

# City of Motley Newsletter

Summer 2018

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**City Hall is now open 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday**



On behalf of the City of Motley, we would like to thank everyone who submitted an entry for the logo contest. We were overwhelmed and amazed with how many fantastic designs we received! We would also like to thank everyone who voted for their favorite design. It's wonderful to see the community being so involved in the city! Finally, we would like to extend our congratulations to Chris Mayhew for this winning design!

## **Important Dates**

**Independence Day: July 4<sup>th</sup> – City Hall Closed**

**Regular City Council Meeting: July 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – Rescheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

**Motley Community Picnic Nights: July 11<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> – Motley Free Methodist Church invites you to come for FREE SUPPER and games at Converse Park this summer! Call 218-352-6888 with any questions.**

**Statewide Primary Elections: August 14<sup>th</sup> – City Hall**

**Labor Day: September 4<sup>th</sup> – City Hall Closed**

**Regular City Council Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, 6:30pm, City Hall.**

**Regular Planning Commission Meetings: last Tuesday of every month, 6:30pm, City Hall.**

## **Notes from the Clerk-Treasurer's Office**

**August 14<sup>th</sup> is the statewide primary election!** In addition to state and national races, Motley residents who reside in Morrison County will be voting to narrow down the field of candidates for County Auditor-Treasurer, and **all City residents** will be voting on the following question that only applies to the City:

### **Sunday Liquor**

*Shall the Motley city council be allowed to issue on-sale licenses to restaurants, clubs, bowling centers, and hotels for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail on Sundays?* *Yes or No*

If you have any questions about what your vote means, or why this question will appear on the ballot, please call our office and ask to speak with the City Clerk. Lacey will be happy to provide you with more information. **Please note: this question will not appear on the November ballot;** this is your opportunity to vote on this question.

**Looking for some extra cash?** Want to be involved in the political process? Just want to help out the community you live in? **Consider being an election judge!** Interest forms are available at City Hall and on the City website. Please let us know if you're interested **as soon as possible!** There is a required 2 hour training that can be completed in person or online, and workdays will include the State Primary on August 14<sup>th</sup> and the General Election on November 6<sup>th</sup>. The best part? All time is **paid!**

### Notes from the Police Department

If you call the police department's regular number and we do not answer, Morrison County dispatch will pick up the phone after the fourth ring and will contact us by radio to respond to your call. If an officer is not on duty, a sheriff's deputy will be able to help you.

Reminder that all dogs and cats are required to be licensed annually. The license fee is \$5 per year, and the fine for an unlicensed pet is \$100. License applications are available online and at City Hall. Licensing your pet is not only required by City Ordinance, but it will help us return your pet back to you safely and avoid impound fees should they get away from you. **If you previously licensed your pet through the City but no longer have it, please let us know so we can update our records.**

Reminder that there is a three dog limit per household per the following city ordinance:

***§ 1709.32 NUMBER OF DOGS ALLOWED.***

*No household within the city limits shall own or possess more than three adult dogs unless prior Council approval is given. An adult dog shall be any dog over the age of three months.*

### Notes from the Fire Department

The Motley Fire Department is a volunteer department. Therefore, they do not have regular office hours and are not typically in the office. If you need to get in touch with the Chief or another member of the department, please call City Hall. We will take down your information and get your message to them.

### Notes from the Public Works Department

**The 2017 Consumer Confidence Report is available! You can find a link to the report on the City website or find it online directly at: <http://tinyurl.com/y92sc8l3>. You can also stop by or call City Hall to request a paper copy of the report free of charge.**

We've noticed a few residents blowing their lawn clippings onto City streets. It's City operating procedure that we blow the first three passes with the mower away from the street whenever possible and use the mower to blow any clippings that make their way to the street back into the mowed areas when we have completed mowing. This policy helps to keep the streets and gutters clean, helps reduce mosquito hatching areas in backed up catch basins, and will help save tax dollars that would otherwise be spent on street sweeping, gutter cleaning and mosquito control.

Small steps like minimizing the grass, leaves, rocks and trash that are deposited and build up in the streets, gutters and catch basins will help reduce City staff time and money spent on sweeping and cleaning of catch basins, reduce mosquito populations, and help the City look nice. Thank you for your help in making Motley a great place to live, work, and visit!

## **Notes from the Public Works Department (continued)**

As mosquitoes start to get worse we would appreciate your help in finding spots in the City with lots of activity. Please go to the Mosquito Control tab on the City website to let us know how bad the mosquitoes are in your area and provide the address/approximate location you're reporting on.

### **A Citizen's Guide to Mosquito Control**

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, historically, the primary Mosquito and tick viruses found in Minnesota have been La Crosse encephalitis, Western equine encephalitis (WEE), and more recently, West Nile virus (WNV). WNV is established throughout Minnesota and will probably be present to some extent every year, whereas human infections of WEE occur more sporadically. Human disease risk will likely continue to be higher in central and western Minnesota where the primary mosquito vector, *Culex tarsalis*, is most abundant.

Mosquito populations in many areas can be reduced by eliminating larval development (breeding) sites. Larvae can develop anywhere water stands for at least 5 days. Vector species (a biting insect that transmits a disease or parasite from one animal or plant to another) prefer stagnant water. Everyone can participate in mosquito control by eliminating larval development sites and following these guidelines!

#### **Homeowners can prevent mosquitoes from developing on their property by following these guidelines:**

1. Eliminate containers holding water- Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water-holding containers.
2. Avoiding over watering turf
3. Maintain drains, ditches, and culverts so water will drain properly, fill in tire ruts.
4. Keep roof gutters free of leaves and other debris.
5. Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use.
6. Drain unused swimming pools and keep them dry during the mosquito season.
7. Change the water in birdbaths and plant pots or drip trays at least once each week.
8. Store boats covered or upside down, or remove rainwater weekly.
9. Make sure ornamental ponds are well maintained, and are stocked with fish.
10. Repair window screens.

#### **Additionally, you can take steps to protect yourself from mosquito viruses by following these tips:**

1. Use personal protection measures to prevent mosquito bites (proper use of insect repellent and appropriate clothing). A simple fan creating a breeze around outdoor seating areas will help keep mosquitoes away.
2. Encourage dragonflies and birds to locate in your yard: both are known predators of mosquitos.
3. Some mosquitoes are attracted to lights: reduce unnecessary lighting to make yards less attractive.
4. Be aware that "Bug zappers" do not reduce mosquito landing or biting. They attract and kill many insects but few are mosquitoes that attack humans. Many of the insects killed are actually beneficial because they feed on garden pests.
5. Ultrasonic devices, such as those that claim to mimic dragonflies, do not affect mosquito activity.
6. Light-colored clothing is less attractive to adult mosquitoes and tightly woven fabrics give some protection against biting.

**From all of us at the City, we hope you have a fun and safe summer!**