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## 2019 Street & Alley Improvement Project



8<sup>th</sup> Avenue



Alley North of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Construction is underway on the 2019 Street and Alley Project! The contractor for the project is Utility Systems of America Inc. Construction began June 17<sup>th</sup>.

The project includes six blocks, consisting of two avenues and four alleys. The blocks are listed below, along with the general timeframe anticipated for work on each:

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| • 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue west of 9 <sup>th</sup> Street                                       | June/July/August |
| • Alley North of 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue from 8 <sup>th</sup> Street to 9 <sup>th</sup> Street | July/August      |
| • Alley North of 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue from 8 <sup>th</sup> Street to 9 <sup>th</sup> Street | July/August      |
| • Alley North of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street | August/September |
| • Alley North of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street to 4 <sup>th</sup> Street | August/September |
| • 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue from 15 <sup>th</sup> Street end of the public street                | September        |

Work on each block is a full reconstruction of the street section, except 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue where work is just resurfacing. Some underground utility work is also being done on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, both blocks of the Alley north of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, and the Alley north of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

As of July 4<sup>th</sup>, the improvements on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue were done to a gravel surface and work was beginning on the Alleys north of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The concrete work and paving on those three blocks will be done at the same time.

The project work is scheduled for completion by the end of September. The work is progressing on schedule so far. Continued on page 3.



**GAS, ELECTRIC, WATER & SEWER  
FOR ANY EMERGENCY DIAL 911**

For any other concerns  
M-F 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
(218) 834-5631  
After Hours  
(218) 834-5566

Visit us at: [twoharborsmn.gov](http://twoharborsmn.gov)

**Notice to Cemetery Lot Owners**

Flower Baskets and decorations must be removed by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Cemetery office is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Phone: (218) 834-8815



**Two Harbors Municipal Liquor Store Hours**

**Labor Day to Memorial Day**

Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Liquor Store is closed to observe the following holidays:

- Easter
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

**Gift Cards now available!**

Call us at 218-834-3745



**Notice to Pet Owners**

Reminder to keep your pets leashed-especially on City Trails and in parks. City Ordinance states that any person having custody of any animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of feces in a sanitary manner. This includes public and private property. For your convenience, clean-up bags and receptacles are located throughout the City trails. Let's keep our trails clean for everyone!



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The full-time project inspector, Garey Pankonin, is on-site daily. Construction-related questions or concerns should be directed to Garey, who can be reached by phone at (763) 355-4380. Non-construction questions or concerns should be directed to City Hall. Project information is available on the City's website: [www.twoharborsmn.gov](http://www.twoharborsmn.gov). Updated construction schedules are usually posted on the website each week. Construction plans and the preliminary engineering report are also available for review at City Hall.

Thank you to all the residents and other members of the public affected by the work this summer. Your cooperation and understanding during construction helps the project go more smoothly and is greatly appreciated!



Alley North of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue

### Two Harbors City Sales Tax Increase

On November 6, 2018 the voters supported the half percent sales tax increase to be used for infrastructure improvements. In May 2019 the Legislature passed a bill in support of the increase of the half percent sales tax.

Under the City's current half percent sales tax, funds are dedicated to the sewer separation, wastewater treatment, water system improvements and harbor development projects.

This new additional sales tax will be going into effect **October 1, 2019**. Revenues generated from the additional sales tax will be dedicated to projects listed in our Capital Improvement Plan, this would include gravity-fed sewer mains, water mains, drain tile, service lines, street patching, acquiring property, related engineering, and construction expenses.

The table below reflects the additional .5% sales tax increase that will go into effect on October 1, 2019.

AREA	TAX RATE
City of Two Harbors	1.000%
Lake County	0.500%
State of Minnesota	6.875%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.375%</b>





### Comprehensive Trail Plan Update

The City of Two Harbors has been collaborating with MnDOT, the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) and Aune-Fernandez Landscape Architects to complete a Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the City over the past year. The Plan will create a vision for the Two Harbors transportation system's future including recommendations for modes ranging from Pedestrian, Bicycle, Automobile, OHV, and Airplane; enable stakeholders to identify and prioritize development directions, make strategic long-term investment decisions, and position the City and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to apply for or access available funding to support desired improvements when 7<sup>th</sup> avenue is reconstructed, currently planned for 2025.

