

ZIM CITY NEWS

SUMMER 2015

Casey's General Store Comes to Zimmerman!



Photo by Steve Conklin, Zimmerman Today

Casey's General Store has purchased the vacant lot in the southwest corner of Fremont Avenue and 10th Street West, next to Tinkertown Station. The proposed building is a 4,223 square foot convenience store with a 6-pump fueling island and canopy. Construction is estimated to be a 4-5 month process with the store opening in the fall of 2015. Keep watching for their progress.

Meet Our New Public Works "Number Two"!



Keith Koehler joined the Public Works Department on April 27th as the Public Works Project Coordinator and is now the new second in command in the Public Works Department. This is the position Dave Johnson held prior to his promotion to the Public Works Director.

Keith comes to the City with 10 years of experience working for the Cities of Isanti, Freeport, and Princeton. In the last 8 years, he has held the positions of Public Works Director for Freeport and Assistant Public Works Director for Princeton. He has obtained his water and waste water licensure through the State of Minnesota. In

addition, he has a boiler's license and is proficient in the operation of both light and heavy equipment. He is eager to work in this dynamic position to utilize both his strengths and past job experiences.

Keith is married and has three children. In his free time he enjoys spending time hunting, four wheeling and hanging out at the family farm. If given the opportunity, please welcome Keith as our "new number two"!

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CITY HALL HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY
7:00AM - 6:30PM

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

FRIDAY - CLOSED

CITY OF ZIMMERMAN
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VISIT OUR WEBSITE

WWW.ZIMMERMAN.GOV/OFFICE.COM

Code Red - Keeping Citizens Informed

CodeRED is a notification program used by the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office to deliver phone, text, and email alerts to subscribers in the event of emergency situation or critical community events. In the past, the Sheriff's Office utilized a system that was only able to call all landlines within a designated area in such events. To become a subscriber of CodeRED, please enroll for FREE at www.ecnetwork.com/CodeRED.

As with all other new technology these days, there is also an app for CodeRED! CodeRED Mobile Alert allows any person with the app downloaded to receive a notification directly on their smartphone if they are located within a specific warning area. CodeRED Mobile Alert is available on the App Store and Google Play.



Keeping citizens informed.

Lawn Watering Restrictions in Effect!

If your house number ends in an **ODD** number, you may water on **ODD** numbered days. If your house number ends in an **EVEN** number, you may water on **EVEN** numbered days. This restriction does not apply to properties with new sod or grass seed.

Watering is allowed between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. because there is less evaporation if you water in early morning or late evening. Please avoid watering your lawn in the heat of the day.



Keep Zimmerman Looking Good!

Residents are reminded that the City of Zimmerman has an ordinance pertaining to the maintenance and care of grass and lawns throughout the City. Ordinance 5.392 indicates that grass should be mowed to a height of 6 inches or less throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall months. Failure to maintain grass or lawns at a reasonable height can result in the issuance of a misdemeanor citation by the Sheriff's Department.

In addition, any vehicles that are not licensed for the current year and does not display current license tabs or is in an inoperable condition can not be stored outside on your property. Take pride in our community and let's keep Zimmerman looking good!



Can I Have a Recreational Fire?

Recreational fires are allowed in the City of Zimmerman, when the following provisions are followed:

1. The fire is contained to a 3x3 foot area; this can be in-ground, on-ground, or in a free standing, pre-manufactured fireplace.
2. Only clean burning wood can be used, no burning of trash, leaves or brush is allowed.
3. The fire is at least 25 feet from any structure or combustible material.
4. Fire extinguishing equipment (extinguisher, garden hose, sand) is readily available.
5. The fire should be constantly attended by an adult and shall be completely extinguished before leaving the scene.



Residents are encouraged to review their homeowner's insurance policy, as many restrict the location and use of fire pits. Burning permits are not required for small recreational fires. For larger burns, a permit can be obtained from a local fire warden (Johnson's Hardware) or from the Sand Dunes Stop in Orrock Township—763-263-8200.

Is Your Dog Licensed?

As much as you love your pet, it may be a nuisance to neighbors. **City Ordinance 5.033 requires all dogs over six months of age to be licensed.** The current cost of a license is \$10.00 per dog, or \$5.00 if the dog is spayed or neutered. **Evidence of a rabies vaccination is required to obtain a dog license.** Licenses are good for one year from the date of purchase. Dog licenses may be purchased at City Hall, Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Animal Waste—Dog owners are asked to pick up and dispose of any animal waste left by their pet on public or private property.

Fire Prevention Week—October 4-10, 2015



Smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a fire, but they need to be working, and working properly. Half of the home fire deaths occur from fires reported from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. when most people are asleep. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme focuses on motivating people to install a working smoke alarm in every bedroom. Help us sound the alarm that working smoke alarms save lives. *Test yours every month!* For

more information about Fire Prevention Week or fire safety, check out the National Fire Protection Association's website at www.nfpa.org.

