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Minnesota Rural Water Association Local Winner

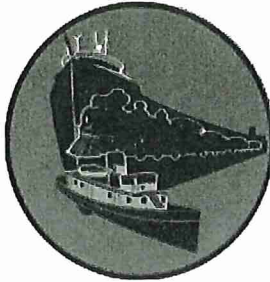
Every year the Minnesota Rural Water Association provides lesson plans to 4th grade teachers across the state that focus on water conservation and protection. As one of the tasks in this plan, each student is asked to design, draw, and create their own poster based on those themes. One poster is selected from each school and sent to MRWA in Elbow Lake where it is voted on with all of the other state wide entries. This year Natalie Falk from our very own Minnehaha Elementary School was the statewide winner! On April 8th Kurt Haakinson from MRWA and Luke Heikkila, Two Harbors Water Superintendent, met with Natalie and presented her with an award certificate, \$100 gift card, a t-shirt, and an ice cream party and MRWA swag bags for her and the class. Natalie's poster is also featured on the cover of MRWA's summer magazine that is published statewide. This is the first time someone from Two Harbors has won this award. Thank you to Pauli-Ann Hagglund, Emily Gillsvik, and Sarah Edlund, 4th grade teachers at the Minnehaha, for providing this opportunity to the students. Congratulations Natalie on a job well done!



Zoning Code Update

The Planning Commission has completed the Zoning Code Update for the City's land use regulations. The result of the project is an updated more user- friendly version of the City's Zoning Code and Official Zoning map. The updated version's formatting allowed the documents size to be reduced by over 50%, creating a much more efficient, concise document that all potential users can easily access and utilize. Additionally, new development standards have been proposed, a summarized list of topics introduced into the zoning code includes: Accessory Dwelling Units and small lot development, consolidation of zoning district to remove redundancies, introduction of multi-family units throughout the residential districts, mixed use development, landscaping and design guidelines, additional light manufacturing opportunities, reduced parking minimums, and update the shoreland standards among others. This project was made possible by a grant from the Lake Superior Coastal Program.

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2020 Drinking Water Report

The 2020 Drinking Water Report is now available at :

<http://cms5.revize.com/revize/twoharbors/2020%20Drinking%20Water%20Report.pdf>

You may also request a copy by calling City Hall at 218-834-5631.

Temporary Summer Employment

The City of Two Harbors is accepting applications for temporary summer workers in the Public Works Department. Applications must be 16 years of age or older. Hours are 7 AM – 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Applications are available online at www.twoharborsmn.gov or by calling City Hall at (218) 834-5631. Duties include but are not limited to: mowing, trimming, watering flowers, filling potholes, washing vehicles, painting and emptying trash cans. Applications should be submitted via email: info@twoharborsmn.gov or to City Hall, 522 1st Avenue, Two Harbors, MN 55616, as soon as possible.

Heritage Days 2021

We are so excited to say Heritage Days is in full planning for 2021! While we may have to scale a few things back we are still planning a full weekend of activities. Looking to join the Heritage Days Men's Slow Pitch softball tournament added this year? Contact Tim Bott for details 218-341-1855! How about getting into the parade- applications are available on the City web page. You can also find vendor applications there if you would like to show off your talents! Come try out the new food vendors this year from Barbecue to Swedish Waffles! I hear there are pancakes on the weekend! Those flopping blades of the helicopter will be back to delight and the infamous Car Show on Saturday! Oh, and did I mention there is this PARADE on Saturday you won't want to miss. The route has been turned around this year and will begin on First Ave at the 200 block and proceed to 7th Street and then make the turn and go down 7th Street until the units exit at 7th Ave. Just backwards from the previous years! There will be a Lutefisk Toss and plenty of stage entertainment. And of course, let's not forget the street dance on Friday with our Hometown Musicians, winners of the Best of the Best, The Northwood's Band! A crowd favorite and requested by many! There may be more surprises but it's just a bit too early to announce them! If you need information you can contact Cheryl Sundstrom at 218-830-0897. We look forward to seeing everyone July 8 -11, in beautiful downtown Two Harbors!



