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THE STACY CHRONICAL

JUNE 2015

WATER YOUR LAWN WISELY

Lawn watering places a huge demand on the water supply in the summer. You can maintain a healthy, green lawn with minimal watering by following these guidelines:

- ◆ Water early in the morning - between 4am and 10am is best! Avoid watering later in the evening to prevent turf grass diseases. Do not water during restricted times.
- ◆ Watch the weather forecast to avoid watering in windy weather or before a rainfall.
- ◆ Adjust Watering schedule to the season. Established lawns need little or no watering in the spring and fall. Requirements typically peak in June or July and begin tapering off in late August.
- ◆ Rule-of-thumb = 1 to 1.5 inches per week minus rainfall and keep intervals between watering as long as possible to encourage proper root growth.
- ◆ For sandy soils, apply 1/2" to 3/4" two times per week minus rainfall. Stop when soil is moist down to 5" depth, or use a rain gauge to measure the amount to add. Typical sprinklers will add one-quarter inch per hour. Additional watering will simply drain below the root zone and leach minerals out of reach of the roots.
- ◆ Leave grass longer during hot weather (2.5" to 3.5"). It promotes deeper roots, shades growth crowns, and helps protect them from drying winds.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Council First Tuesday of each month at 7pm
- Planning Commission second Tuesday of each month at 7pm

City Staff Contact Information

Sharon Payne City Clerk	462-4486
Lynda Schmidt Utility Billing	462-4486
Tanner Jones Maintenance Supervisor	651-775-7495
Lori Dahle Sports Grill Manager	462-4876
Brian Hachey Wine & Spirits Manager	462-2727
Jack Kramer Building Inspector	651-351-5051

2014 Drinking Water Report

Copies of the 2014 Consumer Confidence Report are available at city hall, if you prefer you can access the report at:

http://www.stacymn.org/vertical/sites/%7BB7BD3B55-4DA4-4D8F-8799-2CE9D031ECCF%7D/uploads/Consumer_Confidence_Report_2014.pdf

OR

www.stacymn.org, top section of home page click on 2014 Consumer Confidence Report

AND/OR

Call 651-462-4486 and we would be happy to mail you a copy

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- ◆ Sample Utility Bill

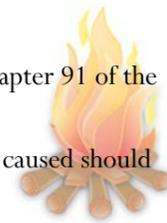
CITY HALL HOURS:

MON: 9-5
 TUES: 11-7
 WED: 9-5
 THURS: 9-5
 FRI: CLOSED

Be Safe with Your Fire:

Burning Regulations - please see Chapter 91 of the City Code regulating fires.

You are responsible for any damage caused should your fire get out of control.



Upcoming Events:

Stacy Daze - August 1
 National Night Out - August 4

WHAT CAN YOU FIND AT WWW.STACYMN.ORG

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| • Council Agendas | • Events | • Budget | • City Contacts |
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From the Mayor

Hello everyone. Our public information committee asked me to revive an article from the Mayor for this newsletter. It appears we have had at least three different Mayors since this was last done. I plan to keep you informed of the big issues (and a few small ones) that the city is facing or has addressed.

First thing, I want to thank all those that were affected by the water main break for your patience with the interruption in service. Thanks to our Public Works department for the long hours they put in dealing with this break.

As many of you are aware, the big issue in front of us is the building of a water treatment plant. We have been sending out quarterly notices to everyone that is served by municipal water for a while now. Everything we can do in the planning and funding process has been done on time. The USDA has been a little slow in their review of the plans but we hope to break ground this year unless there is another delay from USDA.

Part of the water plant project is bringing city hall into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). We will be doing a modest remodel of city hall to address accessibility issues with the rest rooms and entry ways as well as the customer area of the clerk's office. This part of the project will be started this year to address these issues as soon as possible.

Thanks for reading this. I'll have more for you in the next issue.

Mark Utecht

Volunteer

YOU Can Make Stacy the Best Place to Live in Minnesota by Volunteering for one of Stacy's committees!

As a resident of Stacy, YOU ARE THE OUR CITY'S MOST VALUABLE ASSET. Studies by the University of San Diego show that community involvement:

Reduces stress: Experts report that when you focus on someone other than yourself, it interrupts usual tension-producing patterns.

Makes you healthier: Moods and emotions, like optimism, joy, and control over one's fate, strengthen the immune system.

