

# CITY OF DELL RAPIDS

## SPRING 2020 CITY UPDATE

IMPORTANT NEWS, DATES AND INFORMATION FOR DELL RAPIDS RESIDENTS

### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR— THE CORONA VIRUS

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” The first line of “A Tale of two Cities” might somehow express our thoughts and feelings as we live and deal with this great disruption to our lives and our society. Just about every facet of our daily lives is changed as we do what we can to be safe and to help others to be safe. These past weeks have shown us what it means to be a community of people that really do care for each other. The cooperation of our business people, the efforts being made by our teachers, the support being provided to those in need,

the positive attitude of people, all these things mean it is still **“the best of times”**.

The City of Dell Rapids has taken steps to protect our staff while at the same time providing you the necessary services of the city. Staff are mostly working from home. Certain procedures have to be done at City Hall and those work times are managed and controlled. It is critical we maintain a healthy Public Works staff who operate and maintain our Waste Water Treatment Facility and our water distribution system. Our Dell Rapids Carnegie Public

Library is closed but is still offering Story Time via social media. Our City Council meetings have half of the Council members participating by electronic means.

We continue each day to identify and understand the implications for our community in the coming weeks and perhaps months. Our prime responsibility is to try and understand how COVID-19 will impact the 2020 budget and possibly 2021. Our summer recreational programs (swimming pool, use of ball fields, campground, etc.) very possibly will be disrupted. Impact to construction ac-



### CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING COVID-19 ORDINANCE

The City of Dell Rapids met for a Special Meeting on March 30th to discuss adoption of an ordinance addressing the Covid-19 virus. The Council approved the first reading of and ordinance that emphasizes social distancing and limits gatherings within enclosed retail businesses to not more than ten patrons. This ordinance was drafted in-line with Governor Noem’s Executive Order issued on March 23rd, directing local gov-

ernments to address the Corona-Virus at the local level. The Ordinance does provide an exemption to Healthcare Facilities, Childcare Facilities, Businesses that offer food and beverage solely for off-site consumption (i.e. grocery stores, markets, convenient stores, pharmacies and food pantries) as well as hotels, golf courses (except for bars or restaurants within a golf course) and any emergency facility. The ordinance does not pro-

hibit any owner or others from entering their business nor does it address any business entity that is an employer. These businesses are asked to implement proper procedures for social distancing and the CDC guidelines. The fine for violation of this Ordinance is a Class II Misdemeanor for each day of violation. The Council is also emphasizing that our residents practice proper hygiene and obey social distancing guidelines. The Council will

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR CONTINUED...



tivities is being reviewed. Your positive outlook and attitude help us as we work to make good decisions each and every day. Your understanding of why it is important to follow the CDC guidelines to reduce the spread of the virus

is appreciated. Thank you for the smiles and the humor that really does make a difference. Our challenge is not to let down our guard but to continue to do the right thing for our families, our neighbors, our community and our state.

Your thoughts and concerns are important to us. Your support and cooperation are appreciated. I'm glad I live in Dell Rapids!!

## COVID-19 ORDINANCE CONT...

### PARENTS TAKE NOTE:

SWIMMING LESSONS SIGN UP HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS. THE OPENING OF THE SWIMMING POOL AND SWIMMING LESSONS WILL BE ANALYZED IN THE COMING WEEKS. VISIT THE CITY WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION.

consider a Second Reading of this Emergency Ordinance at the April 6th meeting with an effective date of Wednesday, April 8th.

The City Council would like to extend their gratitude towards the Dell Rapids business community and the pro-active and voluntary approach they have taken towards measures to slow the Corona Virus. They have shown an incredible crea-

tivity and a resiliency that deserves recognition and commendation. The City of Dell Rapids asks that our community continue to support our local businesses to help them get through this unknown time.

The intent of the Dell Rapid Corona Virus Ordinance is not to force closure of local business. The intent is to create consistency and solidarity across Minnehaha County and

our region as Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County and other surrounding communities adopt similar rules. The City emphasizes that citizens need to take this virus very seriously. Together as a united region we can battle and slow the spread of this virus. Please visit the City's website for updates as development occur over the next several weeks.

**CITY CAMPGROUND:** AN OPENING DATE FOR THE CAMPGROUND HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS. PLEASE VISIT THE CITY WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ON AN OPENING DATE.

## FREE RUBBLE SITE DAYS

The City Council has declared 3 days in May as Free Rubble Site Days. The rubble site is located on the south west edge of town by turning off of Hwy 115 on Zero Street turning onto Quarry Road. The free days are as follows;

- Saturday - May 2nd from 9 AM to 4 PM
- Thursday - May 8th from 1 PM to 6 PM
- Saturday May 9th from 9AM to 4 PM

The Rubble Site is a restricted site that doesn't accept household waste, recyclable materials or electronics. It is restricted to tree branches, yard waste, construction materials, furniture, mattresses etc... There is a \$10.00 fee for appliances.

Rubble Site Summer Hours: Tuesdays and Thursday 1PM to 6 PM and Saturdays 9 AM to 4 PM

⇒ Please Check the City website for an opening date or adjusted hours for the Rubble Site if changes occur due to the Covid-19 virus.



## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS STREAMED ON-LINE

During this period of the Covid-19 Virus, the City Council is taking precautions for conducting City Council Meetings. The City is inviting the public to participate using “Zoom Meetings”. The City

will be utilizing Zoom Meetings to stream audio of the meeting and allow for participation through the chat feature. Please check the City website for the Zoom log in information accessible by computer and dial in access via a phone number meeting.



