

ZIM CITY NEWS

WINTER 2015

Compost Site Changes for 2016

The Sherburne County Municipal Recycling Board, who manage the four public compost sites within the county, made the following changes effective January 1, 2016:

- Due to the Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine in adjacent counties and site/staff limitations, the board will ban ALL out-of-county wood wastes and yard wastes from entering the four public sites.
- Commercial wood waste and yard waste operators will still be able to utilize the sites, however, they shall not deposit wood or yard wastes that were not generated within Sherburne County. Commercial operators may only deliver material that was removed from their customers located within Sherburne County. This will be an "on-you-honor" method of controlling the out-of-county wastes.
- The rates for commercial operators will increase from \$200 to \$500. In addition, commercial operators have the ability to purchase additional access cards for \$250. Windshield stickers will be provided to commercial users. This will help city crews identify commercial outfits that have purchased the access pass without having to confront a frequent user of the sites.
- Non-Sherburne County residential users will no longer be able to utilize these sites. They will have to seek a yard waste facility in their own city or county for disposal.

Any questions or concerns regarding the changes, can be directed to John Exner, Environmental Specialist with the Sherburne County Zoning Department at (763) 765-4466.

Meet Blake Bistodeau!



Blake Bistodeau joined our City Staff on November 18th as a Maintenance Technician, filling a vacant position in the Public Works Department. Blake will work all aspects of the Department, from snow plowing to Park Maintenance, to responsibilities with the water and wastewater systems.

Blake brings 5 years of experience from the City of Rogers. He has his Class C Water Operator license from the Minnesota Department of Health and Class C Waste Water Operator license from the MPCA.

Blake enjoys playing hockey, hunting and fishing. If you get the chance, please "Welcome Blake" to our City Staff.

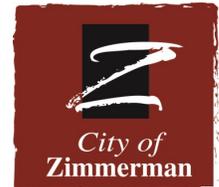
Connexus Energy Wants to Hear From You...

Have you noticed a street light that is not working or burned out? In an effort to provide better service, Connexus Energy would like to hear from residents directly. Contact Connexus Energy at their customer service line at (763) 323-2650 and let the customer service representative know the location and the problem with the light.



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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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ZIMMERMAN, MN 55398

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2016 SUMMARY BUDGET DATA FOR THE CITY OF ZIMMERMAN GENERAL FUND

Adopted by the City Council on 12-21-15

Revenues	2015 Adopted Budget	2016 Adopted Budget
Property Taxes	1,228,541	1,482,000
Tax Increments	0	0
Other Taxes	8,000	7,500
License and Permits	86,800	107,150
State Local Government Aid	475,147	483,882
State Categorical Aid	0	0
Grants from County and Other Local Governments	11,700	27,400
Charges for Services	177,550	240,300
Fines and Forfeits	22,250	24,250
Interest on Investments	15,000	18,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,500	2,500
Total Revenues	2,027,488	2,392,982
Other Financing Sources	50,000	50,000
Transfers from Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	50,000	0
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	2,127,488	2,442,982

Expenditures	2015 Adopted Budget	2016 Adopted Budget
General Government (council, administration, etc.)	532,824	534,650
Public Safety	829,950	905,650
Streets and Highways	476,875	476,705
Culture and Recreation	219,275	223,605
Total Current Expenditures	2,058,924	2,140,610
Capital Outlay	77,164	302,000
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	2,136,088	2,442,610
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	145,270	318,646

After Hour Emergencies

Zimmerman City Hall is open Monday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and is closed on Friday. If you have an after hours city emergency that needs immediate attention, please call the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department at 763-765-3500, and the appropriate personnel will be dispatched.

Tips for Surviving the Winter's Plowing Season

A little patience and a cooperative attitude are essential ingredients for getting through the winter plowing season. When citizens, plowing contractors, and city crews work together, we can reduce frustrations that sometimes accompany winter snowstorms.



There are many things residents can do to minimize plow-related problems for themselves, and to assure that city crews do the most effective job possible.

TOP 10 TIPS FOR THE WINTER PLOW SEASON:

1. Observe Zimmerman's winter parking regulations. Don't park your car on any city street between the hours of 12:01—8:00 a.m., or after a two-inch snowfall. This not only ensures more effective plowing, but also helps you avoid a ticket or a tow.
2. Residents may find it less frustrating to wait until the plow trucks have plowed their street before cleaning the end of their driveway. City plows are designed to discharge snow to the sides of the road and are not capable of skipping driveways.
3. Snow from the bottom of the driveway should be shoveled to the right as you are facing the street. This will reduce the amount of snow being placed back into the driveway during the next plowing.
4. Residents hiring contractors to plow their driveways should remind them about state and local laws that prohibit pushing or placing snow back into or across the street. Doing so not only creates hazards for drivers, but also makes it difficult for the city to keep the streets clean.
5. Residents should remove the snow in front of their mailbox after each plowing. The post office will not deliver mail if they cannot get close enough to reach the mailbox from their car or if they have to backup.
6. If trash/recycling pickup day coincides with plowing activities make sure your trash can and recycling bin are well behind the curb or in the driveway so the plow will not hit them.
7. Residents who have experienced sod damage in the past may want to mark their yard line with flexible stakes.
8. Don't allow children to build snow forts and tunnels in the snow banks along the streets and driveways. This is a very dangerous area to be playing, as it can be hard for the plow operators to see children.
9. Keep all toys and portable basketball hoops away from the street.
10. Residents are encouraged to locate the fire hydrant near their home and keep snow shoveled away from it. This will ensure that hydrants are accessible in case of emergency.

