



Mahtomedi News

MARCH — APRIL 2021

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MAHTOMEDI CITY HALL
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Despite the RITE OF SPRING EVENT being CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

The Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment will still host the Household Hazardous Waste Event (**accepted free of charge from households only — no businesses**).

Saturday, May 1, 2021 between **8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** at **Wildwood Elementary School** located at 8698 75th Street North. Enter at the middle school/high school driveway.

- **Household items** include mercury thermometers and thermostats, fluorescent bulbs (bundled together with rubber bands), household cleaners, sharps, syringes, needles and used EpiPens in a sealed sturdy container, computers and monitors, peripherals (keyboards, mice, speakers, etc.), printers and fax machines, TV's, DVD and VCR players and cell phones.
- **Home Improvement** — Latex/oil paint and stain, paint remover/thinner.
- **Automotive and Recreation** — Antifreeze, used motor oil and filters, propane tanks, rechargeable batteries.

- **Yard and Garden** — Insect/roach/ant killer, fertilizers/ herbicides.
- **Paper shredding** will be offered as well. No more than 4 boxes per customer will be accepted. Shredding capacity is limited by the size of the truck and may be reached before the end of the event.

COVID-19 PROCEDURES FOR SPRING EVENTS

- **Waste must be in the trunk, rear of SUV, or cargo bed. If necessary, please reorganize your waste.**
- **Please stay in your vehicle unless directed to self-unload large electronics.**
- **Please provide your zip code to the attendant through a cracked window; no driver's license is required.**
- **Face coverings are required during your visit.**
- **Electronics weighing more than 50 pounds must be self-unloaded. See attendant for procedures. If you are unable to self-unload at this event, large electronics are unloaded at the Environmental Center in Woodbury.**

Construction! Construction! Construction! Construction Projects in 2021

I know you are very excited about the upcoming street improvement projects planned for 2021 throughout the City. Another year of making it difficult to get around and dealing with street construction. In 2021 the City will be finishing up the Historic District by replacing watermain and adding storm sewer where needed. All new streets with curbing will also be part of the Historic District project. Those streets are:

- Spruce Street from Mahtomedi Avenue to Tamarack Street
- Rose Street from Mahtomedi Avenue to Tamarack Street
- Quail Street from Mahtomedi Avenue to Briarwood Avenue
- East Shore Avenue from Mahtomedi Avenue to Juniper Street

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NEWS

Winter Parking Regulations are still in effect until April 1st.

- On street parking is not allowed in the City of Mahtomedi between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. between November 1st and April 1st.
- No parking is allowed on any public street when the snow depth exceeds 3" until all streets are fully cleaned.
- Residents who violate the ordinance may be ticketed and/or have their vehicle towed. Be sure to inform relatives or guests who may visit your home about the winter parking restrictions so they can avoid being cited or towed.

Questions about the winter parking regulations or snow and ice control procedures may be directed to the Public Works Department at **651-773-9730**.

Public Works Activities

The Public Works Department has a busy spring coming up with the following necessary maintenance activities:

- **Street sweeping** will begin early to mid-April weather permitting and may take several weeks to complete. Try to avoid parking on the street between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- **Hydrant flushing** is tentatively scheduled to begin around mid-April. The flushing can cause turbulence in the water mains and discoloration may result. The water is of good quality, but if discoloration occurs, run the water at an outside faucet until it is clean, usually 10-15 minutes.
- **Pothole patching** will begin early April and continue throughout the summer. If you notice a pothole, please call Public Works at **651-773-9730**.
- **Preparation of City parks** for opening will be accomplished April through May.

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Construction Projects for 2021, *continued from page 1*

In addition to those streets being reconstructed the City will be milling off the top layer of asphalt and overlaying new asphalt on several other streets around the City. This is a much less painful experience for the residents as no major excavations are involved. Those streets are:

- Dahlia Way from Dahlia Street to Cul-de-Sac
- Deer Oak Run from Hickory Street to Cul-de-Sac
- Echo Shores Court from Woodland Drive to Cul-de-Sac
- Elsie Inn from Dahlia Street to Cul-de-Sac
- Forest Avenue from Dahlia Street to Stillwater Road
- Glendale Alley from Wood Street to Forest Street
- Glendale Avenue from Wood Street to Forest Avenue
- Gosiwin Avenue from Hickory Street to Cul-de-Sac
- Gosiwin Court from Gosiwin Avenue to Cul-de-Sac
- Greenwood Street from Forest Avenue to Warner Avenue
- Griffin Avenue from Maple Street to Juniper Street
- Kale Street from Warner Avenue to Griffin Avenue
- Locust Street from Warner Avenue to Griffin Avenue
- Locust Street from East Avenue to Cul-de-Sac
- Sterling Court from Woodland Drive to Cul-de-Sac
- Wedgewood Drive from Wildwood Road to Woodland Drive
- Wood Street from Forest Avenue to Warner Avenue
- Woodland Court from Woodland Drive to Cul-de-Sac

Finally there will be a small storm sewer project on Glenmar Avenue near Huron Street. Several new catch basins will be added to the street to prevent possible flooding and minor pond improvements will be made.

