# City of Hawley NEWSLETTER

305 6th Street, PO Box 69, Hawley, MN 218-483-3331
City Hall Open Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Motor Vehicle Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

JULY 2016

**Fourth of July**

In the United States, 'Independence Day' is more commonly referred to as the Fourth of July. It commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

**Hawley City Council Meetings**
are televised live on Local Cable Channel #14.
Meetings start at 5:30 p.m.
Upcoming meeting dates:
July 5th and July 18th

**Notice of Public Hearing on Annexation Petition**
July 18th @ 6:15 p.m.
Applicant: Gregory R. Larson
8.15 Acres Adjacent to NW City Limits
22240 Hwy 10
Parcels #13.002.3001 & 13.002.3002
We invite you to attend and/or to submit written comments.

**In Observance of the 4th of July Holiday:**
**The City of Hawley will be closed on Mon, July 4th**
**Mon Garbage Customers will be picked up Tues, July 5th**
**Have a safe and Happy 4th!**

## 2016 ELECTION INFORMATION

**Primary Election: August 9, 2016**
**General Election: November 8, 2016**

If you want to run for a City of Hawley Office and list your name on the official ballot, you need to file an "Affidavit of Candidacy." Filing for City office is open from Tuesday, August 2nd until Tuesday, August 16th at 5:00 p.m. at Hawley City Hall, 305 6th Street.

There will be additional information in the August Newsletter.

## Water — Wellhead Protection

**The City of Hawley is required to complete a Wellhead Protection Plan by 4/15/2019. The goal of the plan is to prevent human-caused contaminants from entering our water supply wells and to protect all who use our water supply from adverse health effects associated with groundwater contamination – MN Wellhead Protection Rules 4720.5000's.**

**The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) provides technical assistance (at no cost to the City) for Part 1 of the reporting and will be done by 10/15/2017. Part 2 of the plan will be the responsibility of the City. It is recommended to hire a qualified consultant and the cost will be the City's.**

**MDH inspects and studies the soils and other factors to determine vulnerability of the wells. Hawley's wells are not vulnerable because of the geology – having clay layers in the soil near the wells. The three wells are located in the block just south of City Hall and they pump in rotation – changing after every pumping cycle.**

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| Well #3 | 473631 | depth 136' | 9/21/1990 | Not Vulnerable | Aquifer:QBAA |
| Well #4 | 520967 | depth 134' | 11/23/1992 | Not Vulnerable | Aquifer:QBAA |
| Well #5 | 775413 | depth 136' | 8/17/2010 | Not Vulnerable | Aquifer:QBAA |

**QBAA = Quaternary Buried Artesian Aquifer.**

**Hawley's water has been tested using isotope methods – showing the water in the aquifer is older than 1950 – "Vintage Water."**

**The wellhead protection area and drinking water supply management areas are based upon a 10 year protection area with the approximate area being north of Hwy 10, east of 10th Street, and further north and east out of the City limits. MDH is asking for help identifying all wells within this area. Gerry Kluck is the Wellhead Protection Manager.**

**MDH commended Hawley for having a generator in place at the wells/water treatment plant to ensure safe drinking water in the event of an emergency.**

## SANITARY SEWER

### Summer Usage—Residential

**For the 5 summer months of June, July, August, September, October—the sanitary sewer charge will be the base fee ($12.00) plus 90% of the actual water metered that month. (This gives credit of 10% of metered water that may be used on gardens, washing vehicles, etc. that does not enter the sewer system.)**

**NOTE: In the 5 summer months 15,300 gallons is the maximum billed.**

### METERING OUTSIDE WATER OPTION TO REDUCE SANITARY SEWER CHARGES – Residential

**Residential customers can install a 2nd water meter at their expense. It would measure the water used in the house as that is what we base the sewer charge on. The bill would reflect total water, and the 2nd meter measurement for billing the sanitary sewer. The 90% level and 15,300 gallon maximum would still apply for the summer 5 months on the sanitary sewer inside usage meter.**

