

ZIM CITY NEWS

SPRING 2015

New Council Member! Meet Jeremy Nathe



Jeremy Nathe was elected to the City Council last November with his term beginning January 1st. He will serve a four year term as a Council Member, until December 31, 2018.

Jeremy has lived in Zimmerman for about 16 years. He has worked for a commercial concrete company for 18 years, as a union carpenter for 7 and as superintendent for the last 11 years. Jeremy is married with 4 grown children. He likes to work on anything mechanical when he has free time. In addition, he is a volunteer at "Passing The Bread" and a member of the Planning Commission.

Dave Johnson Appointed Public Works Director



On December 15th, Dave Johnson was appointed Public Works Director by the City Council.

He replaced Dave Horvath who recently retired. Dave Johnson has worked for the City for 22 years and is extremely familiar with current City operations. Staff felt it would be appropriate to promote Dave to the Public Works Director position, given his tenure, knowledge and familiarity with City procedures, staff and consultants.

Welcome Wayne Faue!

Wayne Faue joined the Public Works Department on March 2nd as a Maintenance Technician. The position is a newly created one for the 2015 budget year.

Wayne will work all aspects of the department, from snow plowing to park maintenance, to responsibilities with the water and wastewater systems. Wayne comes to the City with over 10 years of experience working for the Cities of Osseo and Minneapolis. He has obtained his water and wastewater licensure through the State of Minnesota.

Wayne is married with 5 children and 5 grandchildren. In his free time, Wayne enjoys spending time with family and friends, as well as, hunting and fishing at the family cabin.



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CITY HALL HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY
7:00AM - 6:30PM

TUESDAY - THURSDAY
7:00AM - 5:30PM

FRIDAY - CLOSED

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Sherburne County Household Hazardous Waste Collection

While doing your spring cleaning, dealing with old paint cans, cleaning products, lawn and garden pesticides, and other types of hazardous waste can pose a problem. For Sherburne County residents there's a solution! The Sherburne County Zoning and Solid Waste Office will once again be hosting several Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events throughout the area. The Zimmerman event will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Sherburne County Public Works Garage, 12950 7th Avenue South. There is **NO CHARGE** for this event and pre-registration is not required, however, you should be prepared to show proof of Sherburne County residency.

Items accepted include: paints, cleaners, poisons, roofing tars, fuels, automotive chemicals, sealers, garden chemicals, pool chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, adhesives, aerosols, solvents, mothballs, lead, mercury, and automotive batteries. Items **NOT** accepted include: medical wastes, agricultural wastes, non-profit & business wastes, auto repair shop waste, appliances, furniture, tires, explosives, and household garbage.

For questions or more information on any of the 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Events, please contact John Exner with the Sherburne County Zoning Department at 763-765-4466.



Dispose of Your Hazardous Waste

Advertising Opportunity at Zimmerman Ball Fields

Take advantage of this inexpensive opportunity to display your company name and message on a Softball Field Backboard. Local sports participants will be sure to remember you and support your business. You can provide your own 4X8 sign or one can be custom designed for approximately \$275.00. The yearly fee to display your advertisement is only \$100.00 and the funds collected help defray the cost of maintaining the park.



For more information on how you can get your sign installed before the scheduled Baseball season begins, contact Sara at 763-856-4666 ext. 21 or email: zimmermancityhall@windstream.net. There are still a few prime spots available on our main field, don't delay—call NOW!

Ball Field Advertising

Sherburne County Medication Disposal Program

Properly disposing of unwanted medicines is important to prevent abuse or poisoning and protect the environment. Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem, especially among teens and accidental poisonings from medicines are on the rise. Medicines flushed down the drain or disposed of in the trash can contaminate bodies of water, harm wildlife and end up in drinking water supplies. Sherburne County residents can dispose of unwanted medicines for **FREE** at the drop box located inside the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office from 8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday (closed on holidays). The drop box is self serve. Pull the handle to open and drop the unwanted medications into the box.

Items Sherburne County residents can drop off are: prescription drugs (pill or capsule), or over the counter drugs (pill or capsule). Please keep drug name on the container and remove the patient's name with a marker. Items **NOT** accepted are sharps or pointed items (needles, syringes, epi-pens, lancets), medications from hospitals, nursing homes, schools etc. Also **NOT** accepted are non-drug items such as a glucose test meters, blood pressure equipment, etc. For more information contact John Exner at 763-765-4466 or john.exner@co.sherburne.mn.us.



Compost Site - FREE Access Card for Sherburne County Residents!

Sherburne County residents have four convenient options when it comes time to manage yard waste. One site is located in Zimmerman behind Nelson's Nursery off 2nd Street E. A non-expiring access card is available for Sherburne County residents at no charge to access all four sites in Becker, Big Lake, Elk River and Zimmerman. Stop by City Hall at 12980 Fremont Avenue with your photo id and they will be able to issue a pass. One pass per household please. Questions, contact Sara at 763-856-4666 ext. 21.

