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Stacy MN 55079



THE STACY CHRONICAL

DECEMBER 2015



SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Over the last year, *The Stacy Chronicle* has dedicated our quarterly newsletter to bringing residents the best and most up to date notifications on what is happening in and around our small city of Stacy. To say the least, it has been an active year for the city of Stacy.

This last spring, Stacy was honored to welcome Gateway Sign, The Sacred Grounds Tobacco Store, Kwik Trip and the Dollar General to our community. In April, the Stacy Lion's Club in coordination with City's Park and Recreation Committee hosted their annual Easter festival where they donated over ten bikes to children from the Stacy / Lent area. In August, the Stacy Daze celebration drew in enormous crowds to watch the notable Stacy fireworks display. The fall season also brought events like National Night Out where local police officers met members of the community and the Stacy / Lent Firehouse Bash, where our local firemen raised funds. These and several other events helped promote community relationships between residents, businesses, council members and city staff.

In the 2016 it is our sincere hope that events like these will encourage you, the citizens of Stacy, to join organizations like the Lion's Club, the North Branch Area Hockey Association, or one of the Stacy City Committees. The foundation of the Stacy community, and in fact all rural Minnesota communities, is built upon the dedication of families and residents like you. If you are interested in making Stacy a brighter community please contact us through the city website or call the city hall at 651-462-4486.

In this final newsletter of 2015, along with the city updates on snow removal and the wellhead protection plan, we celebrate a generous Stacy resident, Quinlan Ryan; introduce the new Sports Grill Manager; learn about the important role Stacy Wine and Spirits plays in supporting Stacy and include a message from the Mayor, Mark Utecht.

Thank you to Max Malmquist for the history presentation,
he did an awesome job!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

CITY HALL HOURS:

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

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WHAT CAN YOU FIND AT WWW.STACYMN.ORG

- Council Agendas
- Council Minutes
- City Code
- Liquor Financials
- Planning Commission Minutes
- Events
- Meeting Notices
- Employment Application
- Calendar of Events
- Bar and Grill Specials
- Budget
- Financial Statements
- Zoning Map
- Employee Resources
- Much More
- City Contacts
- City History
- Emergency Notices
- Lions Club Info.

When paying your utility bill by check—please use black or blue ink. The bank has trouble processing any other color.
-Thank you.

From the Mayor

I am writing this on the last day of November and we are getting some snow. I wanted to remind everyone about snow removal. First, it is illegal to move snow onto or across any road. Don't blow snow into the street or plow it into the ditch on the other side of the road. Second, if you have a fire hydrant on your property, please keep a five foot radius clear of snow around the hydrant. This will vastly improve the response of our fire department should an emergency occur. Please be safe when removing snow and help to minimize hazards for yourself and others.

The water treatment plant has passed another approval hurdle. The plan is that we will break ground in 2016. I assure you that city staff and our engineering firm have gone above and beyond in the myriad of paperwork that is required for this type of project. None and I mean none of the delays were within the city's control. I am looking forward to this project starting and we can see real hands on progress.

I will also offer a reminder that we have openings on our Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Committee, Stacy Economic Development Authority and History Committee. If you are interested in serving or just want more information, Please contact city hall at 651.462.4486.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Mark Utecht



72.04 SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to stand upon any public street, highway, alley or mobile home park street during the following times:

- (A) At any time after a snowfall, wind or other weather condition has resulted in the accumulation of snow of 3 inches more in depth on the public street, highway, alley or mobile home park street until the street, highway, alley or mobile home park street is completely plowed; or
- (B) Between the hours of **2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from October 1 through May 15** of each calendar year.

STACY SPORTS GRILL

Greetings and Happy Holidays everyone,

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Melissa Archer (former owner of Friar Tucks Pub). I am the new General Manager here at The Stacy Sports Grill. I was honored to accept this position last September. I really look forward to being positive and an active part of this community. It's been about 2 months for me here and I am falling in love with this bar. The staff here is incredible. They work their tails off to provide our customers with the best possible service. The food is great and our patrons are world class. I hope to meet more of our residents as time goes by. I have recently given the interior a little facelift (some new paint). I hope you all like it. I very much plan on keeping with the sports bar tone as we are in the process of adding 2 more TV's so we won't miss any game day action. I have re-introduced some really great daily food specials, kids menu and of course we still have our awesome drink specials. I have also included a link to The City of Stacy's web page to encourage comments, concerns and of course ideas on how we can better serve you. I hope to have our menu posted there soon as well, so tell your neighbors and friends about us. Please take a moment to find us and like us on Facebook. We are constantly posting our entertainment and events on there. I am excited for the challenge here and I look forward to serving you.

