



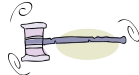
# City of New Germany

DECEMBER 2020

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

### New Germany Minnesota

#### City Staff



Mayor - Steve VanLith  
 Council Members - Shirley Jaeger 952-353-2208  
 Ty Turnquist 952-353-2456  
 Thomas Mielke 952-353-2526  
 City Clerk Treasurer - Twyla Menth 952-353-2488  
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 Public Works- Steve VanLith 952-353-2571

#### CITY OFFICE CLOSED

December 24, December 31 @12 pm, and January 1, January 18, 2021 is observed Martin Luther King Day. Office is closed

#### Protecting Water through the Winter December 2020 Carver County Water Management Org. Water Column

Although we don't have any snow yet, the ponds and other water bodies are beginning to freeze. It is important not to forget about water protection during winter. Even when it is cold, pollutants from our lawns and driveways can still run down through storm drains and into lakes and rivers.

Here are four things you can do to protect waters in winter.

#### Don't let winter waste make spring messes

Cold temperatures and frozen water don't slow down a pup's digestive system. Continue to pick up pet waste through the winter to prevent bacteria and pathogens from getting into lakes and rivers. It's easy to let it pile up but come spring those frozen piles will melt and make a real mess!

#### Be a good fisherman

Whether you visit a lake once or set up a second (fishing) home for the season, please remember the "leave no trace" motto and take everything you bring onto the lake back out with you when you leave. Everything that's left on lakes' frozen surfaces ends up in the water below when ice-out occurs leading to safety and public health issues.

#### Shovel before salt

Shovel first and shovel often during snowstorms. If you get the pavement clear, there is no snow to become compacted and turn to ice. This is the most effective method for safe walkways. Lastly, pay attention to temperature. Rock salt doesn't work well when the temperature is below 15°F. Keeping areas clear through shoveling and scraping is your best bet in cold temperatures.

#### Ponds with unpredictable ice

Keep yourself and your family safe. It's never safe to skate or walk on a frozen pond. Ice thickness on small stormwater ponds is not as certain as ice that forms on natural lakes. It's constantly changing as runoff and drainage water flow through the ponds all year long. With the unpredictability of water movement and impacts of road salt, it's best just to stay off ponds.


#### 2021 New Germany Election Results

Mayor—Steve Van Lith  
 Council Member (4 year) Shirley Jaeger  
 Ty Turnquist  
 Council Member (2 year) Thomas Mielke  
 Kevin Grove

Welcome to the new Council member and those returning! Kevin will start his Council journey at the first meeting in January.

### YOUR MAILBOX IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Please be sure to shovel out around your own mailbox, or your shared mailbox station. The delivery person cannot get to your mailbox if the snow is piled high from the snow plow and it is not the responsibility of the City to shovel out around the mailbox posts.



#### Garbage & Recycling Updates

Reminder garbage is delayed by one day if a Holiday is before Thursday pick up.

**Recycling**—there has been some changes in the recycling industry. Remember during the holiday season bubble wrap, cellophane, holiday ribbons, bows, batteries, food waste, clothing, shoes, holiday lights, electronics, foam packaging are not recyclable and belong in the waste container.

**Recyclable items** -Make sure you are washing your plastic water, soda, juice, dish soap, lotion, detergent jugs before placing in recycle bin (lids can be on). Plastic cups, pudding, fruit cups, clear disposable cups (no straws) margarine/whip cream tubs, cottage cheese & similar containers, clear produce, deli & take out containers (empty& rinse; lids on). All cardboard boxes, cereal, cracker, pasta, tissue, shoe, gift, electronic boxes, toothpaste & other toiletry boxes, flatten all boxes. Milk cartons, juice cartons, juice boxes, soup, broth & wine cartons (empty& clean/rinse and dry; caps on). Mail, office & school papers, magazines, catalogs, newspaper, inserts, phone books (clean; staples ok). Food cans, beverage cans (empty; labels ok). Brown, green, clear bottles, jars (empty/rinse; no lids).

#### Non Recyclable items—

Foil pouches, bags, wrappers, dishes, vases, mirrors, plastic straws, utensils, refrigerator, freezer boxes, polystyrene foam (Styrofoam), pizza boxes.

**Damage or entangle equipment list**—plastic bags, ropes, hoses, chains, scrap metal, bulky items, shredded paper.

**Harm workers**— medical sharps, diapers, batteries, hazardous products.

### Christmas Tree Recycling NOT in New Germany.

Christmas Tree Recycling will be at the Mayer recycling center located on Cty Rd 30 by Mayer. Take Cty Rd 30 to the east, over the bridge and it is the waste water facility on the left side, 2nd gate. Winter hours are Saturday 8 AM—12 PM. You can drop them off, Saturdays 8am-noon. Be sure to remove all ornaments and lights and bags. This is a free service from Carver County.



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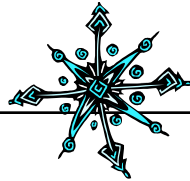
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**OFFICE HOURS**

MON thru THURS 8:30-4:30  
Closed on Fridays  
www.cityofnewgermany.com

Meeting Schedules:  
Council - 7:00 pm  
1st & 3rd Tuesday  
  
Commercial Club  
7:00 pm 4th Monday  
  
Fire Department  
7:00 pm 1st Monday  
  
Planning Commission is  
the 4th Tuesday at 6 PM.



**2021 MEETING SCHEDULES**

Council Meetings

January 5  
January 19  
February 2  
February 16  
March 2  
March 16  
April 6  
April 20  
May 4  
May 18  
June 1  
June 15  
July 6  
July 20  
August 3 (8 pm)  
August 17  
September 7  
September 21  
October 5  
October 19  
November 2  
November 16  
December 7  
December 21

Fire Department Mtg

January 4  
February 1  
March 1  
April 5  
May 3  
June 7  
July 12  
August 2  
September 13  
October 4  
November 1  
December 6

CITY EVENTS

April 4—Easter Egg Hunt  
April 17—Fire Dept. Dance  
May 16—Spring Clean up  
July 31, Aug 1-2 Softball Tournament  
August 4—National Night Out  
October 24—Halloween Party  
November 24—Turkey Bingo  
December 4—Breakfast w/Santa

Commercial Club meets monthly on the 4th Monday @ 7 PM when needed.

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

QUARUM OF COUNCIL MAY BE PRESENT

No changes on account of Election year—next Election 2021.

**Winter Safety Rules**



**SIDEWALKS**—As a property or business owner, it is your responsibility to keep the sidewalk in front of your home or business shoveled & free from ice and snow. Please take care of any snow or ice within 24 hours of a snowfall or ice storm.

**GAS METERS**—Keep the screen on your outside meter clear of snow to keep it working properly.

**ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT**—Please adopt the fire hydrant closest to your home. Keep it clear of snow. In case of a fire, this protects both you and your neighbors.

**SNOW PARKING RULES**

NO Parking on city streets following a snowfall of 1” or more.  
NO Parking on city streets between 2am and 7am beginning Nov. 1 thru March 31

**PENALTY**—If your car is parked illegally during snow plowing, the Sheriff Dept. will be called and you will receive a ticket.

**January 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				31 recyl Closing 12 pm	1 New Year's	2
3	4 Fire Dept Mtg	5 Council Mtg	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Recycle	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King-Closed	19 Council Mtg	20	21	22	23
24	25 Commercial Club if needed	26 PC if needed	27	28 Recycle	29	30
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