



Summer 2016

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you're enjoying our beautiful summer! Here's an update of recent City news and activities, along with reminders of a few basic City Ordinances. Also included are some practical water conservation tips for us to be good stewards of our environment now and for the future --- please do all you can to conserve water usage in each of our daily lives.

Dellwood Roads

For the 2016 "summer repair season," the City continues on its long-term road maintenance schedule, planning for a combination of spot repairs, sealcoating and roadside culvert/watershed maintenance. Streets planned for 2016 sealcoating include all roads in the "Pine Tree Hills" area:

- Evergreen Road
- Glen Edge Road
- Shady Woods Road
- Many Levels Road
- Overlook Road

As the City becomes aware of the final sealcoating schedule, we will notify residents on the affected streets. We strive to remain "pothole-free" – please contact the City Office if you see a (*Dellwood City Street*) pothole problem.

Mail Box or House Numbers

The Washington County Sheriff continues to ask the City to pass this on to our residents --- ***the Sheriffs need a legible house number on the home mailbox and/or the face of the home.*** The numbers should be large enough to be seen from the road day or night. This is for each resident's benefit in a time of need.

Exterior Storage and Use of Personal Property and Recreational Equipment

The City has Ordinances that govern exterior storage. The City's position is that the exterior storage and use of personal property items, including recreational vehicles, boats, trucks, docks, trailers, play equipment, etc., must follow these regulations. *Please respect residents' and neighbors' views by storing and/or locating your personal property in a manner that's fully screened --- not to be visible from any street or adjoining property.* This includes compost piles and yard waste. It also includes routine parking of no more than two (2) licensed vehicles. If you have a question about a situation, please call the City Clerk or visit Title IX, Chapter 95 of the Dellwood City Ordinance at: <http://www.dellwood.us>.

Vendors

Summer can bring vendors. The City maintains an Ordinance covering vendors. **Vendors are required to have a copy of the City License/Proof of Registration on their person if they come to your door --- don't accept vendors who say they have a license but it is at their headquarters.** The City gives out very few licenses. Call 911 if you are suspicious.

Recycling

Waste Management, Inc. (W.M.) continues to provide a strong safety and service record utilizing their natural gas vehicles. Their bi-weekly Thursday "single sort" pickup program will remain unchanged. Dellwood pays 100% of your recycling costs – provided through Grant money and General City funds. If you have a mechanical, natural wear-and-tear problem with your cart, call Waste Management (952-890-1100); or visit their website for information about pick-up dates, what to recycle and contact numbers: <http://www.wmtwincities.com>. For additional recycling information and resources, go to the Dellwood City website / Announcements & Updates / Recycling Information. *Keep recycling --- it benefits everyone.*

Animal Control

Dellwood's Ordinance prohibits owners from allowing their pets to run at large. Allowing pets to roam is not only a discourtesy to neighbors, but can also put your pets in danger. Please "hear" your dog's bark, and please control the animal(s) to respect others.

All pets must have a license issued by the City of Dellwood --- be sure to maintain current vaccination schedules with your veterinarian. Currently, the license can be purchased for \$8.00+tax at City Hall and is valid for 2 years — please bring a copy of the pet's current rabies certificate when you purchase your license, or, mail-in the Animal License Application attached. *The license is an important protection for your animal if it should wander off and will help to identify and support the safe return of your pet.*

Our Animal Control Officer is Sherrill Reid at 651-485-4892; you may also contact the Washington County Sheriff at 651-439-9381 for services needed by Sherrill. **Stray animals are taken to Hillcrest Animal Hospital, 1320 East County Road D Circle, Maplewood (651-484-7211).**

Be Aware of Scams

The Washington County Sheriff continues to warn residents in Dellwood and throughout the County about a wide-range of **scams**. Many scams have been phone solicitation initiated, whereupon money, gift cards, etc. are demanded to "clear-up" the issue claimed. Unbelievable though you may think, area phone scams have imitated the IRS collections, Xcel Energy collections, family jail bail demands, etc.. If you get any suspicious or unusual information, please call the Washington County Sheriff at 911; prompt resident leads are critical for law enforcement success to apprehensions.