For more information, visit [www.ardc.org/TwoHarborsTransportation](http://www.ardc.org/TwoHarborsTransportation) or feel free to contact Justin Otsea via any of the means listed below:

Justin Otsea  
[jotsea@ardc.org](mailto:jotsea@ardc.org)  
218-529-7529 / 834-8833  
City Planner, City of Two Harbors  
ARDC



### Fire Department News and Reminders

- ❖ Join us for the Fire Department Open House Wednesday, October 9, 2019, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Fire Prevention Week is October 7 through 11
- ❖ **Reminder** to replace the batteries in your smoke and Carbon Dioxide alarms! Safety First!



### A Message from the Two Harbors Chief of Police

Dear City of Two Harbors Resident, Business Owner or the like;

We've received a lot of questions about the new "hands-free" law going into effect Aug. 1. Many people are asking about what they can and cannot do behind the wheel.

I strongly encourage drivers to start adapting to the new law now. That way you will be used to driving without a phone in your hand, which is safer for you and all of us on the road.

Here are a few important facts about the new law you need to know:

- You **may not** hold a phone in your hand.
- The new law allows a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but **only by voice commands or single touch activation** without holding the phone. A driver may not use their phone at any time for video calling, video live-streaming, Snapchat, gaming, looking at video or photos from the internet or stored on the phone, using apps, reading texts or scrolling or typing on the phone.
- In an emergency, you can hold a phone to call 911.
- There is no official grace period for drivers; the law is the law starting Aug. 1, and drivers should never assume they'll get a free pass at any time.
- The first ticket is \$50 plus court fees and the second and later tickets are \$275 plus court fees.

For more information, visit [HandsFreeMN.org](http://HandsFreeMN.org). Remember, hands-free is not distraction-free and not using your phone at all while driving is the safest option. Any task that takes your attention away from the road can wait!

Sincerely,

Richard Hogenson

Chief of Police  
City of Two Harbors



**HANDS-FREE  
MINNESOTA LAW**  
[HandsFreeMN.org](http://HandsFreeMN.org)



# Save time — pay by phone!

The City of Two Harbors gives you access to your account 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It's a convenient way to pay your bills on your own time — with no waiting!

- Save postage by paying your bill by phone.
- Access your updated account instantly.
- Hear real-time balances, payment amounts, and due dates.
- Enter your information securely through an automated system.

Call 833-259-4015 today to make your payment over the phone!



## Carbon Monoxide Safety

### CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



#### Did you know?

More than 150 people in the US die every year from accidental non-fire carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide or CO is a colorless and odorless gas. CO poisoning can occur when a fuel-burning appliance or machine, such as a furnace, heater or generator, is not working or vented properly. Breathing in CO at high levels can be fatal. Learn what you can do to protect your family from the dangers of CO.

- Install and maintain CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows and vents.
- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove & fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.
- Check/change batteries of each CO detector every six months.

A Safety Message from  **Head of the Lakes Natural Gas Group**

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Superior Water, Light & Power  
Hibbing Public Utilities

Northwest Gas  
Virginia Public Utilities  
Two Harbors Public Utilities

[holnaturalgas.com](http://holnaturalgas.com)

# ALWAYS CALL BEFORE YOU DIG



One free, easy call gets your utility lines marked  
AND helps protect you from injury and expense.

Safe Digging Is No Accident:

 Head of the Lakes  
Natural Gas Group

Two Harbors Public Utilities 218-834-5631  
[www.holnaturalgas.com](http://www.holnaturalgas.com)

**Always Call 811**

**Before You Dig**

*A Safety Reminder from  
Two Harbors  
Public Utilities*

### City of Two Harbors Yard Waste Facility

The City of Two Harbors Yard Waste Facility will be open to Two Harbors Residents on extended days beginning June 24, 2019. The Yard Waste Facility on the Fairground Road will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through the fall. We have been asked to extend the hours and days, and we will keep the extended hours as long as people can be respectful of the facility!

