

Henning Happenings

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This and That

WATER:

Thank you to everyone who kept their water running during the last part of winter. You can stop running it on May 1st.

If you have a by-pass valve, you can also shut those off on May 1st. If you are unable to turn yours off, please contact us for assistance.

We will be flushing hydrants on May 2nd with a backup date of May 3rd. If you notice any discoloration in your water, run it until the color goes away.



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PROJECT UPDATES:

The Utilities Department hopes to wrap up the third and final phase of the most current electric project. This part of the project will focus on installing infrastructure south of School Ave, between Front St. and Marshall Ave. The alley south of Hipple Ave. will also be resurfaced after the project is completed.



Willow Creek Dr., Industrial Dr., and Balmoral Ave. – between 2nd and Marshall Ave. are scheduled for seal-coating in 2019. All vehicles must be off of the street when the work takes place. We will do our best to give as much advanced notice as possible.

FIRE DANGER:

Grass fires are a danger this time of year. Fire restrictions are currently in effect. No burning permits will be issued until the ban is lifted.

Henning Fire Department would like to thank retiring firemen Steven Ellenson and Jim Waskosky for their years of service to the Henning Volunteer Fire Department. Jim is departing after 25 years of service. Steven dedicated 41 years of service to the department and community. Thank you to both of these gentlemen for your time and care of Henning and the surrounding area.

If you are interested in joining the Henning Fire or Ambulance Department or Henning Ambulance Department, contact the City of Henning for an application or more information. 218-583-2402



COMMUNITY:

The Henning School National Honor Society Day of Caring is coming up on May 8th. See inside for details. The City Public Works will be picking up bags and debris on Thursday May 9th. Please have all of your branches bundled, leaves and clippings bagged, and all on the curb by 7:30am.

Please see the list of upcoming events below to stay current on all of the fun activities to keep your family busy this summer!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

May 8th: Day of Caring See inside for details

May 9th: City Wide Yard Waste Pickup

May 14th: CHAT Bike Rodeo 5-7pm at Landmark Center

May 21st: Household Hazardous Waste Pickup 10-2 County Garage

May 25th: Military Park 5k 9am at Military Park

May 26th: Graduation

June 15th: City Wide Garage Sale

July 12-14th : Henning Festival

July 19-21: Art of the Lakes Studio Tour Landmark

July 20th: Henning Airport Fly-In

August 6th: National Night Out

August 16th: World Famous Turkey BBQ

August 23rd: Corn and Brat Feed Landmark

September 28th: Pie and Pumpkin Social Landmark



Henning Public Schools National Honor Society “Day of Caring-2016”



Wednesday, May 8th
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Introduction: The “Day of Caring” is a service project conducted by many NHS chapters across the United States. This community-wide service project is designed to help citizens with spring cleanup and chores. We are prepared to offer free manual labor to help with your jobs within city limits between 9:00am-12:00pm. You need to provide instructions and any materials and we will provide the labor. We will do as many jobs as we can!

Typical Day of Caring Jobs: Raking yards, sweeping & pressure washing driveways, weeding gardens, planting flowers, spreading mulch, washing windows, painting sheds, porches and fences, setting up patio furniture, picking up litter, trimming branches and many more jobs!

**We cannot use ladders, power equipment or perform tasks that are hazardous to students.

Please contact Mr. Dana Damm at the Henning High School to set up your job to be completed on May 8th between 9:00am -12:00pm

ddamm@henning.k12.mn.us or 218 583 2927 ext 8111

**Deadline for Job Registration: May 1st – Must be within City Limits.

Consumer Confidence Report

The City of Henning is required to provide a consumer confidence report regarding the monitoring of our drinking water for the period from January 1st to December 31st, 2018. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

To obtain your copy of this report, you can go to <http://cityofhenning.com/city-departments/utilities-department/>

You can also view the report at the Henning City Office located at 612 Front St. Henning, MN 56551.

The publishing of the link to view this notice is required by State law. This notice fulfills the requirement to notify our residents of the report. Please call 218-583-2402 with any questions.

Natural Gas Pipeline Safety

The City of Henning Natural Gas Utility operates a system of underground natural gas pipelines to provide safe and economical energy to the residents and businesses of our community. We are required, by the Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety, to send gas safety notices twice a year, to all natural gas customers, and once a year to anyone along our gas route.

Pipelines are one of the safest transportation methods available. If in the unlikely event a natural gas leak occurs, it can cause a fire or explosion. We want to help you stay safe around gas facilities. This notice is designed to assist in that effort, providing information on reacting to and reporting gas leaks and on excavation safety. If you have further questions, please contact us using the provided numbers.

Suspected Gas Leaks:

Indications of possible gas leaks include: Unusual odor inside or near the pipeline outdoors, hissing noise, bubbles in puddles, dirt being blown into the air, or dead or discolored vegetation near an underground pipeline.

