



CITY OF ST. CLAIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

August/September 2018



GENERAL ELECTION: Tuesday, November 6th

The polling place for St. Clair residents is the St. Clair City Hall, 304 Main Street West, St. Clair.

Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day.



Any eligible voter can vote early with an Absentee Ballot!

Absentee Ballot Applications and information may be found on the MN VOTES website (www.mnvotes.org), or by calling the Blue Earth County Elections Dept. at 507-304-4341.

You may vote in person at the Blue Earth County Elections Department during the following times for the Primary and General Elections:

- During normal office hours beginning 46 days before the Election. For the 2018 General Election, Absentee Ballots will be available on Friday, September 21st.
- On the Saturday before the Election from 10 am - 3 pm
- On the Monday before the Election until 5 pm

The Blue Earth County Elections Office is located in the Historic Courthouse, 204 South 5th Street, Mankato.



Visit www.mnvotes.org the official voter resource from the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State for various Election information including the following:

- Early Voting and Absentee Ballots
- Polling Place Locations
- Voter Registration Information
- Election Day Voting Procedure
- and other Election information and related links

You can also access Election information on the City of St. Clair website and the Blue Earth County website



SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED IN ST. CLAIR FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

**Contact Connie Johns at
Palmer Bus Service in St. Clair**

**call or text Connie at
507-327-6763
or via e-mail at
conniej@palmerbusservice.com**

LEAVES & GRASS CLIPPINGS



Residents are asked not to rake leaves or mow grass clippings into the street, curb or gutter. Storm sewers are not designed to handle quantities of leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris. During a rainstorm, leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris can quickly plug storm drains and cause clogged pipes, back-ups and other problems.



The City of St. Clair does not maintain a compost facility. SMC offers composting services, a per-bag or per-load fee is charged. Finished compost and wood mulch are offered for sale. For current fees, please call SMC at 507-388-3122. The SMC Compost Site is located at 57032 ~ 231 Lane, Mankato (off of 3rd Avenue).

MATERIALS ACCEPTED: leaves, grass clippings, prunings, weeds, sod stripping, vines, limbs, branches and logs.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: animal waste, dirty stumps, plastic lawn edging, flower pots, and plastic leaf bags.



RECREATIONAL CAMPFIRE

A 3' X 3' recreational campfire using clean, dry, untreated wood is the only type of burning permitted in St. Clair. Burning leaves, grass, waste materials, construction debris and any materials other than clean, dry, untreated wood is PROHIBITED.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

from the National Safety Council

SLOW DOWN - BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS SHARING THE ROAD

SCHOOL DAYS BRING CONGESTION - School buses are picking up their charges, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

IF YOU'RE DROPPING OFF or PICKING UP - The School has a specific drop-off procedure. For the safety of all the kids make sure you follow that procedure.

SHARING THE ROAD WITH YOUNG PEDESTRIANS

- Don't block the crosswalk when at a stop sign or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- Stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care around the school and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians

SHARING THE ROAD WITH SCHOOL BUSES

- If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

SHARING THE ROAD WITH BICYCLISTS – Remember, bikes can be hard to see. The most common cause of vehicle/bike collisions is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist.

- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist
 - When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass
 - If you're turning right and a bicyclist is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals
 - Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this
 - Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential areas
 - Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars
 - Check side mirrors before opening your door
- By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.