

CITY OF HAWLEY NEWSLETTER

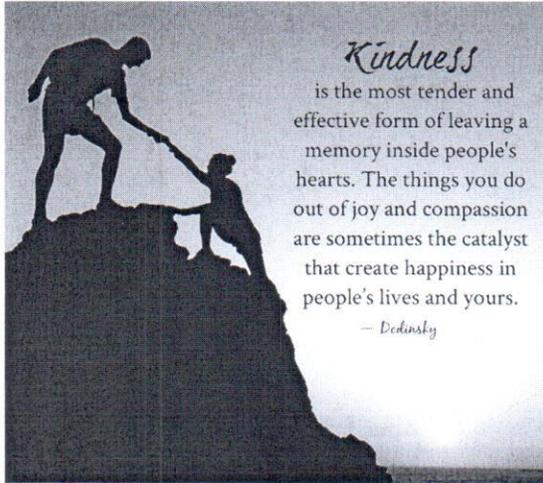
Hours: City Hall 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Motor Vehicle 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
(218)483-3331

AUGUST 2016

Visit us at www.hawley.govoffice.com
The next City Council meeting is August 8th at 5:30 p.m.
Tune into Channel 14 to view the City Council meeting live.

Channel 14 – community announcements:

Email to: announcements@arvig.com



Kindness
is the most tender and effective form of leaving a memory inside people's hearts. The things you do out of joy and compassion are sometimes the catalyst that create happiness in people's lives and yours.

— Dedeinsky

Mail to: Locallink
831 S. Main St.
Sauk Centre, MN
56378

NOTE: The Council has been working closely with Arvig to correct the audio & other problems in the live broadcast of the Council meetings.

Thank you for your Patience.

Rio Olympics Aug 5–21

Once every four years, the world's top athletes meet, to compete in the games of the Summer Olympics. It is officially called the **Games of the XXXI Olympiad**.

PARKING CHANGE

Parking on Jetvig Blvd is limited for safety, access to fire hydrants, traffic flow and visibility.

There is **NO** parking on the north side of the entire street.



New Critical Habitat plates available at Hawley Motor Vehicle!

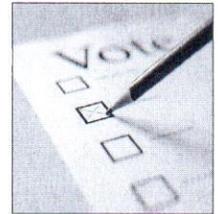
Hawley Motor Vehicle Accepts cash or check for all transactions. In order for us to take a check we need the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Drivers License #

Thank you!

ELECTION INFORMATION - CITY OF HAWLEY RESIDENTS:

- ▶ Primary Election will be held August 9th
- ▶ General Election will be held November 8th
- ▶ Polling Place is the Hawley Community Center, 418 Main Street
- ▶ Election Polls are Open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- ▶ Applications for Absentee Ballots can be made to the Clay County Auditor's Office
- ▶ Residents that are new or have moved can preregister to vote by sending a Minnesota Voter Registration Application to Clay County Auditor (forms available at City Hall)
- ▶ Voters can also register at the polls on election day with an ID with your current address OR an ID with an old address AND a current bill that shows your name and physical address. You can also have a neighbor who is already registered, vouch for you at the polls.



Affidavit Of Candidacy - Hawley City Council

City Elections will be held Nov 8th. Hawley is a Statutory Plan A City that holds elections on even numbered years on the same date as the state general election.

At the November Election the following City of Hawley positions will be on the ballot:

- 1 Mayor - 2 year term
- 1 Councilmember - 2 year term
- 2 Councilmembers - 4 year terms

If you are interested in running for one of these positions on the Hawley City Council you can officially file an affidavit of candidacy at the Hawley City Hall between August 2nd and August 16th. This will put your name on the ballot for the office you choose to run for. The cost to file is \$2.

Candidates for City office must:

- Be eligible to vote in Minnesota
- Have not filed for the same or any other office at the upcoming general election,
- Be 21 years of age or more, and
- Have maintained residence in the City of Hawley at least 30 days before the election.

Call City Hall if you have any questions (218)483-3331



Building a community, one neighborhood at a time...

On Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016, 5:00 pm, Westgate Park, the Hawley Police Department will again be hosting the Night to Unite community picnic. Please join us in getting to know one another, building neighborhood involvement by bringing police and the community together, and bringing awareness to crime prevention and local law enforcement efforts.