Saves resources: Volunteering provides valuable community services so more money can be spent on local improvements. The estimated value of a volunteer's time is \$15.39 per hour. Volunteers are also able to gain professional experience.

Brings people together: As a volunteer you assist in uniting people from diverse backgrounds to work toward a common goal building camaraderie and teamwork.

Promotes personal growth and self-esteem: Understanding community needs helps foster empathy and self-efficacy.

Finally, and perhaps most important, volunteering strengthens your community.

As a volunteer you help:

Support families (daycare and eldercare)

Improve schools (tutoring, literacy)

Support youth (mentoring and after-school programs)

Beautify the community (beach and park cleanups)

Community service and volunteerism are an investment in our community and the people who live in it. It is important to realize that YOU make a difference. Every person counts!

Sample Utility Bill Calculation											
Sample 1: Property has 1 meter for both inside and outside use											
Prev Bal		\$104.13							4 2015		
Receipt		\$104.13	4/23/2015						4 2015		
Service	WATER RES	\$35.47	5/5/2015	898000	3/31/2015	905000	4/30/2015	7000	4 2015		
Service	STORM DRAI	\$3.50	5/5/2015						4 2015		
Service	SEWER	\$39.13	5/5/2015						4 2015		
Service	SEWVOL	\$36.75	5/5/2015					7000	4 2015		
Cur Charges		\$114.85	5/5/2015						4 2015		
Total		\$114.85	5/5/2015						4 2015		
Bill Calculation Breakdown:											
7,000 Gallons Used											
Per Thousand Gallons	Water										
		Base Rate								\$3.78	
		1-6,000								\$4.37 x 6 = \$26.22	
		6,001 - 12,000								\$5.47 x 1 = \$5.47	
		12,001 - 24,000								\$6.87 x 0 = \$0.00	
	24,000 gallons or more								\$10.29 x 0 = \$0.00		
	Total Water									\$35.47	
Sewer Paid Only on Inside Use	Sewer										
		Base Rate								\$39.13	
		Sewer Volume Charge								\$5.25 per 1,000 = \$36.75	
		Total Sewer									\$75.88
		Storm Utility (Residential)									\$3.50
	Total Storm Utility									\$3.50	
	Total Monthly Bill									\$114.85	

Sample 2: Property has 2 meters 1 for inside and 1 for outside											
8000 Gallons Used Inside 6000 Gallons Used Outside											
Prev Bal		\$125.57							4 2015		
Receipt		\$125.57	4/13/2015						4 2015		
Service	WATER RES	\$0.00	5/5/2015	641000	3/31/2015	649000	4/30/2015	8000	4 2015		
Service	OUTSIDE WA	\$0.00	5/5/2015	1750000	3/31/2015	1756000	4/30/2015	6000	4 2015		
Service	WATER COMB	\$76.56	5/5/2015					14000	4 2015		
Service	STORM DRAI	\$3.50	5/5/2015						4 2015		
Service	SEWER	\$39.13	5/5/2015						4 2015		
Service	SEWVOL	\$42.00	5/5/2015					8000	4 2015		
Surcharge	STATE TAX	\$0.00	5/5/2015						4 2015		
Cur Charges		\$161.19	5/5/2015						4 2015		
Total		\$161.19	5/5/2015						4 2015		
Bill Calculation Breakdown:											
14,000 Gallons Used											
Per Thousand Gallons	Water										
		Base Rate								\$3.78	
		1-6,000								\$4.37 x 6 = \$26.22	
		6,001 - 12,000								\$5.47 x 6 = \$32.82	
		12,001 - 24,000								\$6.87 x 2 = \$13.74	
	24,000 gallons or more								\$10.29 x 0 = \$0.00		
	Total Water									\$76.56	
Sewer Paid Only on Inside Use	Sewer										
		Base Rate								\$39.13	
		Sewer Volume Charge								\$5.25 per 1,000 = \$42.00	
		Total Sewer									\$81.13
		Storm Utility (Residential)									\$3.50
	Total Storm Utility									\$3.50	
	Total Monthly Bill									\$161.19	

