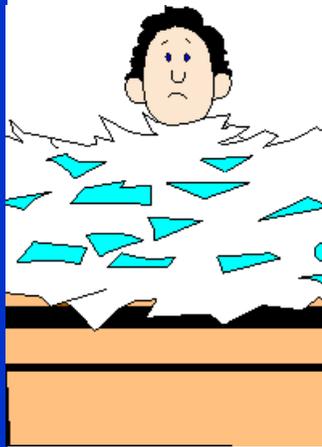


April 1st, 2015

Henning Happenings

From the Desk of Scott Grabe



Construction season is approaching. Please slow down as you drive near construction sites, or, even better, find another route around the site.

If you are considering getting a new gas service from the City of Henning, please contact us early. By requesting your service early we can make sure that we get it installed before you need to start heating with it.

If you have a by-pass valve on your water meter, please turn it off mid-April.

Bright Energy Solutions is offering several rebates for our customers this season. With summer coming it may be time to pur-

chase a new room air conditioner. An Energy Star appliance is eligible for a \$25.00 rebate. New central air units or heat pumps are eligible for up to a \$250.00 rebate, depending on the unit.

Remember to change the rotation of your ceiling fans. Most ceiling fans should turn counterclockwise during the warmer months and clockwise during the cooler months. Also, ceiling fans can help cool a room, saving you money on air conditioning costs. Check out Bright Energy Solutions for a \$25.00 rebate on ceiling fans.

The City of Henning is also offering rebates on Energy Star labeled screw-in LED light bulbs. LED

Bulbs last longer and are more efficient than incandescent and even compact fluorescent bulbs. Receive a \$3.00 rebate for a screw-in bulb or \$4.00 for a recessed can fixture or retrofit kit (limit 12 per year per customer).

For more information, and for printable rebate forms, check out Bright Energy Solutions at <http://www.brightenergysolutions.org/> click on "For Your Home", then click on "Minnesota", then scroll down and click on Henning Municipal Utilities. You may also contact the city office or your local HVAC contractor.

Board of Appeal and Equalization

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Appeal and Equalization for HENNING CITY shall meet on 4/13/2015, 9:30-10:30Am, at the HENNING CITY HALL, 612 FRONT STREET. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall 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.

“Call before you dig, to help minimize excavation damage”

Please contact the City of Henning if you would like your non-profit event advertised on our Facebook page or on our electronic highway sign.

Natural Gas Pipeline Safety

The City of Henning Natural Gas Utility operates a system of underground natural gas pipelines to provide safe and economical energy to the residents and businesses of our community. If you are receiving this letter it is because you are using or are near one of our pipelines.

Pipelines are one of the safest transportation methods available. If, in the unlikely event a natural gas leak occurs, it can cause a fire or explosion. We want to help you stay safe around gas facilities. This notice is designed to assist in that effort, providing information on reacting to and reporting suspected gas leaks and on excavation safety. If you have further questions, please contact us using the provided numbers.

Suspected Gas Leaks

Indications of possible gas leaks include:

- ◆ Unusual odor inside or near the pipeline outdoors.

- ◆ Hissing noise, bubbles in puddles, dirt being blown into the air, or dead or discolored vegetation near an under-ground pipeline.

If you suspect a leak:

- ◆ **Evacuate** the area immediately.
- ◆ **Travel Upwind** to escape any potentially dangerous accumulation of gas and do not re-enter until told it is safe to do so.
- ◆ **Call** the gas supplier from a safe location- NOT the building where you smell gas.
- ◆ **DO NOT** light a match, operate light switches, appliances, engines, landlines, cell phones, or any other sources of ignition.
- ◆ Keep other people out of the area until help arrives.

Remember, suspected gas leaks are potentially dangerous. Leaks

must be reported and investigated immediately. We need your help to continue to operate a safe distribution system.

Dig-in (excavation) is a leading cause of gas system damage. To minimize this hazard, the most important thing you can do is **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!** GSOC is a FREE statewide service that allows utilities to locate any buried facilities they own, before you start digging. Call 811 or 800-252-1166 before digging.

