

Notes from the Mayor

GREETINGS NEIGHBORS!

I am so excited to announce the splash pad
being planned at Prairie Park!

The Parks and Recreation Commission has discussed adding a splash pad to Otsego for many years. The concept plan approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council can be viewed on the City website and is a zero-depth design with 18 spray features surrounded by a seating wall, trees and landscaping and near other play equipment. The project is being funded entirely by monies collected from developers that are dedicated for construction of community park improvements. With final approvals being made as you read this, the splash pad will be ready for use by late summer!

The Parks and Recreation Commission is sponsoring lots of recreation events in Otsego this summer. The schedule to the right highlights some of the many events that are planned. These events are offered for free and held rain or shine - please bring chairs as seating at the park is limited. Otsego Parks and Recreation Commission also offers organized team sport activities for all ages throughout the summer.

For more information regarding the complete schedule of summer recreation programming in Otsego please visit the City's website or ISD 728 Community Education's website at www.728communityed.com.

We hope the splash pad and all the recreation events will encourage more people to make play dates and bring their children to Prairie Park to enjoy the warm summer months. Best wishes to you and your family for a safe summer season!

~Jessica Stockamp

Prairie Park Summer Event Schedule

MORNINGS IN THE PARK TUESDAYS AT 10:00 a.m.

June 14, Magnificent Bugs

June 21, Sunflower Puppets

June 28, Dazzling Dave: Yo-Yo Performance

July 12, STAR Michaelina

July 19, MN Zoomobile

PENNY CARNIVAL FRIDAY, JUNE 29 10 a.m. TO NOON

EVENINGS IN THE PARK WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 p.m.

July 20, Slither & Slime

July 27, The FLYERS

August 3, Raptor Center

August 10, STAR Michaelina

August 17, MN Zoomobile

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Everyone is excited to get outside and spruce up their property after the long winter. Here are some City Code regulations to follow to help keep Otsego an attractive and inviting place to live:

- Lawns and boulevard areas must be mowed regularly so that grass is not longer than eight (8) inches except as allowed by the City Code.
- When mowing, do not discharge grass clippings into the street as this debris can block stormwater drains and add to the maintenance work required of the Public Works Department, increasing cost.
- Noxious weeds (and dandelions) must be eliminated before the plants go to seed.
- Planting within the boulevard or public right-of-way (generally 16 feet behind the curb or street) is limited to deciduous trees with minimum clearance requirements for vehicles and pedestrians. Note that the City is not responsible for any damage to plants or trees within the boulevard or public right-of-way.
- Exterior storage on residential properties is limited to licensed and operable passenger vehicles less than 12,000 lbs gross vehicle weight parked on a driveway, two recreational vehicles and/or licensed trailers, construction or landscaping materials being used for a current project on the property or other common items such as outdoor furniture or neatly stacked firewood.
- Selling of automobiles, recreational equipment or similar property belonging to the occupant is limited to two items per calendar year and must be parked on a driveway and not within the public right-of-way.
- Swimming pools or hot tubs more than 30 inches deep must be secured by a four foot fence and lockable gate or in the case of above ground pools by removing the ladder when not in use.

For more information regarding specific property maintenance requirements, please contact City Hall or visit the City's website.

OTSEGO FACTS

There are **18.6 MILES OF ASPHALT TRAILS** within Otsego in parks and adjacent to City streets and County Roads. The City in 2002 also began requiring developers to construct **CONCRETE SIDEWALKS** within residential neighborhoods and commercial/industrial areas and there are **18.9 MILES** of these walkways within Otsego. A **MAP OF EXISTING AND PLANNED SIDEWALKS/TRAILS** is available on the City's website.

