



CITY OF JASPER

JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

**HOME
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OF THE
BRAVE**

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM AT THE QUARTZITER COMMUNITY CENTER!

Serving lunch to children younger than 18 from 11:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

Join them for a Nutritious Summer Meal at NO CHARGE!

For more information call: Cathy Rogers, Pipestone Area School at 507-562-6018.



**All School Reunion &
130th Anniversary
Celebration**

July 27-29, 2018

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SWIMMING LESSONS: The City of Jasper has again partnered with the Luverne Area Aquatic & Fitness Center to offer swimming lessons to children from Jasper.

American Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructors will teach all lessons. The fee is \$30.00.

The lessons will take place July 9th - July 19th, Monday- Friday, 10:15 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. Classes will not be held on Friday, July 20th. Bus leaving Jasper at 9:30 a.m. from the Quartziter Community Center.

If you would be interested in registering your child, please contact the City Office.



PET LICENSES ARE PAST DUE: Animal licenses expire March 31st yearly. **\$5 late charge.** Stop in to the city office and register your animal. Proof of vaccination by a licensed veterinarian is required in order to obtain a license. 3 ANIMALS MAX PER HOUSEHOLD!

PLEASE keep your pets fed, watered, and QUIET. Pets should not be allowed to bother other residents. **For owners who take care of their pets, THANK YOU FOR BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR.**

Please clean up after your pets. Complaints should be reported to Pipestone County Law Enforcement at 825-1100. You do not necessarily have to identify yourself when calling. All animals (includes CATS) need to be on a leash! Anyone that needs a copy of ORDINANCE No. 91, it is available at the city office.

We will be spraying for mosquitos every 2 to 3 weeks throughout the summer & fall depending on the weather. Spraying will be done as dusk Thursday evenings. The spray is the same spray used in Sioux Falls & other towns. It is E.P.A. approved. It is safe for humans, pets & fish.



2017 Consumer Confidence Report Attached on Pages 5 & 6



All community water systems must distribute a drinking water report known as a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) annually to their customers.

The council positions that will be up for election in 2018 are:

- Mayor 2 year term
- 2 Council Seats 4 year terms

Filing date opens July 31, 2018 & closes August 14, 2018. \$2 filing fee.

Do not place signs in the public right-of-way, any street or easements.



CONGRATULATIONS TO BRIAN THODE: Wastewater Superintendent/Operator! Receiving "Certificate of Commendation" for outstanding operation, maintenance and management of our wastewater treatment system. This award recognizes ensuring: overseen by property certified operator, did not exceed the effluent limits contained in our permit, all required monthly & annual reports were timely & complete, facility did not experience any bypasses, enforcement actions or inspections identifying significant compliance con-



**Minnesota Pollution
Control Agency**

It is everyone's responsibility to cooperate in keeping their property's grass mowed, the weeds sprayed, and the litter removed. Please assist in making everyone proud of YOUR community! Grass should be no more than 6 inches in height. If the property is not maintained, the city will come and do the work. We will send you a bill or it will be put on your property taxes. A minimum \$75 charge.



We encourage all property owners to trim your trees both on the sidewalk where people walk and any tree or bushes that are in the alleys. Residents **MUST** mow their half of the alley. Trees also need to be trimmed along the streets-limbs need to be 12' off the ground and nothing beyond the curb due to public works equipment (sweeper and snow plow) being used on the streets. If you don't trim them, the employees will trim trees when they have the time. Low-hanging branches on the sidewalks make it difficult for residents to use what sidewalks we have in town. It not only looks better, but you will find it easier to mow your lawn. In the alleys, remember you want that alley wide enough so that if a fire truck, ambulance, pickup with a mosquito sprayer on it, or city vehicles cleaning alleys need to go through that alley-they want to go through without scratching the vehicles. **GET RID OF GROUND VINES TO HELP YOUR TREES!**



Yard Waste Site: If you have yard waste (grass clippings, tree branches, leaves) you can pick up a key at the City Office & bring them out to the site. **Return key IMMEDIATELY or within 24 HOURS; within 48 HOURS if checked out over the weekend.** PLEASE remember NO GARBAGE!!! If the Department of Forestry Inspector finds something wrong he could shut down the site & everyone will lose their privileges. (They come without warning.) Yard waste pickup will continue on Mondays. Have totes to street by 7:00 a.m. Tag required/weight limits apply.



The only burning that is allowed in the City of Jasper is in contained patio fireplaces where wood **ONLY** is well contained. **NO GARBAGE BURNING, NO CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, NOTHING THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS!** No ash particles floating around either your house or to the neighbors...**NO EXCEPTIONS!** If the Fire Department is called out to contain a fire, the resident will be charged for a fire call...\$400.00 for the first hour!



Jasper Volunteer Ambulance Association Fundraiser

Friday, August 17, 2018

Jasper City Park (rain-Memorial Hall)

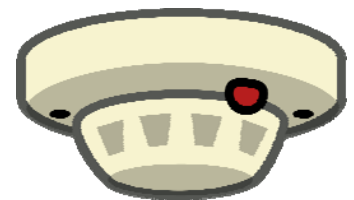
Watch for details on Facebook, city website, and the Jasper Journal!

