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City of Jasper



2018 Newsletter

GHOSTS & GOBLINS
SPOOKS GALORE
SCARY WITCHES
AT YOUR DOOR
JACK-O-LANTERNS
SMILING BRIGHT
WISHING YOU A
HAUNTING NIGHT
HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Please Notice This



Reconnect Fee Notice for Sewer & Water Utilities **Effective January 1, 2019**, the Jasper City Council approved increasing Reconnection Fees as follows: **The Reconnect Fee will increase from \$30.00 to \$100.00.** This amount will be charged on any utility account that has been submitted to the Utilities Department for termination of service due to non-payment. If an account has been submitted to the Utilities Department for termination of service due to non-payment, the \$10 late fee, the \$100.00 reconnect fee, the delinquent bill, and the current bill will have to be paid in full before service will be restored. More information regarding delinquent accounts on Page 2.

Jasper Quartziter Club
HALLOWEEN
Trunk-or-Treat
Saturday, October 27 10 AM
Quartziter Community Center
FREE! Trunk-or-Treat, Crafts, Games,
Hayrides, Pumpkin Patch,
Concessions, and so much more!
Families and Businesses interested in participating please
contact Maggie (605) 553-1160 or Shannon (507) 215-2241

NOTICE: The Truth in Taxation Public Meeting will be held on December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The 2019 Budget & Levy will be reviewed. The public is invited to attend.

Changes that are coming in the 2019 budget levy increased by 4.4% from last year.



REMINDER: The Jasper City Council Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the City Council Room, 105 Wall Street East, and we are open to the public. IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS, PLEASE STOP BY THE CITY OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA.

\$ JASPER AREA UNITED FUND \$

United Fund Drive donation information and envelopes will be delivered on Monday, October 22, 2018 to your home by the Boy Scouts Troop #220 from Pipestone. Along with the envelopes will be Pipestone County Food Shelf bags. Your food shelf donations will be picked up on Saturday, October 27, 2018. The majority of the United Fund \$\$\$\$ stays local. Information about your contribution will be included in the envelopes.

Thank you to the Jasper Quartziter Club and All School Reunion Committee for making this years festivities a success!



Did you find the SWG number?

It's that time of year to...

- ✓ Check the operation of your smoke detectors, and change the batteries. Install additional detectors if needed.
- ✓ Inspect and ready your heating system. Empty the ashes, and clean the soot from your fireplace.
- ✓ Check the weather-stripping around doors and windows, and replace those that are worn.

...and remember to set your clocks back one hour on November 4, 2018.

Fall Time Reminder...

ATV RULES & REGULATIONS: With several complaints, we feel the need to remind everyone of the City of Jasper's laws regarding ATV/ Golf Cart usage by minors.

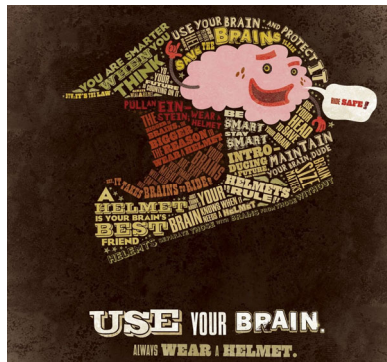
It is unlawful for anyone in control of an ATV/ Golf Cart to permit it to be operated contrary to the following requirements:

Under the age of 12: May operate **ONLY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH PERMISSION FROM THE OWNER.**

12 to 16 years of age: Must have a valid all-terrain vehicle safety certificate; may operate an ATV/Golf Cart on public lands and waters with safety certificate and under supervision***; **MUST WEAR A HELMET** while operating on public lands, waters, and on road right-of-way.

16 to 18 years of age: May operate an ATV/Golf Cart on public lands and waters without a safety certificate; must have a driver's license to make direct crossing of highway, or operate on road right-of-way; **MUST WEAR A HELMET** while operating on public lands, waters, and on road right-of-way.

***Supervision means the person's parent, legal guardian or another person 18 years of age or older who holds a valid driver's license.



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!

ATTENTION PET OWNERS: Please **DO NOT** LET DOGS RUN AT LARGE. If they are loose, you must have them in your control at all times.

PLEASE keep your pets fed, watered and quiet.

Pets should not be allowed to bother other residents. **REMINDER:**

ALL DOGS AND CATS RESIDING WITHIN CITY LIMITS NEED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE CITY. Proof of vaccinations by a licensed veterinarian is required in order to obtain a license. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ANIMALS DROPPINGS. We get numerous complaints regarding this. Whether it is a dog, cat, or horse leaving droppings at the park, on sidewalks, other peoples property, or the street is **UNACCEPTABLE** and **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!**

For owners who take care of their pets, **THANK YOU FOR BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR.** Complaints should be reported to the Pipestone County Law Enforcement Agency at 825-6700.



Delinquent SWG Bill? All charges for water, sewer, debt service, etc. shall be due on the due date specified by the City for the respective account. All utility bills will be sent out on or about the 30th of the month. The bill is due on or before the 20th of the following month. Any

utility bill not received at the City Office before 3:00 PM on the **20th** day of the month will be considered delinquent. Should the 20th day of the month fall on a weekend or holiday, the time will be extended to 3:00 PM on the next business day.