Summer Sewer Credit Policy

Residential customers can receive sewer credit during three summer months for water usage that does not enter the Sanitary Sewer System. Examples of usage are: pool filling, lawn or garden watering or other special outside water needs.

Average Sewer Credit-Single family residential customers are eligible for a reduction in their sewage costs by taking the average use for the winter months to calculate the average month usage. This credit would apply after **May 24th** and before **August 24th**. **To apply for this credit you MUST make arrangements prior to receiving credit.** Credit will not be issued if arrangements were not made.

The Summer Sewer Credit Application can be found on our website at twoharborsmn.gov, or by calling City Hall at 218-834-5631.



Community Building and City Parks to Reopen

Community Center

The Community Center will reopen on May 1, 2021. Executive Order 21-11 will be in effect and enforceable. Per recommendations of the Public Affairs Committee:

Rental Periods:

- Noon Monday-Midnight Tuesday
- Noon Wednesday-Midnight Thursday
- Noon Friday-Midnight Sunday
- Cleaning will be done Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- There is one fee per rental period during this time.

Face Masks are required.

50% Capacity

- Standing-110
- Chairs-78
- Chairs and Tables-36

The City will have a Preparedness Plan which renters must sign that they have received and read the Plan and the applicant is responsible to follow guidance while executive orders are in place.

Park Reservations

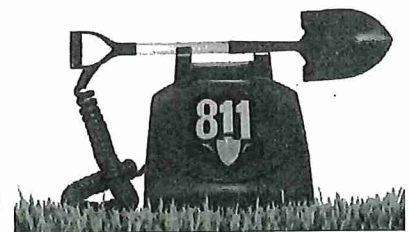
City Parks are set to reopen May 1, 2021. City Park Facilities will be opened and cleaned as normal. Park reservations remain on a first come, first serve basis. Outdoor and social gatherings are currently limited to 50 people.

To obtain a Community Center Rental Agreement or a Park Reservation form, please visit our website at: twoharborsmn.gov or call City Hall at 218-834-5631.

Building Permits


Please be aware that most construction projects (even some minor ones) require a building permit. As per MN Building Code, no work can begin without a permit – if required. It is the responsibility of the property owner to make sure that a building permit has been approved – not the contractor. Fees double when work is started before receiving a permit. The permit application form can be found on the City's website at: twoharborsmn.gov, or by calling City Hall at: 218-834-5631, or Jennifer Sterbenz at jsterbenz@twoharborsmn.gov.

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2021 Summer Recreation Programs are a Go!

The City of Two Harbors is proud to announce the return of Summer Recreation Programs! Registration is easier than ever. Check out what programs are being offered and sign up and details on our new recreation website: twoharborscityrec.com

**Neighborhood Revitalization Mini Grant Program**

The City of Two Harbors Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is providing neighborhood revitalization grants up to \$500 to commercial and residential property owners within the City of Two Harbors, for projects which improve curb-appeal. The program was initiated by the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Their contribution was matched by the City of Two Harbors. The program runs on a first come, first served basis, and will continue until all funds are exhausted. The project is intended to encourage exterior projects such as landscaping, door and window replacement, porch replacement, painting or other items that improve curb-appeal. Interested parties must submit an application and be approved before beginning work on the project. Applications are available by contacting Tom at the Bayview Terrace Director's Office, 505 1st Avenue, or by phone at (218)834-2728.