Please Call the City Office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Office: 218-583-2402

Emergency: 911

After Hours Call Center: 218-583-4089

Upcoming Dates to Remember

With Summer fast approaching, here are some dates to mark on your calendar.

April 9th: 7am Coffee Hour Meeting City Hall

April 16th: Pet Shot Clinic 6:30pm at the Firehall.

April 17th: NHS Day of Caring 9:00am to Noon

April 20th: City wide Cleanup. Please have yard waste bagged or bundled and placed on your curb.

May 2nd: ATV Safety, please call Mike Helle 218-583-2903 for more information.

May 23rd: Second Annual Military Park 5k

May 29th: Household Hazardous Waste collection. 10-2 at the

County Garage

June 13th: RMH ride

June 20th: All City Garage Sale

July 10th-12th: Henning Festival

August 14th: World Famous Turkey BBQ

Henning Public Schools National Honor Society

“Day of Caring-2015”



Friday, April 17, 2015

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Introduction: The “Day of Caring” is a service project conducted by many NHS chapters across the United States. This community-wide service project is designed to help citizens with spring cleanup and chores. We are prepared to offer free manual labor to help with your jobs within city limits between 9:00am-12:00pm. You need to provide instructions and any materials and we will provide the labor. We will do as many jobs as we can!

Typical Day of Caring Jobs: Raking yards, sweeping & pressure washing driveways, weeding gardens, planting flowers, spreading mulch, washing windows, painting sheds, porches and fences, setting up patio furniture, picking up litter, trimming branches and many more jobs!

**We cannot use ladders, power equipment or perform tasks that are hazardous to students.

Please contact Mr. Dana Damm at the Henning High School to set up your job to be completed on 4/17/15 between 9:00am -12:00pm

ddamm@henning.k12.mn.us or 218 583 2927 ext 8111

**Deadline for Job Registration: Sat 4/11/14 – Must be within city limits.

City of Henning

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From the Office

As a government entity we are facing an issue, which has us questioning how to increase participation from the community regarding important decisions that affect each and every one of us. As a governing body, we have certain regulations we must follow whenever we hold a public meeting. If a meeting is not a regularly scheduled meeting, we are required to post the meeting in a public place at least 3 days in advance. We will post these notices at the Post Office and on the front door of City Hall. If you would like to be notified of any special meetings, you may ask for notification in writing and send it to the office of the City Clerk. We will then notify you in writing or email of any special meetings which will be held. Whenever possible, notice of said meetings will also be published in the paper, but if there is not time due to paper deadlines, it will not be in the paper.

The City Office does its best to inform the community of any items that are being addressed, that will affect the community. The regularly scheduled council meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm located in the Council Chambers of City Hall. These are, as required, open to the public. There is also a once monthly morning coffee hour that is held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00am. Topics of discussion include any business the City is directly involved in. This is a more informal setting for the citizenry to express their opinions and create dialogue of what they want to see, or not to see, the City be involved in, or to discuss needs within our community. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

We would like to remind everyone of the City Office hours 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. There is always someone on hand to visit with you regarding anything the City is considering. We invite you to come talk directly to any of the office staff or to the Mayor. He can be found in his office throughout the day, and his door is always open. Oftentimes we find that there is a lot of misinformation circulating regarding City business. It is very disheartening to see an empty council room time after time, yet hear reactionary disagreement from the community at large, when there wasn't anyone present to hear first hand what was discussed. Concerns will always be addressed and resolved in the best manner possible. Agenda request forms are available at the office or on our city website if you would like to discuss a topic that is not on the agenda.

The City of Henning maintains a City Website, a Facebook Page, and publishes a quarterly newsletter, in addition to Council Meeting recaps in the paper, in an attempt to keep you all informed. We realize there is always room for improvement and are open to reasonable suggestions to how we can improve our communications. However, we ask in return that you play your part in attempting to stay informed regarding City business. If we work together, we can continue to see our community prosper in ways that benefit us all.