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## PUBLIC WORKS TO FLUSH WATERMAINS

The City Public Works Department will be flushing watermains Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. During this time you will occasionally experience a reduction in water pressure.

Groundwater contains dissolved iron (rust color) and manganese (black color) which will oxidize into a solid and settle in the watermains. These minerals do not pose a health hazard but do create a problem with discoloration and/or sediment. Hydrant flushing causes a high velocity and scouring action in the watermains to remove these materials.

We encourage homeowners to do the same flushing after we've been through your area by opening several faucets at the same time until the water clears. Opening more faucets at the same time will increase the velocity and scouring action. This should only take a few minutes. You could wait until after May 22<sup>nd</sup> to be certain that we are finished flushing. You could also flush your water heater by opening the spigot at the bottom until the water clears. Your owners manual should also recommend this process. Most of the sediment in your water heater is a gradual build-up of minerals that were oxidized during the heating process. If you have questions, please feel free to call Public Works Director Paul Hoeschen at 685-3524.

## FIREFIIGHTERS BEING SOUGHT

Do you have a cool head and thrive in the heat of action? If so, the Cold Spring Fire Department would be interested in having you on their team. The City is accepting applications for two firefighters on the 30-member department.

The fire department offers a unique experience to serve your community by providing fire protection and emergency medical assistance to citizens. The fire department responds to fire and rescue calls, which can involve active fire alarms, live fires, car accidents, and emergency medical situations.

Applicants are required to be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid Minnesota Class D driver's license, reside within ten minutes of the Fire Hall and within the Cold Spring Fire and Rescue Department

coverage area (district), and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Other minimum qualifications are outlined with application materials, which are available at City Hall. These positions include hourly wage compensation and retirement benefits. All applications must be received by 4:30 pm on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at City Hall.

Join the excitement of serving the public in emergency situations, and apply to become a fire fighter in the City of Cold Spring. The fast paced field of fire and rescue response is sure to keep you on your toes. Don't miss this chance to put your valued skills to use in your community, apply today!

## NEW MEDICATION DROP BOX LOCATION

Stearns County's Medication Drop Box program has expanded with a new location in Cold Spring. Residents can now dispose of their unused and unwanted pharmaceutical medications at the Cold Spring Police Department.

The drop box is accessible during regular weekday business hours and is intended for household use, not commercial. Businesses should contact their waste management vendor for medication disposal information.

The purpose of the Medication Drop Box is to keep unused medications out of our water supply as well as out of the hands of individuals who might abuse them. Locally, the program is provided by the Sheriff's Office and Environmental Services department and funded through Household Hazardous Waste tax. In 2013 Stearns County collected 4,280 pounds of pharmaceutical waste through this program.

All unused and unwanted medications are accepted. The identifying labels from the bottles do NOT need to be removed. Privacy is of highest importance and the labels are never viewed. If medications are in a glass container they should be put in a provided padded envelope before being deposited. Please note that NO SHARPS ARE ALLOWED!



## COLD SPRING HOMETOWN PRIDE DAYS

The yearly summer festival of Hometown Pride Days is quickly approaching. We invite you to participate in all of the activities occurring during the three day celebration. Hometown Pride Days is filled with food, music, sales, and fun for everyone including kids, families and seniors. For more information visit the event website at [www.hometownpridedays.com](http://www.hometownpridedays.com).

Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

City Wide Garage Sales

Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

City Wide Garage Sales

7:30 am – 10:00 am Chamber Community Breakfast

9 am – noon Art Show

9 am – noon Historical Society Museum Open House

11 am – 5 pm Friends of the Library Book Sale

10 am – Midnight Beer Garden & Food Stands

1 – 5pm 40 & 8 Train Rides

2 – 5pm Bingo

5:00 pm Bean Bag Tournament

7:00 pm Belt Sander Races

8:30 – 11:30 pm Free concert “Beggars Dance”

