

Fall Newsletter

September 2025



Important Dates to Remember

September 1st: Labor Day-City Offices Closed

September 2nd: First Day of School

October 4th: Citywide Fall Clean-Up

October 11th: Fall Festival

October 13th: Columbus Day

October 31st: Halloween-Trunk or Treat

November 11th: Veterans Day-City Offices Closed

November 27th: Thanksgiving Day-City Offices Closed

December 6th: Lunch with Santa

December 13th: Community Christmas-Shamaineau

December 15th: Christmas Lighting Contest Judging

December 24th: Christmas Eve-City Offices Closed

December 25th: Christmas Day-City Offices Closed

December 31st: New Years Eve

January 1st: New Years Day-City Offices Closed

*Regular City Council Meeting: 2nd Monday of every month at 4:30 PM,
City Hall*

*Planning and Zoning Meeting: 3rd Monday of every month at 2:00 PM,
City Hall*



From the Desk of the Mayor:

Welcome, Fall! Summer always seems to pass in the blink of an eye, and here we are once again embracing the beauty of autumn in our community. We are excited to announce the return of the Citywide Fall Clean-Up – a great opportunity to tidy up and take pride in our neighborhoods. Details about this event, along with other important fall activities, can be found in the enclosed information pages. For the latest city updates and event announcements, be sure to follow us on Facebook and visit our website regularly. Let's make it a great season together!



A Message from Your Fire Department



As the leaves change and the temperatures drop, your Fire Department reminds you to stay safe this fall!

🔊 Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors – now's a great time to replace those batteries.

🔥 Be cautious with space heaters and fireplaces – keep flammable items at least 3 feet away

🍂 Clear leaves and debris from around your home to reduce fire hazards.

We're proud to serve our community—stay safe, and enjoy the season!



From the Administrative Office

As we head into the final part of the year, our city is preparing its budget for the coming fiscal year, and an important part of this process is setting the property tax levy. I would like to take a moment to explain what this means and how you can stay informed and involved through what's known as Truth in Taxation.

What is a Tax Levy?

A tax levy is the total amount of money the city needs to raise through property taxes to fund essential services such as police and fire protection, street maintenance, snow removal, and parks. Each year, the city council proposes a levy based on projected expenses and revenues. Once finalized, this levy helps determine how much property tax each resident pays. It's important to note that while the levy is the total amount the city collects, it doesn't mean everyone's taxes will go up the same amount – changes in property value also affect the individual tax bills.

What is Truth in Taxation?

Truth in Taxation is a Minnesota law that ensures transparency in the property tax process. It requires cities to:

- Hold a public hearing to present the proposed budget and levy*
- Give residents a chance to ask questions and provide feedback*

This process helps you, the taxpayer, understand why your property taxes may be changing and how your money will be spent.

The City of Motley will set the date for our Truth in Taxation hearing at the September Council meeting. Please watch our Website and our Facebook page for updates.

Thank you for staying informed and engaged. Together, we can make thoughtful decisions that reflect our community's priorities.



FROM POLICE CHIEF YODER

Hello,

As the leaves turn and the air gets crisp, I want to take a moment to wish you all a safe and enjoyable autumn. Fall brings football games, pumpkin patches, and gatherings with friends and family—but it also means shorter days and more wildlife on the move, so please remember to drive carefully.

The police department is proud to serve such a wonderful community, and we're here whenever you need us. Enjoy the season, and look out for one another. Stay safe and happy fall!

— Chief Yoder



Did you know

Each year, older adults in this country fall victim to financial abuse, costing seniors an estimated \$27 million

6 steps to help protect yourself from scams.

- 1- Closely monitor your credit card and bank account activity
- 2- Protect your personal financial information
- 3- Be careful with powers of attorney
- 4- Take your time when deciding on a major financial decision or investment
- 5- Talk to a trusted family member or advisor before you send money and remain alert
- 6- Contact your bank and law enforcement immediately if you find fraudulent activity.

REMINDER

It is illegal to ride an ATV or side by side on Hwy 10. Sec.84.928 MN Statutes
(j) A person shall not operate an all-terrain vehicle at any time within the right-of-way of an interstate highway or freeway within this state.

