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“Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.” Edmund Burke

Photo Credit: Lori Warne

Newfolden City Scene

WINTER WEATHER AND SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

This winter has certainly tested the limits of staff, equipment, and neighbors! We are grateful for your collaboration, cooperation, and understanding as the remnants of winter continue to wear at our patience for all things cold and white!

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.



RESERVE YOUR SPACE IN THE NEWFOLDEN COMMUNITY GARDEN!



Gardening season is almost here and plots for garden beds are available at the Newfolden Community Garden! The garden has fourteen garden plots and two raised garden beds available. The raised beds are reserved for those who are elderly or handi-capable.

Tending a plot allows you to grow your own produce while helping to create a valuable neighborhood gathering space. Water will be available. Sponsors will provide premium soil, delineate the plots, and we will till the area for seeding.

Group, family, or individual gardeners are welcome.

Contact the City of Newfolden for garden rules or to reserve your garden plot early

Early Reservation or FMI: newfolden@wiktel.com * 218-874-7135

Thank you to Leola Engelsrud

NAME OF NOMINEE: Leola Engelsrud

WHY IS THIS PERSON WORTHY OF RECOGNITION OR APPRECIATION:

Leola spends countless hours providing service and coordination for the Living At Home Block Nurse Program. She is an ever-present hostess and takes great care to make the program and the senior center a home away from home for all who step through the door. The seniors appreciate all you do, every-day, and we want to thank you so very much!

SUBMITTED BY (NOT REQUIRED): Sharol Wawrzyniak

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR SPRING THAW?

A reminder that spring thaw, spring rain, and rising water tables may create a wetter than normal Spring!

IS YOUR SUMP PUMP DRAINING INTO THE SANITARY SEWER?

The City of Newfolden monitors and reports flows, discharge, and other testing of the wastewater pumped daily into Newfolden's sanitary sewer system. The sewer system is permitted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and is closely monitored. In 2019, we were notified that we were exceeding our wet weather flows and needed to identify and mitigate this problem to regain compliance. Most often, this problem can be attributed to sump pump systems that are illegally discharging into the city's sewer system. The City adopted a stricter ordinance to reduce the flow of clean water into the sanitary sewer system. If you would like a copy of the complete ordinance, contact the Newfolden City Office.

SUMMARY OF CITY OF NEWFOLDEN, MINNESOTA INFLOW AND INFILTRATION SANITARY SEWER ORDINANCE NO. 01212020

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REDUCTION OF CLEAN WATER IN THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWFOLDEN, MINNESOTA

The following is the official summary of Ordinance No. 01212020, Third Series, approved by the City Council of the City of Newfolden on the 18TH day of February, 2020. This ordinance repeals the Newfolden Sanitary Sewer Ordinance.

This ordinance applies to the discharge of water from roof, surface, groundwater, sump pumps, footing tiles, swimming pools and other natural precipitation into the municipal sanitary sewer system. No person shall discharge any clear water into the sanitary sewer system, by any means, intentional or unintentional.

All dwellings with a sump pump are required to have a permanently installed discharge line to either the outside of the structure or connected to the City storm-sewer system

Inspections for compliance will be conducted at regular intervals and may include, but not be limited to manual inspection of sump-pump discharge system, visualization of lateral service lines via camera and/or smoke testing.

A monthly utility surcharge, determined annually, may be imposed if inspection is not allowed, if compliance cannot be verified, required corrections have not been made, and violations are determined.

The Electronic Message Board (EMB) is operated by the City of Newfolden. There is no cost to Non-profit organizations/events, churches, or school events! The EMB runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is visible to all downtown and US Highway 59 traffic.

All for-profit or private organizations can display a customized message, for a maximum of three weeks, at a small fee of \$10.00!

Contact the City of Newfolden to acquire more information or to receive a EMB usage form: newfolden@wiktel.com or 874-7135.

