



A PUBLICATION OF THE CITY OF TWO HARBORS, MN

VOLUME 10, NO.1 March 2020

New Fire Engine

The Two Harbors Fire Department replaced their main engine, number 821, this winter. The 1993 Fire engine was replaced with a new engine that has additional capacity and safety features. The new apparatus carries 1,500 gallons of water, compared to 1,000 gallons of the old engine. It is also configured so all handlines, ladders and the top drop tank can be deployed by a single firefighter without climbing on to the apparatus, greatly reducing the chance for slips and falls.

The front bumper now houses two 200 foot lines of 1.75 inch pre-connected handlines and tools, all in the same space as the bumper extension, which can also be deployed and easily repacked. The previous bumper only had one 100 foot line.

The new enlarged cap provides protection for firefighters needing a break from fireground operations. Although it is sad to see Engine 821 no longer serving our community, Two Harbors Fire Department is proud of the new E21 and is looking forward to serving the community with this piece of equipment.

The Fire Department would like to send a special thanks to the Truck Committee for all of the hard work with designing, prototyping, and testing the new features during the specification process.





**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

BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN CUSTOMERS

The Budget Payment Program runs from April 1 to March 31 of each year. Customers interested in signing up for the program should contact City Hall at (218) 834-5631 before the end of March.



Don't forget to give us a "Like" on Facebook!

2020 Council Committee Appointments

Council President-Glaser
Vice President-Jussila

Public Works Committee-Jussila, Rennwald, Glaser

Public Utilities Committee-Redden, Jussila, Swanson

Finance Committee-Erickson, Redden, Woodruff

Public Affairs-Woodruff, Rennwald, Glaser

Public Safety-Rennwald, Redden, Swanson

Airport-Jussila

Cable TV-Committee of the Whole

Chamber Representative-Administrator Walker

CIP-Committee of the Whole

Edna G-Woodruff

HRA-Glaser

Library-Rennwald

Northshore Management Board-Woodruff/Sterbenz

Personnel-Glaser

Planning-Glaser

Recreation-Erickson

Public Arts-Swanson

THEDA-Erickson

Trees & Trails-Rennwald

Visitor's Bureau-Woodruff

Waterfront Committee-Committee of the Whole

Waterfront Task Force-Woodruff/Erickson/Swanson

Labor Negotiations-Erickson, Redden

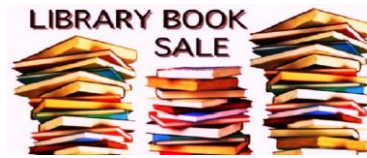
Library News

Endowment Fund - The Two Harbors Public Library is excited to announce that we've established an endowment fund with the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation (DSACF)! How it works is that all donated funds become new principal to help build the base of the Library Fund, and the Two Harbors Public Library receives accumulated interest from the fund. Revenue from this fund can be applied towards any library-related expense that would help improve our service to the Two Harbors community. Possible examples include bringing in more presenters, adding more STEAM kits or Early Literacy kits, or even purchasing more books to be used as prizes for the Children's reading programs.

To help kick-off the establishment of this fund, the Friends of the Library donated \$5,000, and they have agreed to donate up to another \$5,000 in funds to match private donations. Thanks to a memorial drive of \$1,000 from Minnesota Power, given in memory of Barry Rackner, one of their former employees and a former Library Board member, as well as a private donation of \$1,500, the Friends have already matched the first \$2,500. This means the Library Fund has reached the \$10,000 mark, and there is still another \$2,500 in potential funds waiting to be matched. If you are interested in donating to the Library Fund, especially while the matching funds are available, please either contact the library or visit our page on the DSACF's website at: <https://www.dsacommunityfoundation.org/two-harbors-public-library-fund>

Book Sale - The next Friends of the Library Book Sale is scheduled for:

- Thursday, April 23rd (Members Only Preview Sale)
- Friday, April 24th (Open to everyone)
- Saturday, April 25th (Bag Sale)



Check back closer to the sale dates for specific hours. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the library and we'll forward your information to the local Friends group.

Interested in serving your community as a firefighter?

The Two Harbors Fire Department is a volunteer organization that was established in 1898 with the mission to protect, serve and educate the people of Two Harbors and surrounding areas in regard to fire and life-safety events.

The department has a long history of serving the community and expects all of its members to be an integral part of maintaining and improving this legacy. Committing to serve the community in this manner isn't for everyone and can certainly be challenging. However, it can also a very rewarding way of helping your community.

