

Spring Newsletter

# CITY OF SANDSTONE

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## TIMELY REMINDERS



- Please don't leave solid waste, yard waste, construction debris, or hazardous waste on your lawn or driveway. (Unless it's for Clean Up Monday!)
- Please DO mow your grass and weeds before they go to seed or reach a foot in height.
- Remember to keep your vehicle tabs current if your car is parked outside. (Yes, tabs can still be renewed.)

Benefits of clean neighborhoods include increase of property value and community investment, protection of the environment, safer streets for children and happy neighbors. Let's work together on keeping our town looking nice.

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

### Something for Everyone

I was very lucky. I was born and raised in Sandstone MN. A town that has something for everyone. For me there were sunny days playing baseball at Emmet's field and starry nights sledding on Lions (Meter's) Hill. I could walk to Robinson Park. I took for granted the amazing river others drove for an hour to get to. Watching whatever was showing at The Vogue, sharing pizza and listening to Funky town in Raymondo's II, and putting on the dirt greens at the municipal golf course filled my days. I am not sure where to start when I discuss "the Rock". I will always remember Lloyd's chalk trick, catching up on Giggy notes in the senior locker hall, and running laps in the stairwells.

My rearview mirror is not rose-colored. There were many things that were not good or pleasant. I choose to remember the positive things. If you are the kind of person who wakes in the morning looking forward to a sunny day or something funny or challenging, Sandstone has that for you. If you wake determined to be frustrated or disappointed, Sandstone has that for you, too. It is easy to find problems or things that need improving. Finding solutions and playing a role in our town's success is much more challenging. Complaining about the things Sandstone does not have is very easy thing to do. I worry about who is listening to us as we tear our town down. Our children hear all of our complaining and we wonder why we have so few young people in town.

I am hearing the phrase "the new normal". What will the post-COVID-19 Sandstone look like. This is actually an exciting opportunity. We can make our own new normal. I plan on getting to know my neighbors better. I hope to be a better neighbor.

The future to me, is very exciting. The Rock project is gaining momentum. Watching the grand old building's rebirth will help bring life back to the heart of our community. Our events in Train Park and Quarry Days are right around the corner. Getting out and seeing everyone sounds really good right now.

Peter Spartz, Mayor

## NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT

Bring your family! Meet your neighbors! Enjoy a free meal! See what community is all about!

Train Park - August 4, 2020 - 6:00-8:00 PM



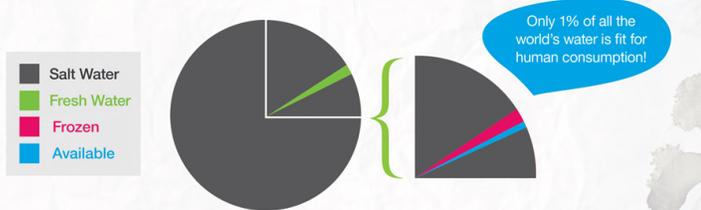
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# WATER WORD

## How much **WATER** is your home **WASTING?** and how can you stop it?

### WHY DO WE NEED TO CONSERVE WATER?

While fresh water is a renewable resource, the world's supply of clean, usable water is decreasing faster than it can be replenished.



Over 70% of the earth's surface is covered in water. But 97% of that is salt water, leaving a mere 3% of fresh water. Within that, 66% is frozen in glaciers and polar ice caps, leaving just 1% overall available for consumption. And, to make it worse...

About 95 percent of the water entering U.S. homes goes down the drain.

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## HOW CAN YOU SAVE MONEY AND WATER?

An average US family of 4 uses **146,000** gallons of water per year! That's **127%** more than in 1950. Low-flow appliances and fixtures can help reduce that number.

Normal Faucet	Normal Washing Machine	Normal Shower Head	Normal Toilet
If the faucet is run for 4 minutes a day...	If you do just 2 loads every week...	If every other day you took a 15 min shower...	If a toilet is flushed 15 times per day...
4,000 gal/yr	5,000 gal/yr	19,000 gal/yr	33,000 gal/yr
Low-flow Faucet	Low-flow Washing Machine	Low-Flow Shower Head	Low-Flow Toilet
3,000 gal/yr	3,000 gal/yr	7,000 gal/yr	9,000 gal/yr
A water-saving faucet saves over 1,000 gal of water a year!	A water-saving washer saves over 2,000 gal of water a year!	A water-saving shower head saves over 12,000 gal a year per person!	A water-saving toilet saves over 24,000 gal of water a year!
savings on water bill: <b>1-2%*</b>	savings on water bill: <b>2-5%*</b>	savings on water bill: <b>9-12%*</b>	savings on water bill: <b>15-18%*</b>

## PET DID YOU KNOW?



City of Sandstone animal ordinances include:

**Leash law**- Dogs and cats running at large is prohibited. Animals must be on leash if out of owner or caretaker's yard.

**Barking law**- Dog barking should not be heard by anyone off property for longer than five minutes at a time.

**Litter law**- Pet owners/caretakers must pick up droppings found on others' or public property.

For more information on pet ordinances, call City Hall at (320) 245-5241 or see full ordinances at [sandstone.govoffice.com](http://sandstone.govoffice.com).

## ARTS IN THE PARK



Need to get out?

Come enjoy some free entertainment in the open air at Train Park - Tuesdays in June.

Time: 6:00 - 8:00

**Free live music!**

Bring a chair or blanket

Porta-potty onsite

Food/snacks available for purchase

## City-Wide Spring Clean Up Schedule

City of Sandstone - RESIDENTIAL ONLY

### Mondays in May

#### May 4th - "Metal Monday" -

Anything containing metal. Examples: washers, dryers, equipment, any items containing metal.

#### May 11th - "Tired on Monday" -

ONLY tires, but NOT commercial tires

#### May 18th - "Miscellaneous Monday" -

Miscellaneous household items - couches, mattresses, etc. (Please no electronics, hazardous materials, household trash or types of items from previous weeks.)

No charge to City of Sandstone residents.

Questions? Call Sandstone City Hall at 320-245-5241.

Have these items out on the curb by 9:00 a.m. each Monday. City crews will be by during the day to pick up and haul the items away. Only the items specified for each day will be picked up.

