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# City of Jasper

# April 2019 Newsletter



# Jasper's Annual Spring Cleanup Day—Friday, May 17th!

Clean out your house, garage, lawn and basement! GET RID OF THE JUNK!

No garbage pickup on Thursday, May 16th, collection will be done on Friday. Recycling schedule will remain the same.

ALL WOOD windows, doors, countertops, toilets, sinks and small entertainment centers will need to be put into the roll-offs in town; these items will NOT be picked up at the curb. Do not put into the roll-offs: Plastic, garbage, cardboard, paints or trees. Anyone caught throwing unacceptable items in the roll-offs will be charged by the city for disposing of the items properly, the roll-offs will be monitored.

NO CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS: If you have torn down a building (shingles, concrete, etc.) call VanDyke Sanitation for a dumpster at 507-442-7241.

Put junk on the curb, no earlier than May 13th—in separate piles—by 5:00 a.m. sharp on May 17th. If piles are mixed up, NONE of the junk will be removed! Come to the city office if you have an appliance that needs to be paid for and picked up (\$15). Also, pay for tires: \$3 car or pickup tires, \$12-\$22 for larger tires, depending on the size. Mattresses cost \$25 for disposal. Prepaid at the City Office.

You pay for this service, so please use it! We appreciate your cooperation in keeping Jasper clean. The council will be doing a drivethru of the city in the weeks ahead.

Lumber will not be picked up! Watch for ad in the Jasper Journal, Facebook and the City Website.

#### **HELP KEEP JASPER CLEAN!**

YARD WASTE PROGRAM: Pickup will begin sometime in April, weather permitting. Look for notices. Please get your branches and yard waste out to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Mondays. If not, you will have to wait until the following week. In order to have city personnel pick it up, you will have to purchase yard waste tags, 10 for \$10 @ Jasper Mini-Mall or City Office. Each bag or container placed on the curb MUST have a tag attached to either the bag or branch container. Weight limits still apply. If your bag is too heavy, it will NOT be picked up.

The yard waste site north of the ballfields will also be open. If you would like to gain access to this property to dispose of your yard waste, stop by the City Office to pick up the key.



# NOTE: THE YARD WASTE SITE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 10TH THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH



Mark your calendars!

Jasper Quartziter Days

July 19-21, 2019

To volunteer please contact Lisa Petersen, Maggie Erickson, Trinidad Garcia or Cortney Kounkel.

# 2019 City of Jasper Board of Appeal & Equalization

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Rock & Pipestone County Assessors will be here. If you believe your property value or classification is incorrect for your property taxes, please attend.

## Watch for Children!

As the weather gets warmer, more and more children will be playing outside. Drivers must remember to watch out for these children. Pay special attention around bus stops, parks and anywhere that children gather.

Watch for signs and OBEY THE LAW!

"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month" ~Henry Van Dyke

# **THANK YOU Snowplow Drivers!**

The Jasper City Council would like to take a moment to thank the City of Jasper Public Works Department with their snow removal efforts this winter. As we had record breaking numbers in snowfall, these men worked tirelessly to plow the roads, alleys and public sidewalks within the City of Jasper. Not only were they dealing with snow, ice, rain and slippery conditions, they also had to combat the high winds. Instead of counting down the minutes to the end of their workday, they were busy preparing for the next storm. The City of Jasper Public Works Department has more duties on their plate than snow removal.

The number of snowplowing complaints received by the City of Jasper Office Staff as well as the Public Works Department is astounding! Everyone was tired of the snow, including us! We would like residents to understand that we have a specific route for plowing. If your street was not plowed first or if we had not reached your street by the time you think we should have, there is reasoning behind this. Also, the City of Jasper is not equipped with snow gates. Therefore, we cannot control the snow that ends up at the end of your driveway. The reason the plow does not get under your mailbox is due to the size of the blade and the amount of snow. The City of Jasper cannot afford to replace everyone's mailbox.

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR SNOWPLOW DRIVERS! When you see them out driving or plowing, please show them your thanks by giving them a big "Thumbs Up" for all they do to make our lives safer and able to get to our destinations.

THANK YOU to Brian Thode, Charles DeSchepper, Jerry Tower, David Foster, Duane DeCroock, David Bryan Bryce Petersen, CHS, Rosedell Township & DD Gravel!

# **GREAT JOB GUYS and keep up the GOOD work!**



Jasper Volunteer Fire Department Relief Association

**Annual Fundraiser** 

Saturday, April 27, 2019

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Jasper Memorial Hall** 

\$8 per ticket

Menu includes: Grilled Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Beans and a Drink

The Relief Association is fundraising for air packs.

#### 2019 Pet Licenses Now Available!

It's time for Jasper pet owners to re-license their dogs or cats over 6 months of age.

2018 Pet Licenses expire March 31. Licenses are issued each calendar year. License fees are \$10 for spayed or neutered dogs and cats; \$15 for pets that are not spayed or neutered. A valid rabies certificate from a licensed veterinarian showing the date the rabies vaccination was received and the expiration date is required to obtain the license. Your pet must have a valid rabies vaccination on the date the license is issued. When a pet license is obtained, the owner's information is stored at the city office. If your animal should become lost, the city is able to look up the tag number, and help return your pet.

Don't harbor a fugitive. License your pet.



