



City of Jasper Newsletter 2019

December 10, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.
Jasper Council Room
Subsequent Truth-in-Taxation
Public Meeting
2020 Tax Levy & Budget



CHRISTMAS THE VILLAGE IN

- **MEAL SERVED FROM 5-6:30**
- **PRINTED PICTURES WITH SANTA**
- **SANTA ARRIVES AT 5PM**
- **DRAWINGS START AT 6:30**

-Free raffle tickets will be given to everyone who attends!
-Must be present to win!
-More tickets will be available for purchase the night of the event!

Menu will include a BBQ, hotdog or chili dog, chips, pop, and dessert
Adults \$5.00
Kids \$3.00

Pictures for the coloring contest will be available at Peoples Bank beginning November 11th . Please return pictures to Peoples Bank by December 3rd

Quartziter Community Center, 412 2nd St E in Jasper, MN
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN, CRAFTS, AND PRIZES!



City of Jasper's Snow Plowing Policy



It happens every year, it snows and there are still vehicles on the street. It really shouldn't matter if you are new to town or if you've lived here for years-you want the streets cleared of snow! The only way the Public Works Department can do a good job is if **ALL THE VEHICLES ARE OFF THE STREET!** Please do NOT leave a vehicle on the street if you leave town during the wintertime. After a SNOW EMERGENCY (snow 2" or more) has been declared, it is illegal to park on any street until the street has been completely cleared curb to curb for a length of a city block. "The Public Works Superintendent shall decide when to begin snow or ice control operations. The criteria for that decision are:

- A. Snow accumulation of 2 inches or more;
- B. Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel;
- C. Icy conditions which seriously affect travel;
- D. Time of snow fall in relationship to heavy use of streets.

Tune to KELO – Channel 11, KSFY– Channel 13, KISD 98.7 FM, or Facebook for snow related emergencies.

Snow & ice control are expensive and involve the use of limited personnel and equipment. Consequently, snowplowing operations will not generally be conducted for snowfall of less than 2 inches... from City of Jasper Snow/Ice Maintenance Policy.

Our city crew tries to get out VERY EARLY in the morning in order to have the streets cleared for everyone's convenience, but we need everyone's cooperation.

To avoid a violation/ticket (defined in Ordinance No. 83) we suggest that you find off-street parking for your vehicle. Vehicles in violation will be ticketed and subject to towing. You may park in your driveway, on the boulevard, a convenient place on your property, or with permission-on a neighbor's property. It is very important to listen to the weatherman. **When he is talking about bad weather, please use off-street parking.** Once the snow is cleared, you may again park on the street. The only exception to the ordinance would be for those items that it will be impossible to have all the snow removed on Wall St. before businesses are open. When this is the case, the Public Works Department asks that customers, **park parallel to the curb** rather than diagonal to the curb until all the snow is plowed and removed.

We appreciate your cooperation! Obeying these regulations will not only allow for better snow removal, but save taxpayers dollars. It will make City snow removal a safer and better operation. Let's give our Public Works Department a chance to do their job, excellent job of snow removal! Everyone will be happier in the long run. *******CITY CODE SECTION 8.09: Subd. 1: It is unlawful for any person to stop, park or leave any vehicle upon any street for a continuous period of twenty-four (24) hours! City Code is all year long!**



Snow removal around residential mailboxes is the responsibility of the box holder. USPS Postal Carriers will not deliver mail if access to the curbside residential mailboxes has been impeded by the snow accumulations. The snow plow operators make every effort to remove snow as close to the curb line as practical and to provide access to mailboxes for the mail delivery. However, this is not possible to provide perfect conditions and minimize damage to mailboxes with the size and type of equipment the City operates. Therefore, the final cleaning adjacent to mailboxes is the responsibility of each resident.

Welcome to all new 2019 Residents of Jasper

On behalf of the Jasper City Council and Jasper City Employees...We're glad you have chosen the City of Jasper as your new home! As a resident you will enjoy the very best in municipal services and programs!

