



City Administration Office:

Monday – Wednesday 8:00a.m. – 4:30p.m., Thursday 8:00a.m. – 6:00p.m., Friday 7:30a.m. – 12:00p.m. Closed for lunch 12:00p.m. – 1:00p.m.
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Council Corner

My father used to say Minnesota is a great place to live, except for the twelve weeks of hell each year. Not sure if he meant the weather or the heating bills. Whether you're heating with electric, gas, or wood, you will definitely use more of it when the North winds start blowing. Heating costs have gone up 24-33 percent since last year. Insulation projects skipped last summer will really cost us now. Though cheaper energy may not be in our near future, fixing heating leaks in your home is a good investment anytime. If you compare your home to a leaky bucket, it's better to fix the bucket than to look for cheaper water to fill it. Door threshold draft stoppers, insulated door curtains, insulated window curtains, weather stripping seals are many things that can be done now to cut down on heating bills. The best part is they pay for themselves over time. My father also used to tell me insulation was free.

It reminds me of a story from the book of Ole and Sven: Ole and Sven had messed around one winter on some thin ice, fell through, and somehow ended up in hell. It was so warm they stripped down and laid out in the flames to enjoy the heat. The Devil saw this and decided to freeze the place to teach them a lesson. After which they started dancing around and sliding in the snow, whooping and hollering, having a great time. The Devil saw this too and asked why they were so happy. At which they replied "Hell froze over. The Vikings must have won a Super Bowl!"

Stay warm.
Blair Reuther

Nevis Municipal Liquor Store

Cheers to a new year!
This new year welcomes me as your new Nevis Municipal Liquor Manager, Cindy Paulsen. I already feel very welcomed in a very short time. The Town, the staff and all the wonderful customers have been very warm during the very cold temperatures we have recently endured. I look forward to opening the blank pages full of opportunity for 2023. I look forward to writing each chapter with each and every one of you! While doing my homework for my new position I was excited to learned that the Nevis Municipal Liquor Store was established in 1950! So together, we will write a great new 365-page story. I cordially invite you to stop in and meet me during your next beverage moment as it's always a refreshing time at your Nevis Muni!
Truly, Cindy



Desk of the Administrator

Happy New Year Everyone!!

My office has had some questions lately on billing dates, so I thought I would go through them with everyone.

January 6th: we will be running our billing cycle for December water and sewer usage.

February 5th: this bill for December usage is due.

If bills are not received by 4:30 on February 5th, your account will be accessed a late fee and we will send you out a 1st delinquent letter. Around the 16th of the month, you will receive a 2nd delinquent letter (if the account is not paid). A hang tag will be placed on your door seven days later with a deadline of noon the next day to pay for the past due balance along with late fee. If the account is not made current by noon, the water to the property will be shut-off by public works due to non-payment and a \$75.00 charge will be added to your account to pay for a reconnect fee.

(We are one of the few cities in the State of Minnesota that actually allow the residents this large amount of time to make their account current)

Everyone is charged monthly for a base water usage along with the sewer. Public Works reads the meters on a quarterly basis. If any residence uses over the base amount of water, which is 10,000 gallons in that 3 months, they are charged a per 1000- gallons fee for the overage.

Which brings me to our next item:

Our water meters are hitting their 30-year mark, so the city will be getting bids for an upgrade to our system. We have received two installments from the American Rescue Plan Act funds account to help with the cost.

As water meters age, the amount of water that goes through them doesn't change, however the numbers on the dial can slow down, or even come to a complete stop. When this happens, the homeowner and public works does not have an accurate account of water usage, or in some instances a leak. A small leak can accumulate an amount as high 15,000 gallons in one month.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to the office.

Public Works: This year we had a decent amount of snow early in the season, hopefully we will have fewer freezing problems with the water and sewer. Here are just a few reminders to help avoid the problems. Most times I see the freezing problems with the sewer are small leaks usually from a toilet bowl or high efficiency propane furnace. In both cases the small amount of water will act like an icicle in the sewer line. Checking the toilet is a simple as placing food color in the tank. If the color bleeds through to the bowl, the flapper is leaking and may need to be replaced. The furnace can be a little harder to deal with. You would need to add a pump that will dose a small volume of water at a time (pump will look like a Kleenex box) or run the furnace drain into the ground not placing it in the sewer. We monitor the water main temperatures to help foresee freezing problems. As of 1-2-2023, the water main temp is 44 degrees. If the Main temp gets to 35 degrees or less, we start running water. If you want to check your water temp, run the cold tap for 5 minutes. If the temp is 35 degrees or less, give the office a call and we can put you on a "running water" list and you would not be charged for that extra running water.