



CITY OF ST. CLAIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April/May 2020

... UNCERTAIN TIMES ...

With the changes we are experiencing in the midst of Covid-19 pandemic, a number of community events and activities have been postponed or cancelled. Please follow the City Facebook page or visit the City website for updates.

- **SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY HAS BEEN POSTPONED ... LJP WASTE and RECYCLE PLANS TO SCHEDULE A FALL CLEAN-UP DAY**

- **ST. CLAIR DAYS ~~June 25, 26 & 27~~**

In lieu of the uncertainty surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, the St. Clair Days Committee has decided to cancel St. Clair Days activities for 2020, with the exception of the Fireworks display on Friday, June 26th. The Committee feels that the community can enjoy the fireworks display while still maintaining social distances and practicing other safety protocols.

FIREWORKS
FRIDAY, JUNE 26th at 10 pm



911

Since 1970, the City of St. Clair has contracted with the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept. for police protection.

Call 911 to report any fire, medical or police emergency or to report any unusual or suspicious person, vehicle, activity or behavior.



CENSUS RESPONSE RATE AS OF APRIL 20th

While Minnesota has a Census response rate of 60.6%, the HIGHEST response rate of any state in the nation, St. Clair had a response rate of only 31.7%!

The response rate for other cities in Blue Earth County (Amboy, Eagle Lake, Good Thunder, Lake Crystal, Madison Lake, Mankato, Mapleton, Pemberton and Vernon Center) is between 41.8% and 71% with only 1 other city having a response rate below 60%.

The Census only takes a few minutes to complete. Once you begin the questionnaire you will be asked to 'Log In' using your 12-digit Census ID (the Census ID is on the postcard you received in the mail or in the packet you received on your door). If you didn't receive the postcard or packet or have misplaced your Census information, you can complete the Census by entering your street address.

The Census Bureau will send several reminders to residents who haven't completed the Census, if the reminders fail to garner a response, a Census Taker will be sent to obtain the information in-person. Given the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, the Census Bureau is strongly urging all residents nationwide to complete the Census on-line or by mail as it is much safer for both the residents and the Census Bureau staff.

The Census takes less than 5 minutes to complete, PLEASE go on-line today!

Conducting a Census is required by law. Every 10 years, the Census Bureau must conduct a Census of all persons living in the United States. The results of the Census must be delivered to the President by December of 2020.



CALL 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.

PET OWNERS



Pet owners, please be respectful of your neighbors and follow the City of St. Clair Pet Ordinance:

- Keep your dog or cat on a leash or under your control at all times.
- Provide adequate leashing, fencing or other means to insure that your pet stays in your yard and doesn't run on neighboring property or throughout the neighborhood.
- Don't allow your dog to wander onto neighboring property to pee and poop.
- When walking your dog, pick-up after him! Carry a plastic bag with you and dispose of it properly when you get home.
- Don't allow your dog to habitually bark, whine and howl.
- Obtain a dog or cat license at City Hall.
- Dogs and cats found running at large will be impounded in Mankato. Retrieving an animal from the impound can be very costly.



The City Council approved D&D Yard Service for mosquito spraying again this year. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of nuisance mosquitoes and the diseases they can carry.

D&D Yard Service (Owatonna MN) does mosquito spraying for a number of area communities. They will be spraying for mosquitos every two (2) weeks (weather permitting). The product they use is Kontrol 4-4.

The focus of the program is to minimize active adult mosquitoes. The mosquito control truck moves about the neighborhoods using a low volume sprayer mounted in the back, a light visible fog will move through the area. Common-sense precautions should be taken, including keeping away from the spray vehicle and out of the fog cloud. The majority of the spraying will be done from dusk to later evening. Trucks are equipped with variable flow equipment allowing them to keep the correct dosage as they move through the community.



BUILDING PERMITS

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

Building and Zoning Information is available on the City website as well as the City Building Inspector's website www.buildingcodeinfo.com City Building Inspection Services, LLC, Dan Murphy, Building Official.