



# City of Wells Newsletter

## Winter 2015

### 2015 Summary Budget

Category	Levy Amount
General Revenue	\$517,647
Library	\$60,000
Debt Service	\$234,000
Capital Equipment	\$15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$826,647</b>

### DID YOU KNOW?

There is a non-profit thrift shop in Wells! The Clothes Closet, 112 South Broadway, recycles your donations of clothing, books, household items, etc. into assistance to various area organization such as food shelves, USC Weekend Backpack Food Program, MVAC, Diapers for Orphanages, plus many more. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 11am to 6pm and the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9-2.

### New 2015 Utility Rates

Sanitary Sewer (Residential & Commercial)

Base Charge- \$18.02

0-3,000- \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons

3,000 and over- \$4.20 per 1,000 gallons

### Storm Sewer

Base Charge- \$7.09 Residential

Base Charge- \$14.18 Commercial



Insect Control- \$.75

Going on right now at the Wells Public Library!

### Adult Winter Reading Program

January 20- March 31

Sign up at the Library and receive prizes for reading books!

**City Hall will be closed on February, 16th in honor of President's Day.**

**Normal hours are Mon-Fri 7:30 am-4 pm.**

### RECYCLING- WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

#### Residential

The 2015 Curbside Recycling Schedule is as follows:

January 14th & 28th

February 11th & 25th

March 11th & 25th

April 8th & 22nd

May 13th & 28th (delayed one day for Memorial Day)

June 10th & 24th

July 8th & 22nd

August 12th & 26th

September 10th (delayed one day for Labor Day) & 23rd

October 14th & 28th

November 11th & 25th

December 9th & 23rd



Please have your container facing the street by 7 am on your service days. Do not place recycling bins in the street.

You may contact Billeye Rabbe at (507) 776-3232 for more information.

If your recycling does not get picked up, please contact Hometown Sanitation Offices at (507) 235-5665 or (877) 545-4877. You may also contact them for an additional cart.

#### Commercial Recycling

The Recycling Center drop site will continue for all commercial recycling for a monthly charge of \$10. Hours at the Recycling Center are:

Monday-Saturday from 8 am to dusk. All recycling goes in one container (no sorting) and boxes must be broken down.

The City of Wells greatly appreciates all of your cooperation during this transition!



Your 2015-2016 City Council Members

David Braun, Whitney Warmka, John Herman, Ashely Seedorf, Ron Gaines

## Winter No Parking Rule Effective November 1 to April 1

When an emergency weather condition is declared, it is unlawful to park or leave stand any vehicle on ANY street or alley in the city of Wells until the roadway has been completely cleaned, curb to curb.

Any vehicle left parked or standing during this time will be ticketed by the Wells Police Department and fined \$50 .

“Emergency Weather Condition” means a condition created on roads because of the presence of snowfall. The declaration will be left up to the discretion of the City of Wells.

For information on road conditions this winter season, call the City Information Line 553-3666 or listen to KBEW 1650, KATE 1450, KEEZ 99.1. The City uses their Facebook/Twitter/Website to post these notices as well.

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### Energy Assistance

If you are looking for Energy Assistance, see <http://www.minnesotaenergyresources.com/home/assistance.aspx> or contact (800) 889-9508.

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### Cold Weather Rule

The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule protects you from unlawful heating shutoffs from October 14 through April 15.

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## Flame Theatre

Movie listings are posted to the Flame’s Facebook page—  
[www.facebook.com/wells-flame-theatre](http://www.facebook.com/wells-flame-theatre)



To advertise your business at the Flame, contact Megan Boeck at (507) 553-6371.

## SNOW REMOVAL



### Sidewalks

Snow must be removed from public sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall. The occupant of the property adjacent to a public sidewalk is responsible for keeping the walks clean and safe for pedestrians. If you fail to do so, the City will clean the sidewalks and assess you \$100 per incident.

### Snow Blowing & Snow Plowing

As a reminder when removing snow from residential and commercial properties, it is unlawful to deposit snow on a public street or alley. Snow is to either be piled or blown onto your property or is to be removed offsite. Snow piles cannot cause visual obstructions. Failure to comply may result in tickets/fines.

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### Hydrants & Storm Sewers

The City of Wells asks all residents to do their part in keeping hydrants and storm sewers clear of snow, ice and other debris.

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## City Meeting Schedule

**City Council - 2nd & 4th Mondays at 5 pm, Community Center**  
**Planning & Zoning - 1st Monday at 5 pm, City Hall**  
**HRA - 2nd Tuesday at 5:30 pm, City Hall**  
**EDA - 3rd Tuesday at 5 pm, City Hall**

Agendas for all City meetings are posted to our Facebook and Twitter pages as well as the City Hall Lobby.

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## Wood Stoves

If you use a wood stove to heat your home or garage, please adhere to the following regulation:

1. Wood, corn and pellet stoves are permitted
2. If burning wood, it must be dry and untreated.
3. If storing wood on your property, it must be cord wood only and be neatly stacked in a safe manner. Wood should be stacked against a fence or structure to provide proper support. Wood should be stacked in such a way as to prevent collapse.
4. The burning of materials other than clean, dry wood, pellets or corn is not permitted
5. External heating devices require a building permit and may only burn clean fuel solids (call City Hall for more information)
6. All smoke stacks should be built according to the manufacturer and be at least 4 feet above the peak of your roof to prevent as much down draft as possible