

Goodbye 2016, Hello 2017!

There have been a lot of changes in Motley over the past year, several of which are outlined below. We are looking forward to the year ahead and urge you to contact City Hall directly at 218-352-6200 and/or attend an upcoming City Council meeting with any questions, comments or concerns. We will also be updating our website – www.cityofmotley.com – over the next few months, so check it out for updates and important info.

From all of us at City Hall, Happy New Year!

Garbage/Recycling Service Change

Service will be changing from Waste Management to Long Prairie Sanitation; new rates will be effective January 1, 2017 (reflected on February bill). Waste Management will be picking up garbage and recycling as scheduled on December 21st. They will leave recycling bins for residents' continued use, and will be picking up **all carts** (with garbage AND recycling) on **December 28th**. This will be the **LAST PICKUP** from Waste Management. To ensure a smooth transition, Long Prairie Sanitation will be delivering their carts on the same day. The service schedule will remain the same: garbage will be picked up every Wednesday, and recycling every other Wednesday. Please see the recycling calendar enclosed for pick-up days and acceptable items (please note: garbage & recycling will be picked up Thursday, July 6th, NOT Wednesday, July 5th). **The first garbage & recycling pick-up by LPS will be on January 4th.**

You will be receiving the same garbage cart size that we currently have on file for you. If you receive your cart and it is not the size you would like, or you have any changes that you would like to make to your service, **contact City Hall by February 1st**. All changes will be made to residential properties within the month of February. Any cart change requests after this time may incur a fee.

New rates are as follows:

- 32 gallon garbage cart \$9.75/month
- 64 gallon garbage cart \$12.00/month
- 96 gallon garbage cart \$16.00/month
- Recycling \$3.50/month/home

Please place your cart(s) at the end of your driveway or alley (curbside) by **6:00 a.m.** on pick-up days. Please face the lid opening toward the street or alley (handle toward house) and place carts approximately **3 feet apart** to allow for mechanical pickup. Please also remember to pull your carts away from the curb once service is complete, especially when snowplows will be out.

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Current City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-3:30pm

If your garbage or recycling is not picked up by **6:00 p.m.** on a scheduled pick-up day, **call City Hall by 2:00 p.m. the day after** to arrange pickup. If you call after hours, please leave a voicemail with your name, number, and service address. We will do our best to post any delays of pick-up or re-scheduling of service (due to inclement weather or other unforeseen causes) by Long Prairie Sanitation on the City website as soon as possible.

Seasonal Residents

If you require a seasonal water/sewer shut-off, there is a form available at City Hall (or on the City website) that must be completed prior to shut-off. Your service will then be shut-off on the requested date and you will not accumulate a water or sewer charge until you request the service be restored. There is a \$20 re-connect fee that will be charged at that time. Please note that you will continue to be charged for garbage and recycling regardless.

City Council

As many of you are aware, Mayor Nancy Nieken did not run for re-election, and neither did Council Member Pat O'Regan. Both have served the City of Motley honorably for many years, and we want to thank them for their dedication and service to the City.

Looking forward, we would like to congratulate Al Yoder for winning the Mayor's race. He will transition out of his role as a Council Member and into his new role of Mayor over the next few weeks. For information regarding the upcoming vacant Council seat, please attend the first Council meeting in 2017 or keep an eye out in the Morrison County record for information.

We would also like to welcome Nate Douglas as a newly elected Council Member.

City Council meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Motley City Hall and the public is always welcome. If you have an item you would like to have placed on the agenda, please fill out the Agenda Request Form, available at City Hall or on the City website, and return it to City Hall by the Wednesday preceding the scheduled Council meeting.

Fire Department

The Motley Fire Department is accepting applications for the position of volunteer firefighter until **January 31st**. Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age, have a valid Minnesota driver's license, live within an acceptable response time area and be able to pass a physical examination. Willingness to obtain First Responder/Medical certification is desirable. Firefighters receive \$9.00 for each call/meeting/training attended. Application forms are available at City Hall or on the City website.