



FEBRUARY 2017

CITY OF Clarkfield, Minnesota

"HEART OF THE PRAIRIE"

PRAIRIE POST

COUNCIL MEETING

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS of each month at 7:00 PM.

City Hall Meeting Room

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR

Jeff Lobell

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Emily Bruflat

Dale Stringer Jr.

Sue Fritz

Jerry Kaupang

CITY OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

THURSDAY

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM /

2:00 PM - 6:30 PM

FRIDAY

1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR



Dustin Kramer joined the City of Clarkfield team on January 30, 2017. Most recently Dustin worked as an independent contractor, which has allowed him to develop a wide range of construction skills including knowledge of many different tools and machines, computer management and accounting. He currently holds his commercial driver's license, along with having experience in fabrication, welding, cement work, framing, finishing, excavation, and operation of a wide variety of equipment, machines and tools.

His hobbies include fishing, farming and cooking. Dustin believes in open communication and has a hardworking productive work mentality. We are excited to have him lead our Public Works department.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASES

The City of Clarkfield is committed to maintaining critical infrastructure and complying with all applicable rules and regulations to deliver safe, dependable, and efficient water and sewer services to our citizens. The City strives to maintain the affordability of these services. Despite implementing various cost saving measures, the City needs to increase rates for these utilities in the upcoming fiscal year. Rates are determined based on the proposed budgeted expenditures for both capital and operational expenses in a given fiscal year. The use of, or replenishment of financial reserves during a given fiscal year will also influence rates. For 2017, the water base increased by \$1.50 and usage increased by \$0.93. The sewer base increased by \$1.00 and the usage increased by \$0.34. The City of Clarkfield also change the late fee policy. In 2017, late fees will no longer be billed at \$15.00, but be applied in the amount of 10% of the total bill.

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WIRED WEDNESDAYS

PLEASE JOIN US! Yellow Medicine County, in conjunction with Chippewa County are sponsoring community meetings for their citizens to learn about and provide feedback regarding broadband internet services. As part of the growing concern for adequate broadband services in our area, they are determined to find out what they residents of Yellow Medicine want. In order to move forward with any type of plan, the county needs to know the direction they should be going. As part of the this effort, they will also be working with the leaders in each of the cities and counties.

Wednesday, February 1st @ 6 PM - Maynard Event Center

Wednesday, February 8th @ 6 PM - Granite Falls Kilowatt Community Center

Wednesday, February 15th @ 6 PM - Montevideo Community Center

Wednesday, February 22nd @ 6 PM - MNWest Campus Canby

Wednesday, March 1st @ 6 PM - Milan School Building

CITY WINTER WEATHER POLICY

The City of Clarkfield City Office will follow the school district, Yellow Medicine East, winter weather policy on deciding to close the City Office.

The school district notices will be broadcasted via radio and television. Please visit the City's website - www.clarkfield.org for more detailed information.

Information about the City Office closing will be posted on the City of Clarkfield Facebook page.

The decision to close the City Office, to start late or close early is difficult due to weather conditions that can vary considerably from town to town. For this reason, your cooperation and understanding is much appreciated.

City employees can make the ultimate decision on whether or not to travel to the office during questionable weather, with approval of the City Administrator.

H.A. H.A.A.G SCHOOL TASKFORCE

PUBLIC MEETING • City Hall Meeting Room/Community Center

Tuesday, February 27, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

Join us for this public interactive meeting where you are invited to learn about the condition of the old school building. The taskforce is also looking for suggestions and ideas for the future use of the building.

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FUNDRAISER FOR VALHALLA PARK SPONSORED BY THE PRAIRIE CARDINALS

JETT SKRIEN ILLUSIONIST | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017—3:00 PM
CLARKFIELD AREA CHARTER SCHOOL

The Clarkfield Prairie Cardinals are sponsoring a fundraiser for Valhalla Park. Be amazed as Jett Skrien creates a magical show for you and your kids. Presale Tickets are \$5.00 (ages 4 to 12) and \$10.00 (ages 13 and older). Tickets are available at Family Foods, J & S One Stop, Clarkfield Area Charter School or a Prairie Cardinals member. Tickets will be available at the door as well. The tickets will be \$7.00 (ages 4 to 12) and \$15.00 (ages 13 and older). Kids at are 3 years and younger are free of charge. Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase.

