



# City of New Germany

Reminder—School is out and children are out and about. You



are responsible when you are behind the wheel, you have to be paying attention to what you are doing, especially in areas where children are playing. August 1 the driving and texting law will be enforced. Look well ahead for children, especially known areas where children play or gather; parks, ball fields, neighborhoods are to name a few in this city. When children are visible proceed with caution and you should always be aware of your surroundings. Safe driving includes stopping at stop signs; they are there for a reason, follow the speed limit. Speed limit on all city streets is 30 MPH unless there is additional signage. Wait for children to cross the street completely before driving. Practice safe and responsible driving habits!

## Ponds with Purpose

Often the small ponds seen in cities and developments are thought of as landscaping features to add beauty or increase wildlife habitat. While the ponds do that, their actual purpose is more intentional; they exist to protect lakes and rivers from pollution.

### The #1 cause of pollution

These ponds are made to collect stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff is rainwater or snowmelt that runs off of streets, parking lots, roofs and lawns. This runoff is the **#1 cause of water pollution** in the United States. Stormwater ponds capture and treat this runoff and its pollutants (heavy metals, sediment, bacteria, oils and nutrients). They prevent pollutants from getting in to lakes, rivers and wetlands and also reduce flooding by soaking up the excess water.

### Why is my pond green?

Green ponds usually mean algae which is caused by excess phosphorus, a nutrient. Because stormwater ponds capture phosphorus and other pollutants they will rarely be pristine. Homeowners can unknowingly increase phosphorus levels in ponds adding to the greenness. See tips below for preventing this.

Another cause of green is duckweed. Duckweed is often mistaken for algae but it's actually great for the pond. Duckweed is a tiny, free floating green plant that can form thick blankets across a pond. It's an important food source for birds, bugs and other life. Duckweed is so good at filtering water it is even used in water treatment plants. So if its duckweed greening your pond, relax and enjoy the wildlife and water treatment it brings.

### Prevent pollution in ponds

To prevent pollution and too much algae, protect the buffer around the pond. A buffer is an area of plants about 6 feet wide around the pond. Buffers slow stormwater runoff and filter pollutants. Protect buffers by leaving trees, shrubs and other plants around the pond. Do not mow down to the water's edge, this increases erosion and phosphorus in your pond.

### Additional tips:

- Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides near ponds. Fertilizers will add to algae blooms.
- Pick up and dispose of pet waste. Pet waste has bacteria and will add to algae blooms.
- Do not dump grass clippings or leaves in the pond. This will also add to algae blooms.
- Do not pour chemicals, oils, etc. in or near the pond.
- Sweep driveway and sidewalk debris into lawn or gardens; do not hose it into the street.
- Capture stormwater runoff from roofs and driveways in rain barrels or raingardens.

For more information visit [www.co.carver.mn.us/ponds](http://www.co.carver.mn.us/ponds)

## NOTICE RESIDENTS

Please remember flushable wet wipes should not be flushed. Do not pour fats, oil or grease (FOG) down the drains. Do not flush non biodegradable items down the drain, such as cigarette butts, dental floss, disposable diapers, bandages, cotton balls and swabs, female products, medications and like items. Do not put household chemicals down the drains, such as paint and strong cleaning products. Basically the only thing you should be flushing down your toilets is human waste and toilet paper.

## RECYCLE INFORMATION

The Mayer site information is listed below. The hours of operation for the Mayer site are:

April—Nov.

Wednesday 5PM—8PM

Saturdays 8AM—Noon

Dec.—March

Saturdays 8AM—Noon

They also accept automotive batteries, clothing, cans, glass bottles, scrap metal, used motor oil, oil filters, anti-freeze, and more.

Contact Carver County Environmental Services (952) 361-1800

**Fall Recycling date is September 8, 2019 at Carver County Hollywood Garage located at 3480 Cty Rd 21, Hollywood TWSP.** No furniture, no mattresses or no garbage, more info to follow.

## Monthly Newsletter

# June 2019

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Seasonal—Jim Heimerl

Water/Sewer— People Service

Lee 612-636-2434

Brent 612-644-0139

Janitor—Gary Bonk

Hall Rental-952-353-2488

Meetings -

Council—1st Tuesday and

3rd Tuesday 7:00

Fire Dept.—1st Mon 7:00

Planning Commission—4th Tues 6 PM, when needed.

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Office Hours  
Mon through Thursday  
8:30 am—4:30 pm  
Closed Fridays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 FD Mtg	2 Council	3 Closing at 12 pm	4 Closed	5 <i>Garbage pick up</i>	6
7	8 Closed	9	10	11 Recyl cart	12	13
14	15	16 Council	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Recyl cart	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## Garbage Pick-up

Reminder—If the Holiday falls on a weekday and your service day is on or after the Holiday, your service will be delayed one day.



**FIRE WORKS**

Be Safe this 4th of July and use caution with any type of firework. Remember anything that goes into the air and explodes is illegal in Minnesota.

**BE CAREFUL and BE SAFE!**



Metropolitan Mosquito Control will be fogging when the weather permits. Mosquitoes like shallow, stagnant water that sits for more than five days. Remember to check and empty artificial containers, bird bath waters should be changed on a regular basis, old tires recycled, swimming pools chlorinated, debris around yards and neighborhoods should be properly discarded. For more information visit Metropolitan Mosquito website is [www.mmcd.org](http://www.mmcd.org)

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### St Mark Lutheran Church VBS

What: Vacation Bible School—"The Incredible Race"

When: July 22-26 , 9 am—11:30 am

Where: St Mark Fellowship Center

Who: Children ages 3-6th grades

No registration fees. To register, go to the following website:

<https://vbsmate.com/stmarknewgermany>

### Sheriff number to call in complaints - all calls use 911

If you need to notify somebody of a barking dog, dog running at large (day or night), or late night noises, suspicious activity, traffic violations 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. Dog issues you can request a CSO Officer (community service officer), they specifically deal with animal control issues.

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### National Night Out

August 6, 2019 the City will be having National Night Out, watch for further details. **If you have ideas please share!**

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### Keep Grass Clippings on the Lawn

It's mowing season, do not blow your grass clipping onto the streets or sidewalks. **Blow clippings back on to your lawn to add FREE FERTILIZER to your lawn , not into the City's storm sewer system.**

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