Kindest regards,

Melissa Archer

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



**FROM ALL
YOUR FRIENDS AT
THE STACY SPORTS GRILL.**

*****Did you check out our daily specials yet???**

*****STOP IN AND CHEER ON OUR MN VIKINGS GAME AND WIN "KING OF THE QUARTER" OR "WHAT'S IN THE VIKINGS LOCKER".**

***** BAR BINGO EVERY SUNDAY 3:30PM**

***** Watch our MN Wilds play and enjoy our Wilds beer special.**

\$\$\$DON'T FORGET...OUR PULL TAB BOOTH IS OPEN EVERY DAY\$\$\$

*****Ring in the New Year with us. Great food and drink specials!!!!**

*****Find us on Facebook or call 651-462-4876**

and check on upcoming events and live entertainment schedule.



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Stacy Wine and Spirits

For those of you who do not know me my name is Brian Hachey, manager of Stacy Wine & Spirits. I've been with the City of Stacy for 10 years this month. It has been a great experience to work in this community and I have been proud to support local organizations whenever I get the chance.

- We started a food drive about 7 years ago locally that has transitioned into a statewide event among Municipal liquor operations.
- We have supported the Stacy-Lent Fire Department in various ways over the last 10 years.
- The Stacy Lions are a pillar of our community and we are proud to work with them in any way we can to support their operations.

Thank you for allowing us to partner and we look forward to continuing our support!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the support of our business. We are trending for a record year in 2015 and it couldn't happen without our great customers and community members.

Thank you!

Did you know that the Stacy Wine & Spirits and the Stacy Sports Grill transfer funds into the General Fund of the City?

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.

As required by the Minnesota Department of Health you will be receiving this notice on a quarterly basis until the radium levels are at acceptable levels. The council is continuing to research options to address the radium levels.

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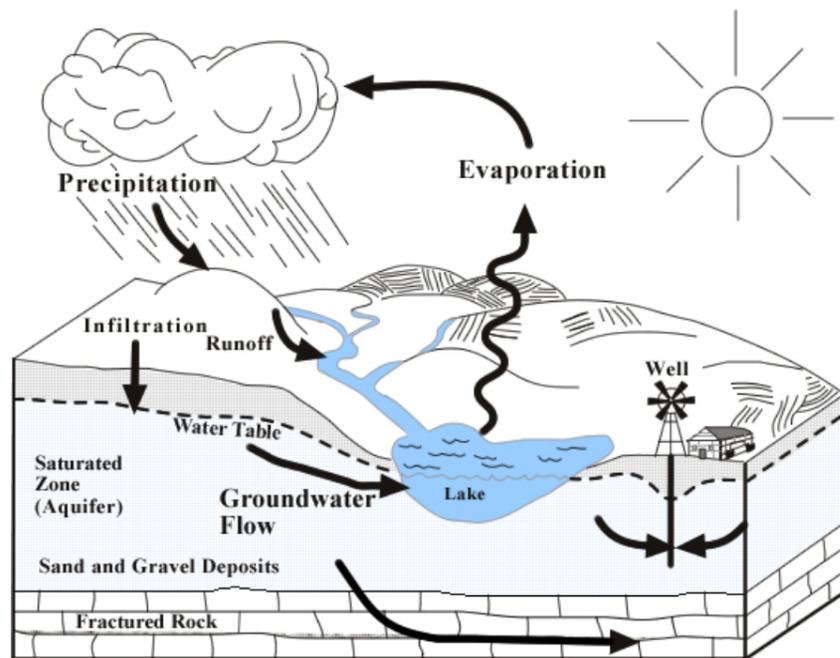
STACY'S WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN



The City of Stacy has completed the development of their Wellhead Protection Plan. This plan is designed to protect the groundwater resources that supply Stacy's municipal drinking water wells. The plan is focused on identifying potential sources of contamination that could pollute local groundwater resources. The ultimate goal of this plan is help ensure that Stacy continues to provide its residents with a safe and abundant supply of clean drinking water for generations to come.

What is Groundwater?

Groundwater is the water that fills the small spaces between rock particles (sand, gravel, etc.) or cracks in solid rock. Rain, melting snow, or surface water becomes groundwater by seeping into the ground and filling these spaces. The top of the water-saturated zone is called the "water table." When water seeps in from the surface and reaches the water table, it will often flow horizontally to a place where it can escape, such as wells, rivers, or lakes.



