



CITY OF ST. CLAIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March/April 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

... UNCERTAIN TIMES ...

With the uncertainty and changes we are experiencing in the midst of Covid-19 pandemic, some of the events listed below may be postponed or cancelled. Please follow the City Facebook page or visit the City website for updates.

- **APRIL 1st – 2020 Census Day**
- **APRIL 13th – 17th
Severe Weather Awareness Week**
- ~~**FRIDAY, APRIL 17th CANCELLED**~~
St. Clair Days Fundraiser
Uptown Tavern, 5pm – 8 pm
- ~~**SATURDAY, APRIL 18th CANCELLED**~~
St. Clair, Eagle Lake, Madison Lake
Annual Firefighters Dance
- ~~**SATURDAY, MAY 2nd POSTPONED**~~
City Wide Clean-Up Day
FALL CLEAN-UP DAY TO BE SCHEDULED
- **JUNE 25, 26 & 27**
St. Clair Days
- **TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th**
Primary Election
- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd**
General Election



CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

ST. CLAIR CITY HALL CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

The St. Clair City Hall is closed to the public, City business is being conducted by phone (507) 245-3494 or email citystc@hickorytech.net.

The City will continue to send updates via the City website www.stclair.govoffice2.com and the City Facebook page.

Water bill payments can be placed in the drop-box in front of City Hall, mailed to the City of St. Clair, P.O. Box 97, St. Clair MN 56080, paid through the on-line bill pay system at www.ub-pay.com or paid as an ACH payment set up through your bank. If you are new to the on-line bill pay system you will be asked for the 'Municipality Code', which is StClairMN080.

St. Clair Fire Dept. services (fire protection and emergency medical services) will continue, however, a number of new protocols and safety measures have been implemented.

The St. Clair Public Works Dept. will continue operations with the implementation of additional safety protocols.

LJP Waste & Recycle has reported that garbage and recycling services will continue as usual, with no changes to the pick-up schedule at this time. Pick-up in St. Clair will continue to be on Friday. LJP Waste & Recycle has postponed the City Wide Clean-Up Day and will schedule a FALL CLEAN-UP DAY.





WHILE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IS FOREMOST IN OUR MINDS, RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETING THE 2020 CENSUS ... IF YOU HAVE NOT RESPONDED PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

CENSUS BUREAU STATEMENT ON THE CORONAVIRUS AND THE 2020 CENSUS

The U.S. Census Bureau is carefully monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and will follow the guidance of federal, state and local health authorities. We have also established the Census Bureau COVID-19 Internal Task Force to continuously monitor the situation and update our Pandemic Addendum to the Census Bureau Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan.

Our preparation and contingency planning centers operate on two key principles:

1. The health and safety of our staff and the public is of the utmost consideration and importance.
2. We must fulfill our constitutional obligation to deliver the 2020 Census counts to the President of the United States on schedule, and we must adhere to our core task of counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

The key message right now for anyone with questions about how COVID-19 will affect the 2020 Census: **It has never been easier to respond on your own, whether online, over the phone or by mail—all without having to meet a census taker.**

From March 12-20, households will receive the first of several invitations to participate in the 2020 Census.

We are encouraging everyone to respond online as soon as you receive your invitation with the provided instructions to go online. Instructions include the web address for the online questionnaire.

The invitation will also include phone numbers so residents can respond over the phone. Telephone assistance is available seven days a week from 7 am to 2 am EDT for those who prefer to respond by phone.

Some households—will receive a paper questionnaire in the first mailing; all households that have not responded online or by phone will receive a paper questionnaire between April 8 and April 16. The paper questionnaire includes a prepaid postage envelope to return it by mail.



Severe Weather Awareness Week April 13th -17th

The following information is provided by the MN Dept. of Public Safety

SIRENS

If you hear outdoor warning sirens sound, and the signal is a steady tone, it means that severe weather has been sighted in your area. Seek shelter immediately and turn on a battery-powered radio for more information. If you see that severe weather is approaching, don't wait for the sirens to go off before seeking shelter. In some fast-moving storms, the dangerous weather may pass through before the siren can be activated. Stay alert to severe weather!

TORNADO WATCH

A tornado or severe thunderstorm **watch** means that conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes or severe thunderstorms. Many tornadoes originate inside severe thunderstorm cells.

When a watch is issued for your area, pay close attention to the weather. Make sure that everyone in your family knows the correct action to take if the weather gets worse. If weather becomes more threatening, or you see an approaching storm, immediately turn on your TV or radio to monitor events.

TORNADO WARNING

A tornado or severe thunderstorm **warning** means a tornado or severe thunderstorm **has been reported or is indicated by weather radar**. Warnings are issued for counties and/or communities. Warning information includes the tornado's location, direction and speed. If the warning is for your area, *you should take shelter immediately*.

WHAT TO DO AT HOME

If you are at home when a tornado or severe thunderstorm warning is issued, take shelter immediately. Go to the basement and seek shelter under the stairs or a sturdy piece of furniture. If you do not have a basement, seek shelter in a small room at the lowest level, in the center of the building. Bathrooms and closets are good potential shelters. Avoid rooms with windows.

WHAT TO DO AWAY FROM HOME

Some basic tornado safety rules apply if a tornado threatens when you are not at home.

- The best tornado shelter in any building is the lowest level.
- Look for pre-designated shelters in buildings you frequent.
- Smaller rooms, such as closets, rest rooms, or storerooms are good shelter areas.
- Position yourself beneath a piece of sturdy furniture.
- Cover your head and chest to protect yourself from flying debris.
- Seek shelter away from doors and windows.
- Long-span roof areas like those in malls and gymnasiums are especially vulnerable to tornadoes. Find a small room.
- Don't run for your car, you are safer inside a building than in the open.
- If a tornado strikes while you are in a car; get out of the car immediately & seek shelter in a depression or in a culvert.
- *Do not try to outrun the tornado.*



CodeRED is the Blue Earth County Community Emergency Notification System.

CodeRED is a FREE service. Blue Earth County residents and businesses are encouraged to register for the system on-line at www.blueearthcountymn.gov/CodeRED or by calling the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept. at (507) 304-4920.