City of Nevis



September 2023

City Council Meeting Dates: September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11

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. 104 Main Street West, PO Box 108, Nevis, MN 56467



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Nevis Municipal Liquor Store - Cindy Paulsen

Beer is considered sacred by many, and has undoubtedly played a role in human civilization since ancient times. These days, we go through painstaking troubles to ensure that every step of the beer brewing and serving process is done in a way that honors our favorite brews and allows them to showcase their truest expressions. Beer is a living thing: it contains yeasts, bacteria, and acids that are all reacting on some level with one another, and that chemistry plays out in draft lines. Over time, these components can turn into mold and harmful bacteria, even if your sanitation practices are top-notch. These unwelcome additions to your pours can alter the expressions and flavors of your beer, and may even be unhealthy to ingest. Another irksome side effect of uncleaned lines is beer stone. Beer stone is the accumulation of calcium oxalate. Calcium oxalate is found in many foods, including beer, and is one of the most common causes of kidney stones in the body. In draft lines, it causes gushing and poor head retention, and can encourage and harbor harmful bacteria. In the worst cases, it can empty white floaters into your beer. Overtime, you can find this beer stone in lines, faucets, and connection points. Just like kidney stones, beer stone should be avoided at all costs. Luckily, cleaning draft lines isn't a difficult task, especially if you're diligent.

You will be pleased to know our tap lines are cleaned every two weeks on Tuesday by Mike, owner of Total Tap Services. Total Tap Services has been protecting our customers and the integrity of our Nevis Tap beers for 10 years.

Stop in and safely enjoy one of our new Octoberfest flavors!

Cheers,

<u>Council Corner – Teresa Leshovsky</u>

Greetings Nevis Residents,

What an amazing summer it has been. It's that time of the year again that school is going back in session. Please remember to drive with caution as kids will be walking & riding bikes to school. We hope you had a wonderful summer!



Public Works – Don Umthun

Hydrant Flushing

October 17th – 19th Public Works will be flushing hydrants. Hydrant flushing is necessary to clean and maintain the water distribution system. During the flushing period, water can become discolored. If this occurs, run your cold water tap for a few minutes until the water clear. If this does not correct the problem, wait approximately one (1) hour and flush the cold water again. Do not run your hot water until the coldwater tap has cleared. This discoloration is not hazardous for human consumption; however, clothing can become stained during laundering.



Desk of the Administrator – Dawn Veit

The Nevis City Council met for its yearly Budget Meeting on July 17. The Preliminary 2024 Tax Levy has been voted on with a unanimous vote and set by the Nevis City Council. It has a bit higher increase than in years past. The cost of living has increased significantly as well as our costs of repairs and maintenance which have almost doubled in price from years past.

Our Planning Commission an opening for it's one time per month meetings. Please call me if you have any questions regarding this paid position.

The new Meter Project is complete. This system is 100% accurate, which means for some residents their monthly utility bill may be a little higher.

Illegal Dumping: just a reminder, that you **CANNOT** dump yard waste of any kind into the city brush pile dump. You may not loan out the key for the gate to family or friends who do not pay taxes to the City of Nevis and live or own property within the city limits.

Which leads me to Fall cleanup. The state is still under a drought watch, so please do not use your fire ring in your yard to burn any yard waste of any kind, please utilize the City Brush pile. Please contact the city office for more information.

We will know soon enough that it is autumn by the crunch of leaves under our feet. One thing I have learned is that even though tree leaves contain key nutrients used for plant growth, if not raked, these key nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen are released and can flow into our lakes. This is when they become a pollutant, which than help algae grow and reproduce. Algae is natural; however, it will turn lakes green in large quantities.

The committee for the "Wild Tiger Skate Park" presented their proposal at the August City Council meeting. They are requesting a 12,000 sq foot area of land for the park. This size of park is needed to apply for Grant Funding. The current costs of the project are approximately \$1,000,000.00. They will be seeking private funding and grants to secure the funds. At the August council meeting they asked for a vote of approval to move forward on these items: Design (outside consultant), then Council approval of design, then Council approval of Grants, then Council to award the contracts. For more information, please contact City Hall.