United States Flags

In conjunction with the support of the Mahtomedi/Willernie American Legion, for traditional United States "Flag Holidays," we support displaying U.S. Flags on available telephone poles along Highway #244 from the Mahtomedi border to the Highway #96 intersection. If you have brief available time to assist in the seasonal install and removal efforts of the flags for these holidays, please contact our City Clerk for further information.

Septic Systems

The City performs annual inspections of all septic systems. *Every* home is inspected to insure that their system is working and in compliance with City and State Codes. We have among the most stringent septic regulations in Minnesota to ensure safety and environmental responsibility. The City maintains an excellent compliance record. If you have questions, please contact City Hall.

Fallen Trees

We've been fortunate through this Spring and early Summer season to have had minimal storm issues. If a tree falls onto a City street, we will remove the tree to clear the roadway; if it grew on the City right-of-way, we will also clean it up and only leave a short stump. If the tree grew on private property, it is the landowner's responsibility to clean it up and properly dispose of the tree. Right-of-way distances vary throughout the City, so usually the Road Commissioner will come to measure.

Please remember – disposing of trees, grass clippings, leaves, etc., does not mean putting it on someone else's property or City property, or on any wetlands or lakeshore property.

Finances

The City remains within operating budget for 2016. All City services continue to be financed by existing levies and/or savings. Looking further "down the road," a 2019 City Bonding project evaluation will soon be initiated for financing the second phase of significant road reconstruction in our City – more to come next year, as roadway review and engineering/planning unfolds. Dellwood does not control County or School District levies.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Primary concern of water pollution in Washington and Ramsey County includes water runoff from residential areas. What can you do at your home to keep possible polluted runoff from reaching our local watersheds? First, limit the amount of water leaving your property. Redirect downspouts from the driveway to your lawn, plant native flowers and grasses, and build a rain garden. Second, limit the amount of pollution leaving your yard. During warmer months, apply non-phosphorus fertilizer sparingly, pick up after your pet, and sweep grass clippings and leaves out of the street. Additional educational links for stormwater management are available at www.cleanwatermn.com.

Dellwood's MS4 SWPPP

What is a SWPPP?:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has a plan to protect stormwater which requires groups, like the City of Dellwood, that own and operate a stormwater conveyance system (e.g. curb and gutter and/or ditches) to get a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. The MS4 permit requires communities to minimize pollutants that get into their system through a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Each SWPPP has to cover each of the following areas:

1. Public education and outreach.
2. Public participation and involvement.
3. Illegal discharge detection and elimination.
4. Construction site stormwater runoff control.
5. Post-construction stormwater management.
6. Good housekeeping and pollution prevention practices for municipal operations.

Dellwood has developed a SWPPP to meet the MPCA's requirements, with summary information of Dellwood's plan on the City's website at: www.dellwood.us

Dellwood's MS4 Activities in 2016:

1. Published stormwater articles via the City's newsletter and website.
2. Continued partnership with the East Metro Water Resources Education Program (EMWREP).
3. Held annual public meeting on April 12, 2016.
4. No illicit discharges reported in 2015.
5. No construction site violations in 2015.

Questions about the SWPPP?:

Do you have questions about the SWPPP? Please mail a written letter to City of Dellwood, PO Box 775, Willernie, MN 55090 or send an email to the City Clerk at: dellwoodcityhall@comcast.net. Written complaints must include complainant's name, address and phone number and must be signed.

Additional Information:

MPCA MS4 Permit Page: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater>

Dellwood City Council, Planning Commission and Support Services

I thank the many people who volunteer their time and energy to ensure the City runs efficiently and safely! Our City representatives, staff and contracted resources offer years of experience and knowledge -- they include:

Dellwood City Council

- Bob Nuffort, Mayor
- Jim Cuff
- Edwin McCarthy
- Frank Pazlar
- Scott St. Martin

Dellwood Planning Commission

- Lin Lindbeck, Chairman
- Bill Glumack
- Eileen Biagini
- Roger Vadnais
- Beverly Driscoll

White Bear Lake Conservation District Representatives: George St. Germain & Pat McCann

