

City of Motley Newsletter

Spring 2019

March 29, 2019

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

Important Dates

April: Hydrant Flushing – Check the website in April for dates.

April 12th: Local Board of Appeal & Equalization (Cass & Morrison Counties) 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. If you want the 2020 value or classification of your property reviewed, this is your chance! Contact City Hall with any questions.

May 3rd & 4th: Citywide Garage Sales – If you intend to participate, contact City Hall as soon as possible. Maps will be made marking the sale locations and will be available to you the week before to hand out to shoppers.

May 11th: Citywide Cleanup from 7:45 am to 10:45 am (see enclosure for more info).

May 27th: City Hall Closed – Memorial Day

June 14th – 16th: Motley Fair – Contact a member of the Motley Fair Board for more information.

June 22nd: Motley June Fest – Contact Britney Bursch (Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce) at 218-352-3974 for more information.

June 12, July 10, and August 14: Community Picnic Nights – Motley Free Methodist Church invites you to Community Picnics in the Park! Join them June 12, July 10, and August 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Converse Park for a FREE Picnic Supper! Bring your WHOLE family for food and fun. This is a great way for the community to come together and meet your neighbors!

Regular City Council Meetings: 2nd Monday of every month, 6:30pm, City Hall

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

Contact City Hall with any questions or concerns.

Notes from the Clerk-Treasurer's Office

Remember to keep your contact information with the City updated. If you change your phone number, please give us a call so we can update our records. Every so often it is important for us to get in contact with you regarding your utility account.

At the Council Meeting on May 13th, the Council will likely be voting on changes to the water and sewer ordinances, rate structures, and rates. Proposed changes will restructure the way water and sewer services are charges, hopefully making the rates more equitable, sustainable, and understandable. Most residential water and sewer charges will change by a total of \$1.00/month or less. If you would like to hear more about the proposed changes or have any questions (including your estimated charges under the new rate structure), please stop by City Hall or attend an upcoming Council meeting. You will likely first see these changes on your June bill.

Citywide garage sale – City sale! The City will be selling items that haven't been in use for some time and are no longer needed. Please stop by the maintenance garage located at 196 Eldredge St. W (same location as cleanup day) on Friday, May 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and help us clean out the closets! CASH ONLY!

Notes from the Fire Department

Friendly reminder to make sure you change the batteries in your smoke detectors at least once a year. Stay Safe!

Notes from the Police Department

If you wish to speak with an officer or want to report a crime or suspicious activity, please call the Morrison County Sheriff's Office at 320-632-9233. They will contact a Motley Officer if they are on duty or send a deputy to assist you. You can also call the Motley PD office phone at 218-352-6370, and if an officer is not in the office it will transfer you to the Sheriff's Office.

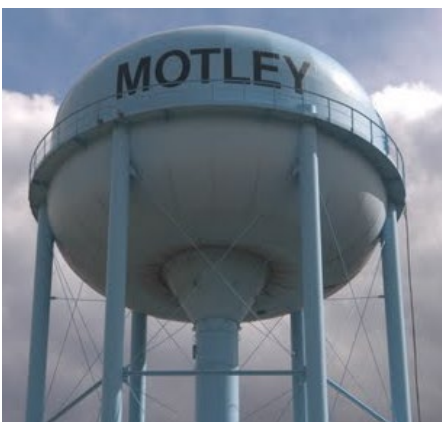
The City of Motley has a drop box to dispose of unwanted prescriptions located in the entry-way at City Hall. Medication must be kept in their original container and personal information should be removed or covered up with black marker. Residents can drop off their unused or expired medications so that they can be disposed of safely and properly. The box is accessible during normal business hours at City Hall.



Notes from the Public Works Department

HIGH WATER BILL??? Did you know that the most common cause for a high water bill is running water from your toilet? The average running toilet can waste up to 200 gallons a day! That can add up to an additional 6,000 gallons per month to your usage charges. If you receive your utility bill and your water usage is high, first check if your toilet has been running. *This may not be obvious!* To check if your toilet is running, take the lid off the tank, drop some food coloring in (***or stop by City Hall for toilet tank leak detecting tablets courtesy of MN Department of Natural Resources***), and wait 15 minutes. If color shows up in the toilet bowl, there is a leak. If your toilet is not the cause, try checking for other leaks. To do this, take a meter reading and turn off all water-using appliances. After 30 minutes, check the meter again. If there's a change, you may have a leak.

