

CITY OF ST. CLAIR NEWSLETTER

August/September 2012



NIGHT TO UNITE HELD IN ST. CLAIR ON AUGUST 7th

Two (2) St. Clair neighborhoods participated in Night to Unite on Tuesday, August 7th.

The City would like to thank everyone who volunteered to host a block party and everyone who participated in the event, especially:

- the St. Clair Fire Dept.
- the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept.
- and the Neighborhood Block Party Hosts:

Winnis and Ralph Buesing

(Agency Street, Front Street West and South, Horseshoe Lane, Main Street West and Railroad Street)

Jason Weinandt and Doug Westphal

(Memorial Park ... East end of town)

... MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...

3rd Annual St. Clair Fire Dept. Pizza Fundraiser

Hosted by Mitt's BP



Thursday, October 11th
5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

during Fire Prevention Week

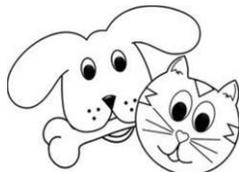
Additional information and an order form will be included with the next City Newsletter.

ELECTION and VOTING INFORMATION

The GENERAL ELECTION is
Tuesday, November 6th
St. Clair residents vote at the
St. Clair City Hall,
304 Main Street West, St. Clair



PET OWNERS



Pet owners, please be respectful of your neighbors and follow the City Pet Ordinance:

- Keep your dog or cat on a leash or under your control at all times.
- Don't allow your dog to habitually bark and howl.
- Don't allow your dog to wander onto neighboring property to do his "duty".
- When walking your dog, "pick-up" after him, don't leave the mess behind.
- Obtain a dog or cat license at City Hall.

Go to the City website

www.stclair.govoffice2.com

Click on "ELECTION 2012" on the left menu for information on the following:

- Election Notices
 - Voter Eligibility
 - Polling Place Locations
 - Voter Registration Information
 - Absentee Voting Requirements
- and other Election Items and Related Links

You can also access Election information at the following sites:

Blue Earth County Elections Dept. website

www.co.blue-earth.mn.us/dept/license/elections.php

MN Secretary of State Election Center website

www.sos.state.mn.us/home/indes.asp?page=4



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Call GOPHER STATE ONE CALL at 1-800-252-1166 before you dig. The One Call service will contact all underground utility providers in the area and have the utilities located and marked. The One Call service is paid for by the utility providers and is at no cost to the property owner.

BOOK AND MAGAZINE EXCHANGE



The Book and Magazine Exchange is located at the St. Clair City Hall. Stop by and pick up, drop off or exchange books and magazines!



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFE DRIVING TIPS

HERE ARE SOME SIMPLE REMINDERS FOR DRIVERS:
(from www.safekids.org)

- Slow down and be especially alert in the residential neighborhoods and school zones.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.
- Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours.
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving.

REMINDER FOR YOUR KIDS:

- Kids should cross the street with an adult until they are at least 10 years old.
- Cross the street at corners, using crosswalks.
- Never run out into the streets or cross in between parked cars.
- Make sure kids always walk in front of the bus where the driver can see them.

WATER SAVING TIPS OUTSIDE YOUR HOME



Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.

Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.

Use a broom or blower instead of a hose to clean leaves and other debris from your driveway and sidewalk.

Avoid watering the lawn on windy days ... there's too much evaporation.

Raise the lawn mower blade to at least three (3) inches. A higher cut encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soils moisture.

Avoid over fertilizing your lawn. Applying fertilizer increases the need for water.

Use mulch to retain moisture in the soil. Mulch also helps control weeds that compete with landscape plants for water.

Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. A garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours.

Avoid purchasing recreational water toys which require a constant stream of water.



WATER FACTS

Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. A large increase in your bill may be caused by a problem with your water softener, a leaky faucet, a toilet leak, a drippy outside faucet, etc. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day.

Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. Dripping faucets can waste about 2,000 gallons of water each year. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons each day. (www.drinktap.org)

How to determine if your toilet has a leak:

- Place 3-4 drops of food coloring into your toilet tank.
- Do not flush or disturb the toilet for 1-2 hours or longer. At the end of the waiting period observe the toilet bowl. If the color shows up in the bowl you have a leak.