



Seasons' Greetings



UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 13, 5:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- December 26 City Hall will be closed.
- January 2, 2017 City Hall will be closed.



A Reminder from the Street Department



It is against City Ordinance for any person to plow, shovel, or blow snow on to a public street or right-of-way in the City. Please move vehicles off the street. If your vehicle is left on the street after the snow plows go by, the Police Department will place on your vehicle an orange parking ticket for 24 hour removal or if not moved, it will be towed at the owner's expense. *Please remember to drive carefully and according to the condition of the roads.*



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A MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATOR DON SOLGA

Your water lines may be at risk of freezing during prolonged periods of bitter cold if you had issues with frozen water lines in the past. *Here's what you can do to prepare:*

- Monitor the weather reports for extended periods of severe cold; then take action.
- Allow warm air to circulate in the area where the water comes in to the house.
- Leave utility room doors open and clear space around the waterline.
- Remove contents of vanity cupboards and leave the doors open.
- If possible/practical leave snow cover over the area where your lateral water line runs from the curb stop to the house.
- Put a fresh battery in the thermostat if the thermostat is not hard wired in to the home.
- Run your cold water closest to the water line entry point for a couple minutes and then take the temperature of the water.
 - ⇒ If it is below 40 degrees Fahrenheit it is recommended that you let your cold water run from this faucet at a pencil thickness.
 - ⇒ You should run it non-stop when there is no one home, overnight when temperatures typically dip lower, or no water is being used for a period of time,
 - ⇒ Notify the city/utility if this method is chosen.

If your water line freezes:

- Use heat tape, a space heater (don't leave it unattended) or a warm hair dryer on the pipe. Follow all safety precautions recommended by Consumer Product Safety Commission and Underwriters Laboratory.
- Watch for unintended consequences of sewer or septic backups if running water continuously.
- If a contractor is needed to thaw the line be aware of unintended consequences of contractors thawing water lines, particularly if using an electrical welder.
 - ⇒ Namely fire, explosion, damage to appliances and electronics, and the possibility of damage to other property owners in the case of stray electrical current.
 - ⇒ Determine if the contractor is using a commercial device manufactured specifically to thaw frozen water lines.
 - ⇒ Determine if the contractor is insured.

Sanitary sewer freeze up considerations:

Make sure the roof vent is not covered with snow or is otherwise blocked. Snow build up over the vent will cause the sewer drain to slow down. This prevents the warmer air in the sewer system from venting up the house line and keeping the line above freezing.

ATTENTION!

The City of Pelican Rapids changed the parking ordinance as of Oct. 1st. The previous odd/even system is no longer in effect. However, in the case of 2 inches or more of snow, a SNOW EMERGENCY will be declared and cars will have to be off the streets. Once your street is cleared, you may park back on the street as usual. **WITH IMPENDING SNOW, PLEASE MOVE VEHICLES FOR PLOWING!**

Thank you— City of Pelican Rapids Police and Streets Department



We're on the Web!

www.pelicanrapids.com



**From Fire Chief
Trevor Steeve**

Locate your fire extinguisher and place it in an easily accessible place. Check the pressure gauge to make sure it is within the recommended level. The needle should be in the green zone. If the needle is not in the green zone, the extinguisher requires professional maintenance.



**Ordinance 503.04
Dogs and Cats**

It is unlawful for the owner to keep any dog or cat 6 mos. of age or more within the City without a City license. **Every license shall expire on Dec. 31st** of each licensed year. Pets are required to be inoculated against rabies. The number of licensed animals permitted shall not exceed 4 per dwelling unit. Animal licenses are available for purchase at City Hall, Weckwerth Animal Hospital, or Maplewood Veterinary Animal Hospital-\$6 for a fixed animal and \$24 for intact. Tags must be affixed to a collar on your pet at all times.

Any dog or cat found unlicensed or running at large may be impounded. The impound fee for the 1st offense is \$25, 2nd offense is \$75 and 3rd offense is \$150.

Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness
(Rough Guidelines for New Clear Ice Only)

2" or less STAY OFF!!	4 Inches Ice Fishing	5 Inches Snowmobile or ATV	8 - 12 Inches Car or Small Pickup	12 - 15 Inches Medium Truck
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Department of Natural Resources

Please make sure that you have house numbers visible to the street. If there is an emergency at your home, emergency vehicles need to know for sure which house is yours. Sometimes every second counts!



You can donate your old vehicle to the fire department for training as a tax deductible donation. Please call: 218-863-5211.

SAFE WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- Clear snow and ice from all windows, hood and roof, mirrors, head and tail lights and license plates before driving.
- Know the current road conditions. Call 511 from your cell phone or check the website www.511mn.org.
- Turn on your lights to see and be seen.
- Leave plenty of room for stopping. Slow down.
- Use brakes carefully. Brake early and correctly.
- Do not use cruise control.
- Exit and entrance ramps can be icy as well as bridge decks.
- Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows--stay back at least 200 feet and don't pass on the right.
- The most important tip for winter driving is: **SLOW DOWN.**

FRIENDS OF THE FERAL CAT, P. O. Box 4, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572-9998 Voice Mail: 218-331-8802 E-mail: feralcat@mail-filter.com or jeannecannady@hotmail.com for low cost spay/neuter assistance, and information regarding our Trap-Neuter-Return Program, foster care program, and Barn Cat Program.

