

## 2025 City Council

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## \*\*NEW 4-WAY STOP\*\*

A 4-way stop will be coming to the intersection of Stearns Ave and State Street.



Over the past year The City Council has been looking at safety issues in our city. The intersection of Hwy 22 and Stearns has been identified as having a history of right-angle crashes, with a considerable number of incidents occurring under low-speed urban environment conditions. These types of collisions are indicative of visibility issues, conflicting vehicle movements or a lack of a clear right-of-way understanding. Given the intersection's proximity to schools, commercial zones, and residential areas, it was decided that it is crucial to address these safety concerns. The city has been working with MN DOT who also believes it makes sense to make this intersection an all way stop. MNDOT will be installing stop signs, all way stop plaques, advance warning signs and some temporary traffic control change ahead signs.

Please be cautious, patient and watch for the signs, this transition may be difficult, especially for those who are used to not stopping.



## \*\*LIGHT UP THE VALLEY\*\*

Outdoor Holiday Lighting Contest  
Sponsored by EVC4P

Judging will be held from December 11th-13th

- No registration Necessary
- All residential lighting displays will be considered
- Must live within the City Limits
- Winners will be contacted the week of December 16th
- 12 WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN!
- Each winner will receive \$50 in Valley Bucks

## ~~\*\*THE CITY IS GOING PAPERLESS\*\*~~

~~Beginning January 1 2025 the Eden Valley water/sewer bills will be sent to you via email. This is an effort to offset the rising costs of postage, paper, and ink. There will be a \$1.00 per month fee to receive a paper copy.~~

~~If you are not receiving your bills through the mail, Please provide your Name, physical address, and your email address.~~

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~~The bill will continue to be sent monthly, emailed to you on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> of each month and will continue to be due on the last day of the month.~~

Per Council decision on 11/20/2024—This will **not** be going into effect



## BEGINNING NEX YEAR CHICKENS AND BEES WILL BE ALLOWED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS



A public hearing was held on October 23, to hear comments on the pros and cons to allowing chickens and bees within the city limits. The Planning Commission discussed a range of perspectives on both the benefits and the challenges of such a policy. Some of the key points discussed: Local food productions, educational opportunities, environmental benefits, health, and wellbeing. Concerns that were discussed: Noise and smell, Spacing and zoning requirements, health and safety, Enforcement, impacts on neighbors.

The Commissioners also discussed restrictions and solutions to minimize complaints. Limiting the number of animals, controlling the noise, property setbacks, design standards, health and safety, compliance, education, and outreach were all looked at in detail.

The Planning Commission put together a plan and presented this to the City Council on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The City Council passed a new ordinance allowing chickens and bees within the city limits.

This ordinance will go into effect January 1, 2025. Permits will be **required** for those who wish to have chickens and for those wishing to have bees. Applications will be available December 16<sup>th</sup>.

## \*\*NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL\*\*

Email Sara at [sgarland@edenvalleymn.city](mailto:sgarland@edenvalleymn.city) to get future newsletters sent to your email.

Include your name, address, and email address



## WINTER SAFETY



Each year hundreds of Minnesotans find themselves stranded on the roadside. Take sometime to prepare for the weather before the blizzard hits. Put together a winter car kit for each of your vehicles. They are easy and fairly inexpensive.

The following are a few of the recommended items. Visit the American Red Cross or Dept of Motor Vehicle Websites for more information.



### KEEP SIDEWALKS SHOVELED

It is the responsibility of the property owner to shovel the sidewalk after each snow fall (within 12 hours of snow fall). If it is not completed the City will have it done at owners expense. As set by ordinance a notice will be sent if owner fails to remove the snow.

### WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS: NOVEMBER 1 – APRIL 1

- \* No parking on any city streets between 2:30am – 6:00am.
- \* If your car is parked on a city street at other times, you must move your vehicle to allow for plowing.
- \* If we have received 3 inches of snow (falling or blowing, or drifting), the plows will be out.  
**MOVE YOUR VEHICLE!** If you are unsure how much snow there was, play it safe and **MOVE YOUR VEHICLE!**



### SNOW PLOWS WILL BE OUT AFTER THE SNOW STOPS FALLING!

For our city workers and the snow plow drivers snow removal begins after the snow stops falling. They can not wait until 7:00 am or when no one is on the streets. Please be **AWARE** of Snow removal equipment and stay back from snow plows.

- \* Keep garbage containers off the street. They belong in the driveway.
  - \* Move your vehicle **before** the plows come out—let them have a chance to clean the streets.
  - \* Do not throw snow onto the streets.
- If you are able, help out your neighbor. Thank you to those who already lend a hand!



## When Seconds Count...



### Tips to help prevent pipes from freezing

The three central causes of frozen pipes are quick drops in temperature, poor insulation and thermostats set too low. You can prepare your home during the warmer months.

- **Insulate pipes.** Exposed pipes are most susceptible to freezing. Remember, the more insulation you use, the better protected your pipes will be.
- **Use heat tape or heat cables.** [Heat tape](#) or thermostatically controlled heat cables can be used to wrap pipes. Be sure to use products approved by an independent testing organization, such as [Underwriters Laboratories Inc.](#), and only for the use intended (exterior or interior). Closely follow all manufacturer's installation and operation instructions.
- **Seal leaks.** Locate and thoroughly seal leaks that allow cold air inside. Look for air leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes, and use caulk or insulation to keep the cold out.
- **Secure outdoor hoses, valves and facets.**  
Before winter hits, disconnect garden hoses and, if possible, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. This reduces the chance of freezing in the short span of pipe just inside the house.
- **Let water drip.** A trickle of hot and cold water might be all it takes to keep your pipes from freezing. Let warm water drip overnight when temperatures are cold, preferably from a faucet on an outside wall.
- **Adjust the Thermostat.** Keeping your thermostat set at the same temperature during both day and night also reduces the risk of frozen pipes. During extreme cold, this also helps reduce the strain on the furnace.
- **Open cabinet doors.** This allows heat to get to un-insulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.



*Taken from simple insights-State Farm.*

### FIRE HYDRANTS

Remember to keep hydrants free of snow. This is for your safety and your neighbor's safety.

- **Create Space:** Shovel a 3-foot perimeter around the hydrant and clear a path to the street.
- **Remove Ice:** Try to remove any ice/snow that has accumulated on the hydrant
- **Be Proactive:** Shovel out the hydrant as soon as snow has stopped
- **Be a Good Neighbor:** Even if the hydrant is not on your property, you can help by clearing the area around it
- **Know where it is:** Know where the local hydrant is and whether it is clear