



Henning Happenings

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER:

Sat. 3rd: "Save the Trinity" Ribfest. Activities begin at 2pm at the Henning Festival Grounds. Food, fun, and music, including kids games.

Wed. 7th: Good Shepherd Fall Supper 5-8pm. Take-out available by calling 218-583-2786.

Thur. 8th: Henning United Methodist Women Fall Bazaar 9am-Noon. Home-made jams, jellies, doll clothes, and more!

Thur. 8th: Homecoming Football! OTC Bulldogs v. WDC. Kickoff is at 7pm

Sat. 10th: "Sharing Our Stuff" and Winter Outerwear Giveaway, presented by Water's Edge Women's Ministry and Henning HOPE. 8am-1pm at the Henning Community Center. All items are FREE!

Sat. 10th: Used book sale at the Landmark Center. 10am-4pm.

Sun. 11th: Craft Bingo St. Edward's Church 1:30pm

Sun. 11th: Henning Gun Range Open House. Bring your shotguns and participate in some trap competition. 1-4pm

Mon. 19th: Arlene Sherman Watercolor Workshop, Landmark Center 9-5. \$35.00 person.

Haunted House: October 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, and 30th from 7-10pm. Halloween night from 8-11pm. Proceeds benefit Henning HOPE and Henning Volunteer Fire Department. Also collecting donations for the Henning Food Shelf.

Sat. 31st: Henning HOPE 2nd Annual Kid's Halloween Party. 4-6pm at the Henning Community Center. Please come dressed up. Fun for the entire family.

Sat. 31st: Memorial Open House for Charles and Shirley Lewis 2-4pm at Landmark Center

NOVEMBER:

Sat. 21st: Local Artist Craft Sale at Landmark (time tbd)

DECEMBER:

Tues. 1st: Sonja Walker Rosemaling Workshop Landmark Center. \$35.00 person. Begins at 10am.

Thurs. 10th: Creative Company Wreath Making at Landmark Center 2-4pm

Sat. 12th: Santa Day at the Landmark Center

Sat. 12th: Vendor Blender at Henning Community Center. Time tbd.

Please contact the Henning Landmark Center for more information regarding their events, or to register for an event. 218-548-5760

Watch our City of Henning Facebook Page and City Webpage for more information, and any additional events that were not scheduled as of printing of the Newsletter.

To advertise your Non-profit event, call 218-583-2402.

City News

We will be having a **fall cleanup day on Monday, October 26th**. Please have all your leaves bagged and brush or branches, bundled and placed on the curb.

The Utilities Office has LED Energy Star Light Bulbs for our Electric Customers. Please stop by and pick one up for FREE. Limit one per household. Must be a Henning Electric Customer.

Although we don't want to think about it, winter is fast approaching. If you live on a designated snow route street, please make sure to obey the parking rules, or you will be ticketed. Remember to watch for City Crews clearing roads with snow equipment. They often have reduced visibility and it can be difficult for them to see you.

Sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 48

hours of the abatement of snowfall.

The skating rink will be installed soon. Please watch our Facebook page for information when it officially opens for the season. You can drop off skates to the City Office if you wish to donate them to the rink. It is requested that all donated skates remain in the warming house for the next person to use.

Cold Weather Rule

Cold Weather Rule Minn Stat 216B.097

Protections:

A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must not disconnect and must reconnect the utility service of a residential customer during the period between October 15 and April 15 if the disconnection affects the primary heat source and customer meets the eligibility criteria below.

Customer Eligibility

To be eligible for protection from residential utility service shutoff, a customer must meet the following criteria and requirements.

1. The household income of the customer is at or below 50 percent of the state median household income.
 - a. A customer is deemed to meet the income requirements if the customer receives any form of public assistance— including energy assistance— that uses an income eligibility threshold set at or below 50 percent of the state median household income. The utility may:
 - i. Obtain verification of income from the local energy assistance provider, if available, or
 - ii. Require income verification from the customer on forms provided by the utility and compare it to the current state median household income figure available on the Energy Assistance Eligibility page, at the website of the Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources.
2. The Customer enters into and makes reasonable timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

Utility Duties

Between August 15th and October 15th each year, all utilities must notify all residential customer of the Cold Weather Rule protections.

All utilities must provide customers seeking protection with referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation, or other programs likely to reduce the customer's energy bills.

Customer Notification Before Disconnection

Before disconnecting service to a residential customer during the period between October 15 and April 15, a municipal utility or co-op must provide the customer all of the following:

1. A notice of the proposed disconnection
2. A statement explaining the customer's rights and responsibilities
3. A list of local energy assistance providers
4. Forms on which to declare the inability to pay
5. A statement explaining available time payment plans and other opportunities to secure continued utility service

Please remember that even with Cold Weather Protection you can still be disconnected unless you follow steps to avoid disconnection, which does include a payment plan. The City of Henning encourages you to enter into our budget program to help you better plan for your utility payments.