The Police department partners with the Hawley Lions, Baer's, Hawley Jaycees, Hawley Fire Department, H.E.R.T., Clay County Sheriff's Department, Hawley business community, Tim Hansen, and many others to bring a fun night of activities and great food to Westgate Park in an effort to bring together our great community and the Police Department.

Please, if you can attend, turn on your porch lights, come to Westgate Park and help us become a better, safer community.

Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Place: Westgate Park - 1307 Joseph Street
Contact: Chief of Police Joe Backlund or Officer Scott Steer
Plans for our Party: Free Picnic Meal, Dunk Tank, Games, Prizes and FUN

We ask that you please bring an item(s) [Back to School Items, clothing or non-perishable food item] for donation to R.E.A.C.H. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating while eating.

Avoiding Pitfalls: Dangerous E-mails

It is wise to be on the lookout for deceptive e-mails, electronic messages sent to government addresses which try to lure the recipient into sharing sensitive personal or government data or into following a link or opening an attachment which will unleash a virus that can infect the user's computer system.

These e-mails can seem benign and even friendly, with subject lines like "Happy Holidays!" or originating addresses that include familiar names like eBay, Hallmark, or the "Webmail Support Team". As a rule, always be suspicious of e-mails that request personal or government-related information or username/password data.

In addition, be very cautious following links to unfamiliar websites or opening attachments in e-mails from unfamiliar addresses.

Red Cross mobile apps put help in your hand.

www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps

FirstLink's Suicide Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Call Specialists help those who are having thoughts of suicide themselves, or have a concern about someone.

Sump Pump Reminder: Please make sure your discharge is going outside your home (on the grass or to the Street) not in the sanitary sewer.

Business Highlight



Who: RCH Home Center

Where: 106 Hwy 10

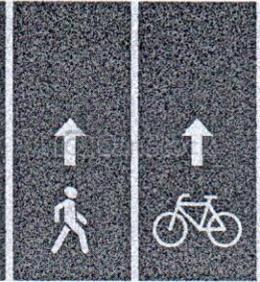
When: Mon.- Fri. 9am - 6pm

Sat. 9am - 2pm

Since opening their doors for business, RCH Home Center has provided many home improvement and construction options to new and established homeowners. They specialize in new construction, renovation, remodeling, flooring, kitchen and cabinet designs, as well as other interior and exterior finish products. Whether it's a simple floor remodel or the construction of your new home, RCH Home Center will support the completion of various home improvement and construction projects, from concept to completion. Stop in and browse through their wide selection of products & samples for your home!

Contact us for a free quote!
218-486-3530

Find us on
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* * **COMING SOON** * *

**TEST ON-STREET
BIKE/WALK LANES**

The Hawley City Council is working to install 8 Blocks of New On-Street Bike/Walk Lanes.

These new Lanes will be painted lines on the street that are 10'

wide. The lanes will allow bike and walking lanes in an area where no sidewalks currently exist. Directional Signage and No Parking Signs will be installed to make the area safe.

The Bike/Walk Lanes are a "Test" to see if the City residents want to see these on-street lanes installed in key corridors in the City, or if you want to see full sidewalks.

The "Test" areas will be placed on Reno Street between 7th Street and 1st Street & On 1st Street between Reno Street & Joseph Street.

We hope to have this work done in September. Please watch for the changes and check out the test lanes once they are installed.



**City of Hawley Council Changes
2016 Appointments:**

Carlos Diaz has been appointed Councilmember to fill the Young vacancy for the remainder of 2016.

