



Spring/Summer 2022

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Important Dates

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

April 18th – 21st – City Hall Offices Closed

May 6th -7th: 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 14th: Citywide Cleanup from 7:45 am to 10:45 am (see enclosure for more info).

May 30th: Memorial Day – City Hall Offices Closed - Motley Historical Society Open House at City Hall

June 17th – 19th: Motley Fair – Contact a member of the Motley Fair Board for more information.

June 18th: Motley June Fest – Contact motleyjunepest@gmail.com or Sherry Frisk at 815-222-6735 or Amy Brichacek at 612-910-6595 for more information.

June 13th – 24th 2-3 p.m.: Summer Swimming Lessons for Motley Area.; for children 7-13 years of age and 48 in. tall; Cost is \$5.00/ child (payable on first day); Bus available from/to Motley @ Motley United Methodist Church parking lot; bus will leave at 1:45 and return at 3:15 p.m.-- **AVAILABLE to the FIRST 40 kids**; to register call the Staples Community Center at 218-894-2553 and register for Motley Bus Lessons; Questions contact Valerie Johnson (218-296-2714) or Bonnie Zimmerman (218-296-1279); *these lessons are sponsored by Motley organizations: Lions, City of Motley, United Methodist Church, Free Methodist Church, & Lincoln Business Association.

June 8th, July 13th, and August 10th: Community Picnic Nights – Motley Free Methodist Church invites you to Community Picnics in the Park! Join them from 5:00 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!

July 4th: Independence Day – City Hall Offices Closed

September 5th: Labor Day – City Hall Offices Closed

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.

City Hall is open 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Thursday

From the Mayor's Desk...

Boy, the time passes by quickly and

it's time for this yearly newsletter again!

We have an exciting summer ahead of us. The June Fest committee has done a wonderful job of planning the June Fest event this year, along with the fair. Please bring your friends and family out to enjoy these events.

We also have a city-wide garage sales coming up soon, which bring a lot of people to our city. Please be cautious when you drive around during these events. There will be lots of people with kids, and many elderly persons walking our streets. If you can lend a hand to those who have difficulties crossing the streets safely, please do so. Also, a reminder this is a good time to get rid of items that you don't need or want anymore.

Our city-wide cleanup is the week following the city-wide garage sales. We encourage residents to dispose of unwanted items. I do want to thank the residents that keep their properties looking nice in the City. This is a reflection on how people see our city, so keep up the good work! Also, if there's someone that wants to get involved with volunteering on the planning and zoning committee, the June Fest committee, or any other organization, we're always in need of volunteers. Sometimes the littlest things mean the most!

Although we have gotten through the worst of the covid pandemic at this time, please continue to sanitize and wash your hands often. Any time you're in close vicinity to large groups of people, continue wearing your mask if possible. I hope that by everybody continuing these efforts, we never see this pandemic again!

I want to give a big Thank You to those that are volunteering currently, including those that live out of the city limits but still care about us!! Thank you! God Bless!

-Al Yoder



Motley Police Department



With Spring time comes a fresh start to a new summer. Along with nature's fresh start it is a good time for residents to get things cleaned up around their properties. The Police Department will be going around to properties in town and notifying residents that may have some messes in their yards, too many vehicles, garbage cans sitting out by the curb, or other various ordinance violations. Our hope is that we can all work together to create a more friendly atmosphere of our great city and impress all of those who visit it. Remember our city-wide clean-up day is fast approaching on May 14th, and it is a great time and opportunity to get rid of all those unused or no longer needed items. If you have any questions regarding any possible ordinance violations, please feel free to contact Chief Jason Borash at 218-352-6710 or by calling City Hall at 218-352-6200.

SAFETY TIPS: The Motley Police Department would like to remind everyone to be safe on the roadways this year. We are seeing a huge increase in speeding throughout the State, and many with severely excessive speeds, which are the primary cause for accidents. 40% of traffic fatalities this year have been speed related, and MN State Patrol alone cited over 1000 people last year for speeding at speeds in excess of 100 MP! Please remember to watch your speeds on Minnesota roadways and that the posted speed is the MAXIMUM speed you can legally drive your vehicle.