Otsego JamFest



The second annual Otsego JamFest will be held August 5th and 6th sponsored by Otsego businesses Denny's, Holiday Inn and Rockwoods. Friday night entertainment includes national entertainers Travis Tritt, The Marshall Tucker Band and Jug. Saturday offers an array of activities throughout the day including a 5K Walk/Run, 12 mile canoe race, kids inflatable carnival, arts and craft festival, dunk tank, car show, hot air balloon rides and more. Saturday also will have live music starting at 3 p.m. and going until midnight. Visit www.otsegojamfest.com for more information.

Dogs



Dogs are required by the City Code to be kept within the boundaries of their owners' property or otherwise leashed or controlled by command of a responsible person so as to effectively be under control as by leash. Dog owners are required to pick up and dispose of feces when walking their dogs in City parks or along public trails and sidewalks. Feces must also be picked up and disposed of from yards or otherwise be subject to enforcement of nuisance violations. To report a dangerous dog, dog running at large or barking dog that is disturbing the peace, please call the Wright County Sheriff by dialing 911.



Juvenile Curfew

Parents should be aware this summer that the City has established curfew hours for minors. Except when accompanied by a parent or other guardian or under specific circumstances outlined by the City Code, persons under the age of 18 may not be in any public place or establishment during the following hours:

- **Under 16 years of age:** Between **10 p.m. and 5 a.m.** each day of the week.
- **Age 16 or 17:** Between **10 p.m. and 5 a.m.** Sunday-Thursday; **12 midnight and 5 a.m.** Friday-Saturday

The full curfew ordinance is Chapter 5, Section 3 of the City Code and is available by contacting City Hall or on the City's website under Codes/Ordinances.



On-Line Utility Bill Payment

Sewer and water customers may now receive and pay their utility bills on line. Customers will receive an email when their bill is ready to view and may pay by phone between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday or online 24 hours day, seven days a week. On-line payment options include scheduling one-time payments or recurring payment for the amount of the monthly bill. Payments made through this system post the same day. For more information about the On-Line Utility Billing Program visit the City's website or contact the payment processor Payment Services Network, Inc. by calling 887.885.7968.

Building Permits

Residents planning improvement projects should check with the Department of Building Safety about building permit requirements. The Department of Building Safety works with residents and business owners to ensure structure safety in accordance with Minnesota Building and Fire Codes, which requires building permits for roofing, siding, decks, and sheds. Permits are also required by the City for fences and swimming pools. The Department of Building Safety hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information or to obtain a building permit, please call the Department of Building Safety at 763.441.2593.



Address Display

All properties in the City are required by the City Code to display address numbers on the principal building to aid emergency responders in locating your home or business. If you have painted or resided your home, please be sure to reinstall the address numbers. Address numbers must be at least four inches high and be a contrasting or preferably reflective material and color.



National Night Out

National Night Out is **TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011**. Sponsored by the Otsego Police Commission, National Night Out is a great opportunity for neighbors to come together and get to know one another. If your neighborhood is planning an event for that evening, and would like a visit from the Wright County Sheriff or Fire Department, **please register no later than Monday, July 25, 2011.**

To register, please send the event coordinator's name, address and telephone number along with the location of the event and time to cityhall@ci.otsego.mn.us.

www.ci.otsego.mn.us

COMMISSION OPENINGS

Residents interested in becoming involved in their community may consider applying to be a member on the Otsego Parks and Recreation Commission or Heritage Preservation Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission advises the City Council on park development and recreation programming in Otsego. The Heritage Preservation Commission promotes Otsego's identity by researching and presenting information about the history of the community. Regular meetings for both commissions are held one week night per month. For more information or to receive an application form, please contact the City Clerk at City Hall or visit the City's website.

www.ci.otsego.mn.us
City Website

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Dan Scharber
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CITY COUNCIL:

Utility Department
Mon-Thu: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri: 8 a.m. - Noon

Building Department
Mon-Thu: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fri: 8 a.m. - Noon

Administration
Mon-Thu: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fri: Closed

OFFICE HOURS:

Main/Administration: 763-441-4414
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