



HENNING HAPPENINGS

City of Henning

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Winter Snow Removal Safety

Winter has arrived quickly this year and with that in mind, we have a few reminders. When we have a significant amount of snow, the snow plow will usually go out between the hours of 2 to 4 a.m. to make windrows downtown, and then to get the residential areas before people start heading to work. The blower and dump truck usually come out at 5:00 a.m. to get an early start downtown before the streets fill up with cars. If the business owners are able to get the snow from their sidewalks shoveled out into the street before we go by with the blower it will get loaded into the dump truck right away. If the sidewalks get cleared after we go by, it may be a while, before we are able to get back there. So, we encourage you to have your sidewalks cleared before we go by them with the blower.



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Also, we ask you to keep safety in mind when we are plowing and hauling snow. Please remember that the vehicles we use are heavy and often loaded, making it

even heavier, which in turn, makes it harder for us to stop. We also can have diminished vision from the snow being blown into the dump truck. Our vehicles are well marked with lights and beacons. When you see us, please give us a lot or room or find another route around us when you can.

We also ask that if you see us out working on your street, even if you are not a snow route, to please move your vehicle if at all possible so we can do the most effective job removing snow.

Fergus Ave. is now included in the designated snow route. Cars can not be parked on the street after 2" or more of snow has fallen. Violators will be ticketed.

Thank you everyone for helping keep all of us safe during the plowing season.

Special points of interest:

- *Business snow removal*
- *Snow plow safety*
- *Fergus Ave. is now part of the snow route*

Gas Rates Set to Increase

The City of Henning has locked in our pricing with Perham Natural Gas, and as we have an increase in our cost, gas rates for the City of Henning will also see a slight increase.

The new rates were effective November 1st, and will be reflected on your December statement. They are as follows:

Residential: .97 ccf
Commercial: .97 ccf

This is comparable to where rates were in 2012.

Please contact the City Office for information regarding Energy Assistance if you need help in paying your heating bill.

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Skating Rink To Open Soon

Work has begun on preparing the skating rink for the 2014-2015 winter season. The liner and water will be added soon if the temperature stays below freezing for the next several days.

Maintaining the rink is a joint effort between the Henning Lions and the City of Henning. If there has been a significant amount of snow fall, the City will take their equipment out to sweep the rink. However, sometimes there are small amounts of snow that fall, and it is always helpful to have volunteers to help with the shoveling off of the rink. Please watch Facebook for the times when volunteers

are needed to help clear the rink. Remember this is a community asset that we can all enjoy!

We will get the word out through FB and our City webpage to let you know when the rink is open for skating.

If you have used skates that you would like to donate to be



kept in the warming house for others to use, you can drop them off at the City Office. These skates are for anyone and everyone to use and we ask that you just leave them there when you are done with them.

If you have any questions, please call 218-583-2402

Meter Reading

When the snow starts to pile up it can be difficult to read the utility meters. We ask you to help us by keeping your meters easily accessible. This includes keeping snow and ice off the meter and keeping an area around the meter clear so that we can get close enough to read it.

Keeping the gas meter clear can also be a safety issue. Keeping snow away

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from your gas meter will keep the regulator clear and allow it to vent into the atmosphere properly. The valve near the meter also needs to be accessible if we need to shut the gas off in case of a leak.

We also ask you to be careful when operating vehicles and snow blowers around the gas meter. Damaging the meter and near-by pipe can cause leaks. We thank you for your help.



Winter Safety for the Home and Car

An early November snow, accompanied by below zero temperatures and bitter wind chills, prompts the Henning Police and Fire Departments to offer some safety tips for your home and car.

They would like to remind you to make sure that your CO2 and Fire Alarms are working. It is recommended that you test the batteries once a week. A good rule of thumb to follow is to replace the batteries

in the Fall and in the Spring when we change our clocks. This is the time of year they see an increase in the number of fire and carbon dioxide calls. Carbon Monoxide is known as the silent killer as it is odorless and colorless. Unless there is a working CO2 detector in the home, you are putting yourself and family at risk of serious injury or even death. If you have a CO2 emergency, immediately leave the home and dial 911.

The Fire and Police Departments would also like to remind you to carry a winter survival kit in your car. This should include, but not limited to, energy bars, water, extra gloves and blankets, and warm boots or snow pants.

For more tips on winter survival items for your car, visit: www.minnesota-visitor.com For road conditions check the MNDOT website.



Out With the Old!



We have received a few questions regarding the new street lights that have been put up, or about the old ones that have been taken down. Generally, we will only take out the old light poles and fixtures in areas where we are working. Whenever possible, the City will try to replace the old High Pressure sodium (HPS) lights with LEDs. The LED light fixture is more directional so almost all of the light is concentrated to go down to the ground, which is much more efficient compared to the HPS fixtures where the light will spread over a larger area but will not be as bright.

