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Fall Newsletter

CITY OF SANDSTONE

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ADMIN DESK

People often wonder what is being done to support and enhance the economic stability of our community. Here is a [brief](#) update. Please feel welcome to contact City Administrator Kathy George if you would like additional information.

Small Cities Development Program Grant – the City received funding from DEED for commercial and owner-occupied housing redevelopment in town. So far, 3 commercial businesses have taken advantage of this program, along with 18 homeowners. This program infuses \$588,000 into our community, which spurs on additional investment by program participants and other property owners as well. Plus, the projects have been successful in improving our town’s curb appeal.

The Rock – the City acquired the former Sandstone High School building last November. Since that time, we have been working with Minnesota Housing Partners on the process to put ourselves in the best position to apply for financing through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. The plan for the building includes moving the Sandstone Public Library and the Sandstone History and Art Center into the first floor, with multi-family apartments in the upper two floors.

Business Retention & Expansion Interviews – the City has contracted with The Northspan Group to conduct BR&E interviews with 15 of our local business owners. The goal is to come alongside these business owners and help them achieve their goals. The interviews are wrapping up and we are anxious to see how the City can help keep and enhance the wonderful businesses who call Sandstone home.

Business Park – the City is reviewing the market for land available at various industrial parks in the region so that we can offer our lots at competitive rates with the goal of bringing more industry to Sandstone. We recently completed a rail layout plan that was approved by BNSF. We continually talk to realtors and site selectors to let them know about our spacious lots and our convenient location – right off of I-35 and mid-way between the Twin Cities and Duluth.

Day Care Center – the City is excited to be working with Anna Reiser to develop a Day Care Center in a portion of the John Wright Building (the City recently purchased this building from the County). Anna has much experience in this area. The project has been awarded DEED funding and we look forward to working out the details this coming year, hoping to open the doors next Fall.

ATV Training/Obstacle Course – the City is proceeding with a feasibility study regarding the possibility of establishing an ATV training/obstacle course on the former Kettle River Environmental & Education Center (KREEC) property, located off of Old Military Road. All comments are welcome and can be submitted at City Hall or through our consultant, Dovetail Partners at 612-333-0430 or katie@dovetailinc.org.

This and much more!!

TIMELY REMINDERS



- ***Seasonal parking restrictions are enforced November 1 to March 31. With limited exceptions, residential street and alley parking is prohibited 9 PM to 9 AM.***
- ***After at least 1 1/2 inches snowfall parking is prohibited on all streets and alleys until snow is plowed & removed to the curb line.***
- ***Please remember to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice this winter.***
- ***If your pipes tend to freeze, consider insulating pipes or keeping cabinet doors open during the coldest months.***
- ***Snowmobiling is allowed within town only on approved routes. Look for more info this winter on the City website.***
- ***Use of ATV or golf cart on City streets and alleys is prohibited.***

FROM THE EDITOR

Got a great photo of Sandstone scenery or a community event? If you would like to see your picture in a City Newsletter, please contact Alana at City Hall for more details - 320-245-5241. Your photo could make our next issue!



ELECTION

Presidential Primary

March 3, 2020
7 AM - 8 PM

Polling place:
Community Worship Center, 114 Minn. St

Primary replaces Caucus to decide party nominee for President.



Please vote.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

They abound! Volunteer opportunities are everywhere you look in Sandstone, and the community needs your help. If you want to make a difference, you surely can.

There's a job for you! Places to volunteer locally are diverse in mission, and many need no prior experience. Some jobs can even be done from home.

If you'd like to volunteer but don't know where, experts say to think about your own personal interests as well as your goals for the community. When your volunteer work aligns with your passions, you fill a need **and** experience greater personal fulfillment. The next step? Call or stop over and tell someone you're interested in volunteering.

Of course, helping someone does not have to involve an organization or business. Look around, and you likely can find a neighbor in need of help. Gestures such as mowing a yard, shoveling a sidewalk or visiting with a widow can make a huge difference for your neighborhood.



Volunteer. Find joy while helping Sandstone become the place you want it to be.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Hospital/Nursing Home
- Food Shelf
- Church
- School
- Community Events
- Civic Organizations
- Youth Organizations
- Community Garden
- Fire Department
- Your neighbor's house

WATER WORD



Minnesota law requires that customers and utilities make utility payment arrangements for military service personnel in the following situation. If a member of a household has been issued orders into active duty, deployment, or change in duty station and the residential customer meets specific income criteria, the City of Sandstone city utility must not disconnect the utility service of that qualifying residential customer due to nonpayment.

An application for a utility payment agreement must include copies of income statements and proof of military orders as described in the law. The City of Sandstone city utility may shut off utility service for nonpayment if an application does not include the required copies of income statements and proof of military orders as required by Minn. Stat. §325E.028.

If you would like a copy of this law, please contact the city utility at 320-245.5241.

Water Use Habits

	<u>Typical Usage</u>	<u>Good Water-Saving Habits</u>
Showering	20-40 gallons (5 gal per min)	5 gallons (wet down, soak up, rinse off)
Tub Bathing	36 gallons (full)	10-12 gallons
Toilet Flushing	6 gallons	3-5 gal (tank displacement or half-flush device)
Dish Washing	20 gallons (tap running)	5 gallons (wash, rinse, in pan or sink)
Clothes Washer	36-60 gallons (full cycle)	DO ONLY FULL LOADS

Unrepaired Leaks Can Be Costly (Water Loss In Gallons)

7.48 gallons = 1 cubic foot

A hole this size	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Loss per day	120	360	693	1,200	1,920	3,096	4,296	6,640	6,984	8,424	9,888	11,324	12,720	14,952
Loss per month	3,600	10,800	20,790	36,000	57,600	92,880	128,880	199,200	209,520	252,720	296,640	339,720	381,600	448,560