two (2) business days after such snow or ice has ceased to be deposited, the City may issue citations for failure to comply with Subd. 1. The Council shall establish the fine by resolution. Beginning 24 hours after the issuance of a citation, the City may cause the snow and ice to be removed from the public sidewalk, and charge the abutting private property owner for the cost of the removal. Payment and collection of such fees shall be governed by Chapter 3 of this code relating to Municipal and Public Utilities.



BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER SKATES, SCOOTERS, AND ROLLER BLADES

According to City Ordinance Chapter 8; Section 8.03, it is unlawful for any person to operate, propel or ride a skateboard or scooter, roller skate or roller blade upon any public sidewalk, street, or parking lot in the downtown area of the City.



GRASS CLIPPINGS

The City of Paynesville would like to take this opportunity to remind you not to mow grass clippings or blow leaves into the City streets. Not only is this unsightly, but vegetation is high in phosphorous content. These materials wash into the storm sewers and in the end pollute our lakes, streams and rivers.