If you Suspect a Leak:

Evacuate the area immediately. Travel upwind to escape any potentially dangerous accumulation of gas and do not re-enter until told by City Staff or emergency personnel it is safe to do so. Call the gas supplier from a safe location– NOT the building where you smell gas. DO NOT light a match, operate light switches, appliances, engines, landlines, cell phones, or any other sources of ignition. Keep other people out of the area until help arrives.

Remember, suspected gas leaks are potentially dangerous. Leaks must be reported and investigated immediately. We need your help to continue to operate a safe distribution system.

Dig-in (excavation) damage is a leading cause of gas system damage. To minimize this hazard, the most important thing you can do is **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!** Gopher State One Call, or GSOC, is a FREE statewide service that allows utilities to locate any buried facilities they own, before you start digging. Call 811 or 800-252-1166 before digging.

Please call the City Office with any questions or concerns you may have at 218-583-2402. To report a gas emergency after hours, call 218-583-4089 or 911.

Tri City Living – HOME PRIDE CONTEST

The Cities of Henning, Battle Lake and Ottertail have been involved in a collaborative effort called Tri City Living group that has been meeting since July of 2014. Our Cities meet monthly to address housing, economic development and other community issues. Two of our main objectives have been addressing housing issues and establishing a social media presence to reach out to our residents as well as promote our area as a fantastic place to live, work and play. In a recent housing study commissioned by Otter Tail County, one of the recommended actions was to support and encourage the rehabilitation of existing homes because it is the most significant source of affordable housing in our communities. We are working to address this in a number of ways but we thought we could have a little fun with it and showcase some community pride while sharing the results on social media and providing a good example of why this is a great place to live, work and play.

The idea is to incorporate both of these objectives by coordinating a “HOME PRIDE” contest. Interested properties would be encouraged to complete a home improvement project, share before and after photos and provide some project details. The results would be posted on all three City social media Facebook sites and Ottertail Country Facebook site. Reactions would be tracked and Tri City reps would judge the applications and reactions to award one prize per City! Call 218-583-2402 for more details or an entry form.

Rules:

1. Any type of remodel eligible – interior, exterior, landscape (no new construction but it could be an addition)
2. Residential property only
3. Within the city limits of Battle Lake, Henning or Ottertail
4. No minimum or maximum value of renovation
5. Requirements:
 - A. Before & After Pix – maximum of 6
 - B. Renovation must have occurred and be completed in 2019
 - C. Entries must include:
 - i. A description of what was done
 - ii. Indicate if local contractors/suppliers do the work?
 - iii. Total project cost – if the work is done by the homeowner, you can estimate your labor cost
 - iv. A maximum of 6 pictures – must have before and after pictures
 - v. Sign waiver or permission to post/share pictures
6. Judging criteria:
 - A. Uniqueness/Curb appeal – Materials, environmental benefits,
 - B. Improvement in energy efficiency
 - C. Use of local trades people
 - D. Social Media response

Funding available through Henning Bank/MN Housing Fix Up Fund

Prize Amount from each City - raised through contributions from contractors, trades people, material providers, banks, local businesses, etc.

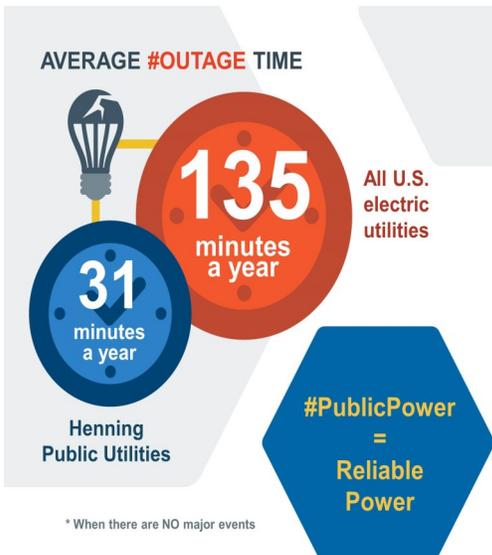
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Council Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 at City Hall. Any special meetings, or EDA meetings will be posted at least 3 days in advance at First National Bank, B & D Grocery, and the Post Office. As always, we encourage the public to attend. If you would like to be on an email list to be notified of meetings, please contact the City Office.



Henning Electric Utility Given Reliability Recognition

CITY OF HENNING PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOGNIZED FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Henning, MN – 4/14/19 — Henning Public Utilities has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2018. The recognition comes from the American Public Power Association (www.PublicPower.org), a trade group that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities.

The Association helps members track power outage and restoration data through its subscription-based eReliability Tracker service and then compares the data to national statistics tracked by the U.S. Energy Information Administration for all types of electric utilities.

“This recognition demonstrates public power’s exceptional reliability,” said the Association’s Senior Vice President of Engineering Services Michael Hyland.

Community-owned electric utilities have a strong track record of reliability, said Hyland. Nationwide, the average public power customer has their lights out for less than half the time, compared to other types of utilities.

“We are proud to receive this recognition. It is a testament to the hard work of all our staff to ensure that the lights stay on for all our customers,” said Henning Utilities Superintendent, Scott Grabe.

*For more information on the City of Henning and its commitment to reliability,
visit cityofhenning.com.*