CLARKFIELD CHARTER SCHOOL

I LOVE TO READ MONTH

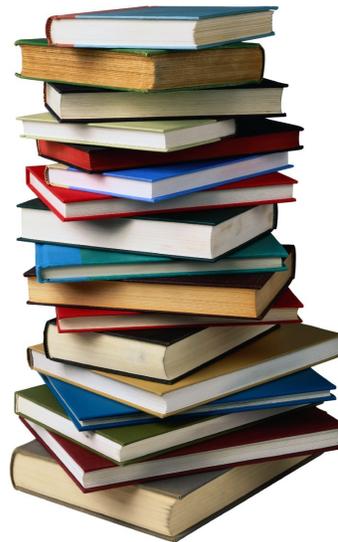
There will be special activities occurring throughout February to celebrate "I love to read" month.

Friday, February 3, 2017 - We would like to extend an invitation to anyone in our community to come in and read to the students during the day. Please contact the school if you are interested to set up a time.

Friday, February 24, 2017 @ 2:30 PM- We are having a "Family Read" activity. All family members are invited to come and read with their child. You can bring your favorite book, but books will be also be provided.

BOARD MEETING • MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017 - OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

In addition, there are public meetings regarding the lack of daycare in Clarkfield. The school would like input from parents and community members about this topic as they are researching how to address this concern. You are invited to the board meeting to express concerns and share ideas!



CLARKFIELD LIBRARY

I LOVE TO READ MONTH

Thursday, February 2, 2017 @ 6:30 PM Join us for story time in the library!!



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CLARKFIELD CARE CENTER

Clarkfield Care Center has an admirable standard for all those that enter their doors. That standard is to celebrate life. For their staff that's an ongoing attitude that begins on their first day of work when they are encouraged to make a positive difference each day in the lives of their residents. From that point their mission is to positively influence each life they touch. Each employee will help make you feel right at home.

This unique approach to resident care creates an environment at Clarkfield Care Center that becomes part of their daily life as they help them to look past limitations and find those aspects of their life that they can enjoy. The relationships between the staff and residents are just as significant as the services they provide. They do all they can to make life better with perseverance, endurance and patience including in-house rehabilitation and therapy. Whether you need long or short term skilled nursing services their approach to each day with a focus on celebrating life enhances their medical program and elevates their quality care to a level that supersedes people's expectations of a nursing home or rehab experience.

When you're searching for the best home, or rehab center, for yourself, or someone you love, it is with great joy that we encourage you to call 320-669-7561 and schedule a tour of their excellent facilities at 805 5th Street and learn more about this "5 Star" care center.

Clarkfield Care Center is prepared to help you really enjoy your golden years. You owe it to yourself to look them over and join them in their efforts to make each day the very best it can be.

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

The City of Clarkfield created a NEW FACEBOOK page that is much easier to find and navigate! Please make a point to like the new page to stay



Valhalla Apartments overlooks the gardens and playground of Valhalla Park. Our Mission is to provide our residents with safe, clean and affordable housing.

Valhalla Apartments – A Great Place To Call Home



- Subsidized Housing
- Walk-in Bath Tub
- Scheduled Activities
- Meal Option
- Grocery Delivery
- Off Street Parking
- Water, heat, garbage & Maintenance is included

Clarkfield HRA, 1012 12th Ave., Clarkfield, MN Ph. 320-669-4648

24 Hour Home Care & Customized Living Services available on site.

- A Wake Staff
- Medication Management
- Meals
- Housekeeping
- Personal Cares
- Coordination of Medical Appointments

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