



City of Hawley NEWSLETTER— JUNE 2016

305 6th Street, 218-483-3331

Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm / Motor Vehicle 8:00 am—4:30 pm

The Hawley Recycling Center Will be **CLOSED**
on Sat. June 11th for the Rodeo Festivities
Sorry for any inconvenience.



Rodeo week June 4—June 11th
Take part in all of the Great
Community activities!!

Did you know—Americans throw away enough aluminum to rebuild the entire commercial airline fleet every six months.

Please recycle: Summer Hours

8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. on Saturday

4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. on Monday and Thursday



Flag day: June 14th -Flag Day, is a day for all Americans to celebrate & show respect for our flag, its designers and makers.

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity. Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings.

Hawley City Council Meetings are televised live on Local Cable Channel #14. Meetings start at 5:30 p.m. Upcoming meeting dates: June 6th and June 20th

The City Branch pile is located south of the city on County Road 31, south of the railroad crossing. Enter the driveway on the east side of the road and follow signs. Please only put **TREE BRANCHES** in this area!

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

Albert Einstein

- June 4th—Breakfast on the farm
Kiddie pedal tractor pull
- June 5th— Country Cowboy Church Service
Benefit Horse Show
- June 6th— Little Miss Hawley Pageant
Miss Hawley Pageant
- June 7th— Jackpot team Roping
- June 8th— Health Fair
- June 9th—Hawley Library Open House
Bell State Bank 50th Anniversary
- June 10th—Boy Scout Pitchfork Fondue
American Heroes PRCA Rodeo
- June 11th—Breakfast at HLS parish Center
5K Walk/Run H.E.R.T.
Horseshoe Tournament
Vendor Street Fair
Classic Car/Motorcycle Show
Water Wars/Hawley Fire Relief
JC Cookout
Kiddie Parade
Classic Car Cruise
Rodeo Fest Parade
American Heroes PRCA Rodeo

For additional information go to:
www.hawley.govoffice.com

Attention Garbage Customers: Residential garbage customers are allowed two 32 gal garbage bags or cans a week. Fuchs sanitation will not pick up cans or bags of garbage over 32 gallons. The oversized cans create a safety/injury issue for Fuchs employees. Thank you for your cooperation! Additional garbage tags can be purchased at Kirk's Clark Gas Station or Tony's.

The mission of the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) is to eliminate housing discrimination, promote economic opportunity, and achieve diverse, inclusive communities by leading the nation in the enforcement, administration, development, and public understanding of federal fair housing policies and laws.
HUD.GOV 1-800-669-9777 (Toll Free)



**SCHOOL IS OUT
PLEASE WATCH FOR
CHILDREN**

REMINDER

from Hawley Motor Vehicle—Insurance Company, Policy # and Expiration date are required for renewals and transfers of any motorized vehicle.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!!!
GSOC can be reached at 800-252-1166 or dial 811.

Get the latest City of Hawley updates on our Facebook page:



MOSQUITO CONTROL

The City of Hawley usually begins to spray towards the end of June—twice per week—normally Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please note that spraying days can change—depending on weather conditions, spraying will be done on a more favorable evening. Below is a list of ways to prevent mosquitoes in your yard.

What you can do:

- Get rid of all standing water on your premises
- Discard unnecessary containers, including old tires, that may catch and hold water. Drain bird baths, small ponds, etc., weekly.
- Repair any water leaks, hose, sprinkler system, or cooler that may cause water to pool
- Control your irrigation
- Fill low spots and level your yard. Don't over irrigate. Water should never stand more than three days, even in tree wells. If underground irrigation system does not drain, prevent mosquito entrance by closing valves and providing tight covers or screens on standpipes between irrigations.

We will try to post to Facebook information on when the spraying will be done.



SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION

The City of Hawley and the Hawley Police Department encourage you to seek shelter during a severe weather/tornado warning. The Hawley Police Department opens the Community Center, 418 Main Street, for shelter during these weather emergencies, if you do not have appropriate shelter—please find shelter here.

