



Winter Reminders to Property Owners: **SNOW REMOVAL**

Everyone knows that one of the most challenging things about a Minnesota winter is the snow!

- **PLEASE DO NOT DEPOSIT SNOW ONTO ROADWAYS** (this includes fall yard waste as well). According to Minnesota State laws, depositing snow in any fashion onto a public street/right-of-way is illegal and punishable as a misdemeanor. The act of placing snow onto a public roadway may subject a person to a civil liability if a road hazard, such as a slippery area or bump, occurs and causes a traffic accident. We ask that all property owners comply with these rules which are designed to help keep our roadways clear and safe for everyone.
- **SIDEWALKS:** According to City Ordinance §151.01, "The owners of any buildings or property having sidewalks abutting their property or buildings and parallel to the street shall remove or cause to be removed, all snow and ice from such sidewalk within 24 hours after it's deposit thereon," and in the event of non-compliance, resulting in the City itself performing the snow removal, the property owner will be billed for the cost.
- **DRIVEWAYS:** One of the most frustrating things about snow removal is snow ending up in private driveways during snowplow operations. When snow is accumulated on the plow blade it often has no place to go but into driveways. This is not intentional but is unavoidable due to the nature of snow removal. Unfortunately, the City will NOT clean driveways.
- **OTHER ITEMS IN ROADWAYS OR ALLEYS:** It is very difficult to plow snow from roadways and alleys when they are blocked by cars, recreational vehicles, and garbage cans. We ask that residents be mindful of placing items on roadways or in alleys on days when the snowplows will be out. A blocked roadway or alley may prevent our City crew from plowing an area, and that would be unfortunate for everyone!
- **FIRE HYDRANTS:** In the event of a season of heavy snowfall, the fire hydrants may get buried in the snow. We ask that homeowners assist us in keeping hydrants clear of snow to help reduce the time it takes for a firefighter to access the hydrant in case of a fire.

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS According to City Ordinances §70.34, **NO PARKING IS ALLOWED** on all City streets, City parking lots, and County or State Highways within Parkers Prairie City limits between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am from November 1 to April 1.

TREES LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY BOULEVARDS OR THE "ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY" & REMOVAL OF FALL YARD WASTE

*City Ordinance §153.23(B) states that "the trimming, treatment, or removal of trees, shrubbery, or other vegetation located within the right-of-way shall be the sole responsibility of the property owner. Trees or shrubs obstructing traffic control signs or devices from view of pedestrians or motorists shall either be removed or pruned in a manner to ensure proper visibility from streets, alleys, and sidewalks. All limbs of trees or portions of limbs which overhang public streets or alleys shall be trimmed to a height of no less than 12-feet above the surface of the street, and a height of no less than 8-feet above the surface of a sidewalk."

*The City DOES permit the burning of fall leaves, but all fires must be contained within a 3'x 3' area. We ask that residents play it safe with bonfires and be respectful of neighbors when burning yard waste. The City does NOT permit the burning of garbage! If you have questions about this, please feel free to contact the City Hall at 218-338-4115.

*For burning *OUTSIDE* the Parkers Prairie City limits, the FIRE DEPARTMENT would like to remind you to obtain your BURNING PERMIT through the DNR. The Otter Tail County DNR Burning Permits & Administration phone number is 218-846-8283.



OTTER TAIL COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER



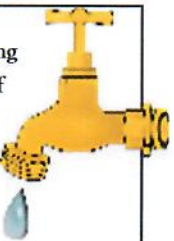
The site is located on County Road 46 just east of Parkers Prairie. The self-service area is open to the public for disposal of RECYCLABLES ONLY (such as paper, plastic, cardboard, tin, aluminum). NO DUMPING of garbage or other junk is permitted.

The GARBAGE collection site (solid waste transfer station) is staffed from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on the FIRST and THIRD Saturday of each month.



FREEZING PIPES?

— Some homes have experienced freezing water pipes during previous winters. It seems that the majority of these problems occur in the early spring months when the frost is driven further down into the ground by the freezing and thawing cycles. According to City Ordinance §51.22 the *property owner* is responsible for all water and sewer pipes from the water/sewer main to their property and is therefore responsible for repairs to frozen pipes along that route. Some property owners have found it beneficial to allow a faucet to lightly "trickle" water to keep some water flowing during the early spring months. This is totally at the discretion of the property owner, and the City can NOT offer "discounts" for water usage in these cases.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency 911



Parkers Prairie Police (non-emergency)	218-338-4611
jrud@ci.parkers-prairie.mn.us	
Parkers Prairie City Hall	218-338-4115
bwusow@ci.parkers-prairie.mn.us	
City Maintenance Department	218-338-4116
ppmaint@arvig.net	
Parkers Prairie School Office	218-338-6011
dpeppersack@pp.k12.mn.us	
PP Community Ambulance Office (non-emergency)	218-338-4357
ppamb@midwestinfo.net	
Parkers Prairie Fire Department (non-emergency)	218-639-8040
ppfd@arvig.net	
Senior Meals Program (at Event Center)	218-338-6211

UPCOMING EVENTS IN PARKERS PRAIRIE *Please note that all event dates and times are subject to change!