Residents that own property along these streets will be notified before construction begins and who to contact if you have any questions.

As always drive safely through and around construction zones and be respectful of the workers and inspectors on the project.

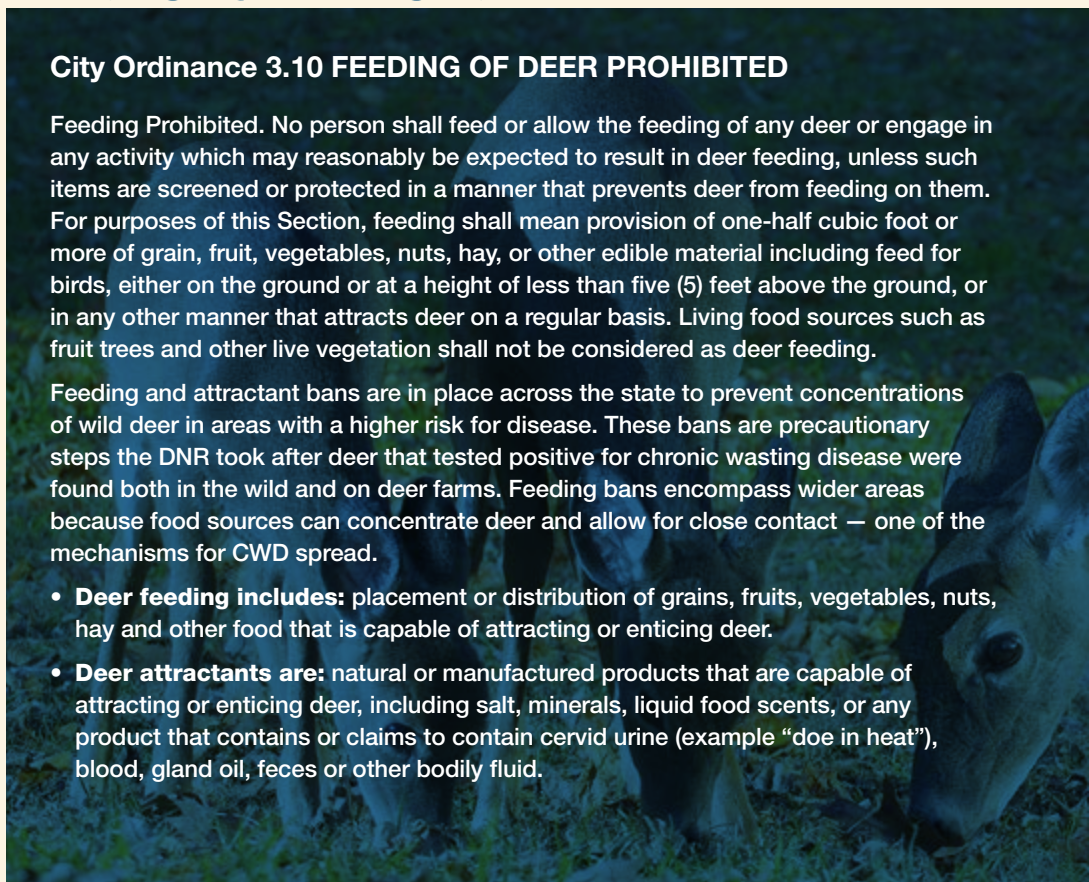
INFORMATIONAL

City Ordinance 3.10 FEEDING OF DEER PROHIBITED

Feeding Prohibited. No person shall feed or allow the feeding of any deer or engage in any activity which may reasonably be expected to result in deer feeding, unless such items are screened or protected in a manner that prevents deer from feeding on them. For purposes of this Section, feeding shall mean provision of one-half cubic foot or more of grain, fruit, vegetables, nuts, hay, or other edible material including feed for birds, either on the ground or at a height of less than five (5) feet above the ground, or in any other manner that attracts deer on a regular basis. Living food sources such as fruit trees and other live vegetation shall not be considered as deer feeding.