**CITY OF TWO HARBORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

<u>GROUP MEETING</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
June 2021			
Planning Commission	1	6:00 PM	TBD
Utilities Committee	2	2:30 PM	TBD
Public Safety Committee	3	4:30 PM	TBD
HRA	8	3:30 PM	TBD
Recreation Board	9	6:45 PM	TBD
Public Works Committee	10	4:00 PM	TBD
Committee of the Whole/Agenda	14	5:00 PM	TBD
City Council Regular Meeting	14	6:00 PM	TBD
Public Affairs Committee	15	3:30 PM	TBD
Utilities Committee	16	2:30 PM	TBD
Edna G. Meeting	16	6:00 PM	TBD
Finance & Budget Committee	17	2:00 PM	TBD
Trees & Trails Commission	17	6:00 PM	TBD
Personnel Committee	23	3:30 PM	TBD
Airport Commission	23	6:00 PM	TBD
Public Works Committee	24	4:00 PM	TBD
Public Arts Commission	24	5:00 PM	TBD
Committee of the Whole/Agenda	28	5:00 PM	TBD
City Council Regular Meeting	28	6:00 PM	TBD

This listing represents the meetings of the City committees and commissions which are scheduled on a regular basis. It does not include committees and commissions that do not meet at the same date and time each month or special meetings. The official listing of all City meetings is posted at the entrance to the Council Chambers at City Hall. A calendar of meetings is also posted online at: twoharborsmn.gov



BLIGHT NOTIFICATION and ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

The Two Harbors Police Department has started identifying properties that are in violation of our ordinance covering blight properties. Our officers will be proactive in these efforts and reaching out to those in violation of the ordinance, as they are identified. The police department would rather not have to include you in these enforcement efforts, with that, we would ask that you look out your door and objectively look at your property and see if you could be in violation. If you think you are or could be in violation, please take steps to help remedy the situation! Please review the below excerpts from the City Ordinance:

SEC. 10.27. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS-JUNKED AND ABANDONED VEHICLES FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND APPLIANCES STORED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

H. "Inoperable Vehicle" any motor vehicle that is not in operating conditions by virtue of missing drive train components, tires or parts, or incapable of performing the transportation function for which it was manufactured by virtue of missing drive train components or, tires or other parts, or has remained in the same outside location without being moved for more than 365 consecutive days.

O. "Nuisance" means maintaining or permitting a condition which unreasonably annoys, injures or endangers the safety, health, morals, comfort or repose of members of the public; or creates an obstruction to the free use of property so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property; or interferes with, obstructs or renders dangerous for passage, any street, public right-of-way, or waters used by the public; or, any other act or omission declared by law or this Section to be a public nuisance.

Subd. 4. Nuisance Declared.

B. Any junk motor vehicle or inoperable vehicle stored or abandoned on any public or private property contrary to this City Code Section is a nuisance.

C. The presence of 1 or more abandoned, unlicensed, unregistered, junk or inoperable motor vehicles, the presence of junk or household furniture, furnishings or appliances, or parts or components thereof, or metal, wood, glass, paper, rubber, concrete or building materials like pipe, lumber, trusses, shingles, unless stored in a lawfully operated junk yard, housed within a lawfully erected building or in a permitted container is a nuisance.

D. Material which is incapable of performing a function for which it is designed including, but not limited to: abandoned vehicles, discarded or unused objects; equipment such as automobiles, boats and recreation vehicles which are unregistered and missing parts, not complete in appearance and in an obvious state of disrepair, parts of automobiles, furniture, appliances, cans, boxes, scrap metal, tires, batteries, containers and garbage that are in the public view are a nuisance.

E. Maintaining or permitting any condition which unreasonably annoys, injures or endangers the safety, health, morals, comfort or repose of members of the public; or creates an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property; or interferes with, obstructs or renders dangerous for passage, any street, public right-of-way, or waters used by the public; or, any other act or omission declared by law to be a public nuisance.

Subd. 5. Unlawful Acts. It is unlawful to maintain or permit a nuisance.

Subd. 6. Enforcement.

A. Notice of Unlawful Act. The Police Department or other City official may issue a notice of an unlawful act. Any such notice shall be personally delivered or issued by certified mail to the owner or occupant of the real property.

