

# ZIM CITY NEWS

SUMMER 2016

## 2016 Road Construction Update

A busy summer for improvements on the City's infrastructure is underway. Recently completed was the crack sealing and chip sealing of bituminous streets in various segments on town. This maintenance project will improve and extend the life of the pavements in an economical fashion. Excellent bids were received on the project, which allowed the maintenance area to be expanded to take advantage of the competitive pricing. The City's goal is to crack seal and chip seal all the streets on an approximate 5 to 7 year rotation.

Bids were also recently obtained on a joint improvement project with Sherburne County and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT). The City's portion of the project will be to improve and realign Fremont Drive from Fremont Avenue (CSAH 4) to Oak Street. Sherburne County will improve CSAH 4 from Highway 169 east to the county line. Mn/DOT will be updating the intersection of 169 and CSAH 4 through a new signal system and improvements to the crosswalks and turn lanes. The \$3.5 million project will also provide needed safety improvements by relocating the intersection of Fremont Drive with CSAH 4 approximately 650 feet to the east. The City's portion of the project will be paid with a combination of a federal grant, Municipal State Aid System funds and city funds. Knife River Corporation was the low bidder on the project. Construction is anticipated to get underway in July and be completed by the end of October.

Another project that was recently bid was improvements to two segments of Main Street. The northern segment of the project runs from Fremont Drive to approximately 350 feet south, adjacent to the Woodland Bank. Water main and bituminous pavement replacement will occur with this project. The southerly segment runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East to Highway 169 and will involve replacement of sanitary sewer and water main, the addition of storm sewer and full reconstruction of the street. Another project included in the bid was a project to provide drainage improvements at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East and Main Street and also in the Lions Park parking lot. Latour Construction of Maple Lake was the low bidder with a bid of approximately \$627,000, which will be paid with the use of Municipal State Aid Funds, project assessments and local funds. The project is anticipated to get underway sometime in August and be completed by the end of October.

Later this year, the City plans on making improvements to Lift Station No. 1, which is located near the intersection of Main Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East. This lift station is the primary lift station for the City as it pumps the entire wastewater flow to the wastewater treatment plant. The improvements will include new pumps and electrical controls as well as an improved connection to the stand-by electrical generator. This project is intended to be completed by the end of the year.

While it will be a busy summer of capital improvements, all projects have been planned and budgeted for and will greatly improve and enhance the City's infrastructure for years to come. If you have any questions, please contact City Engineer Kevin Bittner at [kevinbi@bolton-menk.com](mailto:kevinbi@bolton-menk.com) or at 763-433-2851.

## Election Judges Needed!



Want to  
earn extra money and  
work close to home?  
**Become an Election Judge**  
General Election Positions Available  
Apply Now!

The City is looking for 10 additional Election Judges to help with voting in the fall General Election on Tuesday, November 8. Election judges play a vital role in conducting voting activities for local, state and federal elections. Being an Election Judge is a great way to serve your community and help maintain the integrity of the Election process.

If you are interested in being an Election Judge, please contact Clerk/Treasurer Kary Tillmann at 763-856-4666, x. 22 or [ktillmann@izoom.net](mailto:ktillmann@izoom.net).

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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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## Election News!

### Filing for Mayor and City Council

Three municipal offices will be on the November ballot for the Zimmerman City Council. Residents will be voting for the Mayor seat (2-year term) and two 4-year City Council seats. Zimmerman does not have “wards” or “districts”, so all members serve the City “at large”.

To file for the office of Mayor or City Council, you must be an eligible voter in the State of Minnesota, at least 21 years old upon assuming office in January 2017 and be a resident of Minnesota for at least 30 days before the November General Election. Filing for office opens on August 2nd and continues until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016. Candidates file for office with the City Clerk at the Zimmerman City Hall, 12980 Fremont Avenue, during regular business hours. The filing fee is \$2.00, payable to the City of Zimmerman.

### Polling Locations

Polling locations for both precincts remain the same as in the past two elections. Precinct 1 (residents living north of County Road 4) vote at the Sheriff’s Department Substation, 26750 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street West. Precinct 2 voters (residents living south of County Road 4) will vote at The Refuge: An Evangelical Free Church, 25620 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street West.

### Absentee Voting is available

Eligible Zimmerman voters may vote by absentee ballot through the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer’s Office up to the day before the Primary Election. The Auditor/Treasurer’s Office will be open for extended hours on Saturday, August 6 and Monday, August 8 to accommodate absentee voters. For further information, or to obtain an absentee voting application form, contact the Auditor/Treasurer’s Office at 763-765-4351.