Feeding and attractant bans are in place across the state to prevent concentrations of wild deer in areas with a higher risk for disease. These bans are precautionary steps the DNR took after deer that tested positive for chronic wasting disease were found both in the wild and on deer farms. Feeding bans encompass wider areas because food sources can concentrate deer and allow for close contact — one of the mechanisms for CWD spread.

- **Deer feeding includes:** placement or distribution of grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, hay and other food that is capable of attracting or enticing deer.
- **Deer attractants are:** natural or manufactured products that are capable of attracting or enticing deer, including salt, minerals, liquid food scents, or any product that contains or claims to contain cervid urine (example "doe in heat"), blood, gland oil, feces or other bodily fluid.



FORESTRY NEWS

Emerald Ash Borer Update

At the writing of this article, Emerald Ash Borer has not been found within the city limits of Mahtomedi. Several new infestation sites were identified in surrounding communities in 2020. Sites in the following cities were identified: White Bear Township, Lino Lakes, Roseville, and Oakdale.

On December 15 APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) of the USDA removed the federal domestic EAB quarantine regulations defective on January 14, 2021. The State of Minnesota will continue with quarantine regulations effective January 14, 2021. Further details can be found at: Emerald Ash Borer Program/Minnesota Department of Agriculture (state.mn.us) and USDA APHIS/Emerald Ash Borer. Current EAB locations map: Emerald Ash Borer Status (arcgis.com).

The Emerald Ash Borer adult is a winged beetle that can fly sometimes as much as a mile, which disperses the pest short distances. The larval stages of the insect spend most of their time within the wood of infested ash trees (all species of *Fraxinus*). The most common spread of the pest is by people moving infested ash wood for firewood. The county-wide quarantine put into place by the State of Minnesota prohibits the movement of all parts of Ash trees, nursery stock, wood chips and any non-coniferous (hardwood) species firewood across quarantine lines. The state quarantine as well as other information on EAB is posted on the City of Mahtomedi website under the City Forester heading. City residents are asked to abide by these quarantine rules and only work with Tree-care contractors that are abiding by the regulations.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture maintains a website entitled Arrest the Pest where citizens can report possible Emerald Ash Borer infestations. This can be found at: Report a Plant, Pest, Disease Arrest the Pest/Minnesota Department of Agriculture (state.mn.us). Also keep your eyes out for the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug! See the information on the city web site regarding the stink bug. City staff is on the look-out for Emerald Ash Borer within our city trees. The city tree inspector will be inspecting ash, oaks and elm during the May thru September time frame and marking any infested trees for removal.

Additional questions can be directed to the City Forester at **651-773-9730**.



Emerald Ash Borer



Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

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Spring Reminders

Seasonal Load Limits

All roads in Mahtomedi are 5 tons with the exception of Long Lake Road to Dunbar Way, which is 7 tons to accommodate the FedEx trucks.

Weight restrictions are implemented each year in an effort to preserve and protect Mahtomedi's road system during the thawing and refreezing associated with spring. Streets are weakened during the spring thaw by water that becomes trapped in the gravel base below the pavement. The weight of vehicles traveling over these roads can cause the road to bend and possibly crack. Limiting the amount of weight on the street during this time will minimize the wear and allow the base adequate time to stabilize. The City of Mahtomedi follows MN DOT as far as when restrictions go in effect and are lifted in the Metro, for more information please visit www.dot.state.mn.us/materials/pvmtdesign/sll/index.html.

Parking by Mailboxes

To allow for unobstructed delivery of mail, vehicles must park at least 10 feet away from either side of all mailboxes between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Storm Sewers

Only Rain in the Drain. If yard waste (leaves, grass clippings), automotive fluids, and pet waste are allowed to enter storm drains, they flow directly to our lakes, rivers, and ponds. Urban storm water runoff is a major source of pollution. Do your part, one drop at a time!

Sewer Back-ups

Anyone experiencing a problem with their sewer system should notify the Public Works Department immediately at **651-773-9730**. Call the City before you contact a drain cleaning service. The main sewer line will be investigated and the necessary action taken.

People who feed birds or small mammals must do so in a manner that prevents deer access. Place the food at least six feet above ground level. Food placed as a result of normal agricultural practices is generally exempt from the feeding ban. Cattle operators should take steps that minimize contact between deer and cattle.

For more information please visit:
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/feedban.html>

WHAT COUNTIES ARE CURRENTLY AFFECTED?

Deer feeding and attractants ban affects the counties listed below.

Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Hubbard, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Mower, Olmsted, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Steele, Todd, Wabasha, Wadena, Washington, Winona



COMMUNITY NEWS

Apply Now!

Mahtomedi Garden Club — 2021 Community Beautification Grants

The Mahtomedi Garden Club is once again pleased to offer grants for garden-related projects in public areas of Mahtomedi, Willernie and adjacent communities.



These funds are available because of the generous member and community support of our annual Plant Sale, Garden Tour and February Outreach Events.

Project proposals are due April 1, 2021.

For information and application, visit:
www.mahtomedigardenclub.org.

Canoe Storage

Canoe storage is available at Chautauqua Park, Echo Lake Park and Mahtomedi Beach. Applications are available on the City's website www.ci.mahtomedi.mn.us or at City Hall. Applications will be accepted April 1st through April 15th.

If you have questions please call City Hall at **651-426-3344**.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Avoid the Unthinkable!

Almost every home uses some sort of appliance that is powered by natural gas or propane. Accidents occur every year related to their uses. Whether it's a pilot light burned out or a gas stove knob accidentally bumped on, these are situations that can potentially be dangerous. The use of a detector which can be purchased from your local hardware stores can help in preventing the unthinkable.

Gas Explosions

- Gas explosions can happen where liquid propane, natural gas, oil or bio-fuels are present.
- Explosive gas alarms alert people to the presence of dangerous levels of gas — some of which emit no obvious odor.
- Follow instructions carefully for the installation and use of gas appliances and equipment.
- Hire qualified technicians to work on gas equipment at your home or on your property.
- Cap the gas line after you remove a gas appliance from your home or property.



Did you know?

- » Minnesota law does not require that explosive gas alarms be placed in homes.
- » There have been 13 deaths in Minnesota over the past five years due to gas-related explosions.
- » Explosive gas alarms can be purchased at home improvement stores for as little as \$17 for a basic model.



Adopt-A-Park

The City of Mahtomedi is seeking volunteers to help keep the parks and trails clean — several parks are still available to adopt. You can choose a park or trail to care for while also enjoying the outdoors with friends, family or co-workers. Suitable for teens, adults and groups. Call City Hall for more information at **651-426-3344**.

LEFT: Street Car Park is one of our adopted parks.

City of Mahtomedi

600 STILLWATER ROAD
MAHTOMEDI, MN 55115

Mahtomedi: A "Small Town" City

...Close knit small town atmosphere. Residents have strong connections with each other and take pride in the community. By working together to maintain the small town atmosphere, residents, business and community leaders have created a safe environment in which to live, work and learn.

...Natural Resources. The abundance of bodies of water, vegetation and nature areas create a natural setting for City parks for residents to enjoy.

...Excellent Education. The educational system and educational opportunities provided in cooperation with the Mahtomedi School District and Community Education creates an informed community.

...Location. Located on the east shore of White Bear Lake, within twenty minutes of Minneapolis and St. Paul with direct access to Interstate 694 provide residents and businesses with a place to call home.

...History. The history of the Chautauqua Association, Wildwood Amusement Park, cottages, street cars and summer resorts have contributed to the historical significance of the community.

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Utility Rate Increase

Effective January 1, 2021

Utility rates have increased in the water, sewer and stormwater utility funds as approved in the 2021 Budget. These increases are needed to support necessary capital improvements and repairs needed to the systems. The new rates are:

Residential Water Rates

The water rate structure is made up of two components; the fixed demand charge per quarter and the tiered usage charge.

The residential single family Water Demand Charge for water has increased from \$18.88 per quarter to \$20.01.

The residential water usage charge per unit (1 unit = 748 gallons of water) increased to:

- **Tier 1:** 0-20 Units (100 cubic feet per unit or 0-14,960 gallons) — \$3.06
- **Tier 2:** 21-33 Units (14,461-24,684 gallons) — \$3.20
- **Tier 3:** 34-45 Units (24,685-33,660 gallons) — \$3.87
- **Tier 4:** Over 45 Units (Over 33,660 gallons) — \$5.41

Commercial, schools, irrigation and multi-family customers also have separate tiered structures designed to promote water conservation for their types of usage.

Residential Sewer Rates

- Sewer Demand Charge increased from \$15.85 to \$16.33 per quarter.
- Sewer Usage Charge increased from \$5.98 per unit (100 cubic feet) to \$6.16.
- Non-metered sewer service charge increased from \$153.26 to \$157.86 per quarter.

Residential Stormwater Charges

- Single Family dwelling unit fee increased from \$30.94 to \$34.03 per quarter.

