



Dear Residents,



It has certainly been an odd spring and summer is not following the traditional weather patterns either. First it is rather cool and rainy, then the weather turns hot and steamy. And then it is cool again. I hope you all had a nice 4th of July, and now that all of us have had our fill of fireworks, hopefully they are done for another year.

City Hall

The Willernie City Hall will continue have the doors locked for the safety of our staff. Our city clerk is available and can be reached by email, fax, or phone (651 429-2977) Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you need to transact business with the city inside the city hall for any reason, call Vickie for an appointment. Remember, you can drop off payments or important papers through the mail slot on the front door 24/7.



Maintenance Building



The City of Willernie has received a grant from the State of Minnesota to tear down our old maintenance building and build a new one. The old building had multiple issues including a leaking roof, inability to heat in the winter, no running water, to name a few. In July, the old building will be torn down, a new foundation will be poured, and in August, the construction of the new building will begin. This project is about 20 years overdue, and we all look forward to its completion.

Trimming Greenery That Creates Driving Hazards

It is a joy to walk around town and see all of the beautiful lawns and gardens. Please trim your bushes and tree branches that hang in/on the road, over the roadway, or are blocking any street signs or stop signs. Our streets are narrow and often times the flora growing out of your yard creates a vision or driving hazard. Rick, our Maintenance Superintendent, will be cutting back any branches and bushes that have not been trimmed and the resulting brush will be left in your yard to clean up.



A Big Thanks To Those Who Have Cleaned Up Their Yards



A great many letters went out earlier this spring requesting local residents to please clean up their property where they were in violation of city ordinances. So many of you did and your yards look really nice, so GREAT JOB and THANK YOU. Let's continue to work together to make sure our city looks junk and clutter free.

Watch out for children playing:

Please watch for children playing in the streets. Drive slowly through the town. When you have the chance, please talk to your children about playing in the streets. Several near accidents have happened in the past due to children playing in the streets not watching for cars and cars going too fast and not watching for children.



Road Construction



Those annoying orange and white cones have sprouted up everywhere and road construction is underway in full force. It is going to be inconvenient, messy, and at times loud. Hwy 244 will be under construction until October or November. Washington County has reported that they are on schedule. Please be patient.

Please Support our Local Businesses

Our local business have hung on through the reconstruction of Stillwater Road and two years of the COVID virus. Now they face another roadblock to recovery because of reduced traffic due to the 244 road construction. Let's support them this summer.



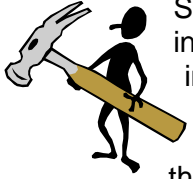
ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

Please feel free to adopt a fire hydrant this spring or summer. It does take a bit of elbow grease and a few scouring pads to remove the dirt and grim but the City will be most happy to supply the red paint for you to use and spiff up the fire hydrant on your corner.



Building Permits

Summer is a time of fix it projects and building projects. Prior to any building, fixing, or repairing, please inquire as to whether you may need a permit. Building permits are required for all work that is structural in nature. Included in what needs permits are roof replacements, decks, fences, etc. (most everything that needs work requires a permit). It is much easier to call and find out if one is required than have the project red tagged because one was not issued. Fill permits are also required. Please check with the City Clerk.



RECREATIONAL FIRES

Recreational fires are allowed in Willernie. A reminder of some of the rules and safety reminders governing recreational fires:

- Fires must be attended at all times.
- Fires must be put out when it is not longer being used.
- Smoke from a fire must not create a problem for your neighbors.
- Must have a fire pit. Pit cannot exceed 3 feet in diameter.
- Fire should be no higher than 3 feet.
- Only natural wood should be burned in the fire pit.
 - Do not burn garbage, junk, old furniture, treated lumber, paper, etc.



Enjoy Willernie Beach, Millner Park, and Willernie Park

Our beach is a great place on a hot summer day. Making a day's outing at one or more of our parks would be fun. Our beach provides a place for our residents to swim. It does not allow for boats to dock. If you see boats within our swimming area or tied up to our dock, please call the police. Please also enjoy our other city parks this summer. Both Millner Park and Willernie Park have nice picnic tables, swings and slides.



Attention Cat Owners

Lots of complaints have been coming in concerning free roaming cats. Of particular concern are the cats spraying on houses which creates several issues. First is the smell which is especially odoriferous and less than pleasant. Second, cats spray to mark their territory which can cause conflict for those of us who have indoor cats. The City of Willernie has an ordinance which requires cats to be leashed or confined to your own yard when out-of-doors. They are not allowed to just wander free within the city.



Attention Dog Owners

All dogs must be leashed when out of their yard. They must be confined to their yard when not out for a walk with owners. Please be a responsible dog owner and clean up after your dog when out walking. There is nothing quite so nasty as being out in one's yard mowing and stepping in dog droppings, especially when one does not have a dog.



Golf Tournament

9th Mostly Annual Willernie Golf Open is scheduled for August 13, **2022**. Put together a foursome and come and have fun at Applewood Golf Course. Cart, 18 holes of golf, lunch provided by Romas, prizes, and raffle. All profit from the event goes toward the purchase of new fire hydrants. Tell your friends.



Have a great rest of the summer,
Please stay safe,
Barb Parent, Mayor

