



SEPTEMBER 2019



NEW GERMANY MINNESOTA

# City of New Germany

### MEDICINE TAKE —BACK DAY

Saturday, October 26 from 10 AM—2 PM at the New Germany Hall. Drop off expired or unused prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicines. Proper drug disposal prevents accidental poisoning, protects the environment, no charge and no questions asked. As part of the National Take-Back Initiative, the Carver County Medicine Take-Back Program is a partnership between the DEA, Sheriff’s Office, Public Health, Attorneys Office and the Cities in Carver County.

Join others in the nation’s largest Adopt a Drain program.

#### **Adopt a Drain**

Adopt a drain is a program that invites residents to adopt a storm drain and commit to keeping it clear of leaves, trash and other debris. Keeping storm drains clean prevents pollution in our lakes and creeks.

#### **The program’s beginning**

The program was piloted in a few cities in 2017 and 2018. The program was rolled out for the entire 7 county metro area during this 2019 summer. You can read more about the launch of this program at [Clean Water MN](#).

The impacts have been huge! In 2018 alone participants prevented more than 35,562 pounds of debris from washing down storm drains and into lakes and rivers, just by sweeping up around the drains.

#### **Clean storm drains help lakes**

Rain washes anything that’s on streets and paved surfaces down storm drains and into lakes and rivers. Many people do not know that “natural” debris—leaves, grass clippings, fertilizer, road salt, and pet waste—becomes pollution when it hits the water. When these natural pollutants break down, they become food for algae, causing it to grow out of control.

#### **Sign up**

More volunteers are needed. There are more than 300,000 storm drains in the metro area.

To sign up visit <https://www.adopt-a-drain.org/>. Plug in your location to search for adoptable storm drains near you. Select one and fill out the sign-up form. When residents sign up for the program, they’ll receive an e-mail with instructions on how to safely clear storm drains, dispose of the debris, and report the amount of debris they collect.

**FLAGS FOR SALE**-Did you know you could purchase a new flag (3x5) from the New Germany American Legion. If Interested or need more information contact Roger Sauerbrey at 952-657-2431. The New Germany hall is a drop off site for old tattered flags.



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#### COLUMBUS DAY

The City Office will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2019 in observance of Columbus Day.

Commercial Club is always looking for new volunteers, if interested please call Shirley 952-353-2208. The Commercial club meets the 4th Monday as needed; September 23 is next meeting at City Hall, 7 PM.





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Clerk Office  
Hours  
Mon-Thurs  
8:30-4:30  
Friday-  
CLOSED



\*\*\*\*\*Senior Residents\*\*\*\*\*

Oldies but Goodies meet every third Wednesday of the month (September—May) at the hall around 11:30 AM. Please bring a dish to share, many conversations and laughs, they also play cards and other games. All are welcome to attend, it is a great way to get out of the house and socialize and have a bite to eat!! If you don't want to partake in the potluck come around 1 PM for fun and games. You do not need to live in the City.  
ANYONE IS WELCOME!



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Clerk will be on a medical leave for approximately one month starting October 28, 2019. City Office will be limited office hours; Clerk will work from home when able and be checking voice mails and emails. Please look for updates on the city hall door; will update with hours during this period. Please call Mayor and Council members if you have any issues or questions during this time. Sewer or Water Issues please call People Service (numbers listed on front of newsletter).

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Upcoming City Events:

MEDICINE TAKE BACK—October 26 10 AM—2 PM, New Germany Hall.

HALLOWEEN PARTY (kids) - October 26, 6-7:30 PM.

TURKEY BINGO—Tuesday, November 26 @ 6:30 PM.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: December 7, 8am—noon—more information to follow.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCT. 6—12**— A smoke alarm is your first line of defense. Make it a point to install fresh batteries. Then check to see if it's working by pushing the safety test button. ~Many homes should have two or more smoke alarms, including one outside of every sleeping area.

~ Change your flashlight batteries. Keep a working flashlight near your bed, in the kitchen, basement, and family room. They are convenient if power goes out and can be used to signal for help in the event of a fire.

~ Install a fire extinguisher near your kitchen and know how to use it. Buy a multi purpose fire extinguisher.

~ Plan and practice your escape. Create at least two different escape routes and practice them with your family.

~ Fire protection on the job! If you notice a hazard or condition that could cause a fire, report it to your supervisor.

More than 1.7 million fires strike American homes and businesses each year, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

\*\*\*\*\* HALLOWEEN PARTY \*\*\*\*\*

The New Germany Commercial Club will be hosting a Halloween Party on Saturday October 26, 2019 at 6:00—7:30 p.m. at the City Hall. Games and Fun—Everyone is welcome! Wear your costume! If you would like to volunteer at the event please call Shirley.



**October 2019**

| Sun | Mon                                                          | Tue                           | Wed                            | Thu                                                                                                         | Fri | Sat                                                    |
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|     |                                                              | 1<br>Coun-<br>cil             | 2                              | 3<br>Re-<br>cycle                                                                                           | 4   | 5                                                      |
| 6   | 7                                                            | 8                             | 9                              | 10                                                                                                          | 11  | 12                                                     |
| 13  | 14<br>Columbus<br>Day—<br>Closed                             | 15<br>Coun-<br>cil            | 16<br>Oldies<br>But<br>Goodies | 17<br>Re-<br>cycle                                                                                          | 18  | 19                                                     |
| 20  | 21                                                           | 22<br>PC if<br>needed<br>6 PM | 23                             | 24                                                                                                          | 25  | 26<br>Medicine<br>take back<br>&<br>Halloween<br>Party |
| 27  | 28<br>City office<br>closed, limited<br>hours for 1<br>month | 29                            | 30                             | 31<br>Re-<br>cycle<br> |     |                                                        |