

# Newsletter

October-December 2024

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www.cityofwestokoboji.org

#### **CONTACT INFO**

City Hall (712) 320 4394 Police (712) 336 2525 Water (712) 320 4394 Sewer (712) 338 2626

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE REGULARLY POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. in the City Hall at 501 Terrace Park Blvd

#### COUNCIL

Craig Miner – Mayor

Mike Paxton – Mayor Pro-Tem

Darlene Powers – Councilmember

Robert Hein – Councilmember

Mike Olson – Councilmember

 $Paul\ Sieh-Councilmember$ 

**City Administrator** 

Carol Chicoine

administrator@cityofwestokoboji. org

**Public Works Director** 

Chad Wellendorf

Thank you for all that have switched out your radio head on your meter. **If you would like to monitor it yourself, you can go to** <u>www.eyeonwater.com</u> and all you need to have is your account number (that is on your bill) and zip code. You will see 24-hour detail of your water usage and how many gallons you use. There is also an app that you can download too.

## END USER FEE INCREASING

Due to Milford Municipal Utilities (MMU) upgrading their water treatment plant, our end user fee (previously invasive species fee) will be increasing on this bill, from \$29.30 (\$87.90 qtr.) per month to \$49.52 per month (\$148.56 qtr.) This is following the increase MMU is charging West Okoboji for water purchase.

# KEEP UP TO DATE ON HAPPENINGS IN WEST OKOBOJI For the latest updates and events please send Carol your email to be put on a community email list. This is used to send out council agendas and city information. Also, look for announcement on our city website and utilize our calendar

www.cityofwestokoboji.org.

Last day to drop off green wastes (leaves, brush, etc.) will be **Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>**. After this date you will need to take them to Dickinson County Recycling

> Please note that my email has changed: Carol: <u>administrator@cityofwestokoboji.org</u>

## **KEEPING FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR**

During normal snow removal operations performed by the city crew, hydrants do become buried. When this occurs, the city crew must go out several times during the winter to uncover them. In the event of a fire, valuable time could be lost trying to locate a buried hydrant. The city is asking that you contact your snow removal service and advise them to please care and not cover a hydrant at your location. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter!

# City of West Okoboji is turning 100!!! West Okoboji was incorporated on December 17, 1924.

**CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE** The City of West Okoboji Office will be closed: November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Holiday December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Holiday December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Years

#### PERMITS ZONING ORDINANCE

If you plan to build (including fences, decks and sheds), change the footprint of your buildings, landscape, install or replace signage, watermain taps or sell anything in town a permit must be issued from the zoning administrator first. Permits are available on the website or stop into City Hall and pick one up. Regulations are posted under Zoning Rules on the website for your reference. If you have any questions, please contact Carol at City Hall. Fines double if works starts before approval.

## DUMPING OF SNOW ON CITY STREETS

Chapter 135 Section 12 of the West Okoboji Code States: It is **unlawful** for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveway onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct storm sewer drains, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be moved promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow. Any person violating this Code of Ordinances may be subject to a fine.

## PLEASE UPDATE

Please take the time and sign up for Front Desk to make sure the city has a current phone number on file for your property, even if you do not want to online bill pay. If there is an issue in your neighborhood or with your property, the City will try to call first to contact you. If you have changed your number since you have started services and have not called City Hall please reach out and update 😊

## GATE AT CITY HALL

Reminder: If you are a resident and would like the access to garbage/recycling bins, you can purchase a key fob from City Hall. You can come into City Hall and purchase a fob at your convenience M-F 8am-3:30pm (closed for lunch) **These fobs are for West Okoboji Residents ONLY**. Violators fobs will be deactivated and lose privileges. If you lose your fob there will be a \$5 reprogramming charge and the old fob will be deactivated.

# TERRACE PARK BEACH/DANBOM PARK UPDATES

Construction will start on Danbom Park and Terrace Park Beach is almost done! Project has a completion date of November 15. The city is still taking donations for this project. Pledge reminders have been sent out, please contact Carol if you have not received yours or would still like to donate. Thank you for all your support!

Welcome to the West Okoboji Family! Lorelai Jo-Lea Fife Born 10/22/24 10:41pm 6lbs 21 inches long Congradulations Trey and Jadelynn and Big Brother Waylon!