Description of the Two Harbors Fire Department

THFD responds to reported fires, hazardous material incidents, vehicle accidents, landing zones, fire/CO alarms, mutual aid, and service call assistance as requested by other EMS agencies.

THFD averages about 130 calls per year of the above incidents.

Firefighters are employees of the City of Two Harbors. However, the fire station is not staffed, members volunteer to show up for calls.

Benefits

The biggest benefit of joining THFD is having the opportunity to be a part of something that is much larger than oneself and that is designed to serve our community at the highest level possible. Service above self is what the THFD is all about. We take great pride on being able to serve our community. You will also gain all the training needed to respond as a professional firefighter. Being a part of the team that serves this area is very rewarding and the satisfaction of helping our friends and neighbors in a time of need is priceless.

Further questions can be directed to: Mark Schlangen – THFD Chief 218-834-5631, or by email at markschlangen@hotmail.com

Thanks for your interest in joining the Two Harbors Fire Department!

Apply Online!

**Join the 2020 Census Team!
Be a part of History!**

2020census.gov/jobs

**1-855-JOB-2020
(1-855-562-2020)**

Federal Relay Service: (800) 877-8339 TTY / ASCII
www.gsa.gov/fedrelay

The Federal Relay Service (FedRelay) provides telecommunications services to allow individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, and/or have speech disabilities to conduct official business with and within the federal government.
The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

United States
Census
Bureau

Form D-448
September 2018

United States
Census
2020

The Benefits of Volunteering

Studies show that the personal benefits of volunteering can be significant. Volunteering provides opportunity to engage and connect with other members of your community. Self-confidence can improve as new skills are learned, or existing skills are shared with others. Helping your community brings a sense of accomplishment, purpose and fulfillment.

The City is always looking for volunteers to serve on various committees and commissions. The City maintains a list of volunteers who are interested in serving. The City's committees and commission are as follows: Airport, Edna G., Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Heritage Days, Library, Planning Commission, Recreation, Public Arts Commission, Two Harbors Economic Development Authority, Trees & Trails Commission. Most of these groups consist of members with alternating four-year terms.

Anyone who may be interested in volunteering should contact City Hall by calling (218)-834-5631, or Mayor Swanson via email at:
mayorswanson@twoharborsmn.gov

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!



Capital Improvement Plan Update

The City is in the process of updating the Two Harbors Capital Improvement Plan, referred to as the "CIP". The CIP is a guidance document that provides an outlook as to what public improvements and projects the City may pursue in the upcoming years. Equipment and other materials anticipated for purchase are also reflected in the CIP. The CIP covers all departments of the City, including public works, utilities, airport, police, fire, library, and more. The completed CIP document is intended as a budgeting / planning / forecasting tool to aid the City in identifying and prioritizing its needs. It is a useful tool in projecting budgets and funding needs, so spikes in the tax levy can be avoided.

The Capital Improvement Plan is developed through input from the City Council, City Committees, staff, and the public. The CIP documents and helps align the vision of those groups, so everyone has a better idea of what to expect, and when. The CIP looks forward over a number of years; and like any extended forecast, the items in the early years of the plan have a higher degree of confidence than those in the later years of the plan. For that reason, the CIP is also intended to be a flexible document – it needs to be able to react if new information is received, unforeseen events occur, or priorities change. It is important to note the CIP is not a guarantee that any of the items it includes will happen, and it is not authorization to proceed with any purchases or projects. All items, improvements, and potential projects identified in the CIP still need to be reviewed and authorized on an individual basis by the City Council at the appropriate time.

The Two Harbors Capital Improvement Plan was adopted in 2016, and was last updated in 2018, to cover the 5-year period of 2018 – 2022. The current CIP update being developed will cover through 2025. The CIP will also identify potential issues or projects beyond 2025, so they are on the City's 'radar', but those future items will not be programmed for any specific year, nor will they be developed beyond being listed as an idea in the plan. The intent is to continue to review and update the CIP on a regular basis (the goal is annually) to ensure new information is incorporated and that the CIP represents as best as possible the needs of Two Harbors.

An open house will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks to display the preliminary draft of the CIP and gather input from the public. The draft CIP will be updated with the input, and a public hearing will then be scheduled to present the updated draft and offer the public a chance for further review and input. Once the public hearing is held and any final changes are incorporated, the CIP will be reviewed by the City Committees and the City Council for consideration of formal adoption.