If the account becomes delinquent, a late charge of **\$10** will be added to and become part of all delinquent utility bills. Due notice will be posted on the resident door. If any bill is not paid in full **on or before the 25th day** of the month, **water will be disconnected.**



AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL may be another way of avoiding this, you can sign up for this deduction from either Peoples bank or from other banks. You can indicate when you want the bill to be taken out of your checking account, either the 5th or 19th.

BAD CHECKS will be charged \$30 PLUS your utility payment. Keep payments up, our only alternative is to shut the service off. The council says: "No payment-No service." ALWAYS be on the lookout for leaks-both in your residence and on city property. These can be very **EXPENSIVE!**

DELINQUENT SEWER, WATER, GARBAGE & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE BILLS WILL BE ASSESSED ON YOUR PROPERTY TAXES NOVEMBER 30, 2018.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CITY HAS A DROP BOX LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY OFFICE DOOR? This drop box may be used for your SWG bill, yard waste key, or other pertinent information you would like the City to receive if you cannot make it in during business hours.





YARD WASTE PICKUP WILL END SOON. Leaf pickup will begin in Mid-October depending on the leaf drop.

Please keep the leaves 3-4" from the curb in a nice windrow. If there is a tree above the windrow, put leaves out further as the equipment is tall. Don't put leaves on the corner or right after we go by. Rain = No leaf pickup. Leaf pickup will be on Monday mornings.

REMINDER: Let's get those trees on the boulevard trimmed up 12' from the street and away from the curbs—especially on the North & South streets.

No junk pickup until next spring, but please, do your share in getting debris picked up, removing junk and unlicensed vehicles, cleaning up leaves, branches, garden wastes, and animal wastes as much as possible this fall. It makes things look nice all winter long. If you have appliances that need to be picked up, call the City Office and make arrangements for \$15/each item. If you need assistance with something sizable such as carpet or furniture, contact VanDyke Sanitation @ 507-442-7241 and they will pickup items for you for a small fee.

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. **KEY WILL NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE CITY OFFICE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF SIGNING IT OUT.** PLEASE remember NO GARBAGE, TREATED WOOD, ANIMAL FECES, ETC. If the Department of Forestry finds something wrong at their **UNANNOUNCED** visits, they could shut down the site.



PLEASE DO NOT RUIN A GOOD THING FOR EVERYONE ELSE. FOLLOW THE RULES AND EVERYONE WINS!!!

SNOW EMERGENCY: The dreaded "S" word will be here before you know it. Please be reminded that if we have 2" of snow or more, ALL SNOW EMERGENCY WARNINGS GO INTO EFFECT.

Please do not park on Wall Street until:

1. The sidewalks are cleared
2. Wall Street has been plowed
3. The snow has been cleared from Wall Street

To avoid a violation-AND VEHICLES WILL BE TICKETED-WE SUGGEST YOU FIND OFF-STREET PARKING FOR YOUR VEHICLE. More information on snow removal will be in our next newsletter.

Watch for snow related emergencies on Facebook,



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.

This program will take place during Fire Prevention Week which is October 7-13, 2018. Participants will receive notice prior to the inspection.

ADOPT A POT PARTICIPANTS

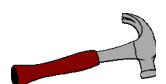
Volunteers will be picking up the flower boxes for winter storage towards the middle of October. Please clear the flowers. Dirt may remain. If you would like for your flower box to remain on your property, please contact the City Office and we will make sure it doesn't get picked up. Thanks to everyone who participated and made the town look beautiful!



Pipestone County will continue to test the siren at 1 PM on the first Wednesday of every month.

Remember, this is just a test. However, if the siren should be sounded at another time, waste no time—take cover.

Doing some remodeling? Uncertain whether you need a building permit? Call the City office and we will be glad to give you guidance!



SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

Be on the lookout for children and school buses. Where there are school buses, there are usually children nearby, and children often do unexpected things. Please slow down, use caution, and be prepared to stop in neighborhoods, bus stops and when following a bus.



KNOW AND OBEY SCHOOL BUS LAWS!

Minnesota law requires that if any school or church bus used in the transportation of children is stopped upon a roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers, with the stop arm and signal lights activated, the operator of the vehicle approaching from any direction, SHALL bring the vehicle to a stop and SHALL NOT proceed until the bus has completed receiving or discharging passengers and has been put in motion.

Passing a school or church bus that is loading or unloading is a class B misdemeanor for the 1st 000051 offense and a class A misdemeanor for the 2nd offense.

STOP AND STAY STOPPED

A child's life depends on it!

The City of Jasper—Council & Employees
WISH ALL OF YOU A HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!



Adults should accompany trick-or-treaters until at least the age of 12 or walk in groups.



Only visit familiar homes and areas, preferably friends and family.



Take a flashlight, wear bright costumes and/or adhere reflective tape to bags and costumes.



Do check ALL candy before it is consumed by children.



Walk on the sidewalks. DO NOT RUN.



Cross streets at intersections. Look both ways before crossing the street.

SLOW DOWN AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN!



STAY SAFE!
Halloween Safety Tips



Jasper Wellness Center

Open 24/7

Memberships Available. Contact the City Office (507) 348-3701



**American
Red Cross**
Together, we can save a life

Jasper Blood Drive at Evangelical Lutheran Church

Thursday, October 4 from 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Remember to bring a Photo ID or Donor Card

Van Dyke Recycling Scheduled Pickups

*** Note change in December pickups due to holidays!

October 2018

November 2018

December 2018

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