COMPOST SITE OPEN

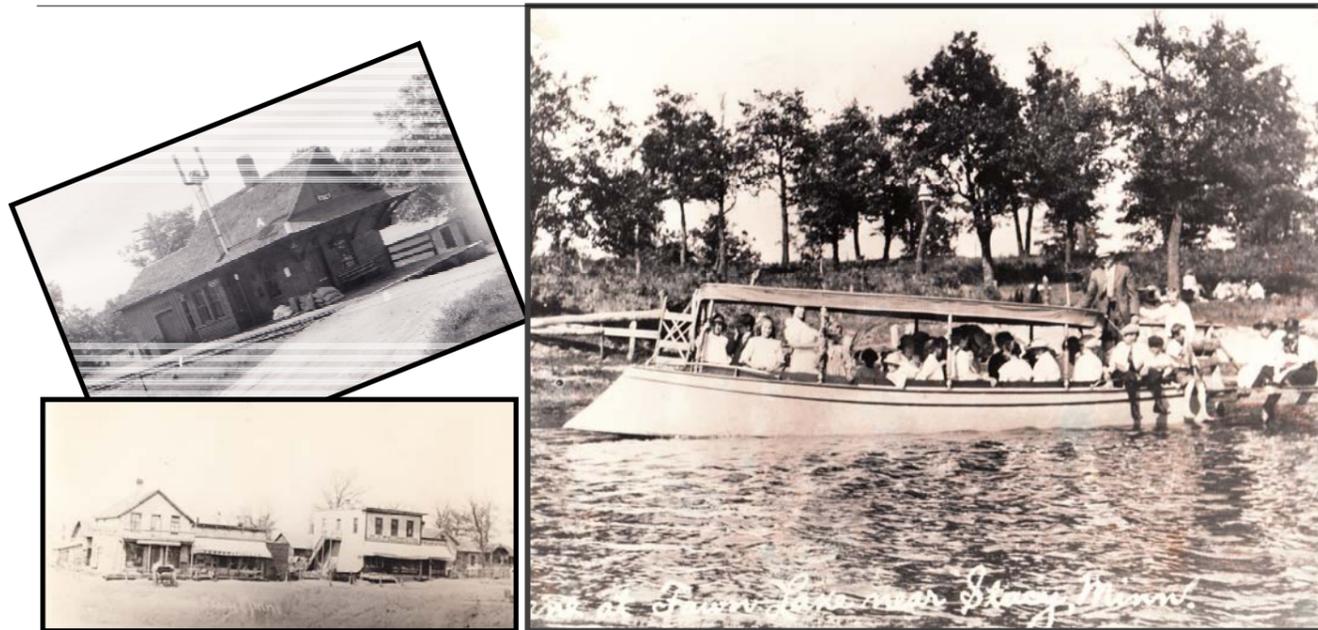
The compost site opened on Wednesday, April 15th it will remain open (weather permitting) until Saturday, November 21st

The Compost Site is Open Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. (or until dusk in the fall) and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Facility is located at the Chisago Lakes Joint Sewage Treatment Plant site off of County Road 24. Stacy residents can get there by going east on County Road #19 to the 4-Way Stop (intersection of CRD19 and CRD 24), then north (left) on County Road 24 for .3 tenths of a mile to site on right.

You may compost leaves, grass clippings, and brush (up to 3" diameter) two days a week at no charge. Persons will be asked for identification (Drivers License, Sewer & Water Bill and/or Tax Statement) showing their street address and name. **Anyone without identification will be charged a fee. No Commercial Lawn Services, Tree Services, Landscaping Services, or Commercial Businesses will be permitted to haul to or from the site.**

Officials operating the Compost Site remind the public that the Compost Site **is closed during inclement/rainy weather** to protect the access roads within the Site.



The *Stacy History Committee* is looking for contributions of Stacy's history. To commemorate Stacy's 100 year anniversary, the History committee is looking to create a book dedicated to the residents and history of Stacy, Minnesota. If you are interested in contributing to this publication, whether through photos or volunteering, please contact us at cityclerk@stacymn.org.

Additionally, the *Stacy History Committee* would like to thank Caroline "Sis" Frenning for her generous contribution of photos of historic Stacy. Frenning's pictures depict life in Stacy in the early 1920s and will be used in an upcoming publication of the history of Stacy.

Did You Know? Stacy used to be a tourist destination. Stacy was the last stop on the rail line and people from the city would ride the railroad to the last stop to picnic and take ferry rides on Fawn Lake.

