# New Germany Monthly News



#### WATER/SEWER BILL INFORMATION

Water and sewer rates will slightly increase for 2024, this will take place on the January billing cycle. Monthly base rate for Water will be \$33.62, all water usage will be billed at \$0.2311 per 10 gallons of water. The monthly meter fee is \$1.84. The monthly base rate for Sewer is \$30.66, sewer usage rate for all usage is \$0.2371 per 10 gallons. Garbage rates will increase in October 2024 to the following rates; 35 gallon SR rate \$9.58, 35 gallon \$10.94, 64 gallon \$13.85, 96 gallon \$16.10, recycling \$5.79.

Options for paying your Utility Bill: Security Bank New Germany, Regular Mail, Drop box on the front of City Hall, or online at <u>www.ub-pay.com</u>, you will need the municipal code on your Utility bill. When sending your payment in please make sure and <u>tear</u> <u>off the bottom portion of the post card, the upper portion is your copy</u>. 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 <u>meter reading</u> 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. 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. Auto reads do not need to write any meter readings.

#### CITY NEWS

- The city of New Germany has lost a Mayor, Fire Fighter, and public works worker; Steven Van Lith. Steve was a great person, hard work ethic, and great leader. Steve will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers to the Van Lith family.
- Election Acting Mayor Shirley Jaeger will be moving to the Mayor seat for the remainder of 2024. In the General Election on November 5, 2024, the Mayor seat will be open. <u>As of now there is a</u> <u>Council seat open (Jaeger's) if you would like to apply for the remainder of the year (2024)</u>. If you would like an application for any of these seats, please contact the city office. This year the following seats will be open: Mayor, (2) Council members. <u>IN NEED OF ELECTION JUDGES, CALL CITY OFFICE</u> <u>FOR MORE DETAILS.</u>

## ELECTION DATES: March 5 Presidential Primary, August 13 Primary, General Election November 5, 2024.

- ♦ SNOW PARKING RULES ARE IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 1—MARCH 31, NO PARKING ON CITY STREET BETWEEN 2 AM—7 AM. NO PARKING ON CITY STREETS FOLLOWING A SNOWFALL OF 1" OR MORE. THE SHERIFF DEPT WILL ISSUE TICKETS!
- KEEP GARBAGE CANS IN YOUR DRIVEWAY NOT ON THE STREET DURING WINTER PLOWING SEASON.
- IT IS UNLAWFUL UNDER MN STATE STATUE 160.27 SUBD. 5 TO PLOW SNOW FROM DRIVEWAYS ONTO OR ACROSS COUNTY/CITY ROADS.
- SIDEWALKS—PER CITY CODE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE SIDEWALKS ADJACENT TO THEIR PROPERTY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING SNOW/ICE FROM THE SIDEWALK WITH IN 24 HOURS.
- Rent the City Hall for your special event! Call City of New Germany for more information or reservations.
- Fire Department is planning for their Annual Ball Tournament—dates will be August 2-4, 2024.
- Fire Department's new tanker truck is expected in around March 2024!
- City of New Germany is still patiently waiting on the 2023 submitted bonding bill. This bonding bill is for the Wastewater upgrades of 8.9 million, hopefully the State of MN can get something done with distributing funds.
- If you would like something advertised on the electronic sign; call Shirley Jaeger.
- February 3, Clerk 10 year work anniversary.
- Eater Bunny— March 23, Easter Bunny, Easter egg hunt at the hall, 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!
- Exterior storage—furniture, appliances, car toppers, car parts, building material, brush, junk, debris and miscellaneous items not meant for outdoor storage and daily use cannot be stored outside or in your yard. Check Ordinances on the city website.
- House's must be kept in sound condition and free from deterioration. All house numbers must be visible from the street. If emergency personnel cannot find your home in a timely manner, it could be a difference of life and death.
- Spring reminder—if you are thinking of a fence, it requires a zoning permit, sheds over 200 square feet requires a building permit., sheds 200 sq feet or less requires a zoning permit. Please see City Ordinance on the City Website page for additional information.

### **City of New Germany**

### **JANUARY 2024**

### CITY STAFF MEMBERS

Mayor Shirley Jaeger 952-353-2208 **Council Members** Open seat -Shirley Jaeger Ty Turnquist 952-353-2456 Thomas Mielke 952-353-2526 Kevin Grove Kevin.newgermany@gmail.com **City Clerk-Treasurer** Twyla Menth **Office Assistant** opening Water/Sewer People Service Lee-612-636-2434 Jerry-612-644-0139 **Public Works** Jacob Kemnitz 612-708-6341

Meeting Schedules Council—7:00 pm I st & 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 Ist Monday. Fire Department is in need of Fire Fighters! Come join a great organization!



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

### 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 February 19 in observance of President Day. Office hours are always posted on the door if out of the office for meetings, closed or limited office hours.

\*\*\*City Website\*\*\* www.cityofnewgermany.com you can find updates on Facebook, and City of New Germany.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 FD Mtg Office	<b>6</b> Council Mtg	7	<b>8</b> Recycle Cart	09 closed	10
11	12	13	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	15	16 closed	17
18	<b>19</b> Presidents Day-closed	20 Council Mtg	21	22 Recycle Cart	23 closed	24
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### Water Softener Maintenance

The City of New Germany's water hardness is 23 grains per gallon. Here is a few reasons to check your water softness hardness setting:

- Water feels to soft
- Your dishes become very spotty and show residue
- You use an excessive amount of salt
- You have additional contaminants in your water such as iron
- Your water may taste different
- Regular maintenance can save costly repairs & high water bills. It is good to do an annual check on water softener & call a professional for maintenance.

### EXTRA EXTRA

Remember: The recycle center and brush site by Mayer is only open Saturday mornings until April.

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

office during office hours.

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 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 under newsletters.

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HYDRANTS If you have a hydrant near you please clear the snow away.

Mailboxes

It is the resident's responsibility to clear the snow away to receive mail.

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Southern Valley Alliance is now operating out of our new Domestic Abuse Advocacy Center.

103 3rd Ave E, Shakopee MN 952-873-4214 svamn.org