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The notice shall be personally delivered or issued by certified mail to the owner or occupant of the real property. The notice shall notify in writing the owner or occupants of the premises that the officer issuing the notice has determined that a public nuisance is being maintained on the premises and order that such nuisance be terminated or abated. The notice of violation shall specify the steps to be taken to abate the nuisance and that the nuisance is to be abated within 14 days. In the event that the offending party fails to correct said unlawful act within the 14 day time period, the Police Department or other City official may issue a citation for the unlawful act in violation of this Section or refer the matter to the prosecuting authority of the issuance of formal charges.

B. Citations. Notwithstanding Subparagraph A. of this Subdivision, the Police Department or other City official may issue a citation or refer the matter to the prosecuting authority for the issuance of formal charges at any time for an unlawful act in violation of this Section. In the event of a citation, such citation shall be personally delivered or issued by certified mail to the owner or occupant of the real property, or other acceptable manner as set forth by the Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure as they may be amended from time to time.

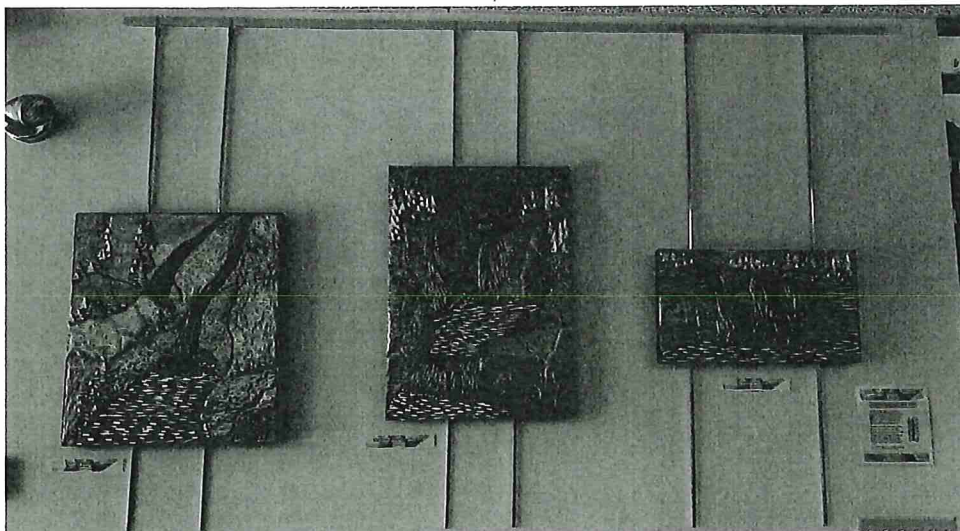
SEC. 10.99. VIOLATION MISDEMEANOR. Every person violates a section, subdivision, paragraph or provision of this Chapter when he/she performs an act thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, or fails to act when such failure is thereby prohibited or declared unlawful by a Code adopted by reference by this Chapter, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as for a misdemeanor except as otherwise stated in specific provisions hereof.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Two Harbors Public Library is now in its fifth year of the rotating art display program. We have hosted pencil sketchings, paintings, photography, fiber arts, collages, hand-made paper art, woodburnings, and even woodblock prints. Now, for the months of May and June, we will be displaying metal Bas Relief wall hangings.

The artwork of regional artist Pete Segar, these all-steel works depict the beauty of the North Shore. You will see works modeled after Devil's Kettle Falls, Gooseberry Falls, and High Falls on the Pigeon River. The differing uses of steel results in varying textures, and this in turn affects how light is reflected. The water, in particular, really shines when the sunlight comes through the windows. A photo just doesn't do these works justice.

We already have artists lined-up through the end of 2021, so look forward to photography, collage-work, and even oil pastels later this year. If you are an artist and would like to apply to have your works displayed, you can submit an application at any time, although we will do an official call for artists for the 2022 line-up in the autumn. Applications can be obtained at: <https://www.twoharborspubliclibrary.com/artwork-display-policy/>



2021-2022 Street Improvements

Development of the 2021-2022 Street Improvements project is progressing. The project is a joint venture between Lake County and the City of Two Harbors and includes 4th, 5th, and 6th Avenues west of 7th Street, as well as 8th Street from 4th Avenue to 7th Avenue. See the map for the project area.

