

City of New Germany

School Begins—Watch for Children



AUGUST 2018

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Meeting Schedules
City Council
1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7 PM
Fire Department
1st Monday @ 7 PM

City Offices

Will be closed
September 3, 2018 in
observance of
Labor Day.

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**Looking for a group to  
join?**

The Commercial Club  
will start to meet again.  
The first meeting of the  
fall is Monday September  
24, 2018 at 7 PM. Every-  
body is welcome to join.



### PORK CHOP DINNER

BAKE SALE AND SILENT AUCTION

ST. MARK FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Sunday, Sept. 09, 2018, Serving 10 AM—1 PM

Polka Fest Church Service at 9AM

Music by Polka Sons of Praise

St. Marks Cookbooks will be available for purchase

### **Keep Grass Clippings on the Lawn**

Please do not blow your grass clippings onto the streets or sidewalks. Blow clippings back onto your lawn to add FREE FERTILIZER to your lawn, not into the City's storm sewer system.

### **Where Does Your Water Go?**

Did you know the rainwater (or snowmelt) that falls on your property ends up in the Crow River? It's part of how watersheds work. Watersheds are areas of land that drain to a common body of water. In and around New Germany, the rain or snowmelt that doesn't soak into the ground washes off the surface and travels through a ditch system to the Crow River.

This water is called storm water runoff, because it runs off the surface of our driveways, roofs, sidewalks, compacted soil, and even lawns if there is too much of it. The runoff picks up pollutants along the way and delivers them to the Crow River. So it's very important to keep pollutants off your yard to prevent them from being washed into the river. Here are some things you can do. Phosphorus is a nutrient that causes algae blooms in lakes and creeks. It binds very strongly to soil, so prevent erosion and keep soil from washing into the street. Remove leaves from the street. Rake leaves, seeds, and grass clippings out of the street and gutter. Compost on site or bag and take to city's compost drop off. Fertilize your lawn, not the creek. Most lawns are naturally high in phosphorus and will remain healthy without adding more, so choose a zero-phosphorus fertilizer. Sweep spilled fertilizer off paved surfaces. And remember, compost and manure (pet waste) contain phosphorus too. Keep the pavement clean. Sweep up grass clippings and spills from driveways, sidewalks and streets. Be a responsible pet owner and scoop the poop. Pet waste contains phosphorus and harmful bacteria.

**Clean Water August Tip: Don't rake grass clippings and leaves into the street.** Leave them on your lawn, use them for compost or bag them up. Left in the street, they get washed into storm drains and nearby lakes and rivers and cause algae blooms. Mulched on the lawn, they add natural fertilizer and help keep your grass healthy.



### DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST

SAVE THE DATE: The Belgian Waffle breakfast sponsored by the Commercial Club is on October 21, 2018 at City Hall. Serving from 8:30 AM—12:30 PM. All proceeds to go toward community children's event/parties and to help the ballpark maintenance.



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300 Broadway Street East  
PO Box 177  
New Germany, MN 55367



A FEW PEOPLE WERE MISSED WHO DONATED HOURS OF LABOR TO THE MESSAGE BOARD— SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LORN HERRMANN AND JIM HEIMERL! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP!!! VOLUNTEERS ARE GREAT!!

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Oldies but Goodies will be meeting in the Hall basement starting on September 19, 11:30 AM, bring a dish to share, socialize or play games!

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IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE ON THE MESSAGE BOARD.PLEASE CONTACT SHIRLEY 952-353-2208.



952-353-2488 Office  
952-353-8021 Fax  
ngcityhall@gmail.com  
Building Inspections  
763-479-1720  
Hall Rental Info -  
  
Clerk Office Hours  
Monday thru Thursday  
8:30 to 4:30  
Fridays—CLOSED

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**Pay your Utility payment online [www.govpaynow.com](http://www.govpaynow.com)**  
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**Sheriff number to call in complaints - all calls use 911**  
If you need to notify somebody of a barking dog (day or night), or late night noises, speeding vehicles or fireworks, etc., or anything that is not an emergency, you still use the 911 number. You do not need to leave a note or phone message at the city office *unless you want to file a formal complaint*. The Sheriff can respond to an incident while it is happening instead of hearing about it later, when they can no longer do anything about it. You can request your name be withheld. There are some issues that need to be dealt with while they are happening for better results.



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Website:  
[cityofnewgermany.com](http://cityofnewgermany.com)

The City of New Germany is now taking applicants for citizens interested in planning, zoning and other related matters of the city, to serve on the Planning Commission. The Commission meets as needed or as requested in the City Office in the City Hall at 300 Broadway Street East.

The Planning Commission consists of five members and it is a three year term. Each member will receive a copy of the Subdivision Code, Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan; each member will be required to study and be knowledgeable about the code.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall between 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Monday – Thursday. You may also request an application to be e mailed by e mailing [ngcityhall@gmail.com](mailto:ngcityhall@gmail.com).



# SEPTEMBER 2018

The Halloween party will be held on October 27, 2018 from 6—7:30 PM. This is a Saturday night. NOT on Halloween. The evening will be worked by Commercial Club and Fire Dept members. If this is something you would like to assist with, please contact Shirley Jaeger 952-353-2208.

If you want trick-or-treaters on Halloween night, just leave a front light on for the kids to see.



| Sun                           | Mon                   | Tue                   | Wed                      | Thu              | Fri                         | Sat |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
|                               |                       |                       |                          |                  |                             | 1   |
| 2                             | 3<br>Labor Day closed | 4<br>Council meeting  | 5                        | 6                | 7<br>Recyl Cart/<br>garbage | 8   |
| 9<br>St Mark pork chop dinner | 10<br>FD mtg          | 11                    | 12                       | 13               | 14                          | 15  |
| 16                            | 17                    | 18<br>Council Meeting | 19<br>Oldies but Goodies | 20<br>Recyl cart | 21                          | 22  |
| 23<br>_____                   | 24<br>Comm Club       | 25                    | 26                       | 27               | 28                          | 29  |
| 30                            |                       |                       |                          |                  |                             |     |