New Committee & Board Appointments for 2016:

Public Safety (police, Fire & ER Dist.) -

Gunkelman, Mork (alternate Johnson)

Public Works (sewer, parks, streets and buildings)- Gunkelman, Diaz

Liquor Committee - Diaz, Joy, Johnson

Gov't Services (finance, office services, zoning, Assessments) - Joy, Mork

Personnel - Johnson, Mork & PUC Rep. Pederson

Development/Water Committee - Diaz & Joy

Public Utilities Rep. - Pederson

Economic Development Authority-Johnson, Diaz, Gunkelman, Joy, Mork

Economic Development Authority Advisors— Joy, Gunkelman

Community Club Representative—none

Airport Commission—Johnson

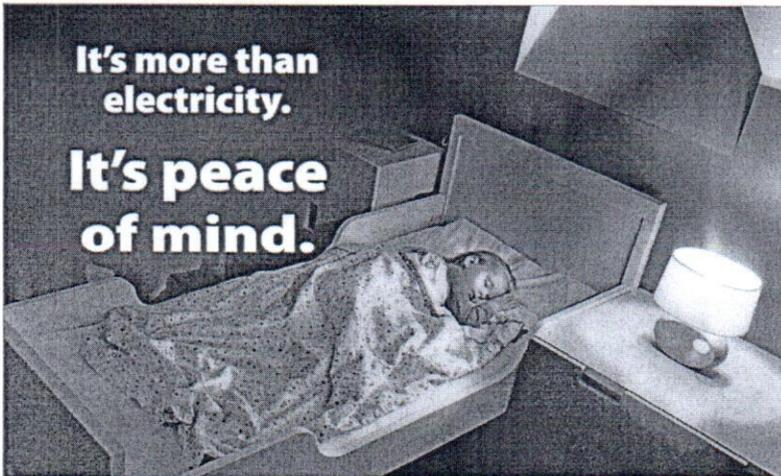
Friends of the Pool-Mork

Heartland Trail Extension—Gunkelman

FM Metro COG Policy Board-Gunkelman

**It's more than
electricity.**

**It's peace
of mind.**



Electricity is essential to your everyday life. And sometimes it only takes a single lightbulb to make all the difference.

Hawley Public Utilities works hard so the lights turn on – and stay on – in your home each morning. So schools and businesses can thrive. So the modern conveniences we take for granted are there – without a second thought.

Dream big.
Be powerful.



Utility "Self Budgeting" - Pay Ahead...

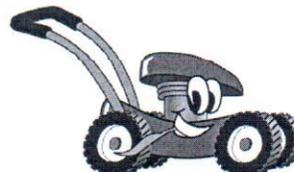
Please remember that you can Pay Ahead to Stay Ahead of the upcoming heating season. Even if you aren't currently on the budget billing - you can still pay a little more each month and start to build credit for the winter heating months.

Thank you.
Hawley Public Utilities

Mowing & Grass Clippings

The Public Works Department would like to remind residents that depositing grass clippings and other vegetation on the public streets is a violation of city ordinances. Clippings that wash down storm drains cause storm water ponds to fill up more quickly and need to be dug out more frequently. Lawn clippings, leaves, and other debris often clump, and clog storm drains. When grass clippings are left on streets, sidewalks and driveways, they eventually make their way to our storm ponds and waterways through the storm sewer system. So please direct your clippings onto your lawn and not out into the Street.

Thank you!



From the Mayors Desk,

I occasionally receive phone calls from our neighbors about the loss of service from their water service line or their sanitary sewer service line. I get these calls when lines freeze, or leak, or get plugged, or they just don't work. These service lines provide our families with essential services that we use every day.

The City Policy states: the water service line from the shutoff valve in the boulevard to a home is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain; and the sanitary sewer service line from the sanitary sewer main to a home is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain.

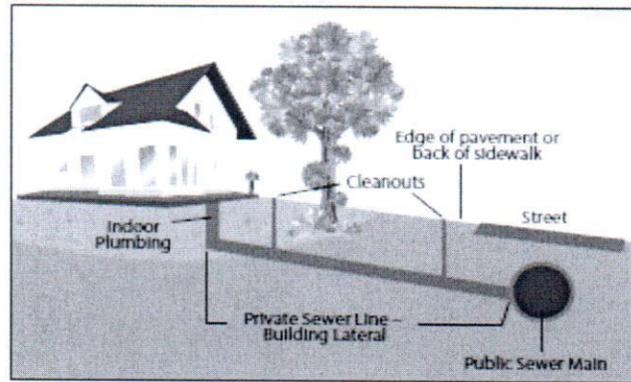
I do feel your pain and frustration. I too had a broken water service line coming into my house that was less than 15 years old. It cost me over \$3,200 to repair.