Kids Events

9 am – noon

Kids Carnival

Noon – 3 pm

Zoo Friends

Petting Zoo

10:00 am – 6 pm Water Balloon Game, Inflatable

Bouncing Game, National Guard Climbing Wall

10:00 am – 6 pm Kid’s Zone

10:00 am – 9 pm Airmax Trampoline

12:00 – 3:00 pm Stearns County Dairy Princess

serving Ice Cream

2:00 pm Bakery Challenge

5:00 pm Pedal Tractor Pull

Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

City Wide Garage Sales

8:00am – 2:30 pm Cars by the Creek Show

8:00 am Red River Run

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Beer Garden & Food Stands

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Arts and Craft Sale

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Friends of the Library Book Sale

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Third Street Brewhouse Tours

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Third Street Brewhouse Tap

Room Open

10:00 am – 2:00 pm 40 & 8 Train Rides

Noon – 4:00 pm Music by Terry DuBois

Noon Wing Eating Contest

1:00 pm Cake Eating Contest

4:00 pm Firefest Concert

Kids Events

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Kids Zone

10:00 am Turtle Races

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Inflatables Bouncing, Water Balloon Game, AirMaxx Trampoline

Noon Mosaic Boardwalk Sidewalk Art

## 2015 FIREFEST CONCERT

The Cold Spring Fire and Rescue Department will be hosting their Eighth Annual FireFest event this year on Saturday, July 25, 2015 during Hometown Pride Days. The event headliners this year are Darius Rucker and Chris Young. Additional artists performing include Clay Walker and Neal McCoy.

Tickets are available for purchase at a cost of \$50 for a limited time and will increase periodically as the concert date nears. Tickets can once again be purchased online at [www.firefestmn.com](http://www.firefestmn.com) and are available at the following locations during business hours: Cold Spring City Hall, Third Street Brewhouse, Cold Spring Bakery and Connection, Granite Community Bank, and Wild Country 99 Studios. Proceeds from the event go directly to the Cold Spring Fire and Rescue Department Relief Association.

## COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

On Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-11:00 am the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a city wide clean-up day where for a small fee residents can dispose of larger items that are not commonly taken in regular garbage service. In addition the Tri-County Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection truck will be taking such items as adhesives, poisons, aerosols, paint, garden chemicals, fuels, rechargeable batteries, mothballs, sealers, mercury, and solvents. This event will be held in the Rocori High School parking lot. For more information about this event contact the chamber at 685-4186.

## COST SAVINGS ON PROJECTS

The City is proud to share their cost savings efforts on several projects that recently saved a huge amount of money from the Sewer and Water Funds. The first project was the Equalization Tank Replacement at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project was bid with the lowest bid at \$300,000. To save money, the project was rebid with the Public



Works Director serving as the general contractor, Kraemer Trucking/Excavating did the dirt work, and City staff completed a lot of the work, resulting in a total project cost of \$125,000, a savings of \$175,000.

The second project was the purchase of a semi-tractor and trailer to haul biosolids that is created as part of the wastewater treatment process. The City had budgeted \$30,000 for the purchase of a used trailer, and \$20,000 for the purchase of a used semi-tractor to haul the biosolids from the treatment plant to farmer's fields. Through the federal military surplus program, the City was able to purchase a used, good quality trailer for \$4,500 and a semi-tractor for \$5,000, which are substantially less than budgeted. City Staff, Ron Fuchs, Shawn Garding, and Corey Leither, altered this equipment to fit our needs.

The third project is locating a site for new city wells. Paul Hoeschen, Public Works Director, is completing most of the work to find a new water source for City wells, to coordinate with the DNR and Dept. of Health, to search for aquifers, negotiate contracts with property owners, bid and schedule well drillers. An exact cost figure of savings is not known, but is considerable, given that this work is normally done by Engineers and Hydrogeologists.



City Semi-tractor and Trailer used to haul sludge

### PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On the evening of Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> the Cold Spring/Richmond Police Dept. will be hosting a National Night Out event in the cities of Cold Spring and Richmond. We are looking for interested residents in the City of Cold Spring to volunteer to host a block party in their neighborhood. The Police Department would provide assistance in blocking off streets for the purpose of the block parties and will stop by for a visit with residents. National Night Out is a good way to get to know your neighbors and to help the police department prevent crime. If you're willing to assist the Cold Spring/Richmond Police



Dept. please call Officer Jamie Revermann at 320-685-8666.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT COLD SPRING LIBRARY

The Cold Spring branch of the Great River Regional Library will begin their Summer Reading Program on June 8, 2015 through August 8, 2015. The program is for children age 0-12 and teens grade 6-12. There will be drawings for prizes and incentives for reading.

