



JULY 2020

City of New Germany



New Germany Minnesota

City Staff

Sheriff: 952-361-1212
 Mayor—Steve Van Lith
 952-353-2571
 Council Members -
 Shirley Jaeger
 952-353-2208
 Tom Mielke
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 Jeremy Hafemann
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 City Clerk Treasurer—Twyla
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 Office Asst—Connie Stahlke
 Water/Sewer—People Services
 Public Works—Steve Van Lith,
 Jim Heimerl
 Janitor—Gary Bonk

Fire Dept. 39th Softball Tournament

The 39th Annual Fire Department Softball Tournament is cancelled on account of the COVID guidelines. The Fire Department felt it was to much of a liability issue for the players and spectators. 2021 date is July 29, 30, August 1, 2021 save the date!

The Fire Department has installed a new sign on the fire garage and they have a new flag which is in honor of Fallen or Injured Brothers & Sisters in the field of EMS. Eventually this flag and sign will be lighted. The Fire Dept also received a grant from the McLeod County Co-op for traffic safety equipment. The fire fighters are continuing with their trainings through the pandemic, there is 21 active fire fighters and 6 reserves on the fire department.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT August 4, 2020

National Night Out is cancelled for 2020.



Council Vacancy Update

In the general Election on November 3, the Mayor seat and all 4 Council seats will be on the ballot.

Mayor term is every 2 years and Council is every 4 years. This year Mayor Van Lith 's term is up and two Council members of 4 year terms; Shirley Jaeger and Ty Turnquist. There will be two seats that are 2 years; (were Nick Hartwig and Cathy Ruschmeier seats) Thomas Mielke currently holds a Council seat, the vacant seat would be Jeremy Hafemann. Jeremy will not be running for Council on account of relocating out of city limits. If you are interested in running please come into city office and request an affidavit of candidacy forms available from July 28—August 11, 2020. You need to be a resident, live in city limits, over the age of 21. You would then be placed on the ballot with the existing Council and Mayor. The deadline is 4:30 PM on August 11 to file and the fee is \$2, there is many required forms to be filled out and filed. Please call if you would like more information 952-353-2488.

Primary Election is on August 11, 2020 from 7 AM—8 PM, masks are required upon entering a public building per Executive Order 20-81.



Meeting Schedules
 Council 1st & 3rd Tues 7:00
 Comm Club—4th Mon 7:00
 Fire Dept—1st Mon 7:00
 Planning Comm—4th Tuesday
 6 PM when needed

PLEASE READ THE PARKING ORDINANCE—SEVERAL TRAILERS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 85-A
 REGULATING THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES
 IN THE CITY LIMITS OF NEW GERMAN



Section 1.

Overtime Parking and Parking of Commercial Vehicles. No person shall park or leave any motor vehicle, non-motor vehicle or trailer whether attended or unattended, upon any public street, public alleyway or public lot for a period of time longer than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours. No trucks licensed gross vehicle weight above 15,000 lbs and requiring DOT certification or truck trailer shall be parked on any public street or public alleyway between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. No person shall park or leave any motor vehicle or trailer unless it is in the process of being loaded or unloaded so as to block any public street or public alleyway at any time.

Section 2. Designation of No Parking Zones and Limited Parking Zones. The City Council of the City of New Germany may also from time to time, designate certain streets and alleys or portions thereof, as “No Parking” Zones or as “Limited Parking” Zones for a period of time. These Zones would be properly marked to reflect their parking character.

THIS IS PART OF THE ORDINANCE, TO REVIEW THE ENTIRE ORDINANCE PLEASE COME TO CITY OFFICE.

Ordinance 91; Storage of boats, campers, trailers and other recreational related items will not be allowed to stand in one area for more than 6 months, they must be currently licensed and must be parked on crushed rock, cement or blacktop pad;



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City Hall office hours
Monday—Thursday 8:30—4:30
Closed on Fridays

Growing a Healthy Lawn with Less Water



Did you know the largest irrigated crop in the US doesn't end up on your dinner plate. It's grass. Yes, watering lawns uses 4x more irrigation than corn crops in the United States.

Many times we are over watering our lawns. Although many cities allow watering on every even or odd numbered day of the month does not mean your grass or gardens need water every other day. The rule of thumb is that grass needs 1" of water a week and that can come from rain or a hose.

Many cities supply 3X as much water to residents and business in the summer, as compared to winter. This can stress groundwater supplies and infrastructure as the additional water for irrigation requires city water departments to pump more water, treat more water, and pipe it to homes.

Watering webinar

The University of Minnesota Turf grass Lab is hosting five webinars that will focus on turf grass and irrigation topics. The goal is to help homeowners have healthier lawns and more efficient irrigation systems. The first webinar is over but a recording can be viewed at <https://turf.umn.edu/watering-wisdom-webinar-series> The rest of the topics are below.

- Outdoor Water Use in the Twin Cities: Am I Using Too Much? – July 7, 2020 at 2 pm
 - Learning to Control Your Irrigation Controller – July 28, 2020 at 2 pm
 - Turfgrass Species for Low-Input Minnesota Lawns – August 18, 2020 at 2 pm
 - Lawn Care Best Management Practices – September 8, 2020 at 2 pm
 - Winterizing Your Lawn – September 29, 2020 at 2 pm
- The webinars are free and you can sign up for one or all of them. If you are interested in learning more about our work, please visit their website at <https://turf.umn.edu/watering-wisdom-webinar-series>

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE



Free day at the Arboretum is the third Tuesday of each month. The tickets are free but limited in order to ensure social distancing. Tickets must be reserved in advance online and will be available at 9:00 am August 1 for

Free Day August 18. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served

basis. There are four entrance times for Free Day:

- Morning 9 am and Morning 11 am
- Afternoon 1 pm and Afternoon 3 pm, **For your safety, please follow these policies during your visit.**
 - Observe safe distancing. Stay 6 feet from visitors not from your household.
 - Please wear a mask or other face covering for your protection and that of others.
 - Please bring your own water. Drinking fountains are available for refills.
 - Always stay on main paved asphalt road. Some paths are closed.
 - The entrance restrooms and Rose Garden restrooms are open, all others closed.

Please note that the Gift Shop, Arboretum Library, Tropical Greenhouse, Coach Barn and Santa Anita Depot are closed.
Main Line 952-442-1400 or www.arboretum.umn.edu



Special Thank you to all who volunteer in the City of New Germany! You all are appreciated very much and this is what makes the City of New Germany an unique city. Volunteers are amazing and these volunteers are hard working dedicated individuals!!!

AUGUST 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 FD mtg	4 Council Mtg 7PM	5	6 Recyl Cart	7	8
9	10	11 PRIMARY ELEC- TIONS 7 AM-8 PM	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Council Mtg 7 PM	19	20 Recyl Cart	21	22
23	24	25 PC Mtg 6 PM (if	26	27	28	29
30	31					