



SEPTEMBER 2020



NEW GERMANY MINNESOTA

City of New Germany

Sanitation services—by the time you read this newsletter Republic should of picked up their carts (garbage & recycling) . The final garbage day for Republic would have been September 24, Waste Management contract starts on October 1 and that is a garbage only date, recycling starts on October 8, every other week is recycling and they both continue to be on Thursday as in the past. If you are in need of any containers please call City Hall 952-353-2488 and I will coordinate. The only time you call WM is if you have bulk items for pick up and they will require prepaying for your items, everything else goes through the city.

Fall Clean up day—September 26, 8 AM—11 AM, City Shed 250 State Avenue N, garbage only items, furniture, mattresses, box springs, no tires, no electronics, no appliances or no metal. Complete flyer is available at City Hall with prices and covid guidelines.



Grass clippings from lawns can be an asset to your lawn and garden or a detriment to your lawn, lakes and rivers. The key is when they are cut and where they go after they are cut.



Grass clippings are a valuable source of nutrients for the lawn. Clippings must be 1” in length or less to easily fall back to the soil and decompose quickly. Adding these clippings to the soil can improve your soil’s organic matter and health. Grass clippings longer than 1” may stay on the lawn looking unsightly and smothering the grass below. These longer clippings should be removed and either composted at your home or taken to the compost center.

Since getting shorter clippings means mowing your lawn more, you could consider reseeding your lawn with a “low mow” grass. Low mow grass mixes are a mix of slow growing fescues. Fescues are slower growing, drought and shade tolerant with finer, softer leaves. You can reseed a traditional lawn with fescue seeds if you reframe from irrigating the lawn, the fescues will outcompete the existing grass over time.

There is a myth floating about that leaving grass clippings on the lawn contributes to thatch on the lawns. It doesn’t. Thatch is a layer of undecomposed organic matter that builds up between the soil surface and the actively growing green grass. Thatch appears if organic matter is being produced faster that it is being decomposed by micro-organisms. This is caused by excessive nitrogen fertilizing, infrequent mowing and low soil oxygen.

Clippings can make great mulch around plants in annual or vegetable gardens. Mulching helps reduce weeds, conserve moisture, and modify soil temperatures. Do not apply more than 1 or 2 inches of grass clippings at one time and do not use grass clippings as mulch if the lawn was recently treated with an herbicide for dandelions or other *broadleaf* weeds.

Where clippings should never be left is on your driveway, street or sidewalk. Clippings on these hard surfaces will wash off with the next rain and flow into the nearest lake, river or pond. Instead of adding fertilizer to your lawn, washed away grass clippings will add nutrients to lakes and rivers causing algae growth. Always be sure to sweep or blow grass clippings back off hard surfaces and back on to the lawn. Your lakes, rivers and lawns will thank you.

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.



City Staff

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Shirley Jaeger

952-353-2208

Thomas Mielke

952-353-2526

Jeremy Hafemann

952-223-7256

Ty Turnquist

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Janitor-open position

Public Works -
Steve Van Lith
Jim Heimerl

Water Sewer—People Service
Lee 612-636-2434
Jerry 612-644-0139

City Clerk-Treasurer—Twyla Menth

Office Assistant—Connie Stahlke

COLUMBUS DAY

The City Office will be open!
We have switched Columbus Day for Christmas Eve 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, 7 PM at City Hall.

Planning Commission meets the 4th Tuesday at 6 PM as needed.





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



General Election November 3 from 7 AM—8 PM at the City Hall for New Germany and Camden residents. Elections will follow the state covid guidelines and masks are recommended. Curb side voting is available to anyone that prefers not to enter the building, elevator is available for anyone that needs to use.

New Germany ballot will consist of;
Mayor—Steven Van Lith (2 year term)
Council Member (4 year term)
Shirley Jaeger
Ty Turnquist

Special Election within the General Election for 2—2 year terms
Thomas Mielke
Kevin Grove

I have been the Clerk for the past six years, (7 years in February) and this is my 4th election and the first I have seen all 5 seats on the ballot!

The New Germany Hall Janitor has retired and no applications have been received. It consists of weekly check of hall, cleaning and checking bathroom supplies, pay is \$325 a month (full job description is available). It would also compensate at an additional \$14 per hour for any cleaning after any rentals or parties at the hall. There is a new powered floor scrubber that masks the floor care much easier. If interested please call, email or stop by the City Office for an application. The City would like this filled ASAP.

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Upcoming City Events:

HALLOWEEN PARTY (kids) - TBD

GENERAL ELECTION—November 3, 7 AM—8 PM, City Hall.

NOVEMBER 4—Council Meeting, 7 PM (moved to Wednesday on account of Elections).

TURKEY BINGO—Tuesday, November 24, more info to follow.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCT. 4—10**— 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.

Fire Chief Ruschmeier encourages everyone who has battery operated smoke alarms to replace your batteries, this small task could save a life!

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

The New Germany Commercial Club is trying too think of ways to host a October 24 Halloween Party— will update as soon as we know! Watch the message sign for information.



**October 2020**

| Sun | Mon                  | Tue                                                     | Wed | Thu                     | Fri | Sat |
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| 4   | 5<br>FD Mtg          | 6<br>Coun-<br>cil<br>mtg                                | 7   | 8<br>Re-<br>cycle       | 9   | 10  |
| 11  | 12                   | 13                                                      | 14  | 15                      | 16  | 17  |
| 18  | 19<br>FD<br>training | 20<br>Coun-<br>cil<br>mtg                               | 21  | 22<br>Re-<br>cycle      | 23  | 24  |
| 25  | 26                   | 27<br>PC 6<br>7<br>Council<br>budget<br>work<br>session | 28  | 29                      | 30  | 31  |