Interested in joining the ambulance? Contact Cortney at the City Office

The Jasper Volunteer Fire Department is participating in a Smoke Alarm Program for Fire Prevention Week. This program provides lifesaving benefits to the senior citizens of our community.

Program Benefits

- Free smoke alarms for homes that do not have any. Alarms will be installed by members of the Jasper Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Survey of any current smoke alarms in the home, including replacing batteries; replacing outdated alarms and education on testing and maintaining smoke alarms in the home.



This program is available to senior citizens residing in city limits.

Smoke alarm quantities are limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis. To apply for the program, contact the Jasper City Office.

Children are supposed to be home by 10 PM. Where are your children? The Pipestone County Deputies are asked to enforce this ordinance; please assist them in doing your part by paying attention to where your children are and what they are doing. Please keep your eyes open and report anything suspicious to Pipestone County Law Enforcement at 825-6700. **PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN TO BE RESPECTFUL OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS....VANDALISM AND POOR BEHAVIORS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!**



"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken"
James Dent



Did you find your SWG bill number in this newsletter? If so, stop by

or call the city office to receive \$5 off your SWG bill.

Sidewalk Replacement Program:

Are you considering repairing or replacing your sidewalk? Contact the city office and see how we can help!



Water Leaks:

Always be on the lookout for WATER LEAKS! Do Not Flush: baby wipes, 000125 tampons or Q-Tips as these items do not disintegrate. Toilets are a big problem with leaks in the home. Do a turning meter or use blue food coloring in the tank tests. If the water turns blue then you probably have a leak. CALL A PLUMBER!



Truck Parking: RESIDENTIAL AREAS ARE NOT DESIGNATED FOR TRUCK PARKING!

ACCORDING TO THE JASPER CITY CODE: "IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PARK A TRUCK OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OF MORE THAN ONE TON CAPACITY IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA." SECTION 8.17, SUBD. 2

Please utilize the truck parking area at the ballfields.

YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED.

Please see the City Office if you have any concerns with this request.



ATTENTION ATV OR GOLF CART OWNERS:

If you wish to drive your vehicles in Jasper (LICENSED DRIVERS ARE THE ONLY ONE'S ELIGIBLE), you must purchase a permit. Permits for 2018 are now available for \$10 at the city office, good until 12-31-18. You need to show proof of a driver's license, vehicle ID information & DNR ID number in order to get this permit. This information is forwarded to the Sheriff's Department. NO DIRT BIKES or GO CARTS CAN BE RIDDEN IN TOWN; those vehicles must be placed on a trailer & ridden only on private property out of town-not city property!



NOTICE: The library located at the Quartziter Community Center will be open from **7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.** during the summer.

If you would like to donate books to the library, donations are accepted at the City Office.



STORM SIREN:

Sirens will continue to be tested on the first Wednesday of each month. Pipestone County Law Enforcement sounds the siren. DO NOT CALL, Take Shelter! IF SIRENS SOUND AT OTHER TIMES GO INSIDE & TUNE TO LOCAL MEDIA!



Starting a Project? Land use permits are needed for construction that alters the boundaries of the present building even if a contractor is doing the work, moving in a building (such as garages & utility sheds) and installation of fences, check with the city office if you have any questions.



REMINDER: Utility payments are due in the city office by 3:00 p.m. on the 20th of each month. We offer automatic payment and credit card processing. \$10 charge for any late payment. If you are late every month, that is an additional \$120 out of your pocket!



City Office Phone: 348-3701

City Office Fax: 348-3000

City Email: jasper@iw.net

Office Hrs: M-F 10-12 & 1-3

Brian's Cell: 204-0999

Chuck's Cell: 820-0485

Council Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

2018 Curbside Recycling

July: 12th, 26th

August: 9th, 23rd

September: 7th (Friday), 20th



Reminder: With the warmer weather, children will be at play. Please be alert, stop at each intersection and watch for children! Parents: Please educate your children on street safety. The more we know, the less chances of accidents occurring!

JASPER QUARTZITER DAYS



FRIDAY – July 27th – Sponsored by Reclaim Community

- 5:00-8:00pm** Classic Car Cruise-In
Open to Cars, Trucks, Tractors & Motorcycles
Memorial Hall – Jasper MN
- 5:00-8:00pm** Pork Sandwich Meal
Provided by Reclaim Community
- 5:00** The Frigidairs
Featuring Mike Perrizo (JHS Class of 68)
No Cover Charge
Quartziter Gear & ATV Raffle Tickets Sold On-Site!

