

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

DECEMBER 6TH: LUNCH WITH SANTA

DECEMBER 13TH: COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS-SHAMINEAU

DECEMBER 15TH: CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST JUDGING

DECEMBER 24TH: CHRISTMAS EVE-CITY OFFICES CLOSED

DECEMBER 25TH: CHRISTMAS DAY-CITY OFFICES CLOSED

DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>: NEW YEARS EVE

JANUARY 1ST: NEW YEARS DAY-CITY OFFICES CLOSED

JANUARY 19TH: MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY-CITY OFFICES CLOSED

FEBRUARY 14TH: VALENTINES DAY

FEBRUARY 16TH: PRESIDENT'S DAY-CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Regular City Council Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, 4:30pm-City Hall Planning Commission Meetings: 1st Monday of every month, Time TBD



OCE SKATING RINK: If the weather cooperates, we plan on flooding the tennis court to have the skating rink open as soon as the weather is cold enough. We will keep you updated on the website and Facebook pages throughout the season. The warming house will once again have donated skates and a music player. Be mindful of music content and volume while enjoying the rink so we may continue to have this available for use.

SLEDDING HILL: Weather permitting, the sledding hill will be open, west of the water tower.

# From the desk of the Mayor:

Welcome Winter!

Fall always seems to slip away so quickly, and now we find ourselves embracing the crisp beauty of winter in our community. From festive events to seasonal activities, there's plenty to enjoy in the months ahead. Details about winter happenings can be found on our website, Facebook page, and right here in this newsletter. Wishing you a warm and joyful holiday season!



Winter depression, commonly known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), is a type of depression that typically occurs during the fall and winter months. Symptoms include:

·Feelings of sadness and moodiness.

Lack of energy and motivation.

·Changes in sleep patterns, such as oversleeping.

Weight gain due to changes in appetite.

Treatment options for SAD may include
light therapy, talk therapy, and
antidepressants. It is believed that
shorter days and reduced sunlight
during winter can trigger these
symptoms.

For more detailed information, you can refer to sources like the Mayo Clinic and



#### Stay Safe in Extreme Cold

Vehicles are more susceptible to breakdown in the extreme cold, and bad weather events increase the chances of going off the road or getting into an accident. Help often takes hours longer to arrive. To stay safe, keep an emergency kit in your car. For winter, it should have the following items:

- Blankets or sleeping bags to keep warm in case of a breakdown or stranded in bad weather
- A flashlight with extra batteries or a hand-crank flashlight
- Jumper cables or a <u>portable jump starter</u>

A first aid kit

A small shovel, ice scraper, and snow brush

Tire chains or traction mats

A bag of sand or kitty litter for added traction

Non-perishable food and water

- Warm clothing, such as gloves, hats, and boots
- A warning device such as flares or reflective triangle
- A basic tool kit including pliers, a screwdriver, and a wrench
- A cell phone charger or power bank
- Most items can be used year-round and can be kept in your summer emergency kit too.

# FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We've Upgraded Our Utility Billing System!

Our city has launched a new utility billing software and online customer portal to make managing your account easier than ever. Residents can now view and pay bills online, access past statements, set up autopay, update contact information, and more—all in one convenient place.

To get started, visit: cityofmotley.currentsoftware.app you can sign up with an email and your account number, which you will find on the December bill.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact City Hall.



# Planning Commissioners Needed

Interested in helping shape the future of our city? We're looking for people to serve on the Planning Commission!

The commission helps guide city growth by developing and recommending zoning ordinances and land use policies. Members

receive a \$25 stipend per meeting, and the group meets monthly.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Motley City Hall at 218-352-6200 or clerk@cityofmotley.com

# Winter Fire Safety Tips from Your Fire Department

Winter is here, and with it comes increased use of heating equipment and seasonal decorations. Keep your home and family safe with these important tips:

- Heating equipment: Have furnaces and chimneys inspected and cleaned regularly to prevent fires caused by creosote buildup or equipment malfunctions. Keep flammable items away from heaters, fireplaces, and other heat sources.
- Gutters: Clean leaves and debris from gutters to reduce fire hazards and prevent ice dam issues.
- Seasonal decorations: Use flameless candles or warmer lamps instead of real candles whenever possible. If using real candles, place them in sturdy holders and keep them away from anything flammable.
- Smoke alarms: Test and maintain smoke alarms regularly to ensure they are in @ working order.
- Fire escape plan: Review and practice your home fire escape plan with your
- family so everyone knows what to do in an emergency
- Stay warm and safe this winter!

# Holiday Greetings from Public Works

Happy Holidays from all of us in Public Works!

As winter weather settles in, we want to thank our residents for their cooperation and support throughout the year. A quick reminder as we move into the snowy season: please bring your trash and recycling receptacles back in as soon as possible after pickup. This helps our crews keep the streets clear and safe during snow removal.

Wishing you all a warm, safe, and joyful holiday season!



Lake Shamineau
Community Christmas
Saturday, December 13th
Hay Rides - WreathmakingPony Rides - Zip LinePhotos with Santa- Open
Gym- Climbing WallSpecials at the Gift ShopSnacks in the Dining Hall

Santa Day
Saturday December 6th

10:00am-1:00pm;
United Methodist Church

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Lunch with Santa
Saturday December 6th
12:00pm-3:00pm
St Johns Lutheran Church
hosted by the Lions.



Christmas Lighting Contest

Judging December 15th

Hosted by the Lions and MCEO

Have your house or business lit and ready for display
at dusk



# CITY OF MOTLEY RECYCLING CALENDAR

2026

### **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.

#### **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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