**NOTE: All Water used will be billed for 100% usage.**

## Water Saving Tips

- **CHECK FOR LEAKS! One of the easiest, most effective ways to cut your water usage is by repairing leaky faucets and toilets.**
- **Check your water softener to ensure that it is recharging only as needed - sometimes the timer/sensor sticks and they recharge too often.**
- **Shorten your shower by a minute or two.**
- **Turn off water while you brush your teeth.**
- **Drop tissues in the garbage instead of flushing them and save water every time.**
- **Reuse your towels (both at home and in hotels.)**
- **Run your washer and dishwasher only when they have a full load.**
- **Adjust your lawn mower to height of 1.5" to 2" as taller grass shades roots and holds soil moisture better than short grass.**

**ATV'S Get trained - Go ride - Follow the Golden Rules**

1. Always wear a DOT-compliant helmet, goggles, long sleeves, long pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves
2. Never ride on paved roads except to cross when done safety and permitted by law - another vehicle could hit you ATV's are designed to be operated off-highway safely
3. Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs
4. Never carry a passenger on a single-rider ATV, and no more than one passenger on an ATV specifically designed for two people
5. ATV operators must be 16 years of age to operate on a City street or right-of-way
6. ATV hours of operation in City limits are Sunrise to Sunset
7. Ride an ATV that's right for your age
8. Supervise riders younger than 16; ATV's are not toys (can only operate on private property)
9. Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed
10. Take a hands-on ATV Rider Course and the free online E-Course
11. Remember to get your City ATV License - Free annual license

***Fireworks Safety Tips***

- ***Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks***
- ***Never try to re-light or pickup fireworks that have not ignited fully***
- ***Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap***
- ***Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them***
- ***Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly***

## FIRE SAFETY AT HOME

Eliminate Hazards:

- Keep space heaters away from anything that can burn
- Store all flammable materials away from heat
- Don't let trash accumulate in attic, basement or garage
- Don't run extension cords behind rugs or curtains
- Use fuses, circuit breakers and appliances with UL seal only
- Don't overload circuits

Fire Prevention

- Keep operational fire extinguishers handy
- Install and maintain smoke detectors
- Hold frequent fire drills
- Test every door, be sure there's no fire on the other side
- Know two ways out

Develop escape plan

- Hold frequent fire drills
- Test every door, be sure there's no fire on the other side
- Develop and memorize escape route
- Assign responsibility for evacuating infants and elderly
- Choose meeting place outside home
- Keys must be easily accessible
- Know two ways out

During a fire

- Leave personal belongings behind
- Don't go back for any reason
- If clothing catches fire, stop drop and roll
- In dense smoke crawl on the floor to nearest exit

***Business Highlight***

Who: Zip Trip

Where: 1102 Hobart Street

When: Open 24 hours

Hot Stuff Foods 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Contact: **(218)483-3341**

Hawley Cenex Zip Trip is located along Hwy 10, it became a Cenex Zip Trip 8 years ago. Our brand promise is **'Rock solid performance with a personal touch'** and our employees take this to heart. Our 10 employees take the time to get to know the customers within the community and they look forward to serving you each and every day. We also sell Hot Stuff Pizza, so come by and join us for breakfast or lunch or take home dinner for the family. While you are here you can pick up your Nugget wear!!

# Natural Gas Safety - Upcoming Survey Telephone Calls

The Hawley Public Utilities is required by Federal Regulations to measure the public awareness of safety and natural gas. Every 4 years we hire APGA to fulfill this purpose utilizing state-of-the-art automated telephone polling technology. **In July Hawley customers may receive an automated "GOAL" call Survey.**

**What is a GOAL call Survey?** GOAL stands for Gas Overall Awareness Level. It measures the effectiveness of a utility's efforts to educate customers and non-customers living near gas lines about gas safety. Such effectiveness assessments are required by new pipeline safety regulations

The automated telephone call will ask you to push a number on your phone to answer the 15 questions. **Key: Yes - press 1**
**No - press 2**
**Not Sure - press 3**

American Public Gas Association

**Sample Survey Questions**: Do you have Natural Gas Service At Your Home? Is the name of your gas company Hawley Public Utilities? Have you Heard or Received Any Information on Natural Gas Safety from Hawley Public Utilties in the past 12-Months? Have You Received Written Natural Gas Safety Information with a Gas Bill in the Past 12-Months? Have you Read about Natural Gas Safety Information in Local Newspapers? Do you Think You Would Recognize a Natural Gas Leak By Being Able to Smell it? If You Smelled Gas Inside Your House Would You Light a Match? Etc...