City Treasurer: Mike McGill

City Clerk: Joanne Frane

Road maintenance: Ken Johnson/KEJ Enterprises

Tree Inspector: Karl Brogren/Timberline Tree Service

Police/Emergency Services: Washington County

Water/Septic Inspector: Brian Humpal

City Attorney: Richard Copeland

Building Official: Jack Kramer

Issues Coordinator: Mike Laub

Fire Services: White Bear Lake Fire Department

Reminders

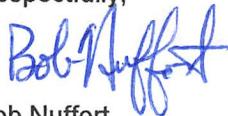
- **Non-emergent issues - Washington County Sheriff: 651-439-9381. Emergent issues - always call 911.**
- Be safe when you park and wherever you park - *lock your vehicle and hide possessions out of sight. We have had many property thefts from within vehicles not locked!!*
- Any building or remodeling work over \$300.00 requires a building permit.
- All recreational vehicles, such as ATV's, snowmobiles, etc. are to be used only on one's private property in Dellwood. Please respect time of usage of such vehicles. With appropriate recreational vehicle and driver licensing, designated State and County trails are always available.

- The City website address is: www.dellwood.us. Some of the items on this website include the Building Permit application and requirements, services and hours, and the City Ordinances.
- City meetings are open to the public:
 - Planning Commission - First Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m.
 - City Council - Second Tuesday each month at 5:30 p.m.

As always, please feel free to contact me at BNuffort@me.com, or directly 612-867-5159 cell.

'Have a wonderful Summer!

Respectfully,



Bob Nuffort
Mayor of Dellwood

From Angie Hong, Water Resource Education Specialist -- East Metro Water Resource Education Program:

- Visit <http://www.mnwcd.org> for workshop materials and fact sheets on area environmental issues.
- Visit the East Metro Water Blog <http://eastmetrowater.areavoices.com> where Angie posts her newspaper articles.
- Find native plants that will grow well in your yard, as well as garden designs and partner nurseries and landscaping companies at www.BlueThumb.org. You can also contact the Washington Conservation District to request a list of Native Flowers, Shrubs and Trees that are beneficial for birds and butterflies as well as a list of local nurseries and landscaping companies that specialize in native plants (angie.hong@mnwcd.org or 651-275-1136 ext. 35).
- Visit <http://www.extension.umn.edu> and click on "Gardens" to access additional information about lawns care and landscaping.
- Bring your household hazardous wastes (paint, motor oil, etc.) to the Washington County Environmental Center. Call 651-275-7475 for drop-off locations and times.

Water Usage Tips

While Dellwood residents and businesses are not required to measure and report private well water usage, it is certainly in *all* our best interests to focus and act on water conservation efforts. The national water use standard under consideration for the State of Minnesota is 75 gallons or less of water per person per day. Efforts are in process to implement a regional voluntary program to add water meters to private wells so residents can track and impact their water usage. With summer season, this is especially important --- Minnesota DNR statistics indicate summer water usage throughout Minnesota communities increases by at least two-thirds when compared to other times of the year.

There are easy and cost-efficient measures Dellwood residents can take to reduce daily and seasonal water use:

- When remodeling bathroom fixtures, choose to install low flow toilets, showerheads and sink aerators which use less water every day.
- Track down and fix leaks in faucets, toilets and hose attachments in and around your house. One leaky faucet with a drip every second uses up to 2,082 gallons per year of water!
- If buying new water using appliances look for the EPA "Water Sense" labels. These appliances have greater water efficiency and meet EPA water conservation standards.
- Use a soil moisture meter to determine when you need to water your lawn or garden. Find it at your local hardware store. Remember, a healthy lawn needs only 1 inch of water per week to stay green.
- When watering your yard and garden, water before 10:00 am or after 5:00 pm to decrease the impact of evaporation.
- If you use a watering system, turn on or install a moisture or rain sensor so you don't water when it is raining or after a good rain. Be sure to test and check your watering lines and system every spring for leaks and damage due to winter weather and digging critters.
- Sweep driveways and steps instead of washing with water, and use a bucket and sponge for washing cars and other items. Using a running hose during outdoor chores is a big waste of water.
- If landscaping install drip lines for watering which are most efficient keeping water right next to the soil.
- Landscaping? Use this website to find native and drought resistant plants: <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/droughttolerantplants.aspx>
- Read information from *Race2Reduce*, a local conservation education organization with ideas on how to decrease your water use inside and outside of the house: <http://www.race2reduce.org>