



From the Fire Chief Fall & Winter Safety Tips

As temperatures drop, it's a great time to review a few simple fire safety reminders to help keep your family safe this season.

- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries if needed and make sure alarms are working properly.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn. Always turn them off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Have your furnace, fireplace, wood stove, and chimney inspected and cleaned before heavy use.
- Never use an oven or stovetop to heat your home.
- Keep candles away from curtains, decorations, and other flammable materials. Consider using battery-operated candles instead.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets and extension cords, especially with holiday decorations and space heaters.
- Water fresh Christmas trees daily and keep them away from fireplaces, radiators, and heat vents.
- Turn off holiday lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Make sure everyone in your household knows two ways out of every room and has a meeting place outside in case of a fire.
- Keep driveways and fire hydrants clear of snow so emergency responders can access your home quickly.

A few minutes of preparation can help prevent fires and keep everyone safe throughout the season. Stay warm, stay safe, and have a wonderful fall and winter!



Lunch with Santa
Saturday, December 5th
10:30-2

hosted by the Lions. Watch for information on the Motley in Motion Facebook Page

Santa Day
Saturday, December 5th
10-1

hosted by the Lions. Watch for information on the Motley in Motion Facebook Page



Fall & Winter Safety Tips from Your Local Police Department

As the seasons change, a few simple precautions can help keep you, your family, and our community safe.

Drive for the Conditions

- Slow down and leave extra space between vehicles.
- Watch for black ice, especially on bridges and overpasses.
- Clear all snow and ice from your vehicle before driving.
- See and Be Seen
- Turn your headlights on during poor weather or low visibility.
- Wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight when walking after dark.
- Watch for Wildlife
- Deer are especially active during the fall. Stay alert, particularly at dawn and dusk.
- Protect Your Home
- Lock doors and windows, even when you're home.
- Keep exterior lights on after dark.
- Have someone collect your mail or packages if you're away.
- Be Prepared
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle with blankets, a flashlight, snacks, water, a phone charger, and jumper cables.
- Make sure your cell phone is charged before traveling.
- Winter Recreation Safety
- Wear helmets while sledding, snowmobiling, or ice skating.
- Never go onto ice unless you know it is safe and thick enough.
- Look Out for One Another
- Check on elderly neighbors and anyone who may need assistance during severe weather.

Stay safe this fall and winter, and don't hesitate to contact the Motley Police Department if you have questions or need assistance. Together, we can help keep our community safe all season long!

Christmas Lighting Contest
Watch for Details
Hosted by the Lions and MCEO. Have your house or business lit and ready for display at dusk.

Saturday, October 31
United Methodist Church
4-6pm



Fall Newsletter

September 2026

Important Dates

September 7th: Labor Day
City Offices Closed
September 8th: Planning & Zoning Meeting 5pm
September 8th: First Day of School
September 14th: Council Meeting 4:30pm
October 5th: Planning & Zoning Meeting 5pm
October 10th: Fall Festival
October 12th: Council Meeting 4:30pm
October 31st: Halloween-Trunk or Treat
November 2nd: Planning & Zoning Meeting 5pm
November 3rd: Election Day
November 9th: Council Meeting 4:30pm
November 11th: Veteran's Day
November 26th: Thanksgiving
City Offices Closed
December 5th: Lunch with Santa & Santa Day
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





From the Desk of the Mayor

Fall has arrived, bringing cooler temperatures, colorful leaves, and a busy season of community activities. As we say goodbye to summer and look to the months ahead, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunities to gather, connect, and enjoy all that our community has to offer.

This fall, we look forward to several community events, including Fall Fest and the annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween. Details on these events, along with other important city updates and reminders, can be found throughout this newsletter.

To stay informed about city news, upcoming events, and community announcements, be sure to follow the Motley in Motion Facebook page and visit our website regularly. Thank you for helping make our community a great place to live, work, and visit. Wishing everyone a safe, fun, and enjoyable fall season!

Mayor O'Regan



October 10th
2pm-6pm
Motley Fairgrounds



From Administration

More Than a Vote: Be Part of Your Community

With another election approaching, it seems like a good time to talk about something that goes beyond simply casting a ballot.

Voting is important, of course. But being part of a community means more than voting every few years. It means being involved.

In a small community like Motley, we have a unique opportunity to make a difference. Our local government isn't some distant organization in a faraway city. It is our neighbors, our friends and the people we see around town. The decisions made at City Hall directly affect the community we all share.

And you don't have to run for office to be involved.

Maybe you've never attended a City Council meeting. Come sit in sometime. You don't have to speak or have an issue to bring forward. You can simply listen and learn about what is happening in your community. Have an idea? Share it. Have a question? Ask it. See something that could be improved? Let someone know.

Sometimes the answer may be "no," or "not right now." Sometimes there may be rules, costs or other considerations that aren't immediately obvious. But that doesn't mean your question or idea isn't worthwhile. Good communities are built by people who care enough to speak up.

There are also many ways to serve your community. Consider joining a board or committee. Help with a community event. Volunteer for a local organization. Or, if you've ever thought about running for local office, don't automatically assume that someone else will do it.

You don't have to know everything before you get involved. None of us do. What matters is being willing to learn, listen and work toward making our community a better place.

And being involved doesn't mean we all have to agree.

In fact, we probably won't.

A healthy community includes people with different experiences, opinions and ideas. What matters is how we treat one another while we work through those differences. We can disagree about an issue and still respect our neighbors. We can ask difficult questions without assuming the worst of one another. We can have different ideas about how to get there while sharing the same hope that Motley remains a good place to live.

So as election season approaches, I encourage you to think beyond the ballot.

What could you do to become a little more involved in your community? Attend a meeting. Ask a question. Share an idea. Volunteer. Serve. Listen. Encourage someone else to get involved.

You may be surprised by how much you learn—and by how much your participation matters.

From Public Works



A Friendly Fall Reminder from Public Works

As we head into fall, our Public Works Department would like to share a friendly reminder about what goes down our toilets (and sinks) and into the wastewater system.

We have been seeing an increase in items making their way through the sewer system that can cause problems for our pumps and equipment at the wastewater treatment plant. While some products may be labeled "flushable," they often do not break down like toilet paper and can create costly clogs and equipment issues.

The best rule of thumb is simple: Only flush toilet paper and human waste.

Please keep the following items out of the toilet:

-  Wipes—even those labeled "flushable"
-  Paper towels and tissues
-  Feminine hygiene products
-  Cotton swabs and cotton balls
-  Diapers
-  Dental floss
-  Grease, fats and oils (this means sinks too)
-  Medications
-  Other trash and household items



A Not-So-Pretty Picture of What We Find — What gets flushed down the toilet can cause serious problems for our wastewater system.

Putting these items in the trash instead helps protect our sewer system, wastewater treatment equipment and, ultimately, our community from unnecessary repairs and expenses.

Thank you for helping us keep our wastewater system running smoothly!

Have a safe, happy and beautiful fall from all of us in Public Works!