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization

The City Council will meet as the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Zimmerman City Hall, for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said City for the year 2015.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact the Sherburne County Assessor's Office at 763-765-4900 to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after conferring with the Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board will review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Farmer's Market



The Zimmerman Farmers Market will be open every Tuesday, beginning June 3rd through October 6th from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the City Park located at 25850 Main Street. Here you will find everything you need for your cooking and grilling plans. You can get high quality fresh food right off the farm.

There are vegetables, fresh fruits, herbs, and cut flowers. You will also find eggs, home-made baked goods, delicious maple syrup, honey, canned goods and meat products throughout the season. The selection depends on the season and weather, so if you stop by more than once, you'll find new fruits and vegetables that may not have been there the week before, so visit often!

Many great reasons to shop your local Farmer's Market!

Taste Real Flavors - The fruits and vegetables you buy at the market are the freshest and tastiest available. Our Farmer's Market produce is allowed to ripen in the field, not in a truck that's transporting it thousands of miles.

Celebrate the Season - The food you buy at the Farmer's Market is seasonal. Everything is locally grown and it's exciting to see what each season produces. Reconnect with the cycles of nature; enjoy spring snap peas, summer sweet corn and crisp fall apples.

Support Family Farmers - Family farmers are becoming increasingly rare. Buying directly from farmers gives them a better return for their produce and gives them a fighting change in today's globalized economy.

Protect the Environment - Food in the U.S. travels an average of 1,500 miles to get to your table. Shipping uses large amounts of natural resources, especially fossil fuels, contributes to pollution and creates excess waste due to extra packaging.

Variety - Find a bountiful assortment of vegetables you might not find at the grocery store. Keep your body healthy and eat vegetables from every color of the rainbow. It's a great opportunity to try something new.

Connect with Your Community - Isn't it fun to run into friends and neighbors at the market? Shopping at the Farmer's Market makes shopping a pleasure rather than a chore.



Zimmerman Community Garage Sale Days!



Zimmerman Today Declares Saturday, May 9th, Saturday, July 11, and Saturday, September 12 as Zimmerman Community Garage Sale Days!

Join your neighbors all over the area on Saturday from morning until night and have a yard sale!



Registration forms are available from the Zimmerman Today @ 763-856-4336 or steve@zimmermantoday.com

Severe Weather Awareness

April 13th through the 17th is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota. In cooperation with state emergency management agencies, the National Weather Service uses this week to remind people about the dangers of severe weather, including thunderstorms, flash flooding, and tornados. On Thursday, April 16th at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. simulated tornado watches and warnings will be issued to test the statewide warning and communications systems.

A reminder for all that “Outdoor Warning Sirens” are intended to alert people, who are outside, of approaching severe weather. The sirens are sounded whenever a tornado warning is issued for Sherburne County. They may also be activated for other situations which require citizens to take shelter and seek more information from media outlets. The sirens are also tested monthly, at 1:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

When you hear the sirens, you should immediately seek shelter and tune into a local radio or television station for information concerning the siren activation. The County’s outdoor warning system is not intended to be the only means of emergency warning. For a well balanced system, the use of indoor systems, such as radio and television, are also necessary.

The city encourages all residents to prepare for their own safety by purchasing a NOAA weather alert radio to assure they receive weather watches and warnings in their homes. Weather radios with Specific Alert Message Encoding (SAME) can be programmed to only activate for warnings in Sherburne County. The Sherburne County SAME code is 027141. Weather radios are the best warning method for storms occurring late at night when most people are in their homes sleeping. NOAA weather radios can be purchased at most electronics stores.

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Upcoming Events

APRIL

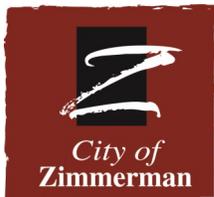
City Council Meeting	April 6	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	April 8	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
COW Meeting	April 13	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Local Board of Appeal & Equalization	April 20	9:00 a.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	April 20	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Severe Weather Awareness Week	April 13-17		
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	April 25	8-10 a.m.	Public Safety Building

MAY

City Council Meeting	May 4	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Zimmerman Community Garage Sale	May 9		City Wide
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	May 11	3-6:00 p.m.	County Public Works
COW Meeting	May 11	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	May 13	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	May 18	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Wild West Days	May 21-25		City Park
Memorial Day	May 25		City Offices Closed
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	May 30	8-10 a.m.	Public Safety Building

JUNE

City Council Meeting	June 1	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Farmers’ Market (Opening Day)	June 3	3-6:30 p.m.	City Park
Fire Department Golf Tournament	June TBD	12:00 Noon	Fairway Shores Golf Course
COW Meeting	June 8	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	June 11	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Chamber Golf Tournament	June TBD	12:00 Noon	Princeton Golf Course
City Council Meeting	June 15	7:00 p.m.	City Hall



City Offices will be Closed

Monday, May 25, 2015

In observation of Memorial Day