PLEASE keep your pets fed, watered, and QUIET! Pets should not be allowed to bother other residents. All pet owners are required to pick up after their pet according to Ordinance No. 91, Section 9, Titles Manure Control. "No person or entity shall keep or house any animal with the city limits in such a manner or in such a condition as to allow a build up of manure on the property where the animal is housed, which could reasonably be considered offensive to any neighbor. It shall automatically be considered a violation of this section if the person or entity keeping or holding the animal allows MORE THAN A WEEK of bowel eliminations to remain on the premises for a period of more than 24 hours. Such manure must properly be disposed of in a garbage container, seals sufficiently to avoid odors from escaping the container, and to avoid the accumulation of flies and other insects. Such garbage containers much be picked up for disposal out of city limits at least once each week. During disposal or sanitation of a confined area for an animal, manure sludge and urine cannot leave your property and run onto others. This section does not apply to animals kept in an agricultural zone."

#### FOR OWNERS WHO TAKE CARE OF THEIR PETS...THANK YOU!!!

### 2019 ATV/Golf Cart Licenses Available!

2019 ATV Permits are available at the City Office & are REQUIRED to ride on city streets. Permits cost \$10 and are good through December 31, 2019. You will need to provide a valid driver's license, Vehicle ID number & DNR ID number in order to receive the permit.

The City of Jasper has implemented a new messaging platform to better communicate with residents and businesses. We are excited to partner with Public



Alert to offer residents and businesses a self-service way to receive notifications and alerts. These alerts will include snow emergencies, water main breaks, community events, etc.

To sign up for the alerts, simply go to public-alert.com, click on sign in and click email form for residential info.

You may also contact the City office by calling 507-348-3701 to sign up.



#### NO PAYMENT = NO SERVICE



# ALL PAST DUE AMOUNTS ARE DUE AT THE CITY OFFICE BY 9:00 A.M., MONDAY, APRIL 15. CURRENT CHARGES ARE DUE ON APRIL 20TH. ANY PAST DUE AMOUNT NOT RECEIVED BY THE SPECIFIED DATE WILL RESULT IN DISCONNECTION OF SERVICES.

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 around 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 p.m. pm the 20th 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 p.m. 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. Notice will be mailed to the resident. Due notice will be posted on the resident door. If any bill is not paid in full on or before the 25the day of the month, water will be disconnected.

If water is shut off, a \$100.00 fee will be added for the shutoff and for turning the account back on. Before water is re-connected, all charges need to be paid by cash, money order, or cashiers check during regular business hours.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL may be another way of avoiding this. You can sign up for this service at the Jasper City Office.

BAD CHECKS will be charged \$30.00 PLUS your utility payment. Keep payments up, our only alternative is to shut the service off.

## **Pipestone County Relay for Life**

Thursday, June 27, 2019 at the Pipestone Courthouse Yard

Community Meal from 5p-7p

If you would like to purchase a luminary for \$10 in memory or in honor of someone, make donations or join a team for this years relay, please contact Kristie Weinkauf at 348-3032 or kweinkauf@iw.net



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. You will need permission from the city council to remove; please consider replacement rather than removal.

The only burning that is allowed in the City of Jasper is in contained fireplaces-something that has wood ONLY & well contained. NO GARBAGE BURNING, NO CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS; NOTHING THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS!! No ash particles floating around...either to your house or the neighbors. NO EXCEPTIONS!! If the Fire Department is called...your bill is \$400 for the first hour!



Arbor Day is April 26th. Plant a tree! But don't forget to call Gopher State One Call @1-800-252-1166. You must CALL BEFORE YOU DIG at least two working days before you plan to dig so that your utility companies can mark the location of all underground lines.

If you have concerns or complaints on city matters,
PLEASE FILL OUT A COMPLAINT FORM or attend a city
council meeting. Meetings are held the second Tuesday
of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 105 Wall
Street East. City Council Meetings are open to the public. To get placed on
the agenda, contact the City Office.



Look for the City of Jasper, Jasper Sunrise Village & Jasper Volunteer Fire Dept. on Facebook and LIKE THE PAGE! Many updates & information!

Looking for a good book? Visit one of Jasper's many libraries!

- Quartziter Community Center
- ELCA
- Jasper Sunrise Village
- Little Free Library located on Wall Street

The City of Jasper will continue to do a test alert every first Wednesday of the month just after 1 p.m.; Pipestone Co. Law Enforcement conducts this test. Remember it is just a test. However, if the siren should sound at another time, waste no time-take cover!

On **Thursday April 11**, **2019** simulated tornado watches and warnings will be issued to test the statewide warning and communications systems. All counties in Minnesota normally participate in the first drill at 1:45 p.m. unless actual severe weather is expected.

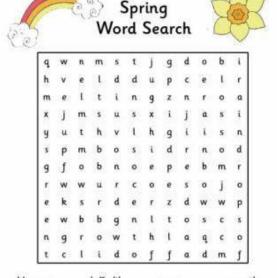




The City of Jasper has signed a Shelter Agreement with the American Red Cross, that incase of an emergency/ disaster, Memorial Hall is the public place to go!

Check this newsletter for your account number. You could receive \$5 off your SWG bill!





blossom daffodil green growth

melting puddle rainbow raindrops

seeds sunshine tulips umbrella

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Van Dyke Sanitation Recycling Schedule will be April 4th & 18th, May 2nd, 16th & 31st, June 13th & 27th

