



City of New Germany

Monthly Newsletter



May 2018

SEWER/WATER BILL CHANGE



Each year in May your sewer portion of your utility bill is refigured and is based upon your water usage from January/February and March. This is a fixed fee for the next 12 months. If you have any questions, feel free to call the city office.

SUMP PUMPS

Reminder that sump pumps should pump water out onto the lawn or curb NOT into floor drains. This helps protect the city's pond which treat wastewater. On average the ponds receive around 40,000—50,000 gallons per day. Please work together and make sure your sump pump is discharging where it should be discharging into your lawn or the curb and continue this practice throughout the year, not only in spring/summer.

ORDINANCE 101, SECTION 2 PROHIBITED WASTES.
No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, ground water, sub-surface water, roof run off, yard drainage, yard fountain, pond overflow, unpoluted industrial or commercial process water, any type or form of clean water or any substance other than sanitary sewage into the sanitary collection system of the City of New Germany. The City may inspect and if you are not in compliance you could receive a \$100 fine per month until compliant. Please make sure you are complying. Please call or stop by City Hall if you have any questions.

The snow ratio and where does it go

Our heavy spring snowfalls left us with a lot of water on the landscape and though dry now, that last storm took a while to dry up. It makes you wonder just how much water is actually in snow. There is a formula that can tell us, the snow ratio. The snow ratio depends on the outside temperature. On a 30°F day, 10" of snowfall would actually be about 1" of water. It takes more snowfall on colder days to equal the same amount of water. On a 12°F day, 30" of snow equals 1" of water.

In all of April, we received over 20 inches of snow in the metro area. As you hibernated for the April blizzards and longed for dry pavement and sunshine, did you ever wonder where all that water goes? Some water from rain and snowmelt seeps into the soil to the groundwater below. Once the soil becomes too saturated to absorb any more, the water flows to the nearest water body, be that a lake, river, pond or wetland. The way water flows is determined by hills, valleys and the shape of the land. In urban areas it's also determined by storm drains and underground stormwater pipes. An area of land that drains to a common body of water is called a watershed.

Stormwater runoff - Stormwater runs off the land and washes pollutants off lawns and driveways to the lakes and rivers. Runoff flowing into storm drains does not get treated, so grass clippings, dog waste, oil or grit, and trash ends up in our waters. Keep waters clean with these actions.

Take cars to a commercial car wash facility where used water gets treated. Don't wash in driveway.

Seed bare spots on your lawn to prevent soil loss and sediment pollution.

Keep algae blooms down. Rake leaves, seeds, and grass clippings out of the street and gutter, thus keeping phosphorus from getting into the water. Compost on site or bag and take to a yard waste drop off.

Mulch leaves on lawn in fall. Its free fertilizer for your lawn.

Don't wash your driveway or garage out with a hose, instead sweep up debris.

Keep the pavement clean. Sweep up grass clippings and fertilizer or other spills from driveways, sidewalks and streets.

Prevent pollution and flooding - Keep water on your property and keeping it from running off does a great deal for preventing water pollution and flooding. The smallest and easiest way to do this is by installing a rain barrel. Rain barrels can be purchased through RecycleMinnesota.org. Rain barrels capture water draining from rooftops for use later in grass and gardens.



JUNK & BLIGHT ISSUES IN THE CITY

It is that time of the year when the city will be inspecting properties and letters will be going out if in violation of the city ordinance. If needed, the city will tow, hire a crew to clean up or do whatever is necessary to clean up our city. Any clean up that needs to be done by the city, or hired out, will be your financial responsibility and if you choose to not pay the bill it can be assessed to your property taxes in November. Let's be proud of our city— your home is your responsibility—be proud of it. This includes old fences, vehicles, debris/junk around property. Please stop by City Hall for the complete ordinance.

- City/Office Staff
- SHERIFF: 952-361-1231 or 911
- Mayor—Steve VanLith
952-353-2257
- Council Members:
- Shirley Jaeger
952-353-2208
- Cathy Ruschmeier
612-240-6698
- Nick Hartwig
952-353-1503
- Ty Turnquist
952-353-2456
- City Clerk—Treasurer
Twyla Menth
- Office Asst —Connie Stahlke
- Water/Sewer—People Service
- Public Works—
Steve Van Lith
- Rick Todd—Seasonal
- Janitor—Gary Bonk
- Meetings -
- Council—1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00
- Commercial Club—
4th Monday - 7:00
- Fire Dept.—1st Monday 7:00 pm
- Planning Commission—
4th Monday @ 6 PM as needed. The City has Planning Commission openings Call City Hall if interested.

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 Closed Fridays

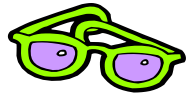
The Office will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day. Office will be closed Tuesday May 29.

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Ordinances are established to ensure the enjoyment of each resident's property and to maintain a quality of life for our community. Please be a considerate community member. The city does have running at large DOG ORDINANCES, please contain your pet. To see the entire ordinance please request at city office.



JUNE 2018



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Garbage Pick up	2
3	4 FD Meeting	5 Council Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Recyl Cart	15	16
17 Pork Chop dinner	18	19 Council Mtg	20	21	22	23
24	25 PC Mtg 6 PM	26	27	28 Recyl Cart	29	30



COMPOST SITE—Compost dumpster is at the City Shed, reminder the BRUSH goes to the Mayer site.



Burning Within City Limits



The only Burning allowed within the city are recreational fires of 3x3x3 or less. These fires must be contained to a fire pit, fire ring or outdoor fire place. The only items you can burn are split wood or small twigs. **No burning building materials, plastic, paper, furniture, or anything hazardous.** If someone calls in your fire, the city and or fire chief may do an inspection and call the public safety department if you are not in compliance. Do not leave your recreational fire unattended.

Garbage service reminder: Please call the City office to make any changes to your garbage service. This includes a name change on the account, a size of can exchange, or to replace broken cans. These requests need to come from the city office as the city is on a contract with Republic.

Garbage delayed one day to the Memorial Day holiday.

- Reminder to residents—it is your responsibility to mow or weed whip around your mail boxes, not the City's.
- Oldies but Goodies Club will have their last meeting on May 16 and then they will resume meeting in September or October, watch for updates.
- When you encounter issues with dog's running at large; call the Sheriff's department and report the issue. This will dispatch a CSO Officer to investigate the complaint.
- Election Judges—Looking for anyone who knows how to run or is familiar with electronic equipment, iPads etc. If you are interested in helping out and becoming an Election Judge please contact City office or by email ngcityhall@gmail.com for an application. Election Judges are paid \$10 per hour plus three meals a day during Primary Elections and General Elections, hours are approximately from 6:30 AM—9 PM.

American Legion Post 601 will be holding a short memorial ceremony that includes rifle salute & taps on Memorial Day at local cemetery's , schedule as follows;
 Crow River Cemetery - 9:00 AM
 Methodist, Mayer - 9:30 AM
 Zion, Mayer -9:40 AM
 St. Marks, New Germany—10 AM
 St. Johns, Hollywood Twsp—10:30 AM, With a program . If you would like more information, please call Roger 952-657-2431. Legion and Auxilliary are always looking for new members, if interested please call Roger Sauerbrey.