Stop by the Fire Station—Saturday, September 12

To kickoff this year's Fire Prevention theme, the Zimmerman/Livonia Fire Department will be hosting their annual open house on Saturday, September 12th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free event will feature station tours, displays from community organizations, and demonstrations, including a kitchen fire and vehicle extrication. Firefighters will show off the fire trucks, fire fighting equipment, an ambulance, and air care helicopter. Kids will have the opportunity to experience a Safe Escape House, Safety Hopper Bounce House and other games & activities. Refreshments will also be available for purchase.



Later that evening, the Fire Department will be having a dance and raffle, for ages 21+, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight at the fire station located at 13028 Fremont Avenue. It wouldn't be a party without a fully stocked bar, beer garden and a smoking hot grill; so Firefighters will be serving up plenty of burgers, brats, and dogs, and pouring ice cold beer all night long. Music provided by "Roadhouse 6". Tickets for the dance can be purchased in advance from local area businesses, or at the door. All proceeds go directly to the Fire Department to purchase non-budgeted firefighting equipment, and to maintain their fire prevention programs.

Questions about the open house or dance can be directed to Fire Chief Ryan Maloney at 763-856-2280.

What's New at the Zimmerman Area Chamber of Commerce!



The Zimmerman Area Chamber of Commerce has a new logo and a new director, Sandy Nauer. Sandy is married and has two children. She has lived in the Zimmerman area since 1989.

Sandy has worked the past 20 years in the health insurance field, where she managed a great team of employees. In May, she accepted the Community Relations Administrator position with the Chamber. In her role, Sandy coordinates monthly luncheons, memberships, events such as the recent after hours wine tasting, and manages the operations of the Chamber office.

Sandy feels Zimmerman is a great place to live and for businesses to thrive. Stop by the Chamber Office to find out how Sandy can grow your business. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm or call 763-856-4404. She would love to tell you about all the great benefits of becoming a member.

The next Chamber event will be a "Meet and Greet" in August. Check out the Chamber website at www.zimmermanchamber.org and Facebook page for details on the Chamber's monthly events.



Zimmerman Community Garage Sale Days!

Zimmerman Today declares **Saturday, September 12th** as Zimmerman Community Garage Sale Day!

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



Minnesota Night to Unite is Tuesday, August 4th!

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Effective crime prevention begins with strong neighborhoods and community relationships. The Sherburne County Sheriff's Office is encouraging City residents to participate in Minnesota's Night to Unite on Tuesday, August 4th, 2015. Personnel from the City Council, Sheriff's Office, and Fire Department join in the Night to Unite festivities by answering questions and providing information about issues relevant to our community.

Night to Unite focuses on getting to know your neighbors, building relationships with community leaders and public safety agencies, and bringing awareness to crime prevention. A Night to Unite event in your neighborhood could be as simple as locking your door, turning on your outside lights, and gathering the neighbors in the front yard to get to know each other while sipping lemonade or having a BBQ or potluck with games and activities for participants to partake in. Tailor your event to the people that live in your neighborhood. This event is meant to be a fun evening spent with the people that live close to you.

It is important to register your gathering with the Sheriff's Office so they can send a local community leader or public safety representative to your event. Consider it a great time to build relationships with your neighbors, law enforcement, and city representatives. Everything we do to strengthen the ties among neighbors of all ages, backgrounds, and lifestyles makes our present and future that much brighter. We hope that you and your neighbors will join the Minnesota Night to Unite on August 4th!

For more information about Minnesota's Night to Unite or to register your neighborhood gathering, contact Deputy Roxanne Schreder at 763-765-3579.

Upcoming Events

August

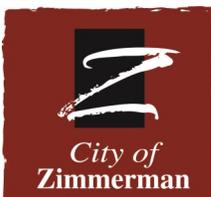
City Council Meeting	August 3	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Night to Unite	August 4	Various Locations	
COW Meeting	August 10	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	August 12	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	August 17	7:00 p.m.	City Hall

September

Labor Day	September 7		City Offices Closed
Park Board Meeting	September 9	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
Ladies on the Loose	September 12	10 a.m.—4 p.m.	City Wide
Fire Department Open House	September 12	11 a.m.—3 p.m.	Fire Station
Zimmerman Youth Expo	September 12	11 a.m.—3p.m.	St. John Lutheran
Fireman's Dance	September 12	8 p.m. -12 p.m.	Fire Station
Zimmerman Community Garage Sale	September 12	All Day	City Wide
Fireman's Dance	September 12	8 p.m. -12 p.m.	Fire Station
City Council Meeting	September 14	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	September 21	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	September 26	8-10 a.m.	Public Safety Building

October

City Council Meeting	October 5	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	October 8	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
COW Meeting	October 12	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	October 19	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	October 24	8-10 a.m.	Public Safety Building



City Hall will be Closed

September 7, 2015

In observation of Labor Day

Farmers Market

Tuesdays
2:30-6:00pm
City Park