



CITY OF ST. CLAIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

August/September 2015

VEHICLE BREAK-INS REPORTED

Several vehicle break-ins were reported to the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept. in early August. These break-ins occurred in various parts of town between 4:30 am and 5:00 am. Residents are reminded to lock vehicles and remove valuables. Early morning walkers/runners ... please be alert, watchful and cautious! Anyone witnessing any unusual or suspicious behavior is asked to call 9-1-1 immediately.

6th Annual St. Clair Fire Dept. Pizza Fundraiser

Hosted by Mitt's BP

Thursday, October 8th
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 will also be available on the City of St. Clair website www.stclair.govoffice2.com

MEMORIAL PARK

Each year the City experiences problems with damage, defacing and vandalism at Memorial Park. This summer, as a result of a number of incidents involving the pavilion restrooms during Community Ed activities, the Community Ed Director found it necessary to have a port-a-potty brought in.

The City Council asks everyone to take ownership of our park. Please speak if you see someone causing damage or defacing park property. If you notice activities in the Park that seem unusual or suspicious please don't hesitate to call 9-1-1 and report the activity.



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.





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.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG 1-800-252-1166



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.

LEAF RAKING & GRASS CLIPPINGS



Residents are asked not to rake leaves or mow grass clippings into the street, curb or gutter. Storm sewers are not designed to handle quantities of leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris. During a rainstorm, leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris can quickly plug storm drains and cause clogged pipes, back-ups and other problems.



RECREATIONAL CAMPFIRE

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.

CITY OF ST. CLAIR 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:	Minimal smoke, odor and/or soot should be noticed beyond the property line 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

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

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

Anyone witnessing a violation to the Open Burning Ordinance is encouraged to call 9-1-1 immediately and report the incident.