The Water Cycle



Views from the Water Tower

Election Judges Wanted:

Let Sharon Payne know if you would like to serve as an election judge in 2016, she can make sure you get the proper training. **Thank you** to all who have served as election judges in the past.





Did you know the City's Christmas Tree used to be located at the train depot in 1937

A Season for Sharing

The holidays are a time of joy, family and community. But for those who are struggling financially, the holidays, especially in cold Minnesota winters, can be an undue amount of stress. A list of links to local charitable organizations is provided below and on the Stacy website if you are looking to donate or are in need of assistance. In the words of Dorothy Day, a renowned American journalist and social activist, "We have known the long loneliness, and we have found the answer is community."

Stacy Community Resources

Family Pathways

<http://www.familypathways.org/>

Lakes & Pines Community Action Center

<http://lakesandpines.org/>

Heartland Express

<http://www.co.chisago.mn.us/301/Public-Transit---Heartland-Express>

Homeless Shelter Directory- Chisago County Food Shelves

<http://www.co.chisago.mn.us/301/Public-Transit---Heartland-Express>

Chisago County Sheriff's Office

<http://www.co.chisago.mn.us/200/Sheriffs-Office>

An *aquifer* is any type of geologic material, such as sand or sandstone, which can supply water to wells or springs. Some areas may have multiple aquifers at different depths, if the local geology contains several layers of sand or bedrock that are capable of storing and transmitting water. Contrary to popular belief, an aquifer is usually not an "underground river." A better analogy is that an aquifer is an underground sponge, with water stored in the pore spaces between grains of rock or sand. Wells work by extracting water from those pore spaces and pumping that water to the land surface.

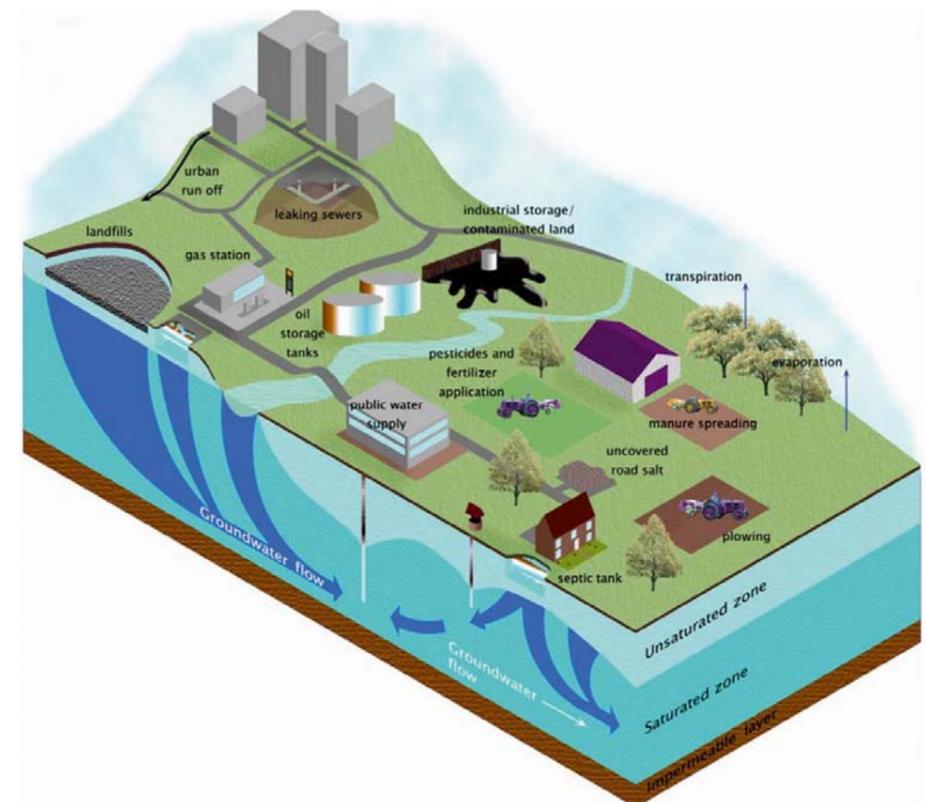
Where Does Your Drinking Water Come From?

Most cities in the State of Minnesota obtain their drinking water from underground aquifers. The City of Stacy owns and operates two large capacity water supply wells. These wells draw water from groundwater aquifers located 100-150 feet underground. Despite these depths, some of the groundwater aquifers that serve the Stacy wells are considered to be vulnerable to contamination from human activities at the land surface. Because it is cheaper to prevent contamination than it is to treat contaminated water, Stacy is looking for help from its residents to protect our water supply aquifers.