We are also studying the areas where new lights are planned to be installed to determine the best placement and the proper number of lights. The purpose of street lights is to provide security and safety, such as at intersections or on streets with more vehicle and foot traffic. In some areas of town there is much more street lighting than is necessary and in those cases we may put in fewer lights than we took out. So, if we change out the street lights in your neighborhood, it may appear dark, but, there will be no loss in security or safety.

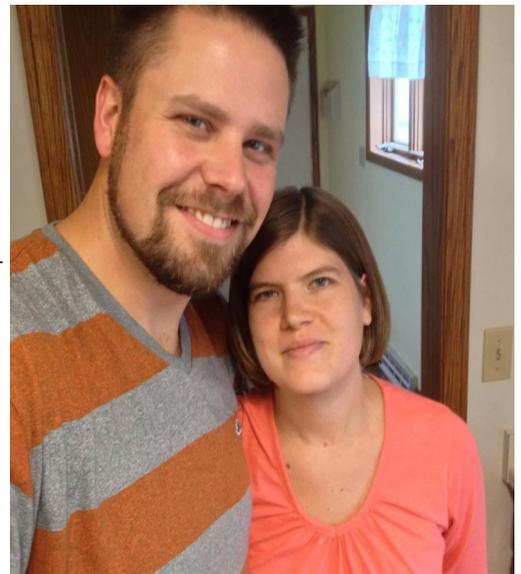
Meet Your New Council Member

Jeremiah Rice grew up in a rural town in Northwest Iowa. Enrolling at Bethel College, he spent more than a decade in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metro area, where he lived until 2012. During that time, Jeremiah met and married his lovely wife, Cassidy; graduated with Political Science and Master of Divinity degrees; became adoptive father to Monica and Tina; remodeled extensively; and learned to love woodworking.

Having served as an Associate Pastor for nearly ten years, Jeremiah was called to

Henning in 2012 to be the Lead Pastor of Water's Edge Church (formerly First Baptist Church). Jeremiah strives to live by the phrases, "Love Unconditionally. Serve Sacrificially. Live Honorably." These statements have led him to active participation in the Henning community through bus driving, coaching, community education, and volunteerism.

Welcome to the Henning City Council Jeremiah.



Reminder of Upcoming Water/ Sewer Rate Change

Just a reminder that the water and sewer rates are set to increase on January 1st, to help pay for the water and sewer project that is slated to be completely finished this spring.

The rates are as follows:

Residential Water Base: \$36.00 (2000 gallons included)

Overage: \$3.50 per 1000 gallons

Residential Sewer Base: \$28.00 (2000 gallons included)

Overage: \$5.50 per 1000 gallons

Commercial Water Base: \$43.00 (includes 2000 gallons)

Overage: \$3.50 per 1000 gallons

Commercial Sewer Base: \$32.00 (2000 gallons included)

Overage: \$5.50 per 1000 gallons

Please remember that the City of Henning has never assessed for projects. The rate increase was the fairest and least intrusive way to pay for the project. The overall base rate increase for a residential home using 2000 gallons per month is \$4.00.

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**Council meetings are the first
Tuesday of every month at
5:30pm**

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Upcoming Events in Henning

So much to do, so much to see! It's the most wonderful time of the year!

The December calendar is quickly filling up with fun events for the whole family. But let us not forget the last few days of November:

Nov. 27th: Join St. Edward's Catholic Church from 12-2pm for Thanksgiving Dinner. All are welcome to attend and is free. If you are able, they ask that you bring a donation for the Henning Food Shelf.

December:

6th: Women's gathering at Water's Edge Church for 'A Cup of Christmas' beginning at 9:30am.

6th: Bryce Thalmann benefit. Henning Community Center 4-8pm, includes silent auction.

11th: Live Nativity at St. Edward's Church

12th: Cookie Decorating for the kids at

First National Bank in Henning 3-5pm.

13th: 2nd Annual Holiday Shoppe at the Henning Community Center 10-3

13th: Santa Day at the Landmark Center



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14th: Holiday Train 1:00pm at Railway Ave Elevators. 15 minute stop and go.

18th: Henning Methodist Bake Sale 9-12

Henning HOPE Stocking Stuffer Trees will be up in the following businesses: Seip Drug, Henning Hardware, First National Bank of Henning, and Chagen's Pub.

Please remember to support your local businesses this holiday season!

The City Offices will be closed on the following days:

Thursday, November 27th

Friday, November 28th

Thursday, December 25th

Friday, December 26th

Thursday, January 1st

If you have a utility emergency at this time please call, 218-583-4089 and our answering service will direct your call to our public works employees.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!