Be prepared:

- Pick a place where family members could gather if a tornado is headed your way.
- Basements are best; if you don't have one, choose a center hallway, bathroom or closet on the lowest floor.
- If you are outside, hurry to the basement or a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area.
- If you are in a car or mobile home, get out immediately and head for safety.
- After the tornado, watch out for fallen power lines and stay out of the damaged area. Listen to the radio or watch local TV stations for information and instructions.
- If you don't have a basement, a bathroom on the lowest floor of your home is a good place to seek shelter during a tornado. Be sure to take your weather radio into your temporary shelter.

Downed power lines:

- If you come across a downed power line, leave the area immediately and seek help by calling 911.
- If you are in a vehicle when a power line falls onto it, wait inside the vehicle until help arrives.
- If you must leave the vehicle because of fire or life-threatening injury:
 - Leap from the vehicle, landing on both feet.
 - Do not hold onto the door while leaping.
 - Once on the ground, hop away—do not run.

Emergency Guide

Are You Prepared? is a free Emergency Guide for Cass and Clay counties, this guide is available at City Hall. A variety of emergencies including fires, floods and flash flooding, lightning and thunderstorms, tornadoes and downed power lines, heat waves, winter storms and extreme cold, wildfires, blackouts, natural gas and chemical spills are covered. It also explains what residents should include in emergency preparedness kits and developing a personalized emergency plan. Visit Ready.gov for additional information on prepare, plan, stay informed.

“The trouble with not having a goal is that you can spend your life running up and down the field and never score.” – Bill Copeland

Text "GETNADO" to 90999 or search "Red Cross Tornado" in the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

SIREN - Outdoor warning sirens alert us to chemical spills, severe weather and other outdoor emergencies. When sirens sound, go indoors and turn on a local TV or radio station to find out what the threat is and how to protect yourself. Do not assume there is no emergency because skies are clear.

(NOTE: Testing of the siren occurs on the first Wednesday of the month around 1 p.m.)

Business Highlight

Who: *Bell State Bank*

Where: *1018 Hobart Street*

When: LOBBY HOURS Weekdays: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM, Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM/

DRIVE-UP HOURS Weekdays: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM, Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Bell State Bank & Trust, home of America's Best Free Checking, is conveniently located right along Highway 10 in Hawley. The bank, celebrating 50 years of service in 2016, has grown up in the rolling hills of Minnesota and the rich prairies of the Red River Valley.

Your local bankers at Bell know their customers by name, making Bell a part of your lives and a great place to do business. They love working alongside you and paying it forward to make this a better place to live and work.

Bell State Bank & Trust is a Member FDIC and Equal Housing Lender.

Please join us for lunch at the bank to celebrate Bell State Bank and Trust's 50th Anniversary! Thursday, June 9th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm



Consumer Confidence Report - City of Hawley 2016 Drinking Water Report

The City of Hawley is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2015. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

Source of Water The City of Hawley provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: three wells ranging from 134 to 136 feet deep, that draw water from the Quaternary Buried Artesian aquifer.

The Minnesota Department of Health has made a determination as to how vulnerable our systems' source(s) of water may be to future contamination incidents. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and Press 5) during normal business hours. Also, you can view it on line at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa.

Call The City of Hawley, Gerry Kluck at 483-3331 if you have questions about the City of Hawley drinking water or would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water.

Results of Monitoring No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2015. If any of these contaminants detected the last time they were sample for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.)