Wells can become polluted when substances that are harmful to human health get into the groundwater. Water from these wells can be dangerous to drink when the level of pollution rises above health standards. The City of Stacy regularly samples the water from their wells and provides an annual Consumer Confidence Report to residents. Recent reports can be located on the City of Stacy's website.

There are many ways that groundwater can become contaminated. Here are some common examples of contamination sources:

- A storage tank develops a leak and drains its contents into the soil
- Contaminants enter an old, unsealed well and drain into the water supply aquifer
- A septic system is not properly maintained
- Residents over apply lawn and garden chemicals
- Hazardous wastes are not properly stored or disposed of
- Spills occur along roadways or other transportation routes



The City of Stacy is working with citizens to protect drinking water supplies by carrying out their Wellhead Protection Plan. This plan has been prepared in conjunction with several local, county and state agencies. The Minnesota Department of Health is the lead agency for the State's program and will assist communities with defining wellhead protection areas and developing plans to protect wells.

What Can You Do?

In order for the Wellhead Protection Plan to be successful, the City will rely on residents for assistance. There are several steps that you can take to help our planning efforts succeed:

- Help identify land uses and possible sources of contamination on your property (wells, tanks, septic systems, hazardous wastes, etc.)
- Make sure any potential sources of contamination under your control meet local, state, and federal regulations
- Use hazardous products only as directed and dispose of them properly when done
- Practice proper turf management techniques and avoid over-fertilization of your lawn
- Seal any unused wells on your property, according to Minnesota Well Code
- Conserve water whenever possible
- Report any spills you discover to local law enforcement.
- Cooperate with local groundwater protection efforts

Private Wells

The City of Stacy is working to identify private wells that fall within the wellhead protection area. One benefit of the Wellhead Protection Plan is that it not only protects the municipal water supply wells, but it will also help protect private wells.



Private well owners are encouraged to obtain educational information about how to best manage their wells. The Minnesota Department of Health has a website that contains much useful information for well owners. A Well Owner's Handbook is provided at the following site: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/construction/handbook.pdf>

If you are interested in having the water in your private well tested, more information can be found at this site: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/waterquality/test.html>

If you currently have a well on your property that is no being used, you are required by law to seal that well or obtain a special permit to keep it open. If you need to seal your well, it must be done by a well contractor licensed in the State of Minnesota. Well owners may be eligible to obtain grant money from the County or State to assist in sealing their well. Contact City Hall for more information at (651) 462-4486.



SNOW REMOVAL:

Do not push snow onto public roads, nor plow across roads this creates a public hazard.

Snow dumped on roadways creates a real hazard to passing motorists, which can cause serious accidents. Even heavy snowplows have been damaged when hitting compacted and frozen snow deposited on the roadways. Because the practice is a misdemeanor per Minnesota State Statute 160.2715 the person depositing the snow, as the prime cause of any accident, may also find him/herself faced with civil liability lawsuits. We urge you, as good neighbors and motorists yourselves, not to add to the hazards of wintertime driving in this way.

When do we plow?

In general, operations commence as follows:

Snow accumulation of 3", with continual snowfall

Drifting of snow may warrant partial or full plowing

Icing of pavement may warrant partial or full operations

It is ultimately at the Maintenance Supervisor's discretion when to commence plowing operation

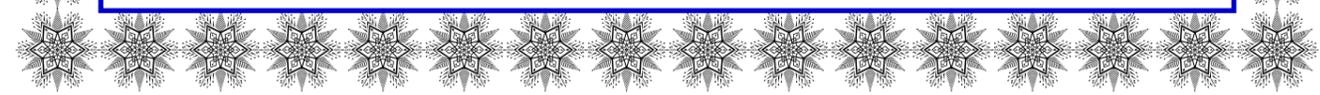
Keep the Your Sidewalk Clear

The Stacy City Code States:

§ 93.02 SNOW, ICE, DIRT AND RUBBISH.

(A) Duty of owners and occupants. The owner and the occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep such walk safe for pedestrians. No such owner or occupant shall allow snow, ice, dirt or rubbish to remain on the walk longer than 12 hours after its deposit thereon.

(B) Removal by city. The City Maintenance Officer shall remove from all public sidewalks all snow, ice, dirt and rubbish as soon as possible beginning 12 hours after any such matter has been deposited thereon or after the snow has ceased to fall. He or she shall keep a record showing the cost of such removal adjacent to each separate lot and parcel and shall deliver such information to the City Clerk.



2016 Approved Budget: Copies of the 2016 Approved Budget can be viewed on our website www.stacymn.org or can be picked up at Stacy City Hall.