



City of Wells Newsletter

Winter 2015-2016

PUBLIC HEARING & AFFECTED PROPERTIES NOTICE

2017 HIGHWAY 109 FINAL LAYOUT DESIGN

The City of Wells encourages you to attend an open house & public hearing regarding proposed City Council approval of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) final project design for improvements on Highway 109.

The open house will take place:

Monday, December 7, 2015 4:00 p.m.

Wells Community Center, 189 2nd St SE

The public hearing will be held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled City Council meeting on:

Monday, December 7, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

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In 2017, MnDOT will be performing a mill and overlay and access revisions on Highway 109 from Highway 22 in Wells to I-90 in Alden. This project also includes new sidewalk construction on the **south side of Highway 109** from Dairy Queen to Dollar General.

Plans are available for viewing at City Hall or more information is available by either contacting the project manager, Forrest Hasty, at 507-304-6152 or Forrest.Hasty@state.mn.us or City Administrator Robin Leslie, 507-553-6371 x1 or rleslie@cityofwells.net.

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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NO PARKING RULE Effective November 1 to April 1

No Parking Rule

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 in violation will be ticketed by the Wells Police Department and fined \$50 or another amount approved by the City Council.

"Emergency Weather Condition" means a condition created on roads because of the presence of snow-fall. 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 at 553-3666 or listen to KBEW 1650. The City will also post weather related notifications on the City Website, Facebook and Twitter.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Snow must be removed from residential public sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of a snow event.

Downtown & other commercial sidewalks are to be cleared within 24 hours from the start of a snow event.

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 a fee of \$100 per hour 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 a ticket, fine or removal by the City at your cost.

The City of Wells respectfully requests your cooperation this winter season!



Upcoming City Hall Holiday Closures

December 24th & 25th– Christmas Holiday

January 1st– New Year's Holiday

January 18th– Martin Luther King Holiday

Curbside Recycling Schedule (every 2nd & 4th Wed)

December 9th and 23rd

January 13th & 27th

February 10th & 24th

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL UPDATE

The Wells City Council has recommended award of the base bid to Ti-Zack Concrete, Inc for the amount of \$379,161.00 for the project referenced above. The Preliminary Engineering costs for the project are \$27,570.00 and the Construction Engineering is estimated at \$56,874.15. The total project costs projected at this time are \$463,605.15. The total amount eligible for federal funding is \$370,884.12 with the local share being \$92,721.03.

The original grant amount for the project was \$262,000.00.

The City of Wells received an additional \$108,884.12 in federal dollars to make this project happen.

Project to commence in the spring. Please contact City Hall with any questions.

Energy Assistance

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

Cold Weather Rule

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

Flame Theatre

Movie listings are posted to the Flame's Facebook page—
www.facebook.com/wells-flame-theatre



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

Preventing a Water Line Freeze

Now that colder temperatures are upon us, the City of Wells wants you to know that the following tips can help prevent your line from freezing:

- Let water run at a pencil-size stream from a sink faucet. If you are nervous about letting water run while not at home, flush a toilet before you leave for the day and again as soon as you return.
- You may also try running the water at a pencil-sized stream while at home. Keep in mind, the decision to run water will be at your own expense but running water is less costly than frozen pipes.

For questions please contact Wells Public Utilities at (507) 553-3119.

Library Winter Events



Adult Reading Program: January 18—March 11

Adult Vintage Crafts: January 25th at 6:00 pm

*Presented by the Minnesota Historical Society

*The Library will be **closed December 24-27** for the Christmas Holiday.

Wood Stoves

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

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 devise 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 about the peak of your roof to prevent as much down draft as possible.