

# Hawley Newsletter

November 2015

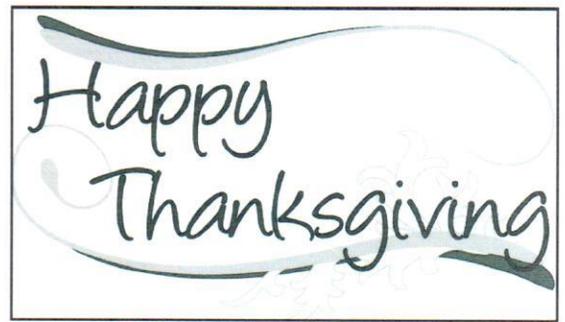
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Upcoming City Council meetings (Broadcast on Channel 14)

November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

December 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>



## Hawley Motor Vehicle

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### \*\*\*\*New State Rules

### Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>

The State Legislature Changed the rules and will soon require every applicant to show proof of insurance on all motor vehicle transactions.

Customers will need to show proof of:

- 1.) Insurance Company,
- 2.) Policy Number, and
- 3.) Expiration Date

(must be a current policy).

This information has to be entered into the computer or the transaction cannot be processed.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience with these new State rule changes.

City Hall & the Recycling Center will be closed:  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veterans Day & November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Holiday

The City of Hawley recently recognized and formally thanked the City employees and volunteers on the various Boards and Commissions for their Years of Service to the City.

### Employees:

- 5 Years: Andrew Wang & Gary Kuck
- 15 Years: Michael Friesen
- 20 Years: Cindy Schenck
- 25 Years: Mary Aakre & Lisa Jetvig

### Boards & Commissions:

- 5 Years: Rand Alland, Bill Daggett, Rick Schultz, Todd Sparrow, Philip Stahl & Jay Swanson
- 10 Years: Marc Ness & Mike Sprenger
- 20 Years: John Young, Jr.



Thank you for all of your efforts to make Hawley a better place!

## Recycling Center 716 Front St - New WINTER HOURS

Monday and Thursday 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Tips of the Month:

- 1.) Recycling Glass: Recycle clean food/beverage containers that are:  
Brown—Clear— Green Labels are ok!
- 2.) Plastic recycling can take up a lot of room. Please try to CRUSH plastic containers, especially milk jugs.  
Make it a game with your kids to squash down the plastic jugs.

## TAKE JACK BACK! Pumpkin Recycling

November 1st to 14th a special pumpkin collection bin will be available at the Hawley Recycling Center. Please remove candles, plastic bags, etc. from the pumpkins Before putting them in the bin. Thank you!



High visibility campaign to support law enforcement.  
November 28&29 & weekends in December  
Impaired Driving

### IMPAIRED DRIVING LAW

- Minnesota's legal alcohol-concentration driving limit is 0.08 — but motorists can be arrested for DWI at lower levels.
- The consequences for driving impaired will vary for each DWI offender, but a typical penalty for a first-time offender is potential jail time and loss of license for a minimum of 30 days up to a year.
- Costs can be as high as \$20,000 when factoring court costs, legal fees and increased insurance premiums.



## Community Center Walking - Starts Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mon - Fri 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

\*\*If there is snowfall of 1" or more the community center will be closed for walking that day.

NOTE: The school also offers free adult walking at the new indoor walking track at the elementary school field house:  
Mon - Fri 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 to 10:00 p.m.  
days school is in session.

## Park Restrooms Closed for the Season

Riverbend Park and Westgate Park public restrooms are now closed due to the cold weather conditions.

Watch for the opening of the Ice Skating Rink in late December, depending upon weather conditions.

## NO PARKING PLACES

For Snow Removal  
All Commercial Zoned Areas

## November 1st to April 1st

No Parking between the hours of  
two o'clock (2:00) a.m.  
and six o'clock (6:00) a.m. on all  
C-1, Downtown Commercial Streets &  
C-2, Highway Commercial Streets.  
(signs are posted in the areas)

Complete Parking Ordinance on-line  
www.hawley.govoffice.com

**Application Form**  
**City of Hawley - Commission or Board Membership for 2016**



Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time as a City of Hawley Resident: \_\_\_\_\_ Years

Please check the commission/board you are interested in serving on:

_____ Park Board	_____ Planning Commission
_____ Airport Commission	_____ Economic Development Authority Advisor
_____ Public Utilities Commission	

Reasons you would like to be on the above checked Commission or Board:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(if more space is needed, please attach additional pages)*

I certify that all the information I have furnished for this application is accurate and complete:

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: City of Hawley, 305 6th St, PO Box 69, Hawley, MN 56549 218-483-3331

Hawley City Boards and Commissions meet between 4 and 12 times a year. All meetings are scheduled in advance so that the City can post the meetings ahead of time.

