

City of Hawley Newsletter - March 2020



Daylight savings time
begins Sunday,
March 8th
please remember to
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one hour!



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- **Hawley City Hall**
218-483-3331
305 6th Street
Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
www.hawley.govoffice.com
Email: info@ci.hawley.mn.us
- **Hawley Deputy Registrar**
Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Motor Vehicle Licenses
DNR Licenses
Sorry - No Drivers' License Work
- City Council Meetings
March 2nd & 16th
(the Meetings are broadcast on Channel 14 at 5:30 p.m.)
- **Recycling Center Hours**
716 Front Street
8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Everyday
Please sort all materials into the proper bins & break cardboard down and layer flat in the bin
- Garbage Pick-up
March - no changes
- Utility Emergency - After Hours # 701-238-7657
- Pet License for 2020 are available (Please bring rabies vaccination information) \$6/year
- City Snowmobile/ATV License no charge - Please bring insurance information
- **Community Center Walking**
418 Main St
6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mon-Fri

Public Informational Meeting on Water & Sewer Replacement Project

(Phase 3) Monday, March 30, 2020 at 6:15 p.m.

At Hawley High School Auditorium, 714 Joseph Street

You are invited to an informational meeting to get updated on the water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer mains and street conditions in specific areas and for the Council to receive feedback from Hawley residents. This informational meeting will be on **Monday, March 30, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.**

Proposed Phase 3 consists of replacing old cast-iron water main pipe that has deteriorated over time due to an electrolysis condition from the type of soils in this area. The cast iron pipe was installed during the 1920's through the 1970's. The City has experienced four (4) large water main breaks in the last 2 years in the Phase 3 area. The clay tile sewer pipe allows infiltration into the sanitary sewer system causing increased flows and potential blockage and sewage back-up in these areas. It is also vulnerable to damage from tree roots. All replacement mains will be constructed of PVC pipe that has an extended life expectancy.

Those living in the proposed project areas will also receive a letter inviting them to this meeting. Proposed Phase 3 includes: Reno Street between 2nd St & 5th St; Elizabeth St between 8th & 9th St and 4th & 6th St and 1st & 2nd St; Joseph St between 7th & 8th St and 4th & 6th St and 1st & 2nd St; Hartford St between 2nd & 3rd St; 1st Street between Reno St & Joseph St; 2nd St between Reno St & Hartford St; 3rd St between Elizabeth St & Hartford St; 5th Street between just north of Reno St & Main St; 8th St between Elizabeth St & Joseph St; 9th Street between Reno St & Joseph St and Hartford St & Main St; and the areas just south of Hwy 10 & west of the Railroad.



The City of Hawley has done two large projects in the past to replace water and sanitary sewer mains: Phase I in 2005, and Phase II in 2008. There are substantial cost savings when doing the replacement work as part of a large project. The City did two smaller projects due to failed mains and/or streets: Portions of Joseph, Reno, Sixth, Tenth Streets & Westgate Circle in 2009; and Portions of Third, Hartford, Hobart, & 15th Streets, Westgate Circle, and Sunset Blvd in 2011.

The City is applying for PFA low interest financing for this project. The proposed time-frame for this work is summer of 2021.

Public Informational Meeting on Sidewalks (Safe Routes to School)

Monday, March 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

At Hawley High School Auditorium, 714 Joseph Street

The public is invited to attend our 2nd informational meeting to hear about route updates and give input on Hawley's plans to install Safe Routes to School (SRTS) pathways in the summer of 2021 as part of our large Phase 3 infrastructure replacement project.

Hawley has received a Safe Routes to School Grant for \$300,000 that will fund the installation of the SRTS sidewalks/pathways. They will connect the school to the community within a 1/2 mile radius and greatly increase the number of students and residents that can travel more safely by walking on these off-street sidewalks that separate them from traffic.

After studying the survey information and layouts, the proposed SRTS sidewalks/pathways have been refined and slightly revised.

The updated SRTS areas are: north side of Joseph Street between 8th St & Westgate Park; north side of Reno Street between 5th St & the school; and north side of Joseph Street between 5th & the school.

The other SRTS areas proposed earlier will not be built at this time. We will continue to look for grants to build these areas in the future: 10th St between Joseph St & Main St; and Reno Street between 1st St & 5th St.

The updated design of SRTS pathways are: to slightly narrow the street and extend the boulevard area so that the 5' SRTS pathway & 2' cement buffer are placed along the curb line. We plan to have some detailed drawings available for your review at this meeting. This allows the property owners to retain their driveway parking and will allow the City to remove the snow from the new SRTS pathways.

The City is proposing a new policy where in Residential Areas the City will remove snow from all SRTS and sidewalks that are 5' wide or more. Sidewalks that are less than 5' wide will keep the current policy where property owners responsible for snow removal.

These pathways will allow travelers safe and easy movement from the school into the community. There will be a connection to the Westgate Park walking path to allow even more off-street connections for students.

