



City of Willernie Mayor's Letter



April 2019

Dear Residents,

It is hard to believe that spring is officially here since we still look out our windows at huge snow mounds. Hopefully the slow snow melt will continue, and we will avoid any flooding.

LEAF VACCUUM



The leaf vacuum will be out and collecting leaves about mid-April to mowing season if, of course, the weather cooperates. Please be considerate and just put leaves at the edge of the road. Please try to make sure that the piles just contain leaves and not sticks, tree branches, rocks, or dirt. Dirt clogs the vacuum up and branches and other brushy material create problems. Rocks punch holes in the machine and create costly repairs.

STREET SWEEPER/STREET REPAIR

Rick will be out with the street sweeper to clean our streets of the sand and other accumulated bits left over from winter. He will also be beginning to repair the potholes as weather permits and hot mix becomes available.

RITE OF SPRING*

*Really Into the Earth!

13th annual Earth Day Event, Saturday, April 27, 10 AM-1 PM, Mahtomedi Middle School
Connect with others in the community and explore "Earth Friendly" ideas. • Participate in hands on workshops and info-stations. • Prescription drop-off INSIDE between 10 AM-1 PM. • Donate music instruments - Support the High School Music Dept. • Collect bikes or bike parts to bring to the event to donate to The ReCyclery. Washington County will be on hand from 8 AM to 2 PM collecting the following at no cost: • Household items: Mercury thermometers & thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, household cleaners, sharps, syringes and used epi-pens, computers and monitors, keyboards, mice, speakers, printers fax machines, TVs, DVD and VCR players and cell phones. • Home improvement: latex/oil paint and stain, paint remover/thinner. • Automotive and recreation: anti-freeze, used motor oil and filters, propane tanks, rechargeable batteries. • Yard and Garden: insect/roach/ant killer, fertilizers/herbicides. • Document Shredding. For more information check out www.mahtomedi.k12.mn.us/communityeducation.



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HELP CLEAN UP YOUR TOWN

Have you just been hoping for an opportunity to serve your community? Now is your chance. Grab a large garbage bag, your best friend and/or children and help pick up the creek bed, and/or the city's green spaces or the parks/beach. After the thaw, they look (pardon the pun) just plain trashy. If you need directions to any of these city spaces, give Vickie at City Hall a call (651-429-2977). Please help us look after for our green spaces by picking up after yourself and treating the equipment with care. **A BIG THANKS** goes out to the people who have already started doing this.



JUNKY YARDS AND EXPIRED TABS

Every spring and fall, members of the city council wander through the town checking yards. If we find yards that need to be cleaned up or cars that have expired tabs, the city sends a letter out requesting compliance with Willernie ordinances, county ordinances, and state law.



Residents have 30 days to comply. Over the last 20 years, the residents of Willernie have, for the most part, really done a good job. I hope that when we head out this year, it will be the same.

COUNTY ROAD 12/STILLWATER ROAD

The first block of County Rd 12 coming into town from the west will be closed and under construction sometime during April and May. The road will be closed during that time so Mahtomedi can put in new storm and sewer lines. Once that is completed, the road from the corner of Wildwood to Warner will be closed to traffic for a number of months. During this time, new sidewalks new storm and sewer lines, and a new water main among other things will be put in. This is going to be very disruptive and will cause most of us to find alternative routes in and out of town. In addition, for several weeks, getting to the post office



will be difficult. Please be patient with this mess. The end result will hopefully solve a number of infrastructure problems and add beauty to our city.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL STORES

Two thirds of the downtown area is in Willernie. In order to keep our downtown vital and healthy, especially during construction, it is important to support our local stores and restaurants.

WILDWOOD LIBRARY TO CLOSE THIS SUMMER



The Wildwood Library will close this summer and will be torn down to make way for a new library to be built on the same site this year. The Washington County Library system has made arrangements that you can pick up books you have requested on line at the Mahtomedi District Center.

RECYCLE

Just a reminder that recycling is a good way to try to keep our environment healthy and to try to keep the cost of waste management down. The more you can recycle, the smaller garbage container you need and that saves you money. Please keep recycle and trash cans off the road. It makes it difficult for plowing, street cleaning, and leaf pick up to have to navigate around your trash and recycle cans.



PET WASTE

As you begin to clean up your yards, please know that the pet waste left behind by dogs and other critters needs to be disposed of in the trash and not let to disintegrate and run off into the streets which eventually enters the streams and lakes of the area.



POLLUTION



The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency wants us to make sure that the residents become aware of the pollution in water runoff and try to prevent pollution in Lake Washington. They express concern of pet waste not being picked up and disposed in the trash and using low phosphorus fertilizers which need to soak into the ground and not run off.

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 can not exceed 3 feet in diameter.
- Fire should be no higher than 3 feet.



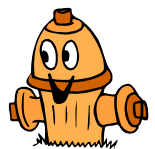
MOSQUITOES



Mosquito season is right around the corner. In order to keep the annoying bug population down, please make sure any buckets, planters, etc. are not left with standing water in them for that provides a great breeding ground for the mosquitoes.

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 grime 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.



SEVENTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Mark your calendars for the 7th Annual Willernie Open on August 3, 2019. Eighteen holes of golf, golf cart, prizes, raffle, lunch and much laughter, all to raise money for a fire hydrant. More information coming in June.

Sincerely,
Barbara Parent
Mayor