Winter Issue

Happy Holidays!

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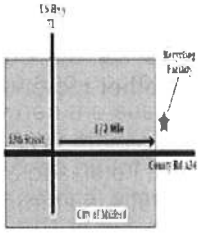
Dickinson Co. Landfill Commission Recycling Schedule during winter months



Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9 am to 4 pm

2260 220th Street (A34), Milford

(712) 338-2549

City Email Addresses Change

The City of Wahpeton changed phone and internet providers in an effort to lower our utility bills and improve the service.

New email addresses for:

Bonnie Roberts - wahpetonia@gmail.com

Doug Hanna - wahpetoniawater@gmail.com

Dennis Clark - wahpetonzoning@gmail.com

Do You Want Curbside Recycling Back?

The garbage/recycling contract for Wahpeton is coming up for renewal at the end of April 2015. Council has been discussing whether to renew the contract and leave everything as is with Town & Country, or go with Waste Management and expand our services to include curbside recycling.

You have a chance to voice your opinion. We have residents who are permanent and seasonal, so it is hard to make decisions such as this. Therefore, the council has asked for all homeowners to take the time to complete the enclosed questionnaire. We do want everyone to be aware that with the 2nd option (curbside recycling) rates will increase for recycling. Please return the survey by February 1st either by the envelope provided, drop it off at city hall or scan it and email it to: wahpetonia@gmail.com

Dickinson County Trails Update

At this time of year, the Trails Board would like to take the opportunity to thank the City of Wahpeton and its residents for their continuing support of the trails.

In 2014, trail users enjoyed the new trails along Highway 86; the last section from 175th to 180th Street is fully planned and approved, and the contractor selected. Dirt work was ready to begin when the sustained very cold weather arrived in early November. This last link to complete the trail along Highway 86 will be constructed and paved as early as possible in Spring. Our generous local donors and two Okoboji Foundation grants are funding the 175th to 180th Street trail and the trails built in 2013.

Two other trail construction projects await completion in early 2015, stopped by the same cold weather: the Pioneer Beach Road Trail from Highway 9 to the Fish Hatchery, and a trail along the railroad bed from Peoria to 15th Street in Spirit Lake, which will connect with the Spine Trail at 15th Street.

Significant maintenance work was done to trails near the Arts Center and the Nature Center, as well as the trail in East Okoboji Slough and along the east side of Big Spirit Lake. In 2015, part of the Spine Trail, from 23rd Street to Okoboji City Hall, will be updated.

The Trails Summer Fundraiser in July was a well-attended, fun party at the Okoboji Classic Car Museum. Tireless volunteers organized the party, which was successful in raising funds for our trails. Thank you to all who sponsored and attended the event!!

For the future, the Trails Board is planning for additional trails on the East side of East Lake, and extending the trail north along the east side of Big Spirit to the DNR's Angler's Bay Wildlife Management area. We all look forward to the 43+ mile Rail trail from just west of Superior, across Dickinson County and into Osceola County. Grant funding is becoming ever more competitive, with many more trails organizations competing for the available dollars.

A public hearing for a proposed West Lake area trail starting on Edgewood Drive will be held in June. This trail would be privately funded.

The Trails Board has set up a long term maintenance fund with the Okoboji Foundation. As we build more trails, we must have the means way into the future to maintain them. Contributions to this Okoboji Foundation Fund are eligible for the 25% Endow Iowa tax credit for Iowa residents. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to ensure the future maintenance of the trails, you may visit the Okoboji Foundation web site (okobojifoundation.org) and select the Dickinson County Trails Endow Iowa Fund.

Winter well, and we'll see you on the trails when the snow melts!

Council Clips:

Minutes are published in the Dickinson County News, posted at City Hall & Kazarelli's Restaurant . Complete copies are available from City Hall or on our Website at: **www.wahpetonia.govoffice.com**

October 13, 2014:

- Diane O'Hern addressed some parking concerns for dock access on West St.
- Council approved Ordinance #155—An Ordinance Amending Section 92.04(4) of the City Code Concerning Customer Deposits and Late Payment Penalties.
- Council awarded the contract for construction of the Water Treatment Plant Zebra Mussel Control project to Grundman-Hicks for $209,000.
- Approved the purchase of Fortress MC copper ion generator equipment for $11,850.

November 10, 2014:

- Council approved the Contract & Performance and/or payment bonds for the Zebra Mussel Control Project.
- Doug Westerman with Osceola Rural Water talked to the council about their water system and the need for more water to their customers.

December 8, 2014:

- Gordon Dreier asked the council about installing a free library on a post by the street at his residence.
- Council reviewed the agreed-upon procedures report from Winther Stave & Co.
- Council approved Resolution #14-16—Correcting the Designation of Streets in the plat recorded November 6, 1914 (changing the name of Calumet Street to Harpen Street).
- Council approved the Assistance of the Staff of the NW Ia. Planning & Development Commission to assist in Updating the City's Code of Ordinances.

The City of Wahpeton is now accepting all major credit card payments for utility bills, deposits, and miscellaneous items. Fees are applied in addition to your transaction which include 2.75% for swiped transactions or 3.5% plus 15 cents for manually entered transactions.

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AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE

The City offers an auto-payment plan for your utility bill. It saves time with fewer checks to write and mail. It saves postage and helps pay your utility bill in a convenient and timely manner. It's easy to sign up for, easy to cancel and you don't have to worry about late charges. You just authorize regularly scheduled payments to be made from your checking or savings account. Payments will be made automatically on the due date of the bill. If you would like to sign up or have any questions, please call City Hall.

35th Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games—January 23-25, 2015. For more information call: 712-332-2107 or info@okobojichamber.com.

Please contact City Hall at 337-3522 if you notice a street light out.

Winter is here and with it comes snow removal. Please be sure to keep your automobiles and other items out of the City Right-of-Way. Articles left in the ROW only make the snow removal process more time consuming and dangerous. A reasonable attempt will be made to notify an owner if something is left in the way, however, if reasonable attempts fail the City of Wahpeton is not liable for items left in the City Right-of-Way.

Also, do not push the snow from your driveway or your mailbox into the traveled portion of the road. Not only is this a violation of the City Code (Chapter 135.12), but it creates a hazard to other motorists.

The three recycling containers are for tin cans, glass, household plastic, cardboard and paper (no present or Christmas wrapping please). Styrofoam is not recyclable and is to be thrown away with your trash. Thank you for your part in keeping Wahpeton clean and recycle friendly.

Office Hours:
Mon – Fri 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.
City Clerk/Administrator: Bonnie Roberts
Supt. of Public Works: Doug Hanna
Zoning: Dennis Clark
Council Meeting:
2nd Mon. of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Mayor: Frank Joenks
Councilmen: Brad Jones, Tom Rierson, Phil Johnson, Harold Prior & Steve Feld
Board of Adjustment:
3rd Thurs. of the month at 6:00 p.m.
Chairman: Wanda Nelson
Members: Colin Jensen, Tom Malmgren, Jerry Edwards & Jack Jones
Planning & Zoning Commission:
2nd Tues. of the month at 6:00 p.m.
Chairman: Donna Harris
Members: Tom Hart, Fran Parrish, Mark Foss & LeAnn Blau.

As a reminder per Chapter 165.02.98 of the Wahpeton Code of Ordinances, residential homes in Wahpeton cannot be rented or leased for any period less than one month. To do so is a municipal infraction punishable by civil penalties, per Chapter 165.16.