The Yard Waste Facility ONLY accepts grass clippings, leaves, tree branches and garden waste (weeds, dead flowers, etc). We DO NOT accept trash, construction debris, cinder blocks, mattresses, appliances, etc. They can be disposed at the Castle Danger Pit or WLSSD in Duluth.

Please do your part to help our staff keep the facility clean and open for your convenience.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, or by phone at (218) 834-2728.

### What's NEW at the LIBRARY

The Two Harbors Public Library is the proud recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the Two Harbors Area Fund from the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation. We are very fortunate for this gift, as it allows us to purchase a bunch of new STEAM Kits for children and families! Each kit is available for 4-week checkout, just like our children's books. Topics include counting, patterning, sorting, magnets, motion, color and light, magnification, sound, buoyancy, and more!



## CITY OF TWO HARBORS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

<u>GROUP MEETING</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
<b>Aug 2019</b>			
Planning Commission	6	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Committee of the Whole/Agenda	12	5:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting	12	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
HRA	13	3:30 PM	Bayview Terrace Director's Office
Recreation Board	14	6:45 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Trees & Trails Commission	15	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Edna G. Meeting	21	7:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Public Arts Commission	22	5:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Committee of the Whole/Agenda	26	5:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting	26	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Airport Commission	28	6:00 PM	Airport Electrical Building
<b>Sept 2019</b>			
Library Board	3	5:00 PM	Library Meeting Room
Planning Commission	3	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Committee of the Whole/Agenda	9	5:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting	9	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
HRA	10	3:30 PM	Bayview Terrace Director's Office
Recreation Board	11	6:45 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Edna G. Meeting	18	7:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Trees & Trails Commission	19	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Committee of the Whole/Agenda	23	5:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting	23	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Public Arts Commission	26	5:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers

Dan Walker, Administrator  
6/12/2019

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](http://twoharborsmn.gov)



# The 2020 Census at a Glance

*Counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place.*

The U.S. Census Bureau is the federal government's largest statistical agency. We are dedicated to providing current facts and figures about America's people, places, and economy. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all individual responses the Census Bureau collects.

The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade we take a count—or a census—of America's population.



The census provides vital information for you and your community.

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries. Redistricting counts are sent to the states by March 31, 2021.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services.
- Businesses use census data to determine where to open places to shop.

Each year, the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars to states and communities based on Census Bureau data.

In 2020, we will implement new technology to make it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, you will be able to respond online, by phone, as well as by mail. We will use data that the public has already provided to reduce followup visits. And, we are building an accurate address list and automating our field operations—all while keeping your information confidential and safe.

## KEY MILESTONES

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|-------------|---|
| <b>2018</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 2018 End-to-End Census Test</li><li>● 2020 Census questions sent to Congress by March 31, 2018</li><li>● Six regional 2020 Census offices and 40 area census offices open</li></ul>   |
| <b>2019</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Partnership activities launch</li><li>● Complete Count Committees establish</li><li>● Remaining 248 area census offices open</li></ul>  |
| <b>2020</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Advertising begins in early 2020</li><li>● Public response (online, phone, or mail) begins</li><li>● <b>Census Day—</b> April 1, 2020</li><li>● In-person visits to households that haven't responded begin</li><li>● Apportionment counts sent to the President by December 31, 2020</li></ul> |
| <b>2021</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Redistricting counts sent to the states by March 31, 2021</li></ul>   |



U.S. Department of Commerce  
Economics and Statistics Administration  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU  
[census.gov](https://www.census.gov)



# CITY SCENE VOLUME 9. No. 3

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## City Hall Summer Hours

Memorial Day to August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

If the last working day of the month falls on a Friday, payments will be extended to the next regular business day.

City Hall will be closed to observe the following holiday:

- Labor Day-Monday, September 2nd



## Upcoming Events

### City Band Concerts

Thursday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15 at 7:30 p.m.