5th STREET pathway on the west side of the Street is still being studied. The Council wants to ensure that there is adequate room in the driving lanes on this County State Aid Highway (CSAH) if we narrow the street to put in a pathway.

The Council and City Engineer will give a formal presentation and then there will be tables set up with maps of the routes for people to come and view and make written comments for the Council. We hope to see you at this important meeting.

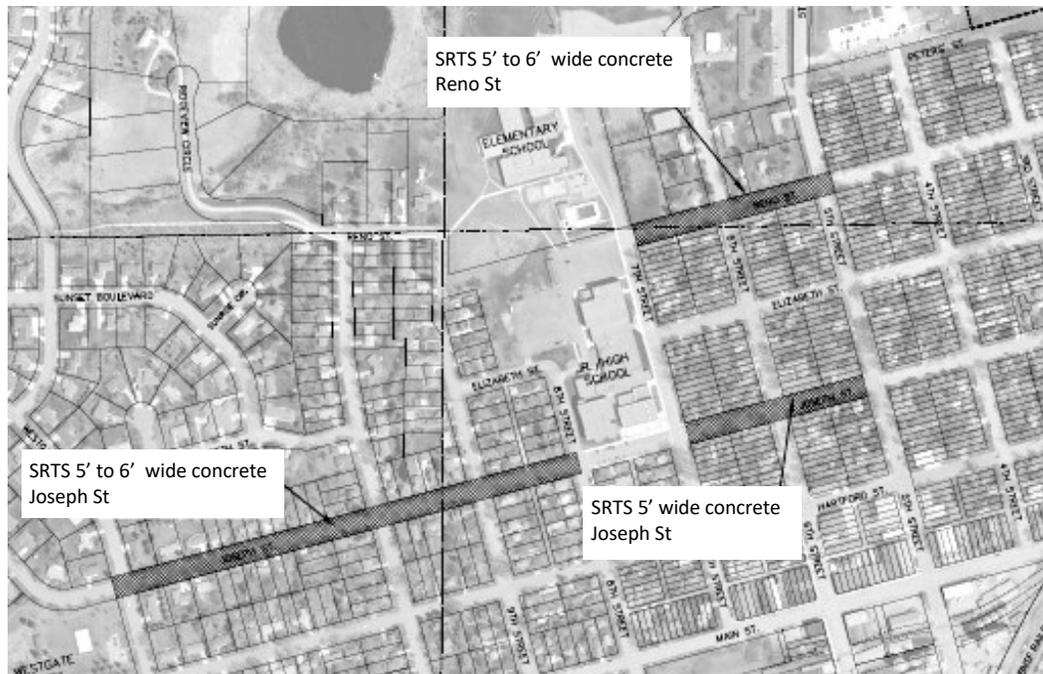


Minnesota Safe Routes to School

is an effort to improve walking and bicycling conditions for our youth and encourage more active lifestyles. The Minnesota Department of Transportation along with many other partners across the state are working together to help schools and communities develop Safe Routes to School programs.

To increase opportunities for children to walk and bicycle to school safely, the 2005 federal transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU, provided funding for Safe Routes to School in all 50 states. The federal legislature created SRTS, in part, to help reverse the alarming nationwide increase in childhood obesity and inactivity.

The program has been successful nationwide in delivering numerous benefits to local communities including reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality and helping kids arrive to school focused and ready to learn.



HAWLEY CENSUS SPECIFICS....

We believe that census materials will arrive to residents in Hawley around March 12th.

► Residents who use their physical address for mail delivery will get, in the mail, a paper Census request to complete your Census on-line or you can request a paper Census.

► Residents who have a PO Box mailing address will get a hand delivered Census packet at their door. It will include a paper questionnaire. Census workers may visit your door multiple times in order to hand deliver the Census.

► Census workers will have clear identification tags to identify them.

► Census surveys can be completed on-line.

► Please take a few moments and answer the 10 to 15 Census questions and return your information.

THANK YOU FOR BEING COUNTED!

Minnesota Presidential Nomination Primary

WHO: MN Voters that live in the Hawley City Limits
WHAT: MN Presidential Nomination Primary
WHERE: Hawley Community Center, 418 Main Street
WHY: To select a Presidential Candidate for either the Republican Party or Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party
WHEN: Tues, March 3, 2020 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Solid Waste Disclosure

The City of Hawley is required by the State of Minnesota to inform you that your garbage is hauled to the Clay County Landfill under Landfill Permit #34.

You may be responsible for any liability that results from contamination at a facility where your waste has been deposited. Minnesota believes that its waste management system provides substantially more financial and environmental protection than depositing waste in landfills in other states. Managing your waste in Minnesota may minimize your potential liability. Hawley's waste management is provided by Fuchs Sanitation of Glyndon, MN.

Please consider putting a lid on your garbage can to limit the amount of snow and rain that is dumped with your trash. As garbage is now charged by the weight, it would be helpful to keep that extra water out. Thank you.