

CITY SCENE—FEBRUARY 2024

WINTER WEATHER AND SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

This has been an especially kind winter for all of us as it relates to snow and blowing snow! Like every winter, we are grateful for your collaboration, cooperation, and understanding as the remnants of winter do still test our patience!

Just a few winter reminders are worth sharing:

1. The Marshall County Highway Department plows city streets. The City performs the snow removal and does some sidewalk, alleyways, and approaches. These areas are completed systematically with County Roads and Main business thoroughfares receiving first priority. Residential streets are second followed by alleyways. Determining factors for when each particular area is completed, depends largely on weather conditions and the breadth and volume of snow in the area.
2. The City is not responsible for rows of snow that result from the passing of a snow plow. There are only so many places the snow can go and residual snow is unavoidable. If possible, waiting until the snow plow has passed your residence is the best way to avoid repeat shoveling of the residual snow deposit.
3. Residents are required to move their vehicles off road after a snow event. Snow plows cannot navigate some roadways if vehicles are parked on one or both sides; making it very difficult and sometime impossible to clean snow in trafficked areas. Please make arrangements for off-street parking during and after a snow event.
4. Snow is not to be blown onto public property, sidewalks, roadways, or other private property. Be a good neighbor, know your property lines, and work within those boundaries.

THE 4 P'S OF SAFE SNOW REMOVAL

PREVENT.

Clear snow early and often. This will lower your chances of having to move packed, heavy snow.

PUSH.

Try to push snow instead of lifting it. If you must lift, bend your knees and keep your back straight. Don't bend at the waist.

PROTECT.

Avoid throwing snow over your shoulder or to the side, which can stress your back.

PACE.

Take plenty of breaks and drink lots of water.



HOW TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILLS ON-LINE

Management of your account online is a safe and secure service that encrypts the utility bill when you enter your user name and password. You can opt to pay your bill online with a credit card or by e-check. There is a small service fee; this service fee, in most cases, would be less than the late fee you could incur if your payment was delayed. This service fee is assessed at a rate of \$3.99 per \$100.00 utility bill.

Follow registration instructions below for your on-line bill paying options.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VIEW AND PAY YOUR UTILITY ACCOUNTS ON-LINE

- ◆ To register go to: www.ub-pay.com
- ◆ You will need your first and last name, account numbers, and the City Code. NOTE: Each utility card you receive is a separate utility account with a unique account number. You will need to register one online account for each separate account number you wish to manage online. After you register one account number, log off, and begin the process anew for the next account number. The account numbers are located on each utility card. The City Codes are specific to the type of account. The codes ARE case sensitive.
- ◆ If you are registering to manage your Electric (CI and Mosquito) utility—
THE CITY CODE IS: NewFoldenElectric
- ◆ If you are registering to manage your Water, Sewer, and Refuse utility—
THE CITY CODE IS: NewFoldenWater
- ◆ Once you have registered to view your utility accounts, you are ready to make on-line utility payments!

2024 NEWFOLDEN CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT REBATE PROGRAM

Conservation improvement rebates are available to residents of Newfolden for qualifying:

1. Low-E Windows and Insulate Exterior Doors;
2. Refrigerators, dishwashers, washers & dryers, dehumidifiers;
3. Hot water-heaters;
4. Room and central air conditioners;
5. Programmable thermostats;
6. Air Source heat pumps;
7. Compact fluorescent light-bulbs;
8. T5 or T8 Fixtures;
9. LED bulbs and fixtures.



Each item may be required to meet specific criteria as outlined in the Newfolden CI Rebate program.

All items must be rated energy-star compliant. A \$1,000.00 annual limit applies to each account.

A receipt of sale, dated within one year of the request, and supporting documentation must accompany your application.

To learn more or to obtain a copy of the Newfolden CI Rebate Program brochure, visit:
www.ci.newfolden.mn.us, email: newfolden@wiktel.com, or call: 874-7135

YOU ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN HUMBLEBEE'S SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM!

Are you or your spouse 60 years of age or older? Then you are eligible to participate in the senior meal program!

A single form needs to be completed, after which meal tickets are purchased at the Marshall County State Bank. The more who participate in Senior Meals, the better it is for the senior meal program and for the long-term success of the Humblebees Café.

Seniors meals can be delivered if you are unable to leave your home. They can also be picked up for take-home or enjoyed as a sit-down meal in the Café.

Nutritious Senior Meals are sponsored, in part, by Lutheran Social Services and are available to anyone over the age of sixty. Tickets are available for a suggested donation, however, participants are asked to pay only what they can afford to pay.

Call Humblebees at 874-2323 for a copy of a monthly menu or for any other questions your may have!

If you, your church, business, or service organization would like to learn more about how you can make a difference and volunteer for senior meals as part of the Newfolden area Meals-On-Wheels Program, please contact the City of Newfolden:

218-874-7135 or newfolden@wiktel.com

Thank you to our Current Meals On Wheels Volunteers:

E. Free Church * Marshall County Mutual Insurance * Marshall County Central School District * Newfolden Lion's Club * Living at Home Block Nurse Program * Steve Gast * Kari Lindemoen * Carol and Arlie Peterson

Marshall County State Bank

SHOW AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE! NOMINATE A KIND WORD OR DEED!

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

WHY IS THIS PERSON WORTHY OF RECOGNITION OR APPRECIATION:

SUBMITTED BY (NOT REQUIRED): _____