

ZIM CITY NEWS

SPRING 2016

2016 Road Construction Projects

The City will be undertaking street and utility improvement projects this summer on Fremont Drive and Main Street. The Fremont Drive project will be performed jointly with improvements by Sherburne County on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 4 and by Mn/DOT at the intersection of CSAH 4 and T.H. 169.

The Fremont Drive project will consist of relocating the intersection with CSAH 4 approximately 650 feet to the east and realigning the street to this location. This will provide additional length for turn lane improvements on CSAH 4, which will relieve the traffic congestion that occurs in the intersection of CSAH 4 and 169 when vehicles are waiting to turn onto Fremont Drive. There also will be storm sewer improvements and extension of sanitary sewer on Fremont Drive. The northern half of Fremont Drive, from the Holiday Station to Oak Street will be milled and overlaid with bituminous pavement.

Mn/DOT's improvements at the intersection of CSAH 4 and 169 will consist of a new signal system, turn lane and cross walk improvements.

The City will also be making improvements on Main Street from CSAH 4 to the Woodlands Bank driveway to the south. These improvements will consist of replacement of the watermain, along with replacement of the bituminous pavement. Deteriorated segments of curb and gutter will be replaced.

The final schedule of these improvements are pending review and approval by the State of Minnesota, but it is anticipated that the improvements will occur in the June through September time frame. Additional information will be made available to the public when the schedule has been confirmed. Please contact City Engineer Kevin Bittner at kevinbi@boltonmenk.com or at 763-433-2851 if you have any questions.

Election Judges Needed!



The City of Zimmerman is in need of Election Judges for both the Primary and General Elections. Election Judges play a vital role in conducting voting activities for local, state and federal elections. For the Primary, 12 judges are needed between the two precincts, including 2 Head Judges. For the General Election, up to 20 judges are needed. In addition to assisting the polls on Election Day, judges are also required to complete a 2-hour election judge training through the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer's Office. All time served is paid by the City. Judge trainings are currently being scheduled.

To be an election judge, you must be: Eligible to vote in the state of Minnesota, be affiliated with a major political party, and be able to speak, read and write English. All judges are appointed by the City Council.

Election judges cannot be the spouse, parent, child or sibling of any election judge serving in the precinct, nor can a judge be a candidate, or the spouse, parent, child or sibling of any candidate on the ballot in the precinct in which they serve.

If you are interested in serving as an election judge this election season, please contact Kary Tillmann at 763-856-4666, ext. 22, or at ktillmann@izoom.net. Appointments will be made by the City Council in May and June.

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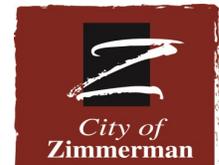
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CITY HALL HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY
7:00AM - 6:30PM

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

FRIDAY - CLOSED

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE

WWW.ZIMMERMAN.GOV/OFFICE.COM

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 16, 2016, 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 2016 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.



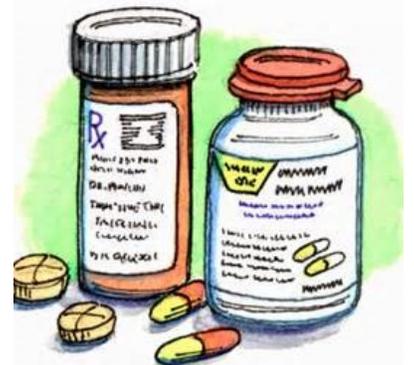
For more information on how you can get your sign installed before the scheduled baseball season begins, contact Sara at 763-856-4666 ext. 21 or email: zimmermancityhall@windstream.net. There are still a few prime spots available on our main field, don't delay—**call NOW!**

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 in Elk River 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 staff 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 18, 2016 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 2016.

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 7th through October 4th from 2:30 pm to 6:00 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 7th, Saturday, July 9th, and Saturday, September 10th 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 11th through the 15th 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 14th 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 4	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	April 5	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
COW Meeting	April 11	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Severe Weather Awareness Week	April 11-15		
Local Board of Appeal & Equalization	April 18	9:00 a.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	April 18	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	April 30	9-11 a.m.	Public Safety Building

MAY

City Council Meeting	May 2	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	May 3	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
Zimmerman Community Garage Sale	May 7		City Wide
COW Meeting	May 9	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	May 16	3-6:00 p.m.	County Public Works
City Council Meeting	May 16	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	May 21	9-11 a.m.	Public Safety Building
Wild West Days	May 27-30		City Park
Memorial Day	May 30		City Offices Closed

JUNE

City Council Meeting	June 6	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Farmers’ Market (Opening Day)	June 7	3-6:30 p.m.	City Park
Fire Department Golf Tournament	June TBD	12:00 Noon	Fairway Shores Golf Course
COW Meeting	June 13	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	June 7	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Chamber Golf Tournament	June TBD	12:00 Noon	Princeton Golf Course
City Council Meeting	June 20	7:00 p.m.	City Hall



**City Offices
will be Closed**

Monday, May 30, 2016

**In observation of
Memorial Day**