Feel free to call or stop into City Hall if you have any questions.

"A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others."

Ayn Rand

**Business Highlight**

**WHO: RDO Equipment Co.**

**WHERE: 110 Michael Street S,  
PO Box 373, Hawley MN 56549**

**WHEN: Store Hours 7:30 am to 5:30 pm M-F  
8 to noon Sat. closed Sundays.**

**CONTACT: 218-483-3353  
800-450-7278**



RDO Equipment Co. was founded in 1968 with the first store being in Casselton ND. Since 1968 our company has grown to over 100 locations worldwide. The Hawley location became part of the RDO group in 2003. We have 38 employees at the Hawley location and 6 outside employees. We are a full line John Deere Agriculture/ Lawn and Garden, Honda Outdoor product and Stihl dealer serving the Hawley area. We are also an authorized dealer for over 100 agriculture short line equipment manufacturers. RDO Hawley constructed a new 45000 square foot facility in 2014 to better serve the Hawley area.

We are a proud partner of the Hawley Community and surrounding area.

## Final CO2 rules to impact City of Hawley power supplier:

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

### \*Public Utilities

**(701)238-7657**

or **(701)361-8219**

### \*Police Department

Non-emergency

**(218)483-4666**

Emergency

**911**

Dispatch

**(701)451-7660**

call & ask for Hawley officer

*"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."  
Oprah Winfrey*

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) final rule regulating carbon dioxide(CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from power plants was full of surprises—many of which are not good for resident of the City of Hawley. Released Aug.3, the rule requires a 32 percent cut in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions nationwide by 2030. The EPA determined different targets each state has to meet in order to achieve the overall national reduction goal.

The issue for the North Municipal Power Agency (NMPA), Hawley's wholesale power provider, is the way the regulation impacts North Dakota, where all of our electricity is generated. In 2014, the EPA told the State of North Dakota, that EPA would require an 11 percent cut in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2030 to meet the overall national goal. But only a year later, the EPA issued a final rule that requires a 45 percent reduction—more than quadrupling the original proposal.

NMPA operates with Minnkota Power Cooperative in what's referred to as the Joint System. Both utilities are concerned about the regulation of CO<sub>2</sub>, because the majority of their electric generation comes from three coal-based power generators in North Dakota. These power plants provide reliable, cost-effective electricity for more than 143,000 retail consumers, including many of the regions homes, farm, school and businesses.

"The EPA's final rule has the potential to substantially impact local communities that depend on reliable, low-cost power generated from North Dakota's seven coal-based power plants", said Darryl Tveitbakk, NMPA General Manager. "While we are still reviewing and analyzing this 1,560-page rule, it is clear that electric rates in Minnesota and North Dakota will be affected.

NMPA and Minnkota provide wholesale electricity for consumers in eastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota. The CO<sub>2</sub> reduction goal for Minnesota is 42 percent, although it remains to be seen how that will impact the Joint System.

Since the rule was originally proposed last year, it has drawn strong criticism from utilities, states and business interests. That opposition will translate into significant legal challenges in the coming months and years. At least 17 states have already indicated that they will enter into a lawsuit with the EPA.

In the meantime, state officials will have until September 2018 to submit a final plan to the EPA identifying what each individual power producer must do to meet the goal. Significant CO<sub>2</sub> reductions would need to be achieved by the start of the compliance period in 2022. The strict timeline will require utilities to make irreversible, long-term decisions and investments within the next few years. Until the state develops its plan, the total impact to consumers remains difficult to quantify.

Compliance is based on three building blocks developed by the EPA: 1)Improve coal plant heat-rate efficiency, 2)Replace coal with natural gas plants and 3)Increase the use of renewable and nuclear power. These options fail to take into consideration the unique characteristics of each state and its available resources. They also provide no credit to companies that were early adopters of renewable energy. Currently, 30% of the Joint System's electric generation capacity comes from wind—one of the highest percentages in the nation. However, these wind farms were installed prior to 2013 and do not count toward the state CO<sub>2</sub> reduction goal.

"We support a balanced approach to developing our nation's energy policy that carefully considers reliability, affordability and environmental goals," Tveitbakk said. "By enacting this rule, the EPA has given itself a new role in dictating energy policy and determining how we generate electricity."

The Hawley Public Utility Commission will work with NMPA to get modification to these CO<sub>2</sub> rules and will keep Hawley Utility Customers updated.