A Fall Greeting from your Public Works Director

**Hello friends and neighbors,
As the leaves turn and the air gets crisp,
our Public Works team is here to serve you
and keep our city looking its best.
Our Citywide Fall Cleanup is just around
the corner! Please remember—it's not a
replacement for your regular trash
pickup, and no hazardous or dangerous
items will be accepted. Volunteers will be
on hand to assist those who truly need
help, but most folks should plan to unload
their own vehicles. Improper items will be
declined. Also, a reminder that there is a
compost pile for leaves and yard waste,
free of charge and for city residents only.**

**Throughout October, we'll also be
conducting routine hydrant flushing to
keep our water system in top condition.**

**You may notice brief drops in water
pressure—this is normal and temporary.
Thank you for working with us to keep
our community safe, clean, and beautiful
this fall!**



Community Events



Citywide Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, Oct 4, 2025

7:45-10:45AM

REMINDERS:

- 🚫 No hazardous or dangerous items, please
- 🗑️ This event isn't a replacement for regular trash pickup
- 📦 Box or bag small items for quick unloading
- 👤 Volunteers can assist when necessary
- 👤 Volunteers are happy to help, but may decline improper items



October 31st: Trunk or treat will be at the Motley Methodist Church 4-6PM. All residents are invited to set up in the parking lot to hand out treats. Also look for pumpkins in the windows of participating businesses. They will hand out candy on Halloween from 4pm-6pm.



Lunch with Santa

Saturday December 6th

hosted by the Lions. Watch for information on our website and facebook page for time and location



Lake Shamineau

Community Christmas

Saturday, December 13th

Hay Rides Wreathmaking Pony Rides Zip Line Photos with Santa Open Gym Climbing Wall Specials at the Gift Shop Snacks in the Dining Hall



Christmas Lighting Contest

Judging December 15th

Hosted by the Lions and MCEO. Have your house or business lit and ready for display at dusk.

Community Events



2025 FALL FEST MOTLEY - MN

Saturday, Oct 11th 2-10

Motley Fairgrounds

- pumpkin decorating
- face painting
- largest pumpkin contest
- petting zoo
- bounce houses
- musical chairs
- puzzle contests
- and more...
- live music indoors
by Tail Gunners 7-10pm





Citywide Cleanup Day

Saturday, October 4, 2025

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

If you would like to arrange a pickup, contact City Hall at 218-352-6200 or stop in with your completed slip (below). 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 or online at:

<https://www.govpaynow.com//gps/user/plc/a0013n>

***No refunds will be issued after a pickup is paid for, even if service isn't utilized.**

**Commercial properties: please limit the number of items dropped off to help keep costs down for our residents.*

ACCEPTED FREE:

- Small Home appliances (incl: stoves, fridges/freezers, dishwashers, microwaves, washers/dryers, etc.)
- Computer towers, routers, cell phones, and laptops
- Scrap iron
- Rubbish, chairs (excluding recliners), storm doors, etc. and any non-construction debris.
- 3 car tires (**without rims**) per household

ACCEPTED WITH CHARGE: can be paid at <https://www.govpaynow.com//gps/user/plc/a0013n>.



Please note what you are paying for as best you can with payment.

Televisions & computer monitors	\$20
Printers, VCRs, etc	\$10
Fluorescent bulbs	\$1
Car tires (up to 20"), additional	\$4
Car tires (up to 20"), on rims	\$6
Tires R17 thru 0920	\$9
Semi-truck tires	\$13
Tractor tires	\$22
Couches, loveseats, mattresses, box springs, 2" thick mattress topper, 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 218-352-6200 or the Public Works Department at 218-352-6649.

.....  Cut here or bring to City Hall to schedule a pick-up 

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

Please list chargeable items from your load here:

Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity

CITY OF MOTLEY 2025 CALENDAR

Regular Garbage & Recycling Pick-Up day is **WEDNESDAY**

RECYCLING PICK UP DAY

HOLIDAY PICK UP DAY

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Place the following items together in your cart:

- Clean glass bottles and jars
- Metal Cans
- #1 and #2 Plastic bottles with a narrow neck
- Paper- news, office, junk mail, magazines, paper food boxes, cardboard

Roll cart to the end of your driveway or alley on your collection day **by 6:00am**. Face the lid opening toward the street or alley and handle toward the house. Extra bags will not be picked up without prior notice and there will be extra charges.

Items NOT Accepted Include:

Plastic bags and clear plastic wrap
Polystyrene
Food, Liquids or **yard waste**
Carpet, cloth or textiles
Construction/Industrial debris
Automotive Parts
Gift Wrap

Video and cassette tapes
Plates, mugs and pots/pans
Food-soiled cardboard, paper cups/plates
Used paper towels/tissues
Electronic waste
Medical/hazardous waste
Bubble Wrap



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