



### **Water/Sewer Project has begun!**

After several years of planning, engineering, funding applications and waiting for answers, the City finally has everything in place for our water/sewer project. Early this spring, we began phase 1 of a 2-phase project funded by USDA Rural Development. This summer the contractor, (R&R Excavating from Hutchinson, MN) is improving the sanitary sewer system with the goal of preventing ground water and storm runoff from entering the City's sewer ponds. The existing clay lines will have spot repairs completed in the very bad spots, and the remaining lines will have a Cured In Place Plastic liner installed inside the existing clay pipes remotely. Services to individual homes will also be lined using the same methodology from the sewer main to the cleanout installed at the right of way. R&R will also be connecting up some dead-end water mains, creating loops, to help improve water quality in our system. These loops are being installed in 4 locations across town. Once installed, less frequent flushing of the water mains should be needed. You may experience periodic water shut off during the looping construction. Watch for email or phone notice on dates and times.

Next summer (Phase 2) we will begin construction on the new water treatment plant to further improve the water quality to the residents of Onamia! The water plant will be located in Onamia City Park near the two municipal wells. One of the wells is also being replaced to avoid some of the high concentrations of ammonia found in the water from it. While the ammonia isn't at a high enough level to cause a health concern, and the water is 100% safe to use, that well is no longer used because of the stronger taste and smell associated with it.

### **Coronavirus Update**

City Hall is open by appointment. Please call anytime with questions or to schedule a time should you need in person assistance. Water bill payments can be placed in the drop box just outside the

clerk's office or mailed to the city PO box.

As a reminder, everyone entering city hall for appointments or attending Planning Commission or City Council Meetings will be required to wear a mask. We will continue to have spaced seating in the council chambers and may need to limit the number of individuals in the room at one time.

Onamia City Parks are open. Please follow the CDC social distancing and mask wearing guidelines when using the parks. Remember we are all in this together! Stay Safe!!

### **New Council Member**

At the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the City Council, Councilman John Sammis resigned as he is moving out of the city. Thank you to John for his years of service to our city.

On April 14, the Council appointed Sandy Nelson to fill the seat vacated by John until a special election can be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> to permanently fill the seat. Welcome Sandy!

Anyone interested in running for city council can file for the election between June 1 and June 15 at city hall. The filing fee is \$2.00.

### **Pet Reminder**

Just a reminder: When your pets are outdoors, they need to be fenced or chained. When walking your pet, they need to be on a leash or under control with an electronic collar. Pets running loose may be impounded, resulting in fines, impound fees and boarding costs. Finally, you are responsible to pick up after your pet when they use someone else's yard/sidewalk as a restroom. Let's keep our pets safe and our neighbors happy.

### **Spring Clean Up**

Spring is here! Let the clean-up begin!! City Maintenance will be doing some street sweeping in May. Please watch for them and move your vehicle off the street until your street is done. Thanks

When you rake and clean your yard, bagged leaves and bundled branches/sticks can be placed at



the curb for pickup by the city workers. Please **remove the trash and garbage** before bagging the leaves. Grass clippings and leaves can be left in the fenced area to the west of the creamery building. Branches and brush can be hauled to the city dump site located 1.5 miles west of Onamia. Remember to **remove any trash or garbage** before dumping it.

### **Klondike Korner Park**

Klondike Korner Park is starting to bloom!!! This park is a great asset to our downtown. However, it is in need of regular maintenance; planting, weeding and mulching. If you are able to help, contact Joe Boeringa 532-4449.

### **Depot Library**

The Onamia Depot Library is currently open on Tuesdays from 11am to 3pm. **Saturday hours will resume in mid-June.** Watch for signs. Remember: Masks are required. Books, DVD, etc can be checked out. Computers are available for use and disinfected between users. East Central Regional Library (ECRL) librarian Tim is on site on Tuesdays from 11 to 1. Library card holders can order books either on line or by phone. If you do not have a library card, call ECRL at 763 689-7390 to apply. Please return any materials you have by placing them in the drop box outside of the library. All materials are held/cleaned to prevent any spread of disease before redistribution.

The Wi-Fi is still on at the Depot Library. This free service can be used at any time. The password is on the front door.

### **Onamia Days 2021 “We’re Back”**

June 11-13 will mark the return of Onamia Days. The Onamia Area Civic Association is busy making plans and looking for volunteers to help run events. The theme this year is “We’re Back!” Our Grand Marshals will be Dixie and Bruce Peterson. Attached is a preliminary schedule of events with notes where help is needed. COVID guidelines will be followed and may change some events. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### **July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration**

Mark your calendar for the 2021 July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration. There will be food stands and beverages, live music, a cash raffle and of course FIREWORKS!! Raffle tickets will go on sale in early May. More details will follow in mid-June.

### **Upcoming Events:**

May 9: Mother’s Day  
12: City Council Meeting 6 pm  
15: Fishing Opener  
31: Memorial Day (City office is closed)  
June 7: Planning Commission 6pm  
9: City Council Meeting 6 pm  
11-13: Onamia Days  
20: Father’s Day  
July 3: July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration (watch for signs)  
4: Independence Day  
5: City office is closed  
14: City Council Meeting 6 pm  
Aug 10: Council Special Election at  
City Hall 7 am to 8 pm

### **Yes, We Are Open!**

City Hall – By appointment Phone 532-3311  
Police Dept. – 532-3131  
Maintenance Dept. – 532-5322  
Library Link – Tues 11:00am - 3:00 pm  
Phone – 532-5210  
City Parks – Daily until 30 minutes after sunset.

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