Sod and Sprinkler Damage

If you want to protect your yard from possible damage by snow plows, stake your yard along the curb line with flexible reflective driveway markers.

Despite the plow operator's best efforts, sod along the edge of the road occasionally may be damaged during snow removal activities. In general, the city will repair boulevard sod damaged by a snow plow or truck. The city will *not* be responsible for damage to underground irrigation systems and landscaping within the City right-of-way. If your sod has been damaged, contact the City at (763) 856-4666, ext. 21.

Mailbox Damage

Is your mailbox designed to stand up to the rigors of the winter plowing season? What happens if your mailbox is damaged by plowing activities? The answer depends on how the damage occurred.



If your mailbox is actually struck by a snow plow, the city will repair or replace the mailbox, providing that it's a standard design that conforms to U.S. postal specifications for minimum height and setback.

Mailboxes should be installed and maintained to withstand snow coming off the end of the plow. If damage occurs due to snow discharge or snow storage, the city will *not* be responsible for repairs.

City staff investigates each complaint. If an inspection shows that the mailbox was hit by a plow, a temporary mailbox or repair may need to be made until spring. If no signs of impact are evident, the resident is provided information about possible reasons for the problem.

If you have any questions about the mailbox policy, or to report a damaged mailbox, please contact City Hall at (763) 856-4666, ext. 21.

MAYOR

DAVE EARENFIGHT
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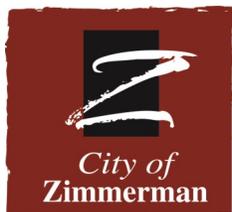
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City Office will be Closed

Friday, January 1st
In Observation of
New Year's Day

Monday, January 18th
In Observation of
Martin Luther King Jr.
Day

Monday, February 15th
In Observation of
President's Day

Commission Vacancies

Currently, the City is soliciting applicants to fill vacancies on the Park Commission.

The Park Commission provides recommendations to the City Council regarding park and recreation matters throughout the City, including development of park property, recreation programs, and related capital improvements. Commissioners serve a three year term. The Park Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Anyone interested in an appointment to the Park Commission should contact Randy Piasecki at 763-856-4666, x. 24 or рпиasecki@sherbtl.net.

Chillin' at the Ice Rinks

Just because it's cold outside doesn't mean your exercise routine should go into hibernation! Bundle up, grab your skates, and enjoy some ice time at the rinks! Zimmerman's ice rinks are designed for both pleasure skating and hockey and are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis or can be reserved in one hour increments for a nominal fee. Amenities include lighted rinks from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days a week and a new warming house facility.



People interested in scheduling ice time for hockey practice should contact City Hall at 763-856-4666 ext. 21. To access the rinks, travel south from Fremont Avenue (County Road 4) on County Road 45. After passing the Zimmerman High School, turn left onto 8th Avenue South. Continue on 8th Avenue South until you come to 2nd Street West. The parking lot is located on the left hand side.

Love Trees? Become a Citizen Pruner!

The City of Zimmerman is partnering with the Sherburne Soil & Water Conservation District and the U of M Minnesota Tree Care Advocate Program on a pilot program that is aimed at working together and engaging citizens in community forestry. Citizen Pruners are trained in tree identification, how to prune, and the understanding of the tree's biology to make sure the spread of certain diseases is prevented.

A training session has been scheduled for Saturday, January 30th at Zimmerman City Hall located at 12980 Fremont Avenue. The training is 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost to attend the 8 hours of training is \$25. Course material will be taught by U of M Urban Forestry Department Staff. For training registration information, visit <http://www.mntca.org/mcp-sherburne/> or contact Gina Hugo at 763-241-1170, ext. 101 or ghugo@sherburneswcd.org.



Upcoming Events

JANUARY

City Council Meeting	Jan 4	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	Jan 5	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
COW Meeting	Jan 11	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	Jan 30	9-11 a.m.	Public Safety Bldg
City Council Meeting	Jan 26	7:00 p.m.	City Hall

FEBRUARY

City Council Meeting	Feb 1	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	Feb 2	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
COW Meeting	Feb 8	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	Feb 22	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	Feb 27	9-11 a.m.	Public Safety Bldg

MARCH

Park Board Meeting	Mar 1	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	Mar 7	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
COW Meeting	Mar 14	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Chamber Business Expo	TBD	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Zimmerman High
City Council Meeting	Mar 21	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	Mar 26	9-11 a.m.	Public Safety Bldg