CITY OF STACY, MINNESOTA SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2014

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Stacy to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at the City Hall, 30955 Forest Blvd Stacy, MN Questions about this report should be directed to Sharon Payne, City Clerk, at 651-462-4486

	Total 2014	Total 2013	Percent Increase (Decrease)
REVENUES:			
Taxes and Assessments	\$ 418,596	\$ 363,333	15.21 %
Licenses and Permits	26,639	38,472	(30.76)%
Intergovernmental	305,185	260,639	17.09 %
Charges for Services	21,604	25,154	(14.11)%
Fines	1,569	794	97.61 %
Investment Earnings	2,577	2,063	24.92 %
Miscellaneous	48,023	75,193	(36.13)%
Transfer In	10,000	10,000	- %
Issuance of Debt	-	1,495,000	(100.00)%
Total Revenues	\$ 834,193	\$ 2,270,648	(63.26)%
Per Capita	603	1,642	
EXPENDITURES:			
Current			
General Government	\$ 190,835	\$ 179,590	6.26 %
Public Safety	164,252	160,354	2.43 %
Public Works	110,218	49,120	124.39 %
Culture and Recreation	34,317	38,960	(11.92)%
Economic Development	15,239	24,238	(37.13)%
Miscellaneous	116,424	94,447	23.27 %
Debt Service:			
Principal Payments	158,886	1,322,000	(87.98)%
Interest Payments	89,414	82,398	8.51 %
Other Charges	1,113	49,378	(97.75)%
Capital Outlay	119,638	22,449	432.93 %
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,000,336	\$ 2,092,432	(52.19)%
Per Capita	723	1,513	
Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 1,788,114	\$ 1,947,000	(8.16)%
Per Capita	1,293	1,408	
General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 498,756	\$ 711,627	(29.91)%
Per Capita	361	515	

PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Tests show levels of radium 226 and radium 228
above drinking water standards

Stacy public water supply routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Recent testing results show that the average level of combined radium 226 and 228 was 6.2 picoCuries per liter (pCi/L). This is above the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 5.4 pCi/L.

Radium 226 and radium 228 occur naturally within the groundwater. Some people who drink water containing radium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

This is not an emergency. You do not need an alternative source of water, such as bottled water. However if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. Home water treatment units are available to reduce radium 226 and radium 228, which include water softening, reverse osmosis, and distillation. It is recommended that these home water treatment units be certified to ensure radium removal. The use of carbon filters is not recommended for removal of radium, as radium may accumulate in the filter over time.

Your public water supply is exploring methods to reduce the level of radium 226 and radium 228, which may include an alternative water source or water treatment. You will be informed when the public water supply has reduced the level of radium and meets the standard.

Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information, please contact Tanner Jones at 651-775-7495 or mailing address 30955 Forest Boulevard, Stacy, MN 55079.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Stacy, PWSID1130016.

PLEASE NOTE: this is not something caused by the city's maintenance of the system, it is naturally occurring in the aquifer.

Distribution Date: June 26, 2015



Water Treatment Facility Update

The following is an update regarding the status of the Proposed Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Project and communications with Rural Development.

Status

Upon receiving authorization from Council, the City's engineer proceeded to prepare plans and specifications for the proposed WTP between late January and early March 2015. These plans were submitted to USDA for formal review by the State Engineer in early March. Preliminary review comments were received from USDA in early May. Responses to these comments are currently being prepared and will be submitted to USDA for final review by 5-22-15. The preliminary comments did not produce significant modifications to the WTP design. Upon clearing the mandatory final review process by USDA, the City is prepared to incorporate any final review comments provided by USDA and proceed promptly to finalize design and prepare for bidding.

Schedule

Moving forward, unless significant changes arise from the final review process we believe that the plans and specifications are sufficiently complete to allow the project to be prepared for bidding shortly after receiving comments from USDA. It is important to note that the duration of the review process is not currently available from USDA. Concurrence by USDA is a prerequisite to finalizing plans for bidding, therefore a bid date cannot be determined at this time.

Finally, with the understanding provided above, it is still anticipated that the remainder of the design work will be completed this year to allow the project to be bid in 2015.

Thank you for your patience and consideration as we move the project through the design process.

Stantec Consulting Inc.

Ryan J. Capelle, P.E. Project Manager



Proposed Treatment Plant

The plant will be located directly South of
City Hall