It's that time of year again. The Police Department and Public Works Department will be starting nuisance and weed inspections soon. A summary of possible nuisances is available on the City website or at City Hall. And remember, per City Ordinance, your grass needs to be kept under 9 inches. Let's all work together to keep our City looking nice and clean!



Say goodbye to blue! This summer the City will be having the water tower painted. The paint has protected our tower and lasted much longer than anticipated, and while it's served the City well for over 25 years, it's time for an update. The project is tentatively scheduled for Memorial Day to the 4th of July.



June Fest 2019

Mark your calendars! June Fest will be on June 22nd. Bring your family and friends, and come enjoy the festivities! Returning events are scheduled to include the kids run, parade, wing contest, water wars, tractor pull, kids games, fireworks, and street dance. The June Fest Committee is excited to add a few new events this year, including a lumberjack show, mechanical bull, 5K, and a kickball tournament. If you would like to participate in any event or be a vendor, contact Britney Bursch from the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce at 218-352-3974. The June Fest Committee will be selling t-shirts and raffle tickets this year to help support the event. Prizes for the raffle will be 25%, 15%, and 10% of the money made from selling tickets. Be sure to check the Motley June Fest facebook page and the Staples Motley Chamber of Commerce website (staplesmotleychamber.org) for more information, including registration forms, in the coming months. We hope to see you there!

Community Garden



Community garden space is available! If you are interested in a space for gardening, serving on the committee, or if you have the time or talents to donate, please call Sherry Frisk at 218-352-6137 or 815-222-6735. You can also contact the Motley Food Shelf at 218-352-6344 and leave a message.

REMINDER

Pet licenses now expire each year on June 1st. If you registered your pet after January 1, 2019 your license is good until May 31, 2020. All other residents need to have their pets licensed on or before May 31st of this year. The cost of registration is \$5 per pet per year, and a copy of your pet's current rabies vaccination is required. If your pet's license isn't renewed on or before May 31st, there will be a \$5 late fee in addition to the \$5 license fee. Licensing your cats and dogs annually with the City is not only required by City Ordinance, but it will help us return your pet to you safely and avoid impound fees should they get away from you. Applications are available at City Hall or online at www.cityofmotley.com.

Please note: no household within the City shall have more than three adult dogs or four adult cats, or more than five total adult dogs and cats.



Citywide Cleanup

Saturday, May 11th, 7:45-10:45 am

Please haul your items on May 11th to the City maintenance garage at 196 Eledredge St W. from 7:45-10:45 a.m. Please only drop off items that are listed as acceptable below. **Items on the Not Accepted list will be turned away.**

If you would like to arrange pickup, please contact City Hall at 218-352-6200 or stop in. Cost for pickup is \$15 (or \$5 for senior citizens and disabled residents). Charges include *one load only* – additional trips will require an additional charge. Pickup charges must be paid in advance at City Hall.

ACCEPTED FREE:

- Small appliances
- Home appliances (stoves, fridges/freezers, dishwashers, microwaves, washers/dryers, air conditioners, etc.)
- Scrap iron, rubbish, chairs, storm doors & box springs
- 3 car tires (without rims) per household

ACCEPTED WITH CHARGE:

Televisions & computer monitors	\$20
Printers, copiers, fax, scanners, VCR	\$10
Fluorescent bulbs	\$1
Car tires (up to 20"), additional	\$3
Car tires (up to 20"), on rims	\$5
Tires (over 20")	\$6
Semi-truck tires	\$13
Tractor tires	Varies, depends on size/weight
Couches, loveseats, mattresses, toilets, recliners	\$2
Sulfur dioxide or ammonia gas (RV) refrigerators	\$75

NOT ACCEPTED: paint, construction/demolition materials (including carpet), hazardous waste.

ACCEPTED FREE ANYTIME (at compost site, located at end of Main Street East):

Leaves (leaves being picked up must be bagged), branches less than 4" in diameter, branches larger than 4" in diameter must be de-limbed and cut in 4' – 6' lengths. Must be separated as follows: Pile 1 – grass, leaves & garden waste, Pile 2 – brush and branches with diameter of 4" or less, and Pile 3 – branches larger than 4" in diameter.

Volunteers are needed with trucks, pickups, and/or trailers. For more information call City Hall at 352-6200 or the Public Works Department at 352-6649.