



CITY OF ST. CLAIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

August/September 2014

Recreational Campfire



The City of St. Clair has received a number of complaints from various neighborhoods throughout town regarding open burning. The Blue Earth County Sheriff's Department has been contacted regarding this issue. Blue Earth County Chief Deputy Rich Murry has asked me to encourage anyone witnessing a violation to the Open Burning Ordinance to call 9-1-1 immediately and report the incident.

A 3' X 3' recreational campfire using clean, dry, untreated wood is the only type of burning permitted in St. Clair. Burning leaves, grass, waste materials, construction debris and any materials other than clean, dry, untreated wood is PROHIBITED.

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RECREATIONAL CAMPFIRE REGULATIONS and SAFEGUARDS

SIZE:	3' X 3' in diameter with a flame height not more than 4'
LOCATION:	at least 15' from any structure or property line
WOOD:	clean, dry, untreated wood in lengths of 3' or less
WEATHER:	consider wind conditions and weather conditions prior to lighting a campfire
SMOKE:	<u>MINIMAL SMOKE, ODOR AND/OR SOOT SHOULD BE NOTICED BEYOND THE PROPERTY LINE!!!</u> Be respectful ... DO NOT start a campfire if the smoke is going to blow into your neighbor's yard!!
SUPERVISION:	campfires should be attended by a person 18 years of age or older
EXTINGUISH:	extinguish the campfire completely before leaving the site

While burning a recreational campfire, every effort should be taken to avoid creating a nuisance or a health or safety hazard.

PLEASE NOTE:

Recreational campfires are prohibited when the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept. or other authority has issued a burning ban.



Thanks to everyone who joined us at Memorial Park for the City-Wide Night to Unite Potluck on Tuesday, August 5th. It was a lovely summer evening filled with good conversation and great food!!

... **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** ...

5th Annual St. Clair Fire Dept. Pizza Fundraiser



Hosted by Mitt's BP



**Thursday, October 9th
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

during Fire Prevention Week

Additional information and an order form will be mailed to St. Clair residents in late August. Order forms are also available on the City of St. Clair website www.stclair.govoffice2.com



2014 Election Update



GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 4th

Polls in the City of St. Clair are open from 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day. The polling place for St. Clair residents is the St. Clair City Hall, 304 Main Street West, St. Clair.



St. Clair Mini-Library Site

Stop by the St. Clair City Hall and check out our Mini-Library site. If you don't see the kinds of books you like, there's a clipboard on the library cart, leave a note on the clipboard for the Blue Earth County Library staff. The St. Clair Mini-Library Site functions on the 'honor system' ... no library card needed.

St. Clair residents and other small city and rural Blue Earth County residents have Blue Earth County Library services available to them through the U.S. Mail. Library patrons may go on-line or order their library materials over the phone. Library materials are mailed with an enclosed postage-paid return envelope.

Blue Earth County library patrons also have full access to the regional library system's extensive eBook and audio book collection which can be downloaded from the Blue Earth County Library System website www.becolibrary.org to their personal reading/listening devices.

For more information contact Kathy at the Blue Earth County Library (507-304-4021).

Compost Site

The City of St. Clair does not maintain a compost facility. SMC offers composting services, a per-bag or per-load fee is charged. Finished compost and wood mulch are offered for sale. For current fees, please call SMC at 507-388-3122. The SMC Compost Site is located at 57032 ~ 231 Lane, Mankato (off of 3rd Avenue).

MATERIALS ACCEPTED: leaves, grass clippings, prunings, weeds, sod stripping, vines, limbs, branches and logs.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: animal waste, dirty stumps, plastic lawn edging, flower pots, and plastic leaf bags



Reminders for Drivers

- Slow down and be alert in School zones and residential neighborhoods.
- Take extra time to look for children at cross-walks, intersections and on curbs.
- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits.
- Back out of your driveway slowly and carefully, watch for children walking and biking to school.
- Watch for children on and near the street, especially in areas where there is no sidewalk.
- Obey school bus stop laws ... stop for a school bus with flashing red lights and an extended stop arm.
- 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.

Reminders for your Children

- 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.
- Never cross in between parked cars.
- Make sure children always walk in front of the bus where the driver can see them.
- When no sidewalk is present, walk on the far left side of the street, facing traffic.
- Parents should help their children figure out the best route to school and teach the children how to estimate when there is enough time to cross a street.

Don't Use Your Toilet as a Garbage Can!!!

The sewer system is not designed to handle these kinds of items. Flushing such items can cause damage to pumps and equipment at the sewer plant, as well as, plugging sewer mains and individual sewer lines resulting in back-ups into homes.

... **DO NOT FLUSH ... DO NOT FLUSH ... DO NOT FLUSH ...**

- Disposable diapers
- Feminine products
- Medications
- Mop heads
- Cleaning items
- Rags
- Paper towels
- Plastic bags
- Dryer sheets
- Disposable wipes
- Bandages
- Dental Floss
- Q-tips
- Cat litter
- Any items other than toilet tissue!!