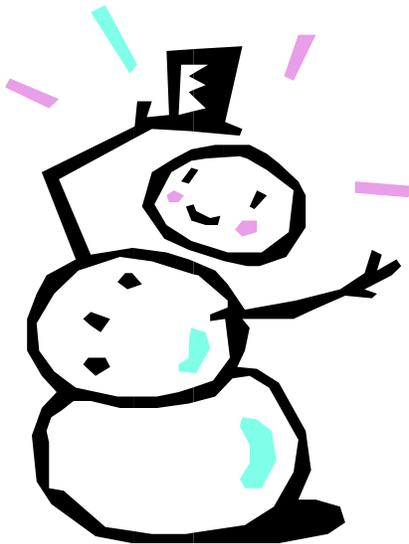




## SNOW DAYZ ARE HERE!

February 16-20



Sno Dayz will be here February 16-20, 2016.

In conjunction with Sno Dayz at Milaca Schools, Milaca Community Action Team (MCAT) will begin their Sno Dayz festivities which will include a Medallion hunt, Sno Lotto, Business vs Business Sno Bowling Tournament, softball tournaments and family skate and slide.

Watch the local papers and businesses for further details as dates get closer.

For information on events or if you want to know how you can be involved – call Tami 320-282-7437.

If you have any used ice skates, hockey skates, helmets or face shields, please drop off at city hall. These donations will be used at the warming house for kids who don't have these items. These items are very much needed and appreciated. Thank you for your help.



### CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED:

- *JANUARY 1*  
*NEW YEAR'S DAY*
- *JANUARY 18*  
*DR. MARTIN LUTHER*  
*KING JR DAY*
- *FEBRUARY 15*  
*PRESIDENT'S DAY*

*IF YOU NEED TO MAKE A PAYMENT AFTER HOURS, PLEASE USE PAYMENT DROP BOX LOCATED OUTSIDE OF CITY HALL. OR MAKE A PAYMENT AT OUR WEBSITE.*

[www.cityofmilaca.org](http://www.cityofmilaca.org)

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# COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSES

Effective July 1, 2015, all drivers renewing their Commercial Drivers License (CDL) will be required to provide a document from the following list that meets the proof of citizenship requirement:

- ◆ Valid, unexpired U.S. passport or passport card
- ◆ Certified copy of birth certificate from any U.S. state
- ◆ Consular report of birth abroad issued by the U.S. Department or state
- ◆ Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship issued by U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- ◆ Valid unexpired Permanent Resident Card      OR
- ◆ Unexpired employment authorization document issued by USCIS or an unexpired foreign passport accompanied by an approved I-94 form.



If the name on the above document is different from the current name on the CDL, the customer must also present proof of the legal name change(s). Acceptable proof consists of certified marriage certificates, certified divorce decrees or other certified court orders. Divorce decrees or other court orders must specify the name change. Identity and name change documents need to show a clear link between the citizenship or permanent residency document and the current name.

This federally mandated requirement for DVS to record this information to the record is a **one-time occurrence**.

## RENEWING YOUR VEHICLE TABS?

Per the Mn Department of Public Safety:

**169.798 RULES OF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**§Subd. 4. Insurance information required.**

**Effective January 1, 2016, proof of insurance is required when renewing at a deputy registrar's office.**

Every owner, when applying for motor vehicle or motorcycle registration, reregistration, or transfer of ownership, must provide information showing that the motor vehicle or motorcycle is covered by an insurance

policy. Information required under this subdivision consists of the insurance company's name, the policy number, and the policy expiration date for the subject motor vehicle or motorcycle.

***Bottom line: Bring in proof of insurance when renewing your vehicle tabs.***

Also effective January 1, 2016, customers now have the option to renew registration for a trailer with a gross weight greater than 3,000 pounds but less than 7,200 pounds for one (1) year or for three (3) years. If the customer selects the option to renew for three (3) years, the deputy filing fee will also be tripled.

Check with the deputy registrar's office at 320-983-3143 if you have more questions.



# DOG LICENSES ARE NOW DUE

City of Milaca Ordinance #95.02(B)(1) states the following:

*All dogs over the age of four months kept, harbored, or maintained by their owners in the city, shall be licensed and registered with the city. Dog licenses shall be for a period of two years, and shall be issued by the City Manager-Clerk upon payment of the license fee as established by Chapter 34 of this code, as it may be amended from time to time. The owner shall state, at the time application is made for the license and upon forms provided, his or her name and address and the name, breed, color, and sex of each dog owned or kept by him or her. No*

*license shall be granted for a dog that has not been vaccinated against distemper and rabies, as evidenced by a certificate by a veterinarian qualified to practice in the state in which the dog is vaccinated.*

If you have previously registered your dog with the City of Milaca, you should have received a renewal reminder in the mail mid-November.

Please check with your veterinarian to see if your dog needs to have their rabies PRIOR to obtaining their new license. License will not be issued if rabies are expired. You must bring in proof of rabies to receive license. Just bringing in the rabies tag from

the vet is not enough proof as it does not show an expiration date.

The fee remains at \$10.00 for a two year license and must be paid at the time the license is issued. This new license will be effective January 2016 to December 2017.

**Due to an Ordinance change at the December city council meeting, if you have three dogs, the license fee for the third dog is \$30.00.**

If you have any questions, please call city hall at 320-983-3141.

## NEW CITY ORDINANCE REGARDING DOGS

The Milaca City Council made a couple of ordinance changes that affect those who own dogs. Effective January 1, 2016 residents will be permitted to keep up to three domesticated animals. The previous limit was two. The second change is the license fee schedule. The first two dogs will remain at \$10 each for the two year period, and the third dog is \$30.

Other highlights of the animal ordinance:

Dogs are required to be under control of the owner at all times in the city. That means the dog must be either on

a leash, or if it is off leash, the dog must respond to commands as if it were on a leash.

Owners are required to pick up after their dog's feces. Dog owners should carry a bag or some other container with them while on walks so they can pick up after their animal and then properly dispose of the feces.

Additional information about the city's animal