



CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS News

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CALENDAR

- **Primary Election**
August 11, 7a-8p
- **Council Meetings**
August 25, 4:30pm
- **Park Board Meeting**
August 31
- **Planning Commission**
August 31, 5pm
- **Pool Committee**
August 10, 5pm on Zoom
- **Hazardous Waste Collection**
August 5~ 10:00am - 2:00pm at the City Shop - 1008 Cty Hwy 9

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 am to 2 pm on Wednesday, August 5, 2020.



PELICAN RAPIDS POOL Swimming Pool hours for 2020

Open Swim

1:00 pm—6:00 pm (Mon, Tues, Thurs)

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Wed & Fri)

12:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Sat & Sun)

Lap Swim

12:00 pm—1:00 pm (Mon—Fri)

Water Aerobics

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Mon, Tues, Thurs)

Pool Rates

Daily— Single person: \$3.00, Family (up to 8 immediate family members) \$15.00, Groups 10 or more \$30.00

LAST DAY FOR THE POOL THIS SEASON: AUGUST 15, 2020

Call the swimming pool at 863-5641 for information about admission and to register for swimming lessons.

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Smart911 replaces CodeRED

To sign up for Smart911:

- Website: www.ottertailcounty.mn.us/smart911
- Mobile app: Search "Smart911" in your mobile app store
- Text: Text "Smart911" to 67283 to receive download link
- Call: Otter Tail County Emergency Management (218-998-8067)

Smart911 is a free, county-wide service. They provide location-based weather related warnings and emergency alerts.

Due to privacy & security, it is necessary to create a new account.



How much WATER is your home WASTING? and how can you stop it?

WHY DO WE NEED TO CONSERVE WATER?

While fresh water is a renewable resource, the world's supply of clean, usable water is decreasing faster than it can be replenished.



Over 70% of the earth's surface is covered in water. But 97% of that is salt water, leaving a mere 3% of fresh water. Within that, 66% is frozen in glaciers and polar ice caps, leaving just 1% overall available for consumption. And, to make it worse...

About 95 percent of the water entering U.S. homes goes down the drain.

HOW CAN YOU SAVE MONEY AND WATER?

An average US family of 4 uses 146,000 gallons of water per year! That's 127% more than in 1950. Low-flow appliances and fixtures can help reduce that number.



And fix your leaks! Per family, they account for about 10,000 gallons of wasted water per year.

WHAT ARE THE TOTAL SAVINGS FOR THE US?

If all US households installed water-saving fixtures and appliances, it would save:



Total savings on water bill: 30%. In just one year, this amounts to over 2 TRILLION GALLONS of water saved, which is worth over \$4 BILLION DOLLARS!

Pelican Rapids Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

PartnerSHIP 4 Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Center for Prevention, MnDOT, and the City of Pelican Rapids are creating a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the entire city!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Zoom meetings on June 23 and 29. Special thanks to Christopher Hovden for recording the meetings. You can watch a video of the three meetings on Chris' YouTube channel (Christopher Hovden): <https://youtu.be/mnxyMgtvul.0>

Please visit our new website to learn more about the Pelican Rapids Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. You can also provide input into the plan on our website: <https://prbikepedplan.weebly.com/>

We will have a second round of public input meetings on Zoom in September, which we will advertise in next month's city newsletter. Please join us!

For more information, please contact:

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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 of water 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.

