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JULY 2020

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

The week of July 13 through July 17 is Census Surge Week. They will be making an all-out push to encourage households to complete the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census counts everyone living in the United States and its five territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

One person should respond for each home. That person must be at least 15 years old. They should live in the home or place of residence themselves and know general information about each person living there. You should be counted where you were living and sleeping most of the time as of April 1, 2020. If you are responding for your home, count everyone who was living and sleeping there most of the time as of April 1, 2020. This includes young children, foster children, roommates, and any family members or friends who are living with you, even temporarily.

Please note that if someone was staying with you temporarily on April 1 due to the COVID-19 situation, they should be counted where they usually live. This includes college students, who should still be counted at school, even if they are home early because of the COVID-19 situation. If they live in student housing, the college will count them. If they live off campus, they should complete the census for their off-campus address and include any roommates or other people living there. If someone was staying with you on April 1 who doesn't have a usual home elsewhere, please include them in your response. Go online to my2020census.gov to fill out the form online. For questions about responding to the 2020 Census, call [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020) from 7am to 2am Eastern Time or visit our [Language Support page](#) for help in additional languages.

Minnesota has a 71.6% response rate and Clarkfield has a 66.8% response rate as of July 1, 2020. Please respond to the Census survey!!

~ Mayor Sue Fritz

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. For more information, visit www.isd2190.org/1/News/96.

Try out **CURBSIDE PICKUP** from Clarkfield Public Library. You can view the catalog at clarkfieldlib.libib.com. Then call 669-7651 or Facebook Messenger us with your selections.

COUNCIL MEETING

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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

Red Cross Blood Mobile

Clarkfield Lutheran Church
August 11th,
1 - 7 PM

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WATER TOWER PROJECT

Work on the city's water tower will begin the week of July 12th. Disruption in quality and pressure of water is possible during the next 3 months while the project is being completed. There is also going to be some noise pollution and additional vehicle traffic in that section of town over the course of the project as well.

NEW IN TOWN

Hello Everyone,

I'm excited to begin my journey with the community of Clarkfield. My wife Alicia has worked as the 4-H County Extension Educator for the past 7 years in Clarkfield and it is exciting that I will finally be working in the same town as her. Now that our offices are only two blocks away from each other, I foresee many lunch dates in my future ;)

Everything is still new: my office, working with City Council, meeting with community members, and connecting with city partners. I'm not here to win awards, to seek attention or applause for a job well done. I want to build relationships and focus on providing city services to the residents of Clarkfield.

Trust plays a large part in those relationships. Trust from the community that the City Council is acting in their best interest. Trust that the City Administrator is being diligent with city responsibilities and city tax dollars. Over the next few months and years I want to earn that trust and show that the city administrator is working for you. To better the community, and to run the day to day operations of the City of Clarkfield in a fair and ethical manner.

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.

It was JFK who said, "Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction". To be successful in this job and in life I need more than effort. I need direction and more importantly purpose. I have identified my purpose in this job, and if you have not done so already, I encourage you to find your purpose. From there your direction will follow.

Regards,

Chris Webb
City Administrator

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EDA BOARD OPENINGS

The EDA Board has experienced a recent resignation, leaving a vacancy to be filled. There are currently two vacancies. The board meets the 4th **Monday** at 6:00 PM each month. If interested in serving, please contact the city office at 320-669-4435.

