



CITY OF ST. CLAIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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A big THANK YOU to everyone who planned, worked, helped and participated to make St. Clair Days 2019 a huge success!



CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!

Call Gopher State One Call 811 before you dig. The One Call service will contact the underground utility providers in your area and have the utilities located and marked.

The One Call service is paid for by the utility providers and is at no cost to the property owner.

BUILDING PERMITS



A Building Permit is required for almost all building projects and construction in the City of St. Clair including: home, garage, deck, porch, storage building, re-roof, window replacement, siding, finishing basement, etc. Contact the City Clerk (245-3494) for a Building Permit Application or for other information before undertaking any building project.

Building and Zoning Information is also available on the City website www.stclair.govoffice2.com and on the City Building Inspector's website www.buildingcodeinfo.com (City Building Inspection Services, LLC ... Dan Murphy, Building Official)

SEVERE WEATHER SIREN



The outdoor early warning siren system is intended to alert people of potentially dangerous conditions. However, one common misconception about the warning siren is that they will alert people who are indoors to dangerous conditions outdoors. The sirens are not designed or intended to penetrate all indoor spaces. While some people may live close enough to hear the siren indoors, this not the intended purpose of the siren. Sirens are designed to advise people who are outside that a hazardous condition exists or is approaching. The radio, television, internet or other portable communications technology is the recommended and most effective way to keep informed of dangerous weather conditions when indoors.



INOPERABLE UNLICENSED VEHICLES

All vehicles must have current tabs and must be in working order. Vehicles not licensed and not in working order must be stored in a garage or removed from the property.

CHRISTIAN CONSTRUCTION Vacation Bible School



St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Clair
Monday, July 15th – Friday, July 19th
8:30 am – 11:30 am
Ages 4 and up
Register by Saturday, July 13th
Kim Depuydt (call/text): 507-779-1199
Church Office (call): 507-245-3330
Email: kdepuydt@blc.edu



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 and grass is not allowed. The following is an excerpt from the City Ordinance:

REGULATION CAMPFIRE REGULATIONS & SAFEGUARDS

- SIZE: 3' X 3' in diameter with a flame height not more than 4'
- LOCATION: at least 15' from any structure or property line
- WOOD: clean, dry, untreated wood in lengths of 3' or less consider wind and weather conditions prior to lighting a campfire
- WEATHER: minimal detectable smoke, odor or soot should be noticed beyond the property line
- SMOKE: campfires should be attended by a person 18 years of age or older
- SUPERVISION: extinguish the campfire completely before leaving the site
- EXTINGUISH: leaving the site

While burning a recreational campfire, every effort should be taken to avoid creating a nuisance or a health/ safety hazard.

Recreational campfires are prohibited when the Blue Earth Co. Sheriff's Dept. or other authority has issued a burning ban.

STORM SEWERS & STORM DRAINS

City storm sewers are designed to carry rain water (commonly referred to as 'storm water'), surface run-off and snow melt to the river.

Storm sewers are not designed to handle leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris. During rainstorms, grass clippings, leaves and other yard debris can plug storm drains/grates and accumulate in the pipes, contributing to clogs and back-ups. In heavy rain events these clogs and back-ups can cause flooding.

In addition to grass clippings, leaves and debris, storm water often contains materials found on streets and parking lots such as oil, antifreeze, gasoline, soil, litter, pet wastes, fertilizers and pesticides. When even small amounts of these materials enter lakes and streams, they become pollutants that can kill fish and reduce water aesthetics.

Grass clippings, leaves, twigs and other yard debris ... when it rains, grass clippings, leaves and other yard debris can end up in storm drains, causing blockages. Preventing these blockages is easy ...

- Compost grass clippings.
- **Keep mowed grass off the street by mowing grass into the yard not into the street, curb or gutter.**
- Do not rake grass or leaves into the street or curb/gutter. It can plug city drainage systems.
- Do not allow soil, leaves or grass clippings to accumulate on driveways, sidewalks, or in streets.

ARE YOU SURE THAT'S RECYCLABLE?

The following is an excerpt from an article which appeared in the Spring/Summer 2019 issue of the Blue Earth County Communicator.

Most of us are familiar with recycling of such common items as glass, aluminum, tin cans, paper and plastic. But have you ever tossed an item in the recycling cart, not really knowing whether it's recyclable or not? A wrong item in the recycling cart might seem like a small detail, but it represents a global problem that's preventing thousands of tons of recyclables from ever seeing a second life. Up to 25% of items in your home recycling cart actually belong in the trash!!

Listed below are some of the most common recycling mistakes.

DO NOT recycle these items, place them in your garbage cart:

- **SHREDDED PAPER**
- **GREASY PIZZA BOXES** ... tear off the not-greasy top of the box and put it in the recycling cart; throw the greasy bottom portion in the garbage cart
- **WOOD** ... including popsicle sticks and wooden craft items
- **TAKEAWAY COFFEE CUPS & K-CUPS**
- **ANY TYPE OF PLASTIC BAG**

REMINDER ... Plastic and glass containers and tin cans are recyclable, but always empty and rinse them well before recycling.



DO NOT FLUSH ...

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| disposable diapers | feminine products | mop heads |
| baby wipes | facial tissue | rags |
| cleaning wipes | paper towels | dryer sheets |
| make-up wipes | rags | dental floss |
| cloth items | bandages | cotton balls |
| Q-tips | cat litter | |

or any items other than toilet paper!!

City sewer systems are not designed to handle items such as those listed above. Flushing such items can not only cause damage to pumps and equipment at the sewer plant, but can also clog and plug sewer mains and individual sewer lines resulting in back-ups into homes.

Even wipes that are labeled 'flushable' SHOULD NOT BE FLUSHED ... please dispose of them in your waste basket or garbage can. Wipes do not degrade immediately after flushing they remain intact long enough to pass through the individual sewer lines, City sewer mains and into the City Wastewater Treatment Plant where they clog and plug pumps and equipment.