

# New Germany Monthly News



City of New Germany

JANUARY 2021

## WATER/SEWER BILL INFORMATION

Water and sewer rates will no longer include the first 1,000 gallons in the base rate. Instead, the new monthly base rate for Water in 2021 is \$28.65, a decrease of \$15.15 per month, and all water usage will be billed at \$0.197 per 10 gallons of water. This is an increase of \$0.0218 per 10 gallons from last year. The monthly meter fee is \$1.84. The monthly base rate for Sewer is dropping to \$25.99, down from \$41.70, and the sewer usage rate for all usage is \$0.201 per 10 gallons, which is an increase of \$0.0224 from last year. This includes a 9% increase in the rates- which will be reflected in the January billing. The City Council worked closely with the City's financial advisors, Ehlers to develop the new structures. They reviewed many different options, with the main goal of minimizing rate increases while ensuring both funds can pay for operating costs and existing debt service. In a small city there is less people to spread the debt over which makes higher water and sewer rates. Looking ahead, the Council is also working on the current capacity limits of the sewer ponds, which limits new construction in the City. The Council is working closely with SEH (city engineering firm) to complete a study to look at options to resolve this problem. Once the study is completed, Council will review the results and move forward with a plan. Regardless of the outcome, the project is expected to take several years to complete. Once the sewer pond issue has been resolved, we can continue with growth in the city. Future updates will be posted in the newsletter.

Options for paying your Utility Bill: Security Bank New Germany, Regular Mail, Drop box on the front of City Hall, or online at [www.ub-pay.com](http://www.ub-pay.com), you will need the municipal code on your Utility bill. When sending your payment in please make sure and tear off the bottom portion of the post card, the upper portion is your copy. You may need to write your manual reading on the stub of the post card if you still have a manual read meter when you drop off your payment.

Water Bills are due the 15th of each month. If you are still one of the 7 manual reads, you are required to send in your water reading. If you do not send in a water meter reading you will be **charged a penalty fee of \$10.00. This is only if your meter is a manual read meter.** Any bill that is delinquent more than 60 days can legally be shut off. Each certified letter that is mailed is costly. If you can't pay your bill in full—make a partial payment. If you can't pay anything at least send in or CALL in a meter reading—You will at least save yourself the \$10 penalty. Leave a message after hours or write it on a piece of paper with your address and drop in the drop box. There is a shut-off fee of \$25 and a reconnect fee of \$25. There are 7 meters left to replace and every-one will be on auto reads. Auto reads do not need to write any meter readings. Call if you are unsure if you are an auto read.

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Radon Test Kits—please call [Carver County Environmental Services](http://www.carvercountyenvironmental.com)

600 E 4th St  
Chaska, MN 55318  
952-361-1800

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## OTHER NEWS:

- ◆ The City is taking Hall reservations for the summer months, if the governor orders do not change for group gatherings, the event will need to be cancelled. We are hoping for the best!
- ◆ Fire Department is planning for their Annual Ball Tournament—let's hope it can happen this year! The dates will be July 30, 31 and August 1.
- ◆ Fire Department just updated their lights in the garage to LED.
- ◆ Council is near the end on the wastewater study with Ehlers; will be reviewing Regionalization with Mayer information from SEH at the next Council meeting on February 2.
- ◆ If you would like something advertised on the electronic sign; call Shirley Jaeger.
- ◆ If you have a logo idea for the City of New Germany please email it to [ngcityhall@gmail.com](mailto:ngcityhall@gmail.com), or drop it off at City Hall, or in the drop box. Lets make this a great logo for our quaint little city, get the kids involved and make this fun!
- ◆ February 3, Clerk 7th year work anniversary.
- ◆ Eater Bunny— more information to come. Feel free to contact a Commercial Club member if you want to help plan and/or work any city event. Volunteers welcome!