SATURDAY – July, 28th

- 7:30am** 5K Run/Walk Registration at Memorial Hall; registration 7:30am; **RACE TIME 8am**
Early registration at www.allsportcentral.com Contact Karrie Johnson 507-690-8330
- 8:30-10:30am** Cinnamon Rolls, Breakfast Sandwiches, Coffee & Juice Served by WELCA (Lower Level of Memorial Hall)
- 8:30-5:30** All School Memorabilia room, **on the corner of Wall St and Sherman Ave**
- 9:00** Farmers Market (located at the City Park)
- 9:00am** Turtle Races (located at the City Park)
- 9:00am** Registration for Little Scrapper Pedal Pull (located at the City Park)
- 9:30am** Little Scrapper Pedal Pull
- 9:00-12:00pm** Quarry Tours by Jasper Stone Company, Inc; meet west side of Jasper Museum
- 10:00-2:00pm** Jasper Museum and Christensen House open to the public
- 11:30-1:00pm** Lunch by Jasper Historical Society (Walking Tacos, Bar & Drink) at Memorial Hall \$7
- 11:00-4:00pm** **Activities in the Park**
- Inflatables- \$5.00 Wristbands
- Concessions
- 11:00-1:00pm** Fire Truck rides, pick up at City Park
- 12:30pm** Bean Bag Tournament- in front of Stonewall Bar, **registration at 12:00pm**
Concessions available during tournament
- 1:00-4:00pm** Rodman Windmill Tours
- 1:00-4:00pm** **“Let’s Play a Game”**
Card Games and Board Games for all ages hosted by Jasper Senior Citizens
Location: Jasper Sunrise Village
- 2:00-4:00pm** Pie and Ice Cream Social at Sunrise Village
- 2:00pm** **Bingo-** hosted by the Quarry Lions at Sunrise Village
- 8:30-3:00pm** All School Reunion Registration- Memorial Hall
- 5:00-7:00pm** All School Reunion & Community Supper- Roast Beef, Baked Potato, Coleslaw
Ice Cream Social by Progress Study Club
- 3:00-6:00pm** Mogan’s Heroes sponsored by DeBoer’s and Peoples Bank
- 7:00pm** Parade
- 9:00pm** **Free Street Dance- Rock and Roll Damnation, Sponsored by Stonewall Bar**
(Concessions Available)
- 9:00-11:30pm** Kids Movie Night at Jasper ELC- \$5.00 for kids K-8, movies, snacks & fun

SUNDAY- July 29th

- 8:30-10:00am** Breakfast served at Memorial Hall, by Jasper Citizens Scholarship Committee
- 10:30am** Community Church Service at City Park with **Hallelujah Hooligans (Bring lawn chairs- will be held at Memorial Hall if inclement weather)**
- 12:00pm** Potluck Meal at City Park



Jasper

2017 DRINKING WATER REPORT

MAKING SAFE DRINKING WATER

Your drinking water comes from the following groundwater sources: Jasper purchases water from Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System and your system has two wells that are 8 feet deep, that draw water from the Quaternary Water Table aquifer.

Jasper works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Cortney Kounkel, Clerk-Treasurer, at 507-348-3701 or jasper@iw.net if you have questions about Jasper's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Jasper Monitoring Results

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2017.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage [Basics of Monitoring and Testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/sampling.html) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/sampling.html>).

How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Definitions

- **AL (Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency
- **MCL (Maximum contaminant level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Level 1 Assessment:** A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- **Level 2 Assessment:** A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
- **MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **NA (Not applicable):** Does not apply.
- **NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units):** A measure of the cloudiness of the water (turbidity).
- **pCi/l (picocuries per liter):** A measure of radioactivity.
- **ppb (parts per billion):** One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter (µg/l).
- **ppm (parts per million):** One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l).
- **PWSID:** Public water system identification.
- **TT (Treatment Technique):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Variances and Exemptions:** State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Action Level	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Copper (07/20/16)	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0 ppm	0.86 ppm	0 out of 10	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Lead (07/20/16)	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	0 ppb	1.2 ppb	0 out of 10	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION – Tested in drinking water.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	80 ppb	N/A	16.8 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	60 ppb	N/A	4.8 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.75 ppm	0.62 - 0.80 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.

Total HAA refers to HAA5

Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable)

During the year, we had a treatment violation for failure to take water quality parameter samples as required.

Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Learn More about Your Drinking Water

Drinking Water Sources

Minnesota's primary drinking water sources are groundwater and surface water. Groundwater is the water found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water. Surface water is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water.

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.
- **Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties.
- **Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:

- How Jasper is protecting your drinking water source(s);
- Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
- How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.

Find your source water assessment at [Source Water Assessments](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa/) (www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa/) or call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lead in Drinking Water

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Jasper provides high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

1. **Let the water run** for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.
 - You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: [Are your pipes made of lead? Here's a quick way to find out](#) (<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home>).
 - The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.
2. **Use cold water** for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.
3. **Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.
 - Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample: [Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program](#) (<https://apps.health.state.mn.us/elabo/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>)
The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.
4. **Treat your water** if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.
 - Read about water treatment units:
[Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction](#) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/poulead.html>)

Learn more:

- Visit [Lead in Drinking Water](#) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/contaminants/lead.html#Protect>)
- Visit [Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water](#) (<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>)
- Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit [Lead Poisoning Prevention: Common Sources](#) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/lead/sources.html>).