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REMINDERS

- ◆ Recycling is the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month.
- ◆ Garbage pickup is on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- ◆ City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.
- ◆ Speed limit in the canals is 5 mph. Please slow down as a courtesy to your neighbors property.
- ◆ Don't forget to register campers and tents with City Hall.
- ◆ Reminder to check into building permits and zoning ordinances before you begin a project.

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As a reminder per Chapter 165.02.98 of the Wahpeton Code of Ordinances, property owners in Wahpeton are reminded to refrain from renting or leasing their homes for any period less than one month at a time.

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LAKESIDE/EDGEWOOD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

As many of you are aware, construction is taking place along Edgewood Drive from Hwy. 86 to Harpen St. This is planned to continue through to near the end of July. The current improvements on Edgewood Drive include upsizing the water main, grading and new concrete road paving.

Once Edgewood is complete and open to traffic, the intent is to begin reconstruction of Lakeside Ave. from the curve near West St. to Harpen St. These improvements include upsizing the water main, drainage improvements, grading and new concrete roadway paving. Along with these City improvements, the Sanitary District will be upgrading the sanitary sewer main and services. The Lakeside Avenue work will begin once Edgewood Drive is open to traffic and is scheduled to continue into the fall of 2021.

The intent during the Lakeside Avenue reconstruction is to provide access to properties the full extent possible. However, please be aware that there will be certain times or days that access will be limited or not possible. The project will be phased to help reduce the length of limited access and side streets will be available for parking.

Garbage and recycling collection and mail delivery will be arranged. The final location and route for these services will depend on the work being done and which phase the project is in. If anyone has any issues with garbage, recycling or mail delivery, please contact Beck Engineering so that they are able to coordinate with the contractor to resolve the issue.

We appreciate your understanding, cooperation and patience during this time. Please know that measures have been taken to limit the length of disruption near each residence and that the project could not likely be constructed entirely in the off-season months.

All Lakeside Avenue and adjacent residents that may use Lakeside Avenue for access are encouraged to contact City Hall with an email address. A weekly update will be sent to all email addresses provided to help communicate what work has been completed and what is expected within the coming week.

Contact Ben Groen with Beck Engineering at 712-261-1477 or bgroen@beck-engineering.net or City Hall at: wahpetonia@gmail.com or 712-337-3522.

Attention Wahpeton Residents

Mosquito spraying began on June 18th and will continue weekly throughout the summer until after Labor Day. Applications will be done early Friday mornings.



A very special "Thank you" goes out to Steve Grubb for again funding the Mosquito Control program in Wahpeton so we can all enjoy the outdoors again this summer!!! It is very much appreciated by all residents. Thanks again Steve!!

Traffic Speed in the City Limits

Many residents have been coming to city council meetings the last few months voicing their concerns about disrespectful drivers speeding, running stop signs, ignoring signage and passing cars within the city limits.

The Dickinson County Sheriff's office has been spending more time in town writing tickets and warnings. The city council has also voted to add more stop signs making 3-way stops at the intersection of Harpen St and Lakeside Avenue; and at the Intersection of Burr Oak Road and Harpen St.

The city is also purchasing speed bumps to be installed on Lakeside Ave., Harpen St. and on Edgewood Drive once it is completed in an effort to enforce the speed. Be prepared to slow down!!

Council Clips:

Minutes are published in the Dickinson County News, Posted at City Hall and Kazarelli's Restaurant. Complete copies are available from City Hall or on our website at:

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April 12, 2021—Regular Session:

- Residents with traffic concerns.
- Updates and approval to begin the Lakeside/Edgewood Projects.
- Approved Ordinance 182 concerning public lake access areas.
- Approved Ordinance 184 concerning water rates.
- I & S Group presented water treatment options to the council.

May 10, 2021—Regular Session:

- Council approved an Electric Line Easement with Interstate Power and Light.
- Council approved hiring a part-time employee to mow.
- Approved moving the street light on the corner of Burr Oak Rd. and Harpen St.
- Discussed traffic concerns.

