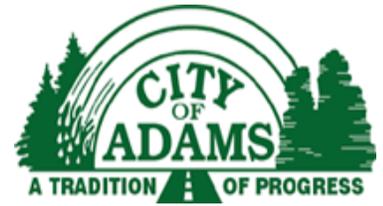


NEWS FOR OUR CITY NEIGHBORS

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Administrators Announcement... UTILITY BILL CHANGE:

Water Utility customers will notice a change effective with this summer quarter water bill. The change represents a fee assessed for public fire protection services provided through the Water Utility. The fee is based on meter size and for the typical household the quarterly fire protection fee is \$28.50. The fire suppression component of the Water Utility and expenses therein includes all fire hydrants on the system, two elevated water storage towers and the necessary well pumping capacity. The public fire protection fee is not a new charge but would more accurately be described as a change in how this cost was previously billed. The public fire protection charge had been paid to the Water Utility from the City's General Fund. In other words, the public fire protection charge was being paid from property tax dollars. Shifting the public fire protection fee from the property tax levy to the Water utility bill translated to a 28% reduction in the City portion of the property tax bill. The 28% reduction in the City property tax equates to \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Continuing to pay the fire protection cost out of property tax dollars would have required a 5% increase in the property tax levy. That option held little appeal to anyone involved in the annual budget process.

FISHING WELL: In other water related news, the City has submitted multiple grant and loan funding applications to support the installation of a new and vitally needed municipal well. Grant and loan programs are typically very competitive and require a great deal of preparation. Should the City be approved for a higher grant ratio funding program, the benefit (e.g. rates) as well as the efforts will have many pleasant returns

Communication from the Chief of Police... Fireworks and the 4th are very careful when using fireworks. Adults should supervise their children when they are using fireworks. Some fireworks can not be used in the City of Adams, i.e. bottle rockets, mortar type fireworks, fire crackers and such. Use of these types of fireworks in the City of Adams is prohibited. Fines can range between \$186.00 and \$375.00 dollars. If you have questions, please contact the department.

The 4th of July parade will start at 10:00am on Saturday. During the parade Main Street will be closed to traffic and all traffic will be detoured onto Ann Street (CTH M) to 11th Ave to East Lake Street. Plan ahead if you are tending the parade.

If you have a pool, make sure to stop at City Hall and get a copy of the regulations concerning pools in the City of Adams. There are several requirements that pool owners must meet prior to using a pool.

If you have not licensed your dog or cat, you should do so. A fine for not having them licensed is \$186.00. Licenses can be obtained at City Hall and you must bring in proof of vaccination.

Milwaukee Brewer Baseball Cards are available at the department and from officers of the Adams Police Department. All you have to do is stop by or ask a officer while on patrol for some cards.

As a reminder to motorists, you must yield to pedestrians in the cross walks. As you travel about during the holiday weekend, be sure to buckle up!! As an operator of a motor vehicle it is your responsibility to make sure everyone in your vehicle is wearing a seat belt.

You can check on construction, flooding and closures of state highways by calling the Wisconsin Department of Transportation at 1-800-762-3947 or go to www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/road/workzones and you will find a list of

highway projects in the State. A reminder to the citizens, you are the eyes of the



Have a Safe & Enjoyable Independence Day!

The Clerk/Treasurer's Office will be closed:

community, report any suspicious activity to the department.

Comments From Your Clerk...

Utility Deferred Agreements – Are available to those who need them. Contact the Clerk's office with any questions.

Public Works Publication...

ADDITIONAL METER RENTAL: Meters for watering lawns are available. The rates are \$12.00 per quarter for 5/8" or 3/4" meter and \$40.00 initial meter installation charge. GRASS MOWING: Pursuant to Section 1-6 of the Municipal Code of the Ordinance for the City of Adams. Lawn grasses, and noxious weeds on non-agricultural lots or parcels, which exceed 8" in length, shall be considered a nuisance. The Weed Commissioner shall give written notice to the owner that such nuisances shall be cut within (five) days. At the end of this period the Weed Commissioner shall destroy or cause to destroy such weeds and the costs therein shall be applied to the tax roll.

SCREENED COMPOST: The City also has a supply of screened compost at a cost of \$12.00 per yard loaded, between the hours of 11:00AM - 3:00PM Monday - Friday at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The "Drop Off" site has changed locations and hours. The new location is behind the Public Works garage at Juneau and Center Street and can be accessed through the main gate. Please be aware of the new signs that are in place and what is and is not allowed to be dropped off. These sites are for the City of Adams Residents only! Anyone that is not a City of Adams resident caught depositing material or waste that is not acceptable will be issued a citation. The new hours are from 7:30AM - 3:00PM, Monday - Friday. Any dumping outside the gate will be handled as a littering fine. OAK WILT: Managing the potential hazard of the spreading of Oak Wilt is an ongoing challenge. One step in the direction is not cutting down or trimming of Oaks during the period between April 1st and August 31st. Per City ordinance, you are to cut down diseased trees on your property after August 31st and before April 1st. The City will continue to identify and mark all diseased trees in the City with an orange "X". The owner is responsible for removing trees on private property

he City would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you need assistance, please contact us at the **Department of Public Works at 339-913.**

TRASH & RECYCLING: Refuse is not to be set out more than 24 hours prior to pick-up time per City ordinance. Refuse must be in covered containers or tied clear garbage bags. **BRUSH REMOVAL & CHIPPING:** All brush should be placed parallel to the street or alley and away from any mailboxes, poles or signs, but not extending into the roadway. All branches should be cut in 4' to 8' lengths. Brush chipping days may change depending on the weather. **LEAF PICK-UP:** During the summer months, leaves and grass clippings will only be picked up if they are put in the brown paper recycle bags and set by the curb or alley.