

City of New Germany



School Begins—Watch for Children

ST. MARK FELLOWSHIP CENTER

PORK CHOP DINNER and SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023

Outdoor Church Service at 9AM

Followed by dinner serving until 1PM

Music is by: Polka Sons of Praise



AUGUST 2023

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Meeting Schedules

City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7 PM

Fire Department

1st Monday @ 7 PM

Planning Commission—

City Offices

Will be closed

September 4, 2023 in

observance of

Labor Day. Garbage is

delayed one day on

account of Labor Day.



It's a hot summer. Time to talk water and watering.

By Madeline Seveland

What to do during dry times

In Minnesota, we typically get almost all the water we need for grass and gardens from rain. But dry summer times and hot temperatures can cause browning. In the twin cities metro area, we are behind on precipitation. Add the hot temperatures and traditional lawns may start to turn brown. Browning is the grass going into dormancy. The roots and the base of the grass are still alive, but some leaf tissues may die. However, once water and cooler temps return, so does new grass growth with no long-term damage. During these hot, dry times, consider allowing some browning of lawns to conserve water.

Get the most out of watering—If your grass or gardens do need water, follow these steps to make sure you are watering efficiently. Maintain your system. Broken or sunken heads, leaking seals, clogged nozzles, tilted heads, spray patterns off (watering beyond the grass lines onto the street and sidewalks) and plant spray-deflection should be fixed. Set the timer for when you have breakfast so you can see if there are any issues with the system. Water in early morning to prevent water loss and mold build up. Operate your controller in manual mode – if you believe your system is watering too much or too often. Having a rain sensor with your system is a law, established in 2003. Make sure your rain sensor is outside and can “sense” rain.

Get smart -One way to make sure irrigation systems are watering grass and gardens with just the right amount is to use a smart controller. While traditional controllers operate on preset programmed schedule or timers, smart irrigation controllers monitor weather, soil conditions, evaporation and plant water use to automatically adjust the watering schedule to actual conditions of the site. Therefore, only providing the lawn what it needs, and not watering when it is raining or has recently rained. Additionally, these controllers often pay for themselves in a short time with the water they save. Many cities in Carver County offer discounts on controllers, check www.go.rachio.com/carvercounty/.

What to remember during wet times - Grass needs about 1” of water a week and that can come from rain or a hose. Often, we are overwatering our lawns. Using too much water for irrigation affects our groundwater supplies, the health of our lakes and rivers, and sometimes your own basement. Overwatering reduces the soil’s “room” for water, called headspace. This is the ability of soil to absorb water during heavy rains. Reduced soil headspace can create more work for sump pumps and cause basement flooding. When the soil can’t absorb enough water, rain events and even just watering your lawn and create extra stormwater runoff. Runoff is rainwater or snowmelt that runs off hard surfaces like streets, roofs and driveways. Runoff washes pollutants found on surfaces such as pet waste, grass clippings and trash, into lakes, rivers, and ponds causing water pollution.

Finally, most irrigation water comes from our groundwater aquifers, the same place we get our drinking water. More water used for irrigation means less available for us to drink, cook with and clean with. These aquifers are recharging much slower than we are taking water out, so conservation is important.

Conserving water is a win for all - Water is a precious resource. Finding the balance between when lawn and gardens need to be watered and when a little browning is okay is important to conserving our drinking water for the future. Overwatering produces runoff into our storm water basins, streams and lakes and uses treated drinking water, adding high costs to our communities. Properly maintaining your irrigation system will save you water, money, and will reduce the impact overwatering has on the environment. If we put less water on our ground, we can help conserve our drinking water supplies, reduce basement flooding, protect our lakes and rivers and still enjoy green, healthy grass.

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Clerk Office Hours
 Monday thru Thursday
 8:30 to 4:30
 Fridays—CLOSED



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SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Office closed	1 closed	2
3	4 Labor Day closed	5 Council Mtg 7pm	6	7	8 **** Garbage Recycle ***** closed	9
10	11 FD Mtg 7pm	12	13	14	15 closed	16
17	18	19 Council Mtg 7pm	20	21 Recycle	22 closed	23
24	25 Comm Club 7pm if needed	26 PC Mtg 6pm (if needed)	27	28	29 closed	30

Butch Automatic—October 7, 2023

Butch Automatic will be at the New Germany Hall on October 7 from 7 –11 PM, food, beverages, dancing. This is a fund raiser sponsored by the New Germany Dutchmen to raise funds for the Baseball field light project!!!! Come on out, will be a great time, and help raise funds for the lighting project!!! Advance tickets may be purchased for \$10 at City Hall or Heimey’s, or \$12 at the door!



The Halloween party is October 28, 2023, 6—7:30 PM. If you would like to volunteer please call Shirley Jaeger 952-353-2208.

If you want trick-or-treaters on Halloween night, just leave a front light on for the kids



Reminder—street sweeping will be scheduled for fall and there is no parking on the street on this day; you will be notified of the day. Hydrant flushing will follow shortly after street sweeping; you may not want to refrain from washing whites clothes for a few days. A public notice will be sent out with this information.



Utility payment post card—tear off the perforated bottom portion and return with your payment. Utility payment -online info is on the postcard.

Sheriff number to call in complaints - all calls use 911

If you need to notify somebody of a barking dog (day or night), or late night noises, speeding vehicles or fireworks, etc., or anything that is not an emergency, you still use the 911 number. You do not need to leave a note or phone message at the city office *unless you want to file a formal complaint*. The Sheriff can respond to an incident while it is happening instead of hearing about it later, when they can no longer do anything about it. You can request your name be withheld. There are some issues that need to be dealt with while they are happening for better results.

Reminder—outside recreational fires need to be in a fire pit and or contained 3 x 3 size.

