

October **2025**

A new location is being planned for the Newfolden City Office and Council Meeting Chambers. Directly across from BrewHaHa Coffee Shop, effective November 1, 2025.



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Newfolden City Scene

Energy Assistance Providers

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council

Available for Newfolden residents
residing on the West side of US
Highway 59.
(218) 281-5832
(800) 264-3729

Northwest Community Action

Available for Newfolden residents
residing on the East side of US
Highway 59.
(218) 528-3258
(800) 568-5329

“Cold Weather Rule” – Annual Notification

Bills can pile up, just like snow! But the Minnesota Cold-Weather Rule is designed to protect people who have trouble paying their utility bills in the winter. The Minnesota Cold-Weather Rule applies from October 15 to April 15. The rule, established by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, means that your utility provider cannot disconnect your residential electric service during the winter if the customer meets the following requirements:

1. The utility disconnection would affect the customer’s primary heating source;
2. The customer has formally declared inability to pay on forms provided by the utility (Note: Customers receiving “any form of public assistance, including energy assistance, are deemed to have qualified for the inability to pay status”);
3. The household income of the customer is less than 50 percent of the state median income level, as documented by the customer to the utility; and
4. The customer’s utility account is current for the billing period immediately prior to October 15 or the customer has entered into a payment schedule and is reasonably current with payments under the schedule.

NEW LOCATION FOR CITY OFFICE AND COUNCIL MEETING IS PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 1

The Newfolden City Office and council meeting chambers will be relocating. The new location will be at 113 East Minnesota Avenue. The entrance to the new office location will be the door directly across from the BrewHaHa Coffee Shop. It is expected that the new office location will be fully operational by October 31st. There will be a utility drop box located off the entry way and a bulletin board to communicate City memos, hearings, notices, and more.

The LAH/BNP office will be transitioning into the old City office location. This move will allow for the much needed expansion of storage and office space required by the Newfolden Senior Center and Living At Home activities. This amazing program continues to grow and the services provided to residents of all ages are invaluable. We are happy we are able to work together to meet the evolving needs of the seniors and the City of Newfolden!

All other contact information will remain the same:

Mailing Address: PO Box 188, Newfolden - **Phone Number:** 218-874-7135 - **Email Address:** newfolden@wiktel.com

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of transition. Please watch for signage, which will serve to direct resident and other traffic during the early stages of this change!



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NO INCREASE IS CERTIFIED FOR NEWFOLDEN'S 2026 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

On September 15, the City Council certified the 2026 Property Tax Levy. The Council voted for no increase or change to the existing tax levy. It was decided that, although the prices of goods and services are increasing, the City will prioritize efforts to minimize the impact that inflation and other community projects may have on our residents.

In an effort to stabilize and maintain the City's portion of your property tax statement, efforts on cost reductions and continued long-term planning are the focus.

VICKI'S KITCHEN AND MICRO-BAKERY TO OPEN OCTOBER 1

Vicki Gast has announced the opening of *Vicki's Kitchen and Micro-Bakery* on October 1! Vicki's Kitchen is located at 232 East Melgaard Avenue and will be open every Wednesday from 10:00AM to 6:00PM.

A feast of donuts will be available each week, along with other baked goods and seasonal treats. Vicki's Kitchen will be located in the detached shop building. Watch for signage welcoming you to the entrance!

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): _____

AUTOMATIC UTILITY BILL-PAY IS AVAILABLE

If you bank at Newfolden's Marshall County State Bank, you can authorize the automatic payment of your monthly utility bill. Customers can request an authorization form, which will be approved by the City of Newfolden and Marshall County State Bank. Your account will automatically be debited each month for the timely payment of your utility bill. Visit the city website at www.newfoldenmn.gov or call 874-7135 to have information sent to you!

- Only the amount documented on each monthly utility statement will be deducted.
- Customers are responsible for any record-keeping related to this transaction. Utility billing statements are mailed monthly for this purpose.
- Financial account data will be kept confidential and will not be shared with any other entity. Authorizations will be documented and stored for a minimum of 7 years.
- Debits will be completed on or after the 15th of each month.
- An account will be removed from the automatic debit process if two or more transactions fail to clear the bank as contracted.