



City of New Germany

Monthly Newsletter



May 2020

+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. We also have new utility software, please check your bills as there was a few errors the first billing, mostly waste tax was not charged and garbage container size. Bills have been corrected in the system and a few were over charged and a few under charged, this will reflect in the next billing. Please

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, unpolluted 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.

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

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Meetings -

Council—1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00

Commercial Club—
4th Monday - 7:00

Fire Dept.—1st Monday 7:00 pm

Planning Commission—4th Tuesday @ 6 PM as needed.



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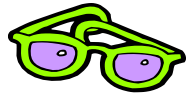
New Germany Fire Department News

A new sign was donated and has been installed on the Fire Department garage—at this time donator is unknown. Thank You to whoever was so generous, beautiful sign! Thanks Eric Roepke and Dan DeRusha for installing and anyone else I may have missed!

Tri K Sports of Maple Plain donated a much needed winch for the utility vehicle!! Thank You Tri K Sports for this generous donation!



JUNE 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 FD Mtg	2 Council	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Utility bill due	16 Council	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Pc Mtg	24	25	26	27
28	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.

- Reminder to residents—it is your responsibility to mow or weed whip around your mail boxes, not the City's.
- Oldies but Goodies Club gathering were cut short on account of the Covid. Hopeful to resume in 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 and tickets may or can be issued.
- Reminder - recreational vehicles, campers, boats, fish houses need to be on a rock pad, cement or tar only! City Ordinance is available upon request or it is online www.cityofnewgermany.com

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 ORDINANCE, please contain your pet. To see the entire ordinance please request or online..

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.

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