## Better Business Bureau

### Scam Tracker

Scams, Schemes,  
Con Games  
and Rip Offs.

There is information on recent scams per area and also gives you the ability to report a scam!  
Contact the Better Business Bureau:  
[www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)  
or call  
651-699-1111

## **REACH OUT FOR WARMTH**

Administered by West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc.

Phone: 218-685-4486 or 1-800-492-4805

Donations of any size are welcome. Every little bit helps

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



Please make checks payable to: **WCMCA Reach Out for Warmth**, and return to Hawley City Hall.

Thank you for your kindness!

## The Reach Out For Warmth

(ROFW) fuel fund was established by Minnesota Statutes 119aa.42 which requires the Commissioner to establish a statewide fuel fund.

To be eligible for ROFW a household must have an income higher than allowed for the regular Energy Assistance Program. The household must also be in "crisis situation".

All funds donated in Hawley stay in Hawley to help your friends and neighbors.

**Thank you!**

**Celebrate with Savings**  
**Buy energy efficient Christmas lights & decorations**  
**LED Rebate Coupon**

How to apply:



1. Purchase LED Christmas plug-in (not battery operated) lights and decorations in 2015.
2. Complete this coupon and submit it to Hawley Public Utilities by Dec. 18, 2015, with your original sales receipt and the LED packaging showing the ENERGY STAR® logo and number of lights per string.
3. Strings must be 100 or fewer lights.
4. \$3/string of lights, maximum of 5 strings per customer. Rebate cannot exceed price of LED string per package. **The total rebate amount will appear as a credit on your bill.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Strings	Rebate per String	Total Rebate

**Mail to: Hawley Public Utilities • P.O. Box 69 •  
 Hawley, MN 56549**



**GREAT AMERICAN  
 SMOKEOUT**



**What is the Great  
 American Smokeout?**

Every year, on the third Thursday of November, smokers across the nation take part in the American Cancer Society Great American Smokeout. They may use the date to make a plan to quit, or plan in advance and then quit smoking that day. The Great American Smokeout event challenges people to stop using tobacco and helps people know about the many tools they can use to help them quit and stay quit.

Visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) to learn more about quitting smoking, improving your health, or getting involved with the Great American Smokeout in your community. Or just call your American Cancer Society anytime at **1-800-227-2345.**

**Please review with your family  
 "HOW" to properly use a fire  
 extinguisher.**

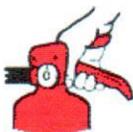
**1. HOLD EXTINGUISHER UPRIGHT AND  
 PULL THE RING (SAFETY) PIN**



**2. STAND BACK FROM THE FIRE AND AIM  
 AT THE BASE OF THE FIRE NEAREST YOU**



**3. SQUEEZE HANDLES TOGETHER AND  
 SWEEP THE EXTINGUISHER STREAM  
 SIDE TO SIDE**



**REMEMBER THIS SIMPLE WORD -  
 P A S S**

**PULL AIM SQUEEZE SWEEP**

**DID YOU KNOW??? The City of Hawley partners with many  
 others to bring services and opportunities to Hawley residents.  
 The City of Hawley Owns:**

**Hawley Library - Hartford St**

Leased at no cost to Lake Agassiz Regional Library - they provide materials & staff

**Hawley Clinic Building- Main St**

Leased at reduced cost to Sanford Clinic

**Hawley Fire Hall - 5th St**

Used by Hawley Area Fire District and they participate 50% in the cost of maintenance

**Hawley BES Building - 6th St**

Very low lease rates given to startup businesses that partner with MState DL

**Garage/Office Building - 6th St**

Leased for \$1.00 per year to HERT, Inc.

**Hawley Community Center - Main St**

Leased to individuals and businesses for events at reasonable rates - self-service set up and clean up

**Hawley Golf Course - land**

Leased to Hawley Golf and Country Club, Inc. for \$100 per year.

**Hawley Baseball Field and Quad-diamond softball facility**

Leased to Hawley Schools for \$1.00 per year for Community Education, Varsity teams, JV teams, and they sublease for softball league use

**Hawley Rodeo Grounds**

Leased to Rodeo Provider (Barnes PRCA Rodeo) at no cost (must carry Insurance) for annual Rodeo

Leased to horse groups at no cost where they get signed indemnity agreements from each of their members (they also donate time to upkeep of facility)

**Service Line Warranty**

Reminder to City residents-the deadline for signing up for the Service Line Warranty is fast approaching. Please consider this warranty program if you have had issues with frozen water pipes in the past. Information is available at their website:[www.slwofa.com](http://www.slwofa.com) or contact by phone 1-866-922-9006.