## CITY STAFF MEMBERS

### Mayor

Steve VanLith  
952-353-2571

### Council Members

Shirley Jaeger  
952-353-2208

Ty Turnquist  
952-353-2456

Thomas Mielke  
952-353-2526

Kevin Grove  
952-484-1540

### City Clerk-Treasurer

Twyla Menth  
Office Assistant

Connie Stahlke

### Water/Sewer

People Service

Lee—612-636-2434

Jerry—612-644-0139

### Public Works

Steve VanLith

### Meeting Schedules

**Council**—7:00 pm

1st & 3rd Tuesday

**Commercial Club**- 7:00 pm,

4th Monday (as needed).

**Planning Commission** -

6:00 PM, 4th Tuesday

(as needed).

**Fire Department**— 7:00 pm

1st Monday



**HAPPY  
VALENTINES  
DAY**



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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300 Broadway Street East  
P.O. Box 177  
New Germany, MN 55367-0177

Office—952-353-2488  
Fax— 952-353-8021  
Email—ngcityhall@gmail.com  
Hall Rental Info—952-353- 2488  
Building Inspections—763-479-1720

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 FD Mtg	2 Council Mtg	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Recycle Cart	12	13
14 Valentine's	15 Presidents Day closed	16 Council Mtg	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Recycle Cart	26	27
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Office of the Clerk

CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Closed Fridays



**\*\*ATTENTION\*\***

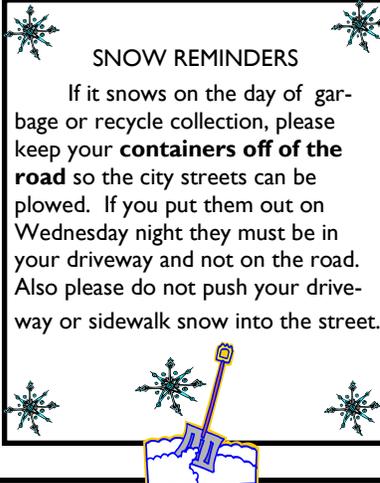
The City Office will be closed on Monday January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Closed February 15, 2021 in observance of President Day. Please check the door for any additional closed days. The Clerk will be taking some time off in February for moving, just not sure on the dates as of this time.

\*\*\*City Website\*\*\*

www.cityofnewgermany.com you can also find updates on Facebook, City of New Germany.

SNOW REMINDERS

If it snows on the day of garbage or recycle collection, please keep your **containers off of the road** so the city streets can be plowed. If you put them out on Wednesday night they must be in your driveway and not on the road. Also please do not push your driveway or sidewalk snow into the street.



**EXTRA EXTRA**

Remember: The recycle center and brush site by Mayer is only open Saturday mornings until April. Then it is open Wednesdays 5-8pm in addition to Saturday mornings.

If you are having a sewer back-up or water/sewer problems after hours: call Lee Orloff at 612-636-2434, or Jerry Stranlund 612-644-0139 or call the city office during office hours.

**NO PARKING on city streets following a snowfall of 1" or more. NO parking on city streets between 2am and 7am Nov. 1 thru March 31. The Sheriff Dept. will be called and you will be ticketed.**

The city contracts for sanitation service. If you have a garbage request (i.e. need a new can) please call the city office.

Building Permits need to be obtained before the work begins. Call the City to determine if a permit is needed for the job.

NEWSLETTERS

Our city newsletter is available to anybody that would like a copy. They are located in the clear weather secured box on the outside of the City Hall. You may stop and pick up a newsletter anytime. They are also located on the city website [www.cityofnewgermany.com](http://www.cityofnewgermany.com) under newsletters.

**NO ICE SKATING RINK**



**Southern Valley Alliance**  
**DOMESTIC ABUSE WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**

Mondays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
via Zoom

Thursdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
via Zoom

Contact [clientadvocate@svamn.org](mailto:clientadvocate@svamn.org) for a meeting invitation

THIS IS AN OPEN GROUP.  
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.  
Due to Covid19, childcare cannot be provided.

Call 952-873-4214 with questions