### New Voting Machines on Display at City Hall

The City has acquired new polling machines for use in 2016 elections. Equipment will be on display at City Hall starting July 5th. The public is welcome to stop in during regular business hours to see the new equipment.

## Take Our Survey - We Want to Hear From You!

The City’s Park Board would like to hear from local residents for future planning of our City parks and trails. Please take the time to let us know what amenities are important for you, what parks and facilities you frequent and rate the quality of our parks and trails. Once you complete the survey below, please drop off at City Hall or drop in the utility drop box located on Main Street across from Woodlands National Bank.

1. What City Parks have you used in the last year and how many times have you visited? (A map is located on our website at [www.zimmerman.govoffice.com](http://www.zimmerman.govoffice.com))

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2. What park amenities are important to you? (Circle up to five)

Playgrounds	Ball Fields	Skate Park	Restrooms
Picnic Shelters	Basketball Courts	Ice Skating	Splash Pad/Aquatic Facility
Benches	Tennis Courts	Disc Golf	Paved Trails
Grills	Volleyball	Dog Park Other (please specify) _____	

3. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the facilities and experiences offered? (Circle One)

Good                  Fair                  Poor

4. If you rated your experience at any of our parks as “Fair” or “Poor”, please explain why.

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5. What is the age of your family members? (Example: 6, 10, 36, 38)

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6. What additions or changes would you like to see for Zimmerman City Parks and Trails?

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7. Would you consider voting “YES” on a referendum to increase property taxes to generate capital improvement dollars for Zimmerman City Parks and Trails (i.e. \$30/household per year—\$2.50 per month)?

Yes                   No

## Is Your Dog Licensed and Leashed?

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.

**Running at Large**—When dogs are outside their owner's home, **they must be leashed, tied, kenneled or within a fenced yard.** Dogs running at large may be picked up by animal control and impounded. Impound fees are as follows: Payment of \$75.00 release fee for the first impounding, \$100 for the second impounding and \$125 for the third or more impounding. An additional \$25 will be added if the impounded animal is not licensed with the City.

## Fire Prevention Week—October 9-15, 2016



This year's Fire Prevention Week theme focuses on replacing smoke alarms every 10 years. Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? Because NFPA's survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. Make

sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home. To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date. For more information about Fire Prevention Week or fire safety, check out the National Fire Protection Association's website at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

## Stop by the Fire Station—Saturday, September 10th

To kickoff this year's Fire Prevention theme, the Zimmerman/Livonia Fire Department will be hosting their annual open house on Saturday, September 10th 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 Bouncy 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 "Road House 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.

## FREE Document Shredding Event

The City is hosting a FREE document shredding event on Saturday, September 10th from 10 a.m. — 12 noon in the City Hall parking lot. Bring your personal and confidential papers to be shredded on-site. Staples and paper clips do not have to be removed. This event is free and open to Zimmerman residents and businesses. For more information contact City Hall at 763-856-4666

## Zimmerman Community Garage Sale Days!

Zimmerman Today declares **Saturday, September 10th** 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](mailto:steve@zimmermantoday.com)



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**Minnesota Night to Unite is Tuesday, August 5th!**



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 2nd, 2016. 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 2nd. 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**

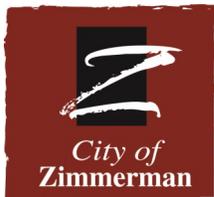
City Council Meeting	August 1	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Night to Unite	August 2	Various Locations	
Park Board Meeting	August 2	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
COW Meeting	August 8	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Primary Elections	August 9	7:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.	
City Council Meeting	August 15	7:00 p.m.	City Hall

**September**

Labor Day	September 5		City Offices <b>Closed</b>
Park Board Meeting	September 6	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
Document Shredding Event	September 10	10 a.m.—12:00 p.m.	City Hall Parking lot
Fire Department Open House	September 10	11 a.m.—3 p.m.	Fire Station
Fireman's Dance	September 10	8 p.m.—12 p.m.	Fire Station
Zimmerman Community Garage Sale	September 10		City Wide
Ladies on the Loose	September 10	10 a.m.—4 p.m.	City Wide
City Council Meeting	September 12	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	September 19	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	September 24	9-11 a.m.	Public Safety Building

**October**

City Council Meeting	October 3	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	October 4	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
COW Meeting	October 10	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	October 17	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	October 29	9-11 a.m.	Public Safety Building
Candidate Forum	TBD		City Hall



**City Hall will be Closed**

**September 5, 2016**

**In observation of Labor Day**

**Farmers Market**

**Tuesday**  
**2:30-6:00 pm**  
**City Park**