

CITY OF ST. CLAIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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STORM SEWERS and STORM DRAINS

City storm sewers are designed to carry rain water (commonly referred to as 'storm water'), surface run-off and snow melt to the river.

Storm sewers are not designed to handle leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris. During rainstorms, grass clippings, leaves and other yard debris can plug storm drains/grates and accumulate in the pipes, contributing to clogs and back-ups. In heavy rain events these clogs and back-ups can cause flooding.

In addition to grass clippings, leaves and debris, storm water often contains materials found on streets and parking lots such as oil, antifreeze, gasoline, soil, litter, pet wastes, fertilizers and pesticides. When even small amounts of these materials enter lakes and streams, they become pollutants that can kill fish and reduce water aesthetics.

Grass clippings, leaves, twigs and other yard debris ... when it rains, grass clippings, leaves and other yard debris can end up in storm drains, causing blockages. Preventing these blockages is easy.

- Compost grass clippings.
- Keep mowed grass off the street by mowing grass into the yard not into the street.
- Do not rake grass or leaves into the street or curb/gutter. It can plug city drainage systems.
- Do not allow soil, leaves or grass clippings to accumulate on driveways, sidewalks, or in streets.



Visit www.mnvotes.org the official voter resource from the Office of the Secretary of State for information about the following:

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

You can also access Election information on the City website www.stclair.govoffice2.com and the Blue Earth County website



**GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, November 8th**

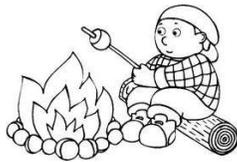
CITY OF ST. CLAIR, MN ELECTION OF CITY OFFICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City General Election in and for the City of St. Clair, Blue Earth County, Minnesota will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at which Election there shall be submitted to the voters of the City of St. Clair the following:

- for the two year Mayor term; Marvin More has filed
- for the two four-year Council terms; Duke Arndt has filed

The polling place for St. Clair residents is the St. Clair City Hall, 304 Main Street West, St. Clair, Minnesota. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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.



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 911 FOR ANY POLICE, FIRE or MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Since 1970, the City of St. Clair has contracted with the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept. for police protection.

Call 911 to report any fire, medical emergency, police emergency or when witnessing any unusual or suspicious person, activity or behavior.

If in doubt as to whether to situation warrants a 911 call ... be on the safe side ... **MAKE THE CALL!!**

ST. CLAIR AMERICAN LEGION CHICKEN DINNER FRIDAY, OCT. 21st 5 pm – 8 pm



Includes: 2-pieces of chicken, baked potato, corn and a dinner roll for \$6.50 ... add a piece of pie for \$1.50! For more information contact Sondra at 381-2719.



HIGHER THAN USUAL WATER BILL?

The water and sewer portion of your City Utility bill is based on your water consumption ... so, if your water bill is higher than usual, you're using more water than usual.

A number of factors can contribute to an increase in water usage ... do some investigating both inside and outside your home.

INSIDE YOUR HOME:

- Do you have a toilet that won't shut-off after flushing? A toilet that keeps 'running' or 'sticks' after you flush, can account for hundreds of gallons of water in just 1 day.
- Do you have a dripping or leaky faucet? Even a slow drip or a small seemingly insignificant leak can add up quickly.
- Is your water softener functioning properly? Make sure your softener (especially if it's an older model) isn't cycling more frequently than necessary.
- Have you had additional people staying with you? More people in the household means more showers, more laundry and more water use in general.

OUTSIDE WATERING:

- Have you been doing extra outdoor watering or sprinkling? Watering your lawn or garden can increase your water consumption substantially.
- Have you filled your pool or washed your vehicle?
- Was an outside faucet or hose left on accidentally?

Any of these factors can drastically increase water consumption.

Still not sure ... CHECK YOUR WATER METER!

When you are sure that no one in your household is using water (make sure the dishwasher, washing machine, etc. aren't running), look at your water meter ... if the center, triangular dial is moving, you have a leak or are using water somewhere!

Contact the City Clerk at 245-3494 if you have questions about your water bill or water consumption.