NOVEMBER 8, 2022 (Tuesday) ELECTION DAY! The Parkers Prairie precinct is open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. For more information about polling locations, absentee voting, or voter registration, please call the OTC Government Services Center at 218-998-8030.



NOVEMBER 11, 2022 (Friday) VETERAN'S DAY! Thank you, Veterans, for your service!



NOVEMBER 19, 2022 (Saturday) The Panther Boosters will host the BOOSTER BASH HOT DISH CONTEST. Please check the Panther Boosters social media account for updates on this event.



NOVEMBER 20, 2022 (Sunday) the Parkers Prairie Ambulance will hold their annual HOLIDAY BINGO event at the Parkers Prairie Grace Christian Church. Doors open at 1:00 pm. Cash prizes! Come support this amazing community organization!



NOVEMBER 24, 2022 (Thursday) Immanuel Lutheran Church will serve a FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER from 11:30-12:30. Deliveries are available – please call 218-338-2511 for more information.



DECEMBER 3, 2022 (Saturday) the Parkers Prairie Pride of Lions will sponsor the annual PRAIRIE CHRISTMAS CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW at the Prairie Event Center.



DECEMBER 17, 2022 (Saturday) Thousand Lake Brewing Company will have their 3rd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.



JANUARY 28, 2023 (Saturday) The Panther Boosters will hold their 2nd Annual ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT on Lake Adley.



FEBRUARY 5, 2023 (Sunday) Orders are due for the Immanuel Lutheran Church ACT SUPERBOWL SUBS FUNDRAISER. Order pick-up will be February 11-12. Watch the Church's Facebook page for more information.



FEBRUARY 11, 2023 (Saturday) The Parkers Prairie Sportsmen's Club will hold their ANNUAL BANQUET at the Prairie Event Center.



FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH from 9:00-11:00 am Immanuel Lutheran Church holds a FOOTCARE CLINIC, which is open to anyone in Parkers Prairie and the surrounding community who needs help with footcare and nail cutting.



THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH from 3:30-6:30 pm the FOOD SHELF is open at the Parkers Prairie First Lutheran Church.

Reminder: The Parkers Prairie Public Shooting Range will be CLOSED on the following days during deer firearm season:
NOVEMBER 5-6
NOVEMBER 12-13.



Have a safe season!

The PARKERS PRAIRIE FIRE DEPT. would like to remind you that NOW IS THE TIME to change the batteries in all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors!



YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AT OUR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 102 North Otter Avenue in Parkers Prairie (if the 3rd Monday falls on a holiday, the meeting will take place on the Tuesday of that week). If you have an item that you would like the Council to consider, please contact City Administrator Beth Wussow *at least 7 days prior* to the regular meeting date to fill out an Agenda Request Form. Beth can be reached at the City Hall at 218-338-4115 or by email at bwussow@ci.parkers-prairie.mn.us



YOUR CITY OF PARKERS PRAIRIE ELECTED OFFICIALS

The City Council consists of five elected officers: a Mayor serving a 2-year term, and four Council Members, each serving a 4-year term. Please feel free to reach out to any of the following:

- *Mayor Kevin Birkholz
- *Council Member Greg Larson
- *Council Member Linda Martinson Bates
- *Council Member Tony Woodworth
- *Council Member Glenn Cornish

CITY WATER/SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

BASE METER RATE	USAGE RATE
SEWER: \$38.00/month	\$4.00 per 1,000 gallons
WATER: \$40.00/month	\$4.00 per 1,000 gallons

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A REWARDING WAY TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY?



The Parkers Prairie Community Ambulance Service is looking for new Members to join their team! Excellent training is provided, and E.M.T. classes will be starting in January through Tri-County Education (training location to be determined). For more information, please contact Ambulance Director Michelle Moske at 320-491-5049.

Water and sewer services are essential to our community! We are dedicated to providing you with safe and reliable water and sewer utilities.

Why do utility rates keep rising?

Unfortunately, costs are rising everywhere, for EVERYTHING! While we would prefer NOT to increase our rates, the reality is that expenses for us are increasing too. The cost for everything from equipment to services to operating supplies has increased, and for our services to remain in operation we unfortunately must raise our utility rates as well. We will continue to search for ways to conserve resources and look for alternative funding sources so that we may continue to provide these essential services to our customers and our community.

Why do utility rates vary from City to City?

Each City is unique – from the age of its infrastructure (for example water, sewer, and streets), the number of residents it serves and the types of utilities it provides, to the way that each City pays for infrastructure improvements. Some Cities rely heavily on property owners to pay a portion of the cost of improvements in the form of "special assessments," while other Cities fund much of the cost of improvements through their utility fees. The majority of our most recent "street improvement projects" in Parkers Prairie have actually been driven by water/sewer infrastructure improvements.

How does our City prioritize its street/utility projects?

The City works with engineers to determine which streets and water/sewer infrastructure are in the most need of repair or replacement based on age, usage patterns, and other factors. Once a utility improvement project is agreed upon, City engineers assist us by conducting a "utility rate study" to determine if utility rates need to be adjusted to pay for the upcoming project.