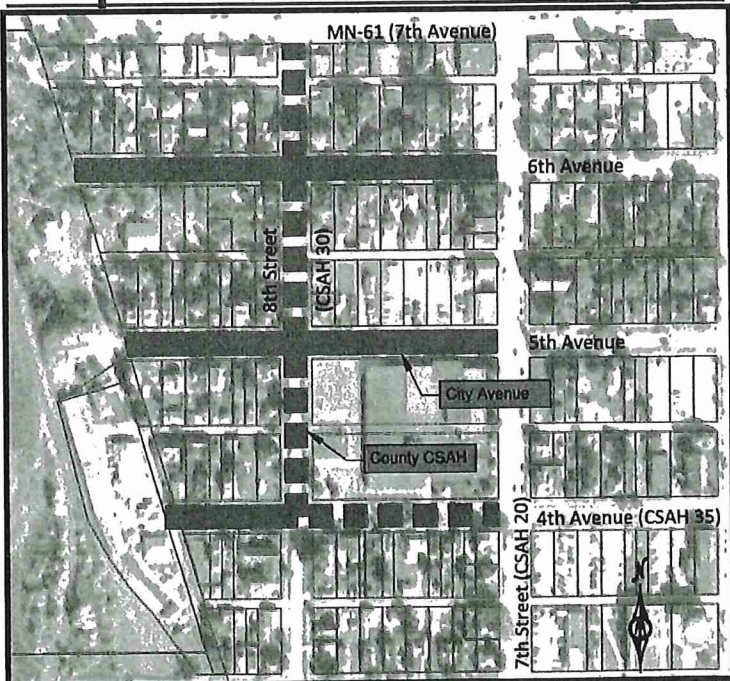
Work includes replacing all sanitary sewer and water mains on 4th, 5th, and 6th Avenues within the project area, along with the service lines to individual properties. All avenues and streets in the project area will be completely reconstructed with a new structural section (sand, gravel, pavement) along with new concrete curbs. Existing sidewalks will be replaced with new concrete walks, including upgrades as necessary to make sure all are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Project bids were solicited and received on April 6th. The good news is the low bid was approximately 20% under the estimated cost! The City Council and County Board accepted the bids, and a construction contract was awarded April 27th to the firm of Ulland Brothers, Inc. from Cloquet. The contract amount is approximately \$3.25 million, with about two-thirds of the work on the City portion and one-third on the County. The County portion is being funded from the State of Minnesota through the State Aid program. A project informational meeting was held May 4th. A copy of the presentation given at the meeting is available on the City's website, along with the meeting notice that included a "Frequently Asked Questions" document.

Work is expected to begin in mid-May 2021. The blocks adjacent to Minnehaha School are scheduled to be complete by late August, in time for the start of fall classes. 8th Street will be complete in October. The contract allows flexibility to extend work into 2022, and at this point it appears work on the blocks west of 8th Street will likely be in summer 2022.

If you have general questions about the project, contact City Hall at 218-834-5631. If you are in the project area and have construction questions, contact the City's construction engineer Adam Nix at 218-830-0512. We look forward to a successful project and thank everyone in advance for their patience and cooperation!

