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August 2020

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

As of July 25, 2020, per the Governor's Executive Order 20-81, people in Minnesota are required to wear a face covering in all indoor businesses and public indoor spaces, unless alone. Additionally, workers are required to wear a face covering when working outdoors in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained. Research has shown that the use of face coverings can greatly reduce the risk of infection when combined with other prevention efforts such as social distancing and hand hygiene.

You will see signs on our city buildings and businesses directing citizens to wear masks when coming into and while in these locations. This is an extra layer of protection for all of us as we strive to get the Coronavirus pandemic under control.

July 28 through August 11 are the filing dates for citizens interested in running for city council. Clarkfield has three openings for the election: mayor (2 year term) and two city council (4 year terms) positions. Visit the city offices to obtain your application form. The cost to file is \$2.00.

August 11 is the date for the Primary Election. When you come to cast your vote you will find COVID protocols in place. A mask will be required, 6 feet distance, and barriers will be around the tables and voting booths. If you do not want to wear a mask while voting, curbside voting will be available.

Stay Safe!

Mayor Sue Fritz

Clarkfield Garden Club

Welcoming New Members

Call 320-669-4642 for information

Red Cross Blood Mobile

Clarkfield Lutheran Church

August 11th: 1 - 7 PM

Curbside Pick-up from the Clarkfield Public Library

You can view the catalog at
clarkfieldlib.libib.com

Call 669-7651 or
use Facebook Messenger
for more information

COUNCIL MEETING

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS of
each month at 7:00 PM.
City Hall Meeting Room

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR

Sue Fritz

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Jerry Kaupang

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Melinda Hedman

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Craig Giles

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CITY OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Chris Webb

City Pool Hours

Monday - Friday

1 - 8 PM

Saturday - Sunday

1 - 7 PM

CITY OF CLARKFIELD

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In Case of Emergency: 9-1-1

Ambulance Service

Police Office (Non Emergency)

Clarkfield Public Library

9-1-1

(320) 564-2130

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WATER TOWER PROJECT

Work on the city's water tower continues. There will be disruptions in the quality and pressure of your water during this time. There will also be increased noise pollution and vehicle traffic in that part of town. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

CHANGES COMING THIS FALL

Hello Everyone,

August is typically a time for fitting in end of the summer family vacations, going on a back to school shopping trip, arranging family schedules to deal with fall sports, after school and 4-H club activities. As Heraclitus said, "The only constant in life is change".

The town's infrastructure project is currently on track to begin in early to mid September. This means a lot of changes will be coming to our community. Ripping up and replacing sewer lines and other utilities will begin. This project will involve every corner of town and everyone will be affected by it's progress. This project will also improve road surfaces, as well as curbs and gutters after replacing the infrastructure below.

MIDCO's expansion project in Clarkfield is scheduled to be completed by the end of August. By then, everyone in town should have new access to their Broadband Internet services. This is a big upgrade for our resident's internet accessibility.

Work on the town's water tower continue. Depending on where you live in town, your water may have changes in pressure and quality. The engineering firm that we are working with will be mailing out a letter shortly to provide more information on this project and how it will impact the community over the next couple of months.

With COVID-19 still in the headlines it can be hard to focus on the positives, but there are great things happening everyday in our community and throughout Southwest Minnesota. I encourage you to be one of those positives. To show respect and compassion to our neighbors during this difficult time. Together, we can weather this storm.

Regards,

Chris Webb
City Administrator

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SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS

The YME School District will continue to provide meals at no cost to students through August 27. Meals will be delivered Monday - Friday from 11:00 - 11:30 AM near 1210 12th Ave. (former daycare building) in Clarkfield.

