



JULY 2026

# City of New Germany



New Germany Minnesota

## Fire Dept. Softball Tournament

The Annual Fire Department Softball Tournament is July 31, August 1, 2, 2026. Volunteers are needed, if you interested in donating time to a great cause please call Devin Lilienthal 320-492-0813. Cold beverages, great burgers, raffle, come join the festivities! This is a great cause, come watch local Fire Departments!! Family friendly event!



### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT August 4, 2026

National Night Out is August 5, from 6:30—8 PM. NNO is behind the FD/City Hall. Fire Trucks, and other emergency vehicles will be present for the kids. Yard games, food, beverages, and fun for



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### New Germany Utility Rates

In New Germany, utility rates are a frequent topic of discussion. This overview explains the main factors behind those rates in a clear, straightforward way.

The city previously completed a major infrastructure project to address arsenic in the water system. The project included a new water tower, wells, water treatment plant, streets, curb and gutter, and new water, sewer, and stormwater lines. Some residents continue to pay special assessments for the street, curb, and gutter portions. After grants were applied, the water and sewer portion totaled about \$12 million. The debt was financed through Enterprise Bonds and General Obligation Bonds, with most repayment tied to Enterprise Bonds. Because those bonds are repaid through utility revenues, they are included in the City's water and sewer rates. The City also works with Ehlers Financial, its financial advisor, on a long-range Financial Management Plan and annual utility plan, using prior-year water usage to plan for future Enterprise Bond payments.

Enterprise Bonds — Utility rates are higher in part because the infrastructure project was financed with enterprise revenue bonds. Unlike general obligation bonds, enterprise bonds are repaid through utility system revenues rather than property taxes or the City's general fund. As a result, each monthly water and sewer bill helps pay project debt while also funding daily operations, maintenance, and future replacement needs. Because New Germany has a smaller customer base, these costs are shared by fewer ratepayers, increasing each customer's share.

These improvements were necessary to replace aging systems, meet environmental requirements, and support future growth. Debt service is a fixed annual cost that must be paid regardless of water use and is included in the City's financial planning.

**Wastewater needs.** The City's wastewater situation is more complicated. New Germany currently uses wastewater lagoons that are reaching capacity. The Metropolitan Council previously considered taking over the lagoons and building a wastewater facility, but that plan did not move forward after the economic downturn. The City must now address the lagoon capacity issue, and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has placed a moratorium on new housing until it is resolved. A new wastewater facility is estimated to cost about \$12 million. The city has secured a \$2.2 million federal grant and recently received \$4 million through the Minnesota State Bonding Bill. The Council is also seeking additional funding, including WIF, PSIG, and GPR grants, to lessen the impact on residents. Over time, the cost per customer may decrease as bond balances are paid down or more customers connect to the system, although future capital needs and operating costs will continue to affect rates. In short, higher utility rates reflect current costs and long-term investments in reliable service, regulatory compliance, and future growth. The Council continues to consider the financial impact on residents. If growth occurs, utility rates should decrease as new homes are built; without growth, rates may increase slightly over the next few years, as the enterprise bonds decrease..

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City Hall office hours  
Monday—Thursday 8:30—4:30  
**Closed on Fridays**  
Out of Office dates are always posted on City Office door. Vacation dates listed on the calendar below.

**CONTINUED CITY CODE**  
**PLEASE READ THE PARKING ORDINANCE—SEVERAL TRAILERS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE**

**§ 70.15 OVERTIME PARKING; PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.**

No person shall park or leave any motor vehicle, non-motor vehicle or trailer whether attended or unattended, upon any public street, public alleyway or public lot for a period of time longer than 24 consecutive hours. No trucks licensed at a gross vehicle weight above 15,000 pounds, and requiring street or public alleyway between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. No person shall park or leave any motor vehicle or trailer unless it is in the process of being loaded or unloaded so as to block any public street or public alleyway at any time. (Ord. 85-A, passed 5-16-2017) Penalty, see § 10.99 **No TRAILERS ON STREET!!!**

**§ 70.16 NO PARKING ZONES AND LIMITED PARKING ZONES.**

The City Council may also, from time to time, designate certain streets and alleys or portions thereof, as “no parking” zones or as “limited parking” zones for a period of time. These zones would be properly marked to reflect their parking character. (Ord. 85-A, passed 5-16-2017)

City Code can be viewed at [www.cityofnewgermany/ordinances](http://www.cityofnewgermany/ordinances)



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If you see Eric in the parks or ball fields take the time and thank him for the great job he does. Eric Roepke keeps everything looking great on the ball fields. Thanks Eric! Also, Loren, Eric, and anyone else I missed, have worked hard on installing the new Baseball Park netting and other improvements. Thank you ALL!



**Dates to Remember:**

- St. Mark’s Vacation Bible School—July 13-17, 9–11:30 AM Ages pre3-6th grade.
- July 31, August 1, 2 —FD Ball Tournament
- August 4—National Night Out (NNO)
- October 24—Halloween at the Hall
- November 24—Turkey Bingo
- December 5—Breakfast with Santa

New Germany Hall will be undergoing new windows on the east side in Upper Level (dance area), of the hall. Last year the west side was completed. The FD meeting room on the upper level will also be receiving new windows. This will complete the hall window project.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 closed	3 closed	4th Of July
5	6 FD Mtg	7 Council Mtg 7 PM	8	9 Recyl Cart Closed 12-4:30	10 closed	11
12	13 closed	14 closed	15 closed	16 closed	17 closed	18
19	20	21 Council Mtg 7 PM	22	23 Recyl Cart	24 closed	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 closed FD Tournament	1 tournament
2 tournament	3					