June 14, 2021—Regular Session:

- Mike McFarlin presented concerns about the ongoing issues in Miller's Bay with litter and noise.
- Council approved payment of \$670,561.96 to Hulstein Excavating for the Edgewood Dr. Project.
- Council decided to add two 3-way stops within the city and add traffic signs and speed bumps.
- Approved the 1st reading of Ordinance 185 to Restrict Burning within the city limits.
- Approved a quote of \$10,655 to redo the boulder retaining wall around the city sign.

Reminder to Bikers & Walkers

Pedestrians remember when walking or running along the street to do so on the left side of the street so you can see oncoming traffic. When crossing the street, pedestrians should yield the right of way.

Bikers should ride and are subject to all rules and regulations (this includes stop signs) as if a driver of a vehicle. They should keep to the right-hand edge of the roadway. Let's have a safe year!!

RESIDENTS WITH SPRINKLER SYSTEMS CONNECTED TO CITY WATER

Much of Wahpeton water usage has increased over the last few years because of lawn irrigation. Because of the drought and in an effort to help conserve water for the 4th of July we are asking that residents not water during the holiday weekend. Also, during the rest of the summer months we would like to see residents with odd-numbered house numbers water on odd-numbered days and residents with even-numbered houses water on even-numbered days to help the city water supply keep up with the demands for water during the summer months.

One inch of water per week in the summer will keep most common grasses healthy. Automatic sprinklers are great, but they can sometimes waste a great deal of water if not used and maintained properly. Make sure the system is set to water only when needed.

City ordinance #159 requires each private irrigation system connected to the public water supply to include a rain sensor device to prevent the irrigation system from operating during a rainfall. Please contact city hall if you have any questions.

New Water Treatment Plant

The city council has hired I & S Group to do a water plant study to determine what could be done to renovate the current plant or find an option to increase system capacity to meet the current demand needed. They discussed surface water and ground water options. I & S Group identified groundwater from the Dakota Aquifer as the more economical and operator-friendly alternative to any potential upgrades to the current surface water treatment plant.

After much discussion, the council has voted to pursue groundwater treatment and plans are to drill a test well next spring and work on planning and design of a new treatment plant.

Tielbur to Retire

At the June council meeting, City Administrator Bonnie Tielbur announced her retirement at the end of the year on December 31st. She would like to thank everyone for the friendships and in making this a great place to work.

Fireworks Still Prohibited

Although the state legislature "legalized" the sale and use of fireworks in Iowa, Wahpeton still has an ordinance in place that prohibits the sale or use of fireworks inside the city limits.

REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS

You love your pets but your neighbors may not. You need to be a responsible pet owner. Both cats and dogs need to be on a leash when they are outside. It is unlawful for any pet owner to allow the pet to be a nuisance by destroying the property of other, or by frequently and habitual barking or howling.

Pet owners who walk pets on private or public property are responsible for providing for the disposal of pet feces by immediate removal of the waste created by their pet.

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

We are please to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report for the Wahpeton Water Supply. The report is designed to inform you about the quality of water we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you, the customer, with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

The report can be found at <https://iowaccr.org/Wahpeton>; or on the city website. It contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is surface water and is drawn from West Lake Okoboji in the area of Manhattan Beach. Our water supply is also connected to Milford Municipal Utilities (MMU) via a 6" water main along Hwy. 86 and is only used for emergencies.

City of Wahpeton

Mon – Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
City Clerk/Administrator: Bonnie Tielbur
Supt. of Public Works: James Mammen
Zoning & Maintenance: Jess Radcliffe
Council: 2nd Mon. of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Mayor: Phillip Johnson
Council: Brad Jones, Tom Rierson, Harold Prior, LeAnn Blau and Holly Mead
Board of Adjustment:
3rd Tues. of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Chairman: Dick Gauck Members: Roger Mauw, Doug Westerman, Bob Koerselman & Larry Den Herder.
Planning & Zoning Commission:
2nd Tues. of the month at 6:00 p.m.
Chairman: Donna Harris Members: Fran Parrish, Mark Foss, Ann Meyer and Jack Jones