

Utility Projects

As many of you have noticed, there is quite the bustle of activity about town with various projects and demonstrations taking place.

Electric Project:

Improvements to the cities electric infrastructure began on Monday September 14th. This fall and winter you may notice underground and overhead facilities being installed in preparation for the system voltage conversion next spring. Some planned outages are expected through the winter to replace equipment on the system. The City and it's contractor will coordinate these outages with the effected consumers. The City plans to make the public aware of the system wide outage for the voltage conversion cutover once schedules have been firmed up. At this time we are expecting this announcement to come first quarter 2021.

TH108/Douglas Avenue Project:

MnDOT has partnered with Henning for a total reconstruction project on Trunk Highway 108 (TH108) in 2024. This project will address pavement concerns, pedestrian accessibility (ADA) requirements, underground sewer utility infrastructure and storm sewer needs.

MnDOT originally budgeted this project for a mill and overlay. After hearing the needs of the City in regard to our aging sewer infrastructure, MnDOT adjusted their plan to a total reconstruct. Currently, by partnering with MnDOT, the State will be responsible for nearly the entire general obligation portion of the project. Any deviations to the demonstrated sidewalks and parking portions will result in the taxpayers of Henning to be financially responsible.

The City applied for a very competitive Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant and successfully received \$150,000 from MnDOT towards the general obligation portion of the project! At this time, the preliminary general obligated (taxpayer) portion of the project is approximately \$190,000.

On Sept. 14th MnDOT initiated a small scale demonstration of proposed design features for the 2024 reconstruction. The design features were selected from an open public house meeting held Sept. 18, 2019. Note: This is not the final design of the project. Additional meetings will be held to discuss details for the project.

MnDot is requesting the public's feedback on the design proposals. The survey link is: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d4/projects/henning/>

Important items to note regarding the 2024 TH108 project:

- The bump outs on the corners of some intersections are not a requirement of the project. Continued discussion will take place regarding the final design.
- Each drive lane measures 12' widths.
- Each parking lane measures 10' widths.
- Sidewalk widths are scheduled to increase on each side of the street.

Now is the time for the citizen's of Henning to reflect on the needs of handicap accessibility, pedestrian and bicycle traffic and the needs of the farming community to bring equipment through town. Please call 218-583-2402 to speak with city staff if you have questions.

The image shows a young child wearing a bright yellow bicycle helmet and a green plaid shirt, smiling while riding a bicycle. In the foreground, a smartphone displays the 'My Smart911 Profile' app interface. The profile is titled 'Hi, Rebecca' and lists four household members: Rebecca Ronaldo (Female, May 1985), David Ronaldo (Male, March 1983), Lizzie Ronaldo (Female, June 2012), and Stephen Ronaldo (Male, December 2017). Each entry includes options to 'Edit Basic Info', 'Edit Details and Medical Info', and 'Remove'. The app's bottom navigation bar shows icons for Alerts, Profile, Settings, and More.

Keep your loved ones safe with the Smart911® app.

Smart911 is a free service that allows you to share valuable information with 9-1-1 during an emergency. You can also receive important alerts from your community so you can prepare for any situation. Your free profile can include:

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EMERGENCY ALERTS
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HOUSEHOLD INFO
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MEDICAL HISTORY
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PETS & SERVICE ANIMALS
- 
EMERGENCY CONTACTS
- 
VULNERABLE NEEDS

Protect and prepare your family. Download the app or sign up online today.



Smart911

With the storms in Henning this summer, you may have noticed that you did not receive any alerts from CodeRed. Recently the County moved to the new and improved Smart911 system. Help emergency responders better help you in an emergency by filling out your Smart911 profile. This gives responders, up to date information on your medications, special needs, service animals or pets and other people that may be present in your home. Visit <http://ottertailcountymn.us/smart911> to get signed up today.



If you have any questions or need help, please call 218-583-2402.

City Hall will be moving towards this method of communication to our residents as we have meetings, outages, or pertinent information regarding projects that needs to be conveyed.

Be informed, be Smart911

If you would like to view Henning Safe Drinking Water Report, please go to <https://www.cityofhenning.com/city-departments/utilities-department/> to review the report in full.

Elections

Henning City Hall is the polling place for both the City and Henning Township. Polls will be open from 7am-8pm on Tuesday, November 3rd located at 612 Front St. The Henning City regular scheduled council meeting will be moved to November 10th at 5:30pm. If you have questions, please call the Henning City Office.

EMPLOYMENT

Willow Creek Senior Community is looking for Part-time Universal Workers. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: assists and performs a variety of services and tasks necessary to maintain and support tenants in their activities of daily living including personal cares, delegated nursing functions, social interactions/activities, and homemaking.

Requirements: While previous experience is welcome, it is not required. We will provide you with all the training you need for the positions. Candidates must pass a criminal background check through the State of MN to be qualified for the position.

Benefits include: Paid Time Off: vacation and sick can start accruing as early as your first day of employment. Matching employer retirement contribution of 6.5% plus 1%.

Questions? Call Director/RN Lisa Augustus 218-548-6683

Apply in person at 500 Willow Creek Drive Henning MN 56551

For a copy of the full job description visit <http://cityofhenning.com/city-departments/employment/>

Henning is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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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.

The City of Henning operates underground natural gas pipelines in your area. We are providing this safety information as part of our pipeline damage prevention program. Natural gas is the cleanest burning fossil fuel. It moves silently, safely and efficiently through an extensive network of pipelines. Pipelines are one of the safest transportation methods available. Leaks from natural gas are very rare, however, you need to call right away if you:

See:

-Vegetation over or near pipeline which appears to be dead or dying for no reason. -Water bubbling at a creek, pond, river or any wet area. -Dirt being blown or appearing thrown into the air. -Fire or explosion near or involving the pipeline. -Exposed pipeline, which may have been caused by digging or a natural disaster.

Hear:

-A hissing or roaring sound.

Smell:

-Natural gas is usually colorless and odorless, but ours is odorized, so you may notice a slight "rotten egg" smell if there is a leak.

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 911 first, then The City of Henning 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.

If you were operating excavation equipment and suspect you hit a pipeline, do not attempt to move the equipment. Turn it off and leave the area.

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.

If your appliances or furnace quit working, call us first! Calls made to a plumber first are non-reimbursable by the City of Henning.