



CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS

City Newsletter

AUGUST 2016

CALENDAR

- **Farmer's Market**
Tuesdays, Fridays and
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- **Minnow Races** every
Tues. at 10:00 at the Park
- August 3 10:00 a.m. -
2:00 p.m. **Hazardous
Waste Collection** at
the City Shop
- August 8, 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting
- August 9, 7:00 *8:00 pm
Primary Election Day
City Hall
- August 29 8:00 a.m. Park
Board Meeting
- August 30, 5:00 p.m.
Council Meeting

A MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATOR DON SOLGA

DOES THAT GARBAGE DUMPSTER BELONG TO YOU?

From time to time I receive complaints from business & property owners stating that someone keeps dumping trash in, or beside, their dumpster. Not only is this act inappropriate, unethical, and dishonest, it places an additional burden, either financially or otherwise, on the property owner. Not to mention that it is against city regulations.

City Code Chapter 502.01, Subdivision 3 states:

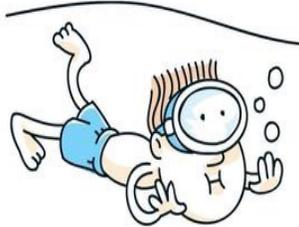
No person shall place or cause to be placed any refuse in any street, alley or public place or upon any private property except in proper containers for collection. **No person shall place or cause to be placed any refuse in or next to a garbage can, dumpster or other refuse container or receptacle or anywhere else on property that they do not own unless they have permission of the property owner.** No person shall throw or deposit refuse in any stream or other body of water.

So please, be thoughtful of our business and property owners and properly dispose of your own garbage without placing additional burdens on others.



**A REMINDER
FROM THE STREET
DEPARTMENT**
**Please DO NOT rake
leaves or blow lawn
clippings into the street.**

It is against City Ordinance to deposit leaves or grass clippings on city streets or in the street gutters. **By mowing the first two rounds back onto your property and not into the street, the grass won't wash into the storm drains and clog them.**



Schedule Your Swimming Lessons!!

218.863.5641

August 8 - 19, 2016

9:30 am Level 5 & 6
10:00 am Level 4
10:30 am Level 3
11:00 am Level 2
11:30 am Level 1

Cost is \$25 per child

Space is limited



Help Protect Local Drinking Water Supplies

Become **Better Informed**
about Wellhead Protection

The City has been taking STEPS to protect local groundwater and drinking water resources by developing and implementing a WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN. The goal is to identify and manage potential sources of contamination in the area which supplies water to the city wells. Our PLAN was developed locally with input from community residents, state, local, and federal resource staff, and APPROVED by the Minnesota Department of Health.

For more information contact:

City of Pelican Rapids
218-863-6571

The City will be doing a variety of education and outreach activities about WELLHEAD PROTECTION.
Become better informed about wellhead protection.

Learn ways to protect your drinking water at: www.mrwa.com



Scan with your phone's QR code reader



**Message from
Police Chief Stadum**



No dog or cat is permitted to run at large within the limits of the City. Please keep your pets under control at all times.

Animal licenses are available for purchase at City Hall, Weckwerth Animal Hospital, or Maplewood Veterinary Animal Hospital. Tags must be affixed to a collar on your pet at all times.

Bicycle Licenses

The Police Department has bicycle licenses for only 50 cents. Bring in your address, phone number and bike description including the model number. This license will help in the event your bicycle is lost or stolen.



FYI on Household Hazardous Waste

Common household items that should never be thrown in the trash or poured down a drain: oil based and latex paints, stain or varnish, paint remover or paint thinner, moth balls or rodent bait, aerosol products, used motor oil or antifreeze, fluorescent light bulbs, household pesticides, weed killer, pool chemicals, rechargeable batteries, gasoline and fuels.

Protect our air, water, and soil by properly disposing of toxic household items

****Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection will take place at the Public Works Facility 1008 County Hwy 9 in Pelican Rapids from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3rd.****

Dispose of your recyclable items at: Pelican Rapids Recycling Center, 24 11th Ave. SE, Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. *Items accepted include: Newspaper, cardboard, tin cans, office paper, magazines, glass, plastic and aluminum cans.*



How much water do you use?

The average person uses about 100 gallons of water a day!

Only a small amount of that is used for drinking and cooking. It is estimated that your shower uses from 2 to 5 gallons per minute, your bathroom sink about 2 to 7 gallons per minute, and your toilet up to 7 gallons per flush, depending on if you have water-saving showerheads or toilets.

When you run your dishwasher you use from 9 to 12 gallons a load, your sink from 2 to 5 gallons per minute and washing machines use about 41 gallons a load unless you have water-saving appliances.

Some ways of saving water include: Turning



the water off while brushing your teeth, keeping a container of water in the refrigerator instead of running the faucet to get a cold drink.

If your clothes are not dirty after wearing them, you could wear them again.

You may not need to rinse most cups and plates before putting them into the dishwasher. Take a short shower instead of a bath.

**Look Out For
Leaks!**

If your water consumption seems high, you may want to check your toilets for leaks or faucets for drips.

Drippy faucets and hissing or whistling toilets waste water. **Not all leaky toilets make noise.** A good way to tell is to remove the top of the toilet tank, put 12 drops of dark food coloring into the tank and wait for 15 minutes. If any dye appears in the bowl, you have a leak in your toilet tank. You will want to fix it soon to keep from wasting any more water.