Residential Recycling Rate

- Recycling Charge fee increased from \$8.81 to \$9.15 per quarter.



COMING SOON!

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The City of Mahtomedi is in the process of installing not one, but two, new electric vehicle charging stations compatible with all electric vehicles!

There will be a ZEFNET Level 2 single port wall mount 7.7 kw charging station installed on the East side of Mahtomedi City Hall. In mid to late March, there will be second ZEFNET dual port 15.4 kw per plug charging station installed at Veteran's Memorial Park.

For more information go to
<https://www.zefenergy.com>



A BIG Thank You for Extra Efforts in Recycling!

The City would like to send a special thank you to the **Hochban Family on Dunbar Way** and the **Marek Family on Wildwood Court** for their extra efforts in recycling. Keep up the good work! For their extra effort, these families may stop in at City Hall and pick up a free *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle* water bottle. Each quarter we will pick two families to acknowledge.



Water Conservation Rebate Program

The City once again was awarded a Metropolitan Council Grant as part of the Council's 2019-2022 Water Efficiency Grant Program. The amount of the grant is \$6,300. Mahtomedi is one of forty cities in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area that applied for and was accepted into this grant program.

Grant funds will be used for the City's ongoing water conservation program. The City is offering \$50 rebates to Mahtomedi Water Utility Households replacing washing machines or toilets. Residents can bring in their original purchase receipts and documentation of applicable required certifications (i.e. user manual) and get a \$50 check. Toilets must be labeled Water Sense Certified and use 1.28 gallons per flush. Washing machines must be Energy Star-Qualified High Efficiency Certified. Rebates are available on a first come first serve basis. One rebate check per household.

Forms are available on the City's website at www.ci.mahtomedi.mn.us. For more information, contact City Hall at 651-426-3344.

Understanding Your Trash Bill

Did you know that the average household produces about one ton of trash per year? Everything that you put in your trash cart is delivered to the Recycling & Energy Center (R&E Center) in Newport, MN, where it is processed to recover metals for recycling and make renewable fuel used to generate electricity. By processing trash at the R&E Center and through recycling, yard waste, food waste, and household hazardous waste collection programs, over 90% of waste in Ramsey and Washington counties is diverted from landfills.

All trash is local. This means that the type of trash service can vary from city to city. The cost of trash service includes containers, collection vehicles, transfer stations, processing facilities, fuel, staff, insurance and much more.

In general, the East Metro is a user-fee based system, with waste generators (residents, businesses) paying haulers for the services provided, and paying state taxes and county charges on that service. Some residents pay their city for trash collection, and the city contracts with a hauler or haulers to provide the service.

Generally, the cost of trash service has two distinct parts: collection and disposal. Local and national studies show that about 2/3 of the cost comes from the collection and transportation of waste, which includes things like the cost of trucks, maintenance, fuel, labor, insurance and so on. The other 1/3 is for disposal — the "tipping fees" that haulers pay to deposit waste at a transfer station, landfill, or processing facility such as the Recycling & Energy Center (R&E Center).

All trash generated in Ramsey and Washington counties is, by law, required to be delivered to the R&E Center, where it is processed to recover value. Haulers pay a per-ton fee for disposal of waste at a transfer station, landfill, or processing facility. For waste delivered to the R&E Center (or to one of the approved transfer stations serving the facility), the tipping fee that haulers pay is set by the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board to cover the cost of handling that trash.

For more information please visit <https://recyclingandenergy.org/residents-self-haulers/>

DOO GOOD!

Pick up dog doo. Protect streams.

Dog doo can pollute stormwater. Rain and melting snow flows across yards and trails, collecting in storm drains that lead directly to streams. Contaminated water can cause typhoid fever, viral and bacterial gastroenteritis and hepatitis A. Pet waste also contributes to algae growth, making our lakes and rivers green and unsightly. In some urban areas, as much as 20% of water-borne bacteria can be traced to dog droppings. It has also been estimated that 100 dogs could contribute enough waste to contaminate a small lake or pond within only two to three days.

Be a "Doo Gooder"

You can make a difference by being a responsible pet owner/guardian.

Here are 4 tips every "Doo Gooder" should know:

- TIP 1:** Be prepared: carry poop bags with you.
Take extra bags so you don't run out.
- TIP 2:** Make sure the bag ends up in a trash can.
- TIP 3:** When you hike, never leave a bag on the trail — there's nobody designated to pick them up!
- TIP 4:** Pick it up at home to keep your yard healthy and to protect streams.