More information is available on the Natural Gas requirements of this Gas Overall Awareness Level at www.apga.org - listed as the APGA GOAL Program.

**Thank you for your participation in this survey. If you do not want to participate simply hang up on the automated call.**

## Please Recycle

We know recycling is *beneficial*, but here are some facts that may make you think seriously about the importance of recycling:

- About 40% of the waste in the U.S. is paper, but nationwide we only recycle 25-30% of our paper waste
- Americans throw away close to the equivalent of 30 million trees a year, just from newsprint alone
- In America we discard enough motor oil per year to fill 120 supertankers
- In the United States right now, landfills are filling up and closing at the rate of approximately 2 a day
- By recycling an aluminum can per day we can save enough energy to operate a television for 3 hours
- A glass bottle thrown away today will still be there in the year 3000

In the United States, one in every six trucks is a garbage truck.

You would be able to circle the earth 436 times per year with the Styrofoam cups that are used in the United States.

**Hawley Recycling Center**
**Monday and Thursday**
**4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
**Saturday**
**8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
**The Recycling Center will be closed on July 4th!**

With the summer storm season upon us power outages can happen with lightning and wind.
**Please be safe and be prepared.**

**Power Outage Safety Tips:**

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. An unopened refrigerator keeps food cold for about 4 hours and a full freezer keeps food cold for about 48 hours.
- If you ***rely*** on anything that is battery-operated or power dependent like a medical device determine a back-up plan (battery backup device, alarm, find backup location with a family member, etc.)
- Charge Cell phones and any battery operated devices and keep them charged.
- Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it.
- Have flashlights and keep fresh batteries on hand.

Pick up Free "*Are you Prepared?*" book at City Hall.

## MOTOR VEHICLE reminders:

**You have 60 days to register a vehicle when you move into the State of Minnesota .**

**Please bring your insurance Policy Number and Expiration Date with you when you register or transfer a vehicle.**

# John Young, Jr.

**We are deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of long-time City Councilmember, John Young, Jr.**

**John dedicated over 28 years to serving Hawley on the City Council, as Mayor, and on numerous boards and commissions.**

**John was also active statewide serving on the League of Minnesota Cities Board, Minnesota Association of Small Cities Board, Minnesota Rural Water Board, and many others.**

**John was such an endearing man whose laughter was contagious, generosity heartfelt and all around goodness rewarded to all wherever he went. He had the gift of really connecting with people.**

**Over the years his tireless work was key in Hawley's accomplishments: Hawley 125th & 140th Celebrations, All School Reunion, Quad Softball Diamonds, Clinic, Municipal Airport, Municipal Liquor Store, Stop Signal Light, Developments to include Prairie Hills Estates, Maple Ridge, Jetvig Addition, Petermann Addition, and work on the Planning Commission to create first City Comprehensive Plan, and he Reactivated the Park Board which led to improvements in Westgate, Riverbend, Community Kids, Asp, and Brekken Parks, Rodeo Fest, Community Club formation, and Future Heartland Trail.**

**The Hawley Community is truly a better place because of the dedication, generosity, and commitment from John Young, Jr.**

**"I BELIEVE IN AMERICA BECAUSE WE HAVE GREAT DREAMS, AND BECAUSE WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THOSE DREAMS COME TRUE."**
**Wendell Wilcie**

**Thank you to everyone that helped to make Hawley Rodeo Fest A Big Success!**

## Do you know how many PARK Areas are in Hawley?

**#1** Westgate Park
**#2** Community Kids Park
**#3** Riverbend Park – Disc Golf Course
**#4** Brekken Park
**#5** Quad diamonds softball & baseball fields
**#6** Rodeo Grounds
**#7** Asp Park
**#8** Hawley Schools Playground
**#9** Hawley Pool
**#10** Prairie Nature Center
**#11** Hawley Golf Course

### PARK QUIZ

A. Which is the best park to fly a kite in? *(#6 Rodeo Grounds)*

*B.* Which Park has printing press letter & numbers in the park sign? *(#4 Brekken Park)*

C. Which Park is dedicated to the Hjemkomst? *(#7 Asp Park)*

D. Which Parks have Basketball Courts? *(#1 & #2 & #3 & #4 & #8)*

EXPLORE HAWLEY'S PARKS!