The City Council approved and allowed a NEW program in January 2015, where home owners can choose to sign up for protection of their water and/or sanitary sewer service lines, it is called Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA). While no one can keep problems from happening, the SLWA warranty products help alleviate the stress that comes from finding a contractor, getting multiple bids and then paying the final bill. One of the councilmembers called this program a "No Brainer"! As Hawley is a member of the National League of Cities, this program is an option that homeowners can use to protect their service lines.

I urge you to call 1-866-922-9006 to get more information and sign up on the phone, or go to www.slwoa.com and sign up on line. It does not matter if your service is one-year-old, 15 years old, 45 years old, or even older! My monthly cost is \$5.75 for the water service line coverage, and \$7.75 for the sanitary sewer service line coverage. (It is not available for businesses, apartment buildings, or trailer parks, only private dwellings.)

I have my house covered, do you? Please consider signing up before you have an issue.

Respectfully, Gary E. Johnson, Mayor of Hawley



Home Sewer Maintenance

What is the property owner's responsibility?

The property owner is responsible for the lateral sewer lines from their house to the City sanitary sewer main, including the connection. As a homeowner, you are responsible for the maintenance and repair of your house lateral. In addition you may be required to fix any improper connections, such as downspouts, driveway drains or sump pumps connected directly to the sanitary sewer system. The storm water collected from these devices must be drained to your property or directly connected to a separate storm water system.

Is my service affected by what I put down the drain?

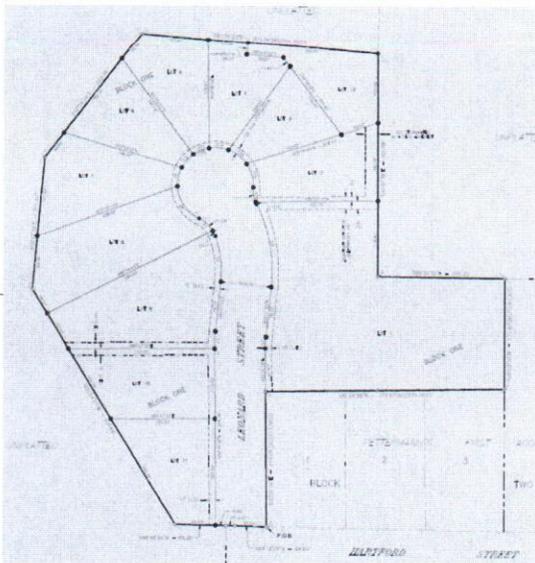
Yes, people who dispose of such things as grease, motor oil, eggshells, coffee grounds, drywall, and kitty litter down toilets, garbage disposals, and sewer manholes frequently clog sewer lines. Some helpful suggestions are to **not dispose** of grease such as cooking oils, fat, etc. down drains. Take hazardous materials such as paint, chemicals, pesticides, anti-freeze, turpentine, motor oil, and caustic household cleaners to a designated hazardous collection site. You can find out locations for these sites by contacting Clay County Household Hazardous Waste at 299-5077. Coffee grounds, kitty litter, eggshells and the like should be wrapped or sealed and put in your regular garbage. In addition, milk should not be put into the sewer system. Milk causes excess protein in the wastewater which has a negative impact the pond system.

What kinds of problems do fat, oil and grease cause?

Sewer capacity constraints are frequently caused by improper materials, including fats, oils, and grease being introduced into the sewer system by City residents and businesses.

What kinds of items should not be flushed down toilets?

Anything that will not totally dissolve and could plug the sewer mains. Disposable diapers, wet wipes, sanitary napkins, bandages, rags, kitty litter, and plastic bags should not be flushed.



The City is Growing... Newly Annexed 8 Acre Area proposed to be platted as Autumn View Addition.

The Hawley Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on
Thursday, August 4, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.
to consider the Preliminary/Final Plat

**for Autumn View Addition and to Consider a new Zoning Map
to zone the Plat as Part R-1 Residential Neighborhood and Part R-3 Multi-Family Residential.**

The public is invited to attend the Public Hearing and/or to submit written comments.
The plat and zoning details can be viewed at City Hall, 305 6th Street, during regular hours.