Contact the City of Henning for more information regarding Cold Weather Protection, available energy assistance, or the budget program. 218-583-2402

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. We are required to send gas safety notices twice a year, to all natural gas customers, by the Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety.

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 to stay safe around gas facilities. This notice is designed to assist in that effort, providing information on reacting to and reporting 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 underground pipeline.

If You Suspect a Leak:

Evacuate the area immediately. Travel upwind to escape any potentially dangerous accumulation of gas and do not reenter 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) damage is a leading cause of gas system damage. To minimize this hazard, the most important thing you can do is **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!** Gopher State One Call, or 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. 218-583-2402. To report a gas emergency after hours, call 218-283-4089 or 911.

Introducing Kathi Schmitz

My name is Kathi Schmitz; I am new to the Henning City Clerk's Office as Administrative Assistant, coming on board at the end of June. Previously I worked as Administrative Assistant for Traverse County Social Services in Wheaton. County and City government offices have many similarities and a few differences, which I am learning. I have met some of you as you have come into the City Office, at the monthly Chamber Business Recognition coffees, and in your businesses.

My husband, Roger, and I, high school sweethearts, were born and raised in the small farming community of Dumont, MN. We married and moved to Wheaton, 7 miles north of Dumont, where we raised our 4 children. We have 12 grandchildren who are the highlights of our lives. We

live on the south side of Ottertail; our family has enjoyed the Henning Festival and Turkey Bar-B-Q for many summers.

Having lived and worked in small communities, I enjoy meeting new people. If I can help to in anyway, please stop in. I'd like to introduce myself; we might discover we know some of the same people. It truly is a small world.

If you have not stopped in to meet Kathi, we encourage you to do so. She has been a wonderful addition to our office staff. Kathi's duties include utility support, management of bus, community center and conference room schedules, fire department billing, and Country View matters.



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218-583-2402
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Police non-emergency: 218-583-2903
Cityofhenning@arvig.net

We're on the web!

www.henning.govoffice.com

Natural Gas Prices Set for 2015-2016 Heating Season

Each year the City of Henning contracts our Natural Gas from the City of Perham. By doing this we are able to lock in a price for the season, and not be susceptible to fluctuating gas prices.

After seeing an increase last year, we are happy to announce a decrease in the cost this year.

The new rates are as follows:

Residential: \$.84

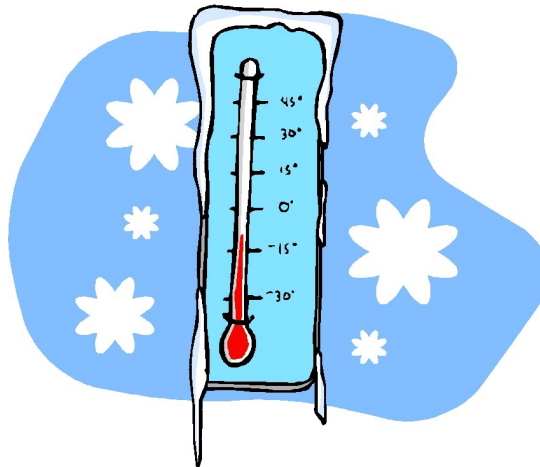
Commercial: \$.84

They are effective Nov. 1st, 2015 and will be reflected on your Dec. statement.

This new rate is approximately \$.13 less than last years rate. Even though you will be seeing a savings in your heating costs, we encourage everyone to conserve consumption as much as possible. Turning your thermostat down during the day while you are away, or at night while you are sleeping will

help in reducing your consumption. Programmable thermostats are available at several local businesses.

Turn your ceiling fans to rotate clockwise in the winter time. This helps force warm air down.



Installing insulated window treatments will also help to reduce the amount of

warm air exiting through your windows.

Signing up for the budget program is also a good way to plan for high heating bills. There is still time to sign up. By being on the budget, you pay the same amount each month of the year. Please contact Jessica ASAP if you are interested in enrolling in the budget program.

If you need information on assistance with your energy bill, call the City Utility Office at 218-583-2402.

We also encourage you to conserve your electric and water consumption. Check toilets and sinks to make sure they are not dripping or running. Make sure outside spicketts are off. Switching to LED bulbs, for every day use or for Holiday decorating, is a great way to cut costs. For more energy saving tips visit:

Brightenergysolutions.org or check out our Facebook page.