



City of New Germany

DECEMBER 2022

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

New Germany Minnesota

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CITY OFFICE CLOSED
 January 16, 2023 is observed Martin Luther King Day. Office open 1/2 day January 31- February 2. Closed on February 6-7, 2023. Office closures are always posted on office door.

Christmas Tree Recycling NOT in New Germany.
 Christmas Tree Recycling is at Mayer recycling center located on County Rd 30 by Mayer. Take County Rd 30 to the east, over the bridge and it is the second gate on north side (left side). Winter hours are Saturday 8 AM—12 PM. You can drop trees off, Saturdays 8am-noon. Be sure to remove all ornaments, lights and bags.

Protecting Water through the Winter
 December 2022
Carver County Water Management Org. Water Column
 Although, we have some snow, 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, 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.

YOUR MAILBOX IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Please be sure to shovel 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. It is not the responsibility of the City to shovel around the mailbox.



Garbage & Recycling Updates

Reminder garbage is not delayed during the Holiday season. Christmas and New Years lands on a weekend, no delays in service.

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), shredded paper, 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.



12 Ways To Save Energy This Heating Season

1. Get an energy audit, advanced home energy audit
2. Lower your thermostat— when you go away or at night lower your thermostat 10 degrees
3. Take advantage of heat from the sun, open your curtains during the day, close at night to reduce the chill
4. Cover drafty windows, will reduce air leakage
5. Weather strip and caulk windows and doors eliminate air infiltration
6. Seal air leaks, prevent air leaks around chimneys, vents, pipes & wires, plug the leaks
7. Close your fire place damper when a fire is not in use and install air tight doors to prevent warm air from escaping, if no longer in use, seal the flute with an inflatable plug
8. Maintain your heating system furnace or boiler inspected annually to ensure maximum efficiency
9. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to 120 degrees, not only save energy, it will reduce the danger of scalding
10. Use light-emitting diode or LED-holiday light strings will reduce the expense to decorate your home for the holidays
11. Upgrade to LED lights for your entire home lighting. LEDs are the most efficient and longest lasting bulbs
12. Look for the Energy Star label when making purchases for new household products. Energy Star signifies strict energy efficiency & reliability guidelines set by Environmental Protection Agency and the US Department of Energy.



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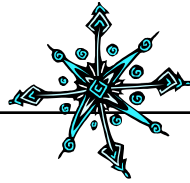
MON thru THURS 8:30-4:30
Closed on Fridays
www.cityofnewgermany.com

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.



2022 MEETING SCHEDULES

Council Meetings

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

Fire Department Mtg

- January 2
- February 6
- March 6
- April 3
- May 1
- June 5
- July 10
- August 7
- September 11
- October 2
- November 6
- December 4



CITY EVENTS

- April 1—Easter Egg Hunt
- April 14—Fire Dept. Dance
- May 13—Spring Clean up
- Aug 4-6 Softball Tournament
- August 1—National Night Out
- October 28—Halloween Party
- November 21—Turkey Bingo
- December 2—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

Election year—no Election in 2023

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 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Fire Dept Mtg	3 Council mtg	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Recycle	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day-closed	17 Council mtg	18	19	20	21
22	23 Commercial Club if needed	24	25	26 Recycle	27	28
29	30	31 office open 1-4:30	1 office open 1-4:30	2 Office open 1-4:30	3	4



The City of New Germany wishes everyone a safe and Happy Holiday!