In addition to the reading program, the library has many fun events scheduled in the next coming months, including preschool storytimes, a book club for kids, concerts, music bingo, bracelet workshop, musical instrument workshop, drawing workshop, talent show, book swap, Wii Guitar Hero, Just Dance and Mario Cart. Stop by the library or visit them online at [www.griver.org](http://www.griver.org) for a full list of events.



### TIPS FROM DNR ON WILD TURKEYS

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources offers the following tips on living with wildlife, specifically on turkeys.

- Don't raise and release turkeys
- Don't feed turkeys
- Keep bird feeder areas clean
- Don't let turkeys intimidate you
- Cover windows or other reflective objects
- Protect your gardens and crops
- Educate your neighbors

For more information visit the DNR website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/livingwith\\_wildlife](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/livingwith_wildlife)

### BUT IT SAYS, "FLUSHABLE"

Many products claim they are "flushable". Baby wipes, hand wipes, paper towels, dental floss etc, will flush down the toilet but will cause the city to spend a lot of time and money to remove pumps and disassemble them to remove these flushable products. Toilet paper is designed to dissolve quickly, while these other products do not. So overall, the only product that should ever go down the toilet is... you guessed it, toilet paper.

## COLD SPRING CHILDREN'S BIKE RODEO

The Police Department will be hosting their annual bike rodeo in Cold Spring on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:00 pm behind the District Education Facility (old Middle School). All children in grade six and under are encouraged to attend. Each child will be provided with bike safety tips, a beverage and a certificate for pizza. The children will be able to ride through a course designed to help them learn sign recognition and get their bikes licensed. There will also be a grand prize drawing for a certificate towards the purchase of a new bike for one boy and one girl courtesy of the American Legion Auxiliary-Cold Spring.

Dustin Upgren and his staff from State Farm Insurance in Cold Spring will also be at the event hosting bike games and will award prizes.

Kids, grab your bike and your helmet and pedal down to join us at the bike rodeo, we hope to see you there!

## SPRING REMINDERS FOR RESIDENTS

- Keep your Property Presentable

Spring cleaning isn't just for indoors, keep your property and neighborhood looking presentable by cutting your grass, removing tall weeds, and removing any junk vehicles from your property.

- Keep Your Trees Trimmed

Trees should be trimmed to a height of at least seven feet above sidewalks and at least twelve feet above streets. Overgrown trees make it impossible for pedestrians to use sidewalks and obstruct the view of traffic and street signs.

- Lawn Clippings

Grass clippings which can contain fertilizers and chemicals should be kept out of streets. The storm drains connect your property directly to nearby waterways including Brewery Creek and the Sauk River.

- Campfire Regulations

Campfires are the only type of fires that are allowed in the City, burning of leaves is not permitted. Campfires can be no more than three feet in diameter by three feet in height, and five feet from the base of the fire must be cleared of all combustible materials. Campfires are allowed during burning restrictions but NOT during burning bans which are determined and announced by the Department of Natural Resources.

- Slow down and Move Over for Emergency Vehicles

It's a state law that when traveling on a road with two or more lanes, drivers must keep over one full lane of traffic away from stopped emergency vehicles with flashing lights activated – ambulance, fire, law enforcement, maintenance and construction vehicles. Failing to take these actions endangers personnel who provide critical and life-saving services

- Garbage Cans

Garbage and recycling containers should be placed on the boulevard, NOT in the street on trash day. Streetsweepers cannot easily maneuver around the cans and end up knocking them over.

## PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS

Picking up after your pooch is more than just a courtesy to your neighbors — it's also being a good neighbor to area lakes and rivers. That's because pet waste can contain harmful bacteria, as well as phosphorus that causes excess algae and weed growth in lakes and rivers. So every time you reach for the leash, remember to grab a small plastic bag for the road. It's one simple thing you can do to help keep the water clean.

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