Key to abbreviations: **MCLG**—Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. **MCL**—Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. **AL**—Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow. **90th Percentile Level**—This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which 105 samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only 5 samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2012)	Average/Result*	
Arsenic (ppb) (06/17/2014)	0	10	N/A	6.75	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium (ppm) (06/17/2014)	2	2	N/A	.03	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.67-1.3	1.23	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10.4	10.4	N/A	.86	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Total Coliform Bacteria	0 present	>1 present	N/A	2 -?	Naturally present in the environment

ppm—Parts per million, which can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

ppb—Parts per billion, which can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

N/A—Not Applicable (does not apply). ?Follow-up sampling showed no contamination present.

*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

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While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	AL	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper ppm) (07/06/2011)	1.3	1.3	.4	0 out of 10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ppb) (07/06/2011)	0	15	4.5	1 out of 10	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Hawley is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Please read the information below on Natural Gas Pipeline Safety!



SOUND: Volume can range from a quiet hissing to a loud roar, depending on the size of the leak and pipeline system.



SMELL: An unusual smell, petroleum odor, or gaseous odor will sometimes accompany pipeline leaks. Natural gas is colorless, tasteless, and odorless, unless commercial odorant is added. Gas transmission/gas gathering pipelines are odorless, but may have a hydrocarbon smell.



SIGHT: Liquid pools, continuous bubbling in wet or flooded areas, an oily sheet on water surfaces, vaporous fogs and/or blowing dirt around a pipeline area. Dead or discolored plants in an otherwise healthy area of vegetation or frozen ground in warm weather are all signs of a pipeline leak. Natural gas is colorless, tasteless, and odorless, but vapor and "ground frosting" may be visible at high pressures. A natural gas leak may also be indicated by dust blowing from a hole in the ground or flames, if the leak is ignited.

Gas Odor

Enclosed is an important brochure relating to the "odor" of natural gas. Hawley Public Utilities supplies natural gas to many customers within city limits. As part of our safety program, we want everyone to be aware of this odor and how to report it. If you have any indication of a gas smell, leave the building immediately and go to a neighbors house to call City Hall. We will have one of our trained utility workers check for a gas leak immediately. We provide this gas sniffer information twice a year in an effort to educate and promote safety.

The Hawley Public Utilities operates a system of underground natural gas pipelines to provide safe and economical energy to the residents and businesses of our community. Pipelines are one of the safest transportation methods available, but in the unlikely event a natural gas leak occurs it can cause a fire or explosion. We want to help you stay safe around gas facilities. This brochure is designed to assist in that effort, providing information on reacting to and reporting suspected gas leaks and on excavation safety. If you have further questions please contact us:

Hawley Public Utilities

City Hall 305 6th St (218)483-3331

**After Hours Emergency: (701)238-7657
or 911**

Email: info@hawley.govoffice.com



Remember, suspected gas leaks are potentially dangerous and must be reported and investigated immediately. We need your help to continue to operate a safe distribution system.

Excavation Safety

Dig-in (excavation) damage is a leading cause of gas system damage. To minimize this hazard, the most important thing you can do is **Call Before You Dig**. **Gopher State One Call** is a free statewide service that allows utilities to locate any buried facilities they own before you start digging. Just call 2 business days before digging and provide the requested information to the operator. GSOC can be reached at **800-252-1166** or **dial 811**.

Natural Gas Notice

The City of Hawley does not maintain the buried gas piping downstream of your meter. If you as a homeowner have buried gas piping, it needs to be maintained as it is subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage. Buried gas piping should be inspected for leaks as frequently as needed, but at intervals not exceeding 5 years; periodically inspected for corrosion if the piping is metallic; and repair if any unsafe condition is discovered. **Always use a licensed contractor for your Natural Gas plumbing.**

From **Chief Joe Backlund,**

As summer approaches—kids have more free time and we need to remember online safety for our children, following is a few tips: **CYBER SAFETY FOR KIDS!!**



- Never agree to meet face to face with someone you've met online
- Explore the internet with your parents. Visit sites that are age appropriate
- Never give out your name, address, telephone number, password, school name, parent's name, or any other personal information
- Let your parents know immediately if you find something scary or threatening on the internet