## LIBRARY PROGRAMS ADJUSTED

Library life is looking a little different these days, but we are still finding ways to connect with our community! Every weekday, the library is hosting a storytime on Facebook Live at 9:00 AM and a chapter book reading on Facebook Live from 2:00-2:30 PM. We recently hosted a short story contest, and have other creative writing challenges planned for the future! Even though our doors are closed to the public, we are still able to

provide our patrons with books and audiobooks through the free Libby app! Please email or message the library on Facebook with any questions. We have started planning our summer reading program, which might look a little different this year. We are exploring online options to provide the best summer reading experience possible. We certainly miss seeing everyone at the library, but we are enjoying finding new and creative ways to reach you!



## SE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT—UPDATE

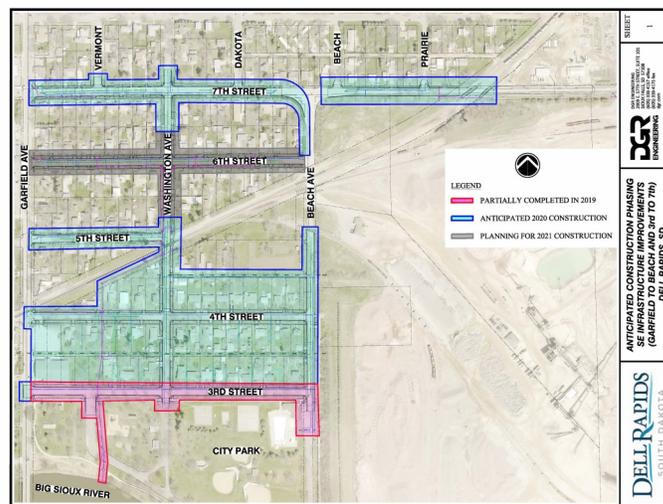
The City of Dell Rapids is continuing with plans to finish the South East Construction project. 2020 serves as the second year of this three year planned project to replace old infrastructure in this section of our community. Construction of the SE Infrastructure Improvements project is expected to resume on April 6, 2020. The Contractor plans to resume with the remaining work along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (including new water services) and expects to begin reconstruction of 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Garfield Avenue and Beach Avenue in mid-April. Construction on 5<sup>th</sup> Street is

slated to begin in April as well, but likely won't start until the second half of the month. The work along 7<sup>th</sup> Street, east of Beach Avenue, and the remainder of the work south of the railroad tracks is scheduled to begin in July or August and continue throughout the fall. The Contractor's construction

schedule is subject to change due to weather or any other unforeseen conditions during construction of the project.

The project will create inconveniences for the entire community. 7<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed during construction. 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Beach Avenue will be utilized as a detour route throughout the construction of 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

A text messaging system will be used by the City to send out updates on street closures throughout construction of the project. To subscribe to the text message updates, text the word “PROJECT” to 605-206-2927. Updates during construction will also be placed on the City's website.



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MESSAGE ALERTS: TEXT "DELLS"  
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- ALERTS MAY INCLUDE SNOW EMERGENCIES, MOSQUITO SPRAYING, HYDRANT FLUSHING AND OTHER IMPORTANT PUBLIC INFORMATION

## SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE RULES

According to City Ordinance it is illegal to directly plumb or discharge a sump pump into the City sanitary sewer system. This law has become even more important with the start up of the new Waste Water Treatment Facility. There are two main reasons not to discharge storm water into the sewer system. The first is during big rain events our waste water plant can become overloaded with additional flows of water caused by non sewage related infiltration. Sump pumps contribute to this additional flow. The second reason is treating waste water is expensive. The City aims to only treat necessary waste water and not the clean water associated with sump pumps. Sump pumps should be discharged onto the exterior of a home's property. The more clean water the City is treating, the more expensive it is to treat each gallon of waste water.

## SPRING RESIDENT REMINDERS

- **Building Permits Required:** If you are planning a summer improvement to your home or property, please remember that a building permit is required. The City follows the International Building Code. Please contact City Building Inspector, Ben Gruis prior to proceeding with your project. Call (605) 321-9011 to speak directly with the Building Inspector.
- **Grass and Weed Maintenance:** Be a good neighbor! All lawns must be kept below 8" in height and all noxious weeds need to be controlled.
- **Chicken Permits Required:** Chickens are allowed but require a permit. Download an application from the City website and submit to City Hall prior to purchasing your chickens.
- **Golf Cart Licenses Available:** It is necessary for cart owners to obtain an annual golf cart license. The annual fee is \$5.00 and can be obtained at City Hall. A sticker will be issued to be placed somewhere on the cart. A license application can be downloaded from the City's website.

## HYDRANT FLUSHING PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Dell Rapids Public Works Department will be flushing water hydrants during the months of April and May. Hydrants will be flushed throughout the City as weather and schedules allow. Because of the nature of the work it is difficult to determine when and where hydrants will be flushed. Please be mindful of when flushing occurs in your neighborhood. Flushing hydrants may stir up sediment that can end up in private service lines creating dirty and discolored water. It is recommended to run water for a short period prior to starting a load of laundry to avoid staining of clothing. The Public Works Department apologizes for any inconvenience and thanks you for your understanding.



**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS OF EVERY MONTH AT DELL RAPIDS CITY HALL. PLEASE SEE THE CITY WEBSITE FOR ZOOM MEETING CONNECTIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.**