



CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS News

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JANUARY



Calendar

- City Hall Closed
January 1, 2020
- Council Meeting
Jan. 14, 5:00 pm
Jan. 28, 5:00 pm
- City Hall Closed
Jan. 20 in Honor of
Marin Luther King Jr.
- Pool Committee
Meeting
Jan. 27, 5:00p

To help the Street Department with snow removal, **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 conditions of the roads.

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302.02 SNOW, ICE, DIRT AND RUBBISH

Subdivision 1. Duty of Owners and Occupants. The owner and the occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep such walk safe for pedestrians. **No such owner or occupant shall allow snow, ice, dirt or rubbish to remain on the walk longer than 12 hours after its deposit thereon.**

Subdivision 2. Removal by City. The City may, at its option, remove from some or all public sidewalks the snow, ice, dirt and rubbish beginning 12 hours after any such matter has been deposited thereon or after the snow has ceased to fall. The City shall keep a record showing the cost of such removal adjacent to each separate lot and parcel, and shall keep such information at the office of the City Clerk.

Please call City Hall at 218-863-7076 with any questions or concerns.



The Skating Rink Hours:

- ~ 4:00 pm.to 8:00 pm on school days
 - ~ 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm on non-school week days
 - ~ 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays
- The warming house will be closed any day the temperature is below -10 or -15 with wind chill or whenever the temperature is above 32 degrees.*

With colder weather Chief Steeves is reminding residents to make sure that they have their furnace checked at least once a year to ensure that it is working properly. Please be careful when using space heaters and other heating devices. Install UL certified carbon monoxide alarms and smoke alarms outside of sleeping areas and near all fuel burning appliances. Other precautions include:

- Avoid using charcoal grills inside the home, tent or camper or in an unventilated garage.
- Don't allow vehicle exhaust fumes to enter the home.
- Ensure all fuel-burning appliances are properly vented.

Know the warning signs of carbon monoxide poisoning.

1. *Flu like symptoms—nausea, fatigue, headaches, dizziness*
2. *Confusion*
3. *Difficulty breathing.*

If you are experiencing these warning signs, get out of the house and call 911.



United States[®] Census 2020

ATTENTION ALL SNOWBIRDS! BE COUNTED IN MINNESOTA!

If Minnesota is your home, you need to be counted here! Minnesota benefits from Federal funding for roads, health care and other projects that are all critical to our state. **To be counted in Minnesota, DO NOT fill out the form you receive at your temporary location.** To ensure Minnesota is where you are counted, fill out **ONLY** the form delivered to your Pelican Rapids address.

PREVENT WATER LINE

FREEZE-UPS!

Your water lines may be at risk of freezing during prolonged periods of bitter cold if you had issues with frozen water lines last winter.

Here's what you can do to prepare:

- Leave utility room doors open and clear space around the waterline.
 - If possible/practical leave snow cover over the area where your lateral water line runs from the curb stop to the house.
 - 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,
- ⇒ Any repairs or service for water freeze up is at the homeowners expense.



It's time to re-new your animal licenses for 2020.

You may purchase one at either Veterinary Clinic or at City Hall. The cost of a yearly licenses is \$6.00 for a spade or neutered pet or \$24.00 for an intact pet.

A REMINDER FROM THE STREET DEPARTMENT

It is against City Ordinance for any person to plow, shovel, or blow snow onto a public street or right-of-way in the City.



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.

FIRE HYDRANTS

In order to provide sufficient fire protection for your home, please keep the fire hydrant near your property shoveled out.

Para proporcionar suficiente protección contra incendios para su hogar, mantenga la boca de incendios cerca de su propiedad con una pala.

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