We also want people to remember that according to MN State Statute 169.48 they need to make sure they have their headlights turned on anytime between sunset and sunrise, any time it is raining, snowing, sleeting, or hailing, and any other time visibility is reduced due to fog, smoke, or other weather conditions. Many people leave their vehicle's headlight switch turned to "Auto", which will typically turn your headlights and tail lights on during times of darkness, but it does not sense if it is raining, snowing, or other weather conditions, and the "Auto" selection will not turn them on during those times. Therefore, it is imperative to make sure you manually turn your headlights on during these times. Many crashes could have been avoided if a vehicle's headlights would have been turned on.

Pet licenses expire May 31st! If you registered your pet after Jan 1st, your license is good until May 31st 2023. All other residents need to renew your license on or before May 31st.

The cost is \$5 per pet with an addition \$1 tag replacement fee if needed. Copy of rabies vaccine is required. It is City Ordinance that all pets be registered with the city.



Clerk-Treasurer's Office

New faces at City Hall! Veronica Tappe started as Administrative/Accounting Assistant in January 2022. Darci Odden will start as Clerk/Treasurer in May 2022. Darci was also Administrative/Accounting Assistant for the City from 2017 through 2019. Stop in and say hi!

As you have most likely noticed, we have started using a different bill card at the start of this year. These bill cards are set up a little differently than the previous ones. The perforated edge is now on the Bottom of the bill card instead of the right side of the bill card. **AUTO UTILITY PAYMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!** Enrollment form is enclosed. Visit cityofmotley.com or contact City Hall for more information.



Community Garden

With the arrival of the Spring seed catalogs, it's never too early to think about having a garden! The Motley Area Food Shelf has 14 garden plots available, FREE to the public. They provide the water and garden hose to water your garden. All they ask is if you have any extra produce, share it with the food shelf. For more information or to reserve a plot, call Sherry Frisk at 218-352-6137

June Fest 2022

Brought to you by the June Fest Committee

Mark your calendars! Motley's June Fest will be on June 18th. Bring your family and friends and come enjoy the festivities! Returning events include the kids run, parade, water wars, tractor pull, kid's games, fireworks, a lumberjack show, and a 4-mile run. If you would like to participate in any event or be a vendor, contact Amy Brichacek from the June Fest Committee at 612-910-6595. Registration forms will be posted when available. The June Fest Committee will be selling raffle tickets this year. Prizes for the raffle will be 25%, 15%, and 10% of the money made from selling tickets.

Be sure to check the city website and Facebook page, the Motley June Fest Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Motley-June-Fest-1766446836919812/>), for more information in the coming months. We hope to see you there!

Public Works Department

The 2021 Consumer Confidence Report is available! You can find a link to the report on the City website [cityofmotley.com](https://motleymn.govoffice2.com/vertical/Sites/%7B72EE7511-647E-4EE1-B547-F867A5FD103C%7D/uploads/2021_Consumer_Confidence_Report.pdf) under Notices on the right side of the Homepage or by going to https://motleymn.govoffice2.com/vertical/Sites/%7B72EE7511-647E-4EE1-B547-F867A5FD103C%7D/uploads/2021_Consumer_Confidence_Report.pdf.

REMEMBER!!

You can also stop by or call City Hall to request a paper copy of the report free of charge.

We ask that you be mindful when mowing your lawns to avoid blowing your lawn clippings onto City streets. It's our 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 after we have completed mowing. Small steps like minimizing the grass, leaves, rocks, and trash that are deposited and build up in the streets, gutters, and catch basins helps to reduce City staff time and money spent on sweeping and cleaning of catch basins. It also

helps to reduce mosquito population and makes the City look nice.

Just a reminder, there is a form on the city website to submit when the mosquitos are bad in your area. This notifies us and we can address the situation by spraying. Spraying for mosquitos will be done right before dark or early morning when the air is heavy. Please see the last page of this flyer for some important information regarding mosquito control.