2020 Adult Workout Nights have returned for 2020!

Adult Workout Nights will take place March, April and May, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

\$40 payable to the City of Two Harbors.

Participants will have access to the gym, weight room and pool.

Use door 14 at the Highschool (off of Cedar Road).

If school is cancelled workout night is cancelled as well.

Off Street Parking

Residents are reminded that off-street parking becomes effective November 1 and remains in effect through April 30. During this time, it is unlawful to park or leave any vehicle on any street between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

If snow has fallen, the prohibited hours are from 2 a.m. until such time as snow plowing curb-to-curb has been completed on such street.

Please note that parking on boulevards is no longer allowed within the City.



Clearing Ice and Snow

Please keep in mind that City Code requires property owners to see that all snow and ice is cleared from public sidewalks abutting their property within twelve hours after each snow or ice event has closed.

It is unlawful to remove snow or ice from private property and place it on any public roadway or sidewalk.

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**

ComfortSystems - Duluth
Superior Water, Light & Power
Hibbing Public Utilities

Northwest Gas
Virginia Public Utilities
Two Harbors Public Utilities

holnaturalgas.com

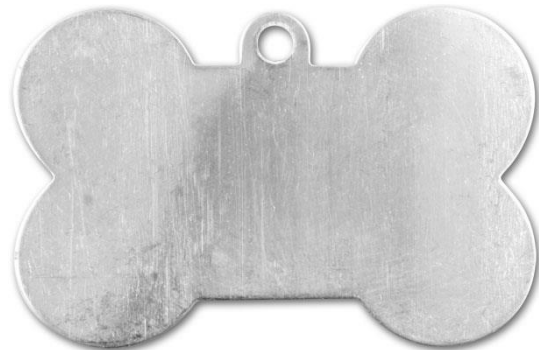
REMINDER TO LICENSE PETS

Residents are reminded to purchase 2020 licenses for dogs and cats 3 months of age or older residing within the City as new tags are required each year.

Licensing is an important part of the process in place to ensure that animals are properly immunized for their safety and that of the residents of the City.

The cost is \$10 for each pet, or just \$5 if the animal has been spayed or neutered. Owners must provide evidence of immunization and spay or neutering at time of purchase.

Licenses for 2020 are available at City Hall during regular business hours.



**CITY OF TWO HARBORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

<u>GROUP MEETING</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
March 2020			
Library Board	3	5:00 PM	Library Meeting Room
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
Planning Commission	10	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
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
Planning Commission	24	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Public Arts Commission	26	5:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
April 2020			
Library Board	7	5:00 PM	Library Meeting Room
Planning Commission	7	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Recreation Board	8	6:45 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Committee of the Whole/Agenda	13	5:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting	13	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
HRA	14	3:30 PM	Bayview Terrace Director's Office
Edna G. Meeting	15	7:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Trees & Trails Commission	16	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Airport Commission	22	6:00 PM	Airport Electrical Building
Planning Commission	22	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Public Arts Commission	23	5:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Committee of the Whole/Agenda	27	5:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting	27	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
May 2020			
Library Board	5	5:00 PM	Library Meeting Room
Planning Commission	5	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Committee of the Whole/Agenda	11	5:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting	11	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
HRA	12	3:30 PM	Bayview Terrace Director's Office
Recreation Board	13	6:45 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Edna G. Meeting	20	7:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Planning Commission	20	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Trees & Trails Commission	21	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Committee of the Whole/Agenda	25	5:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting	25	6:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers
Public Arts Commission	28	5:00 PM	City Hall Council Chambers

This listing represents the meetings of the City committess 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

CITY SCENE VOLUME 10. No. 1

522 1st Ave.
Two Harbors, MN 55616



U.S. Postage
PAID
Std Mail
Two Harbors MN
PERMIT NO. 4

Please be aware of the following dates that City Offices will be closed:

Upcoming Holidays-City Offices Closed

May 25, 2020-Memorial Day

July 4, 2020-Independence Day

September 7, 2020-Labor Day

UTILITY ACCOUNT DIRECT PAYMENT PLAN

City utility customers may pay their monthly utility bills using the City's Direct Payment Plan. Payments are made directly from your checking account automatically each month – no checks to write, no stamps to buy, and no late payments. It's free, fast and easy! Simply contact City Hall at (218) 834-5631 to get signed up today!



Upcoming Events

Heritage Days
July 9-12, 2020

Stay tuned for:

Chalk. A-Lot

City Band

Airport Movies