Proposed 2021-2022 Project



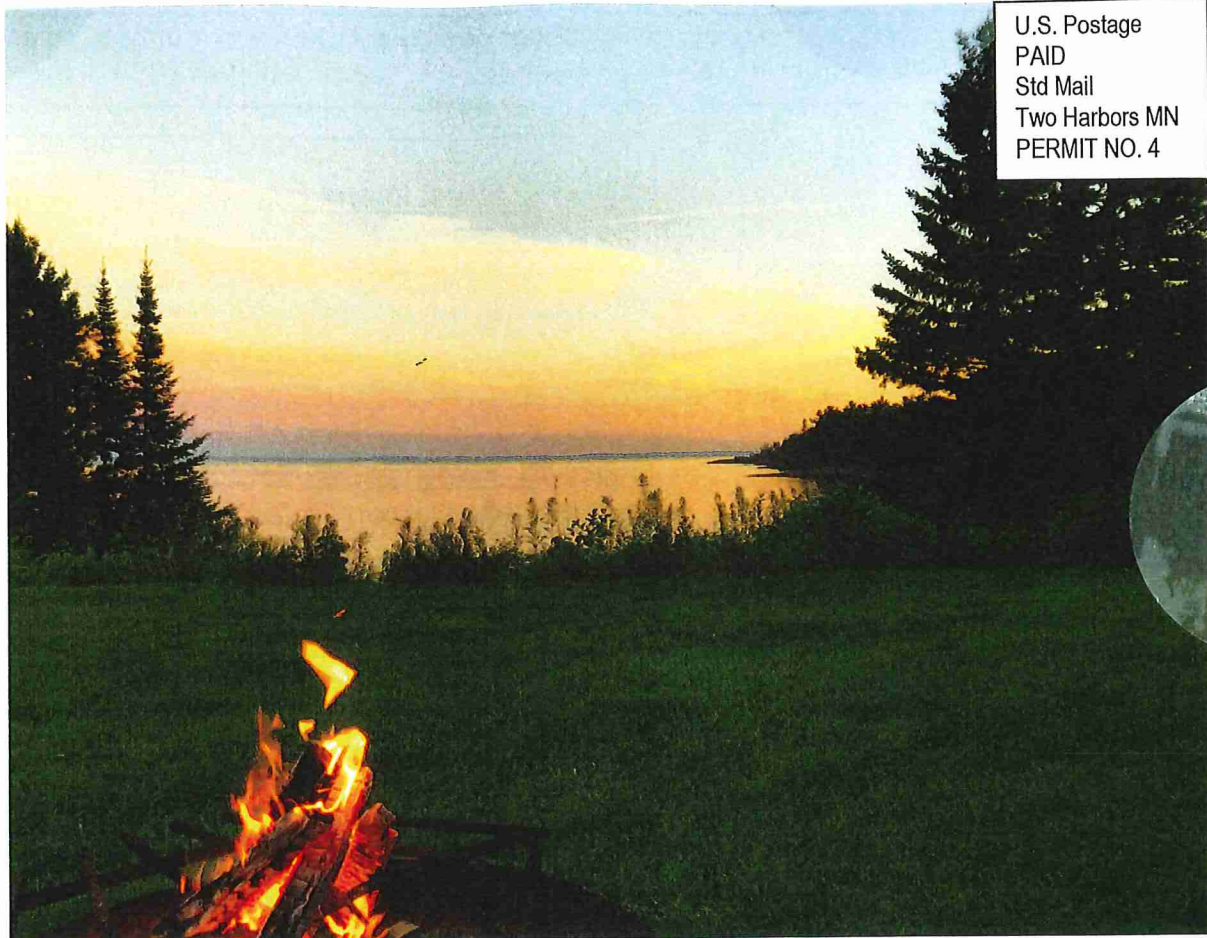
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If you have experienced hardship due to the pandemic and need assistance to pay your rent or utility bills, you may be eligible for COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance. This program was created to help Minnesotans who have fallen behind on their rent or fear that could happen. For more information or to apply, visit: renthelpmn.org

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Due to the current health pandemic, City Offices will remain closed to the Public until at least June 1, but we are available by phone at 218-834-5631.

City Hall summer hours will begin June 1 and end September 3, 2021.

Monday -Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

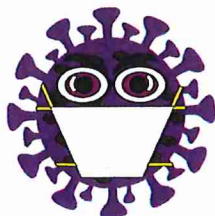
Fridays: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Holidays-City Offices Closed

May 31, 2021-Memorial Day

July 5, 2021-Independence Day

September 6, 2021-Labor Day



Upcoming Events

Heritage Days
July 8-11, 2021

Stay tuned for:

Chalk- A-Lot
July 17, 2021

City Band Concerts

Airport Movies