Also, please note weed killer can drift onto other plants when applied on a windy or hot day. Mild, calm, overcast days are best for applying herbicide.



Thank you for your help in making Motley a great place to live, work and visit!



Motley Fire Department

Spring Has Sprung – Safety Tips for the Warmer Months

With spring and summer comes hot weather and gatherings! As we try to stay cool and enjoy our fun in the sun, we want to keep those actives all fun and games! Keep friends and family safe with these Summer Safety tips.



Boating safety

- Check weather and water conditions before leaving shore.
- Don't drink and boat. Alcohol is a factor in many boating accidents. Choose a designated boat driver who will not drink.
- Insist that everyone wear a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device or life jacket while on board.
- Always tell someone where you'll be boating, when you expect to be back, and what your boat looks like.
- Keep Coast Guard-approved visual distress devices, such as pyrotechnic red flares, orange distress flags, or lights on board.
- Don't carry more passengers than the maximum listed on the boat's capacity plate.



Home-pool safety

Here's how to keep your family safe:

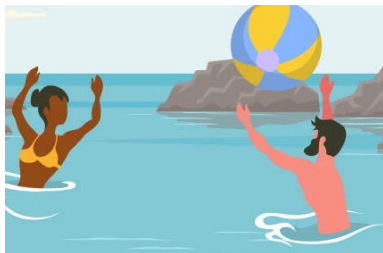
- Enclose your pool with a fence, wall, or other barrier at least 4 feet tall. Install self-latching gates that open outward.
- Don't assume your child can swim. Many youngsters forget how to swim when panicked.
- Keep a portable phone in the pool area and program emergency contacts on its speed dial.
- Keep a close eye on children and non-swimmers who are using inflatable toys, inner tubes, and mattresses. They could slide off them and drown.
- Closely supervise children when they are diving or jumping in the pool. Head and back injuries are likely to occur during these activities.
- Keep the pool's deck area clear of tripping hazards like toys, dishes, and hoses.
- Review safety measures and rules with guests before they swim.

Safety musts for children

- Never leave a young child alone in a bathtub, wading pool, swimming pool, lake, or river. If you must answer the phone or get a towel, take the child with you.
- Be aware of backyard pools in your neighborhood or apartment building. Your child could wander off and fall in.
- Enroll children in swimming lessons taught by qualified instructors. But remember, the lessons won't make children "drown-proof."
- Teach your older children that they risk drowning when they overestimate their swimming ability or underestimate water depth.



Safety musts for adults



- Take swimming lessons from a qualified instructor if you're not a strong, competent swimmer.
- Don't swim if you've been drinking alcohol.
- Don't swim alone or allow others to do so.
- Stay out of the water during thunderstorms and other severe weather. During lightning storms, seek shelter away from metal objects, open areas, and large, lone trees.
- Don't exceed your swimming ability. Know your limits and stick to them.
- Check the water level before diving into a pool, ocean, pond, reservoir, or lake. Always dive with your arms extended firmly over your head and your hands together.
- Don't dive into unknown bodies of water, like lakes, rivers, quarries, or irrigation ditches. Jump feet first to avoid hitting your head (and breaking your neck or back) on a shallow bottom, hidden rock, or other obstruction.

We hope that you found these tips helpful. Happy Spring!



Looking Ahead...

CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATING CONTEST



It's never too early to plan how to light up your home for the holidays. You may find items at flea markets or garage sales to help with your decorating. Prizes will be awarded to "Best Use of Lights", "Most Creative" and "Best Decorated Business". Judging will take place on December 15th, with judges from out of town.

Citywide Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 14th, 2022

Please haul your items on May 14th 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	\$4
Car tires (up to 20"), on rims	\$6
Tires R17 thru 920	\$9
Semi-truck tires	\$13
Tractor tires	\$22
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.

.....  Cut here and bring with you on May 14th 

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please list chargeable items from your load here:

Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity