



CITY OF ST. CLAIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

December 2013/January 2014

Thank you!!



The St. Clair EDA hosted the 5th Annual Donuts with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 7th at the St. Clair City Hall.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by and enjoyed donuts, apple cider, the coloring contest, and visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

AND ... a special thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus for spending the morning with us!!

Christmas Tree Drop-Off Site for St. Clair Residents



Christmas trees can be dropped off near the gate to the Wastewater Treatment Plant on or before Monday, January 6th.

TREES ONLY PLEASE ... NO garland, ornaments, tinsel, tree stands or plastic wrap.

Holiday Garbage & Recycling Schedule



There will be a one (1) day delay in garbage and recycling pick-up during the week of the following holidays:

- Christmas – pick-up will be Saturday, Dec. 28th
- New Year's – pick-up will be Saturday, Jan. 4th



Winter Reminders

In the interest of public safety, City residents are urged to be good neighbors and motorists and follow the City the Snow Plowing and Snow Removal Ordinance. The following is a summary of the Ordinance:

- Use off-street parking after any snowfall of 1" or more or after any high wind event causing blowing and drifting snow, until the street has been plowed curb to curb. Vehicles that have been parked on the street longer than twenty-four (24) hours after a snowfall event and have prohibited the complete clearing of the street are subject to towing and impounding at the owner's expense.
- Property owners/occupants adjacent to public sidewalks are responsible for ice and snow removal from the sidewalk. All ice and snow must be removed from public sidewalks within 36 hours after the ice or snow has ceased to fall. If the sidewalk is not cleared within the designated time the City will hire it done at a charge to the property owner of \$50.00 per occurrence.
- Property owners are responsible for snow removal around their mailbox.
- Snow from driveways, sidewalks and parking lots is not to be blown, plowed, shoveled or in any way deposited onto or across any public street or alley.
- The City will not be liable for damage to vehicles, fences, play equipment, basketball hoops, landscaping items and other objects parked or placed on the City right-of-way. Such items should be removed from the City road right away to allow for efficient snow plowing and removal. The City road right-of-way is approx. 10' from the curb or edge of the street.

Please contact the City Clerk at 245-3494 with questions or for more information regarding the Snow Plowing and Removal Ordinance.

Golf Cart, ATV and Mini-Truck Ordinance

The City of St. Clair has worked closely with the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept. in developing an ATV, Mini-Truck and Golf Cart Ordinance. At the December 3, 2013 City Council meeting, the City Council approved Chapter 77 of the City Ordinance Code, an Ordinance regulating the operation of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV), Mini-Trucks, and Motorized Golf Carts in the City of St. Clair. The Ordinance will go into effect on January 1, 2014.

After January 1, 2014, a permit will be required to operate a Golf Cart, ATV and Mini-Truck on roadways under the jurisdiction of the City of St. Clair. Permit applications will be available at the St. Clair City Hall. Permits will be issued by the St. Clair City Clerk. Upon completing the application, eligible applicants will receive a Vehicle Permit/Sticker and an Operator Permit. When making application, the applicant may list additional vehicle operators (i.e.: spouse, children with driver's license, etc.). Each eligible operator will receive an Operator Permit.

FEE SCHEDULE: PERMIT FEE: One-time permit fee of \$25.00, valid until the vehicle changes ownership.

(Permit Fee includes Vehicle Permit and Operator Permit(s))

FEE TO REPLACE A LOST PERMIT: \$5.00

FEE TO ADD OPERATORS (after initial application): \$5.00

The following is a summary of the Golf Cart, ATV and Mini-Truck conditions, restrictions, and requirements set forth in the Ordinance:

1. PERMITS

- a. VEHICLE PERMIT: The Vehicle Permit must be affixed to the rear of the vehicle. The Vehicle Permit must be visible and unobstructed. The Vehicle Permit shall be valid until the vehicle changes ownership. Permits are non-transferable. Permit fees are non-refundable.
- b. OPERATOR PERMIT: The Operator Permit must be in the possession of the operator. The Operator Permit shall be valid until the vehicle changes ownership, unless revoked under Section 77.06 of the Ordinance for any of the following reasons: material misrepresentation made in permit application, permittee no longer has a valid driver's license, insurance on vehicle is no longer in effect, evidence that permittee cannot safely operate the vehicle, or a violation or non-compliance with any other federal, state, or local rule or regulation.

2. VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE – The operator must have a valid driver's license.

3. INSURANCE COVERAGE – Insurance coverage shall be in compliance with state requirements. Applicant must provide proof of insurance when making application.

4. HOURS OF OPERATION – Hours of operation shall be sunrise to sunset.

5. VISIBILITY (500') – When operating an ATV, mini truck, or motorized golf cart, during times when visibility is reduced or impaired due to weather conditions, smoke, fog, haze, or other conditions, there must be sufficient light to clearly see persons or vehicles on the roadway at a distance of five hundred feet (500').

6. PASSENGERS

- a. Passengers must be seated on a seat specifically designed for the transport of passengers and in a manner so as not to interfere with the driver while operating the ATV, mini-truck, or motorized golf cart.
- b. No more than two (2) persons shall occupy the front seat of a motorized golf cart. If the motorized golf cart is equipped with a factory built rear facing seat no more than two (2) persons shall occupy the back seat. If the motorized golf cart is not equipped with a factory built rear facing seat no persons shall be allowed to ride in or on the rear of the golf cart.
- c. Persons shall be prohibited from standing and riding on the rear bumper of any ATV, mini-truck, or motorized golf cart.

7. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

a. MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- slow-moving vehicle emblem
- rear view mirror

b. ATV REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- a functioning headlight & taillight in use at all times
- rear view mirror

c. MINI-TRUCK REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- at least two (2) headlamps and at least two (2) tail lamps
- front and rear turn-signal lamps
- an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and EITHER:
 - an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side, OR
 - an interior mirror
- a windshield
- a seat belt for the driver and front passenger
- a parking brake

8. ROADWAY TRAVEL – Persons operating an ATV, mini truck, or motorized golf cart on designated roadways must operate the vehicle on the extreme right-hand side of the road or shoulder of the road, making left turns across the road only if it is safe to do so under prevailing conditions.