Nick Baatz

Casey Sommers

Freddy & Becky

Tiffany Brown

Dayna Cherrenka

Todd & Abigail

Dalle

Homer Brannon

Yamilet Aguayo

Drake

Phillip Waldron

Carter Crowe

Ana Lydia Matos

Joseph Kruger

Melissa Drake

Jacob Crowe

Ruiz

Bryce Petersen





REMINDER!



Reminder: **The Reconnect Fee is \$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.

REMEMBER: NO PAYMENT = NO SERVICE. Save the \$10 000256 late charge after the 20th of each month and the \$100 turn-off/on charge. Landlords are sent notices when SWG bills are delinquent. If you are having trouble paying your SWG bill, contact Family Services at 825-6720.

SIGN UP FOR AUTOPAY! With our free Automatic Bill Payment service, you can have your City of Jasper SWG bill paid automatically from any bank account. No more entering payment information on the Web or Phone each month; No check to write; No postage to pay; No more monthly trips to pay your bills in person! Whether you're away on a trip or sick at home, your City of Jasper utility bill will be paid and your credit protected! No more embarrassment about forgetting to pay your bill!



With Automatic Bill Payment, you still keep control of your utility payments. You'll continue to receive a monthly utility statement. The payment will be deducted from your account on your bills due date. That's plenty of time to review the statement and call the City Office if you have any questions. If there is a billing error, it will be handled in the normal way, with a credit adjustment on your next bill.

SIGN UP TODAY! YOU'LL BE HAPPY YOU DID!



The City of Jasper has implemented a 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.

ATTENTION PET OWNERS: Please DO NOT LET **DOGS OR CATS** 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. Licenses expire March 31, 2020.** 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.

2019 Pet Licenses expire March 31, 2020;



ATV and Golf Cart Licenses for 2020 are available for purchase in the City Office. Cost is \$10 each. Remember to bring in the DNR registration & a valid drivers license;

The City of Jasper will be changing the frequency and format of our newsletters. Previously, residents received newsletters on a quarterly basis. Beginning January 1, 2020, newsletters will be disbursed on a bimonthly basis including both English and Spanish translations. The City is hoping to open the lines of communication from the city to our residents. Newsletters will continue to be mailed with your SWG bill.



February, April, June, August, October & December!

Van Dyke Recycling

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*** Dates are subject to change
due to holidays. Follow the City of
Jasper on Facebook for updates!

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Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2019 United Fund Campaign! Distribution to various charities & organizations are made the 1st part of December. Without your gracious contributions, this could not have been made possible!

Minnesota Temperature Conversion Chart

50 Fahrenheit (10 C)
New Yorkers turn on the heat.
Minnesotans plant gardens.

40 Fahrenheit (4.4 C)
Californians shiver uncontrollably.
Minnesotans sunbathe.

35 Fahrenheit (1.6 C)
Italian Cars won't start.
Minnesotans drive with windows down.

32 Fahrenheit (0 C)
Distilled water freezes.
Minnesotans water gets thicker.

0 Fahrenheit (-17.9 C)
New Yorkers turn on heat.
Minnesotans have last cookout of season.

-40 Fahrenheit (-40 C)
Hollywood Disintegrates.
Minnesotans rent some movies.

-60 Fahrenheit (-51 C)
Mt. St. Helen freezes.
Minnesota Girl Scouts sell cookies.

-100 Fahrenheit (-73 C)
Santa abandons the North Pole.
Minnesotans zip up their coat.

-459 Fahrenheit (-273 C)
Absolute zero; all motion stops
Minnesotans start asking "cold enough?"



-500 Fahrenheit (-295 C)
You know what freezes over...
The Vikings win the Super Bowl!



Tis the Season for Savings! Did you find your SWG number in this newsletter? If so, contact the City Office to receive \$5



**REMINDER: 10
P.M. CURFEW FOR
ALL CHILDREN!**



The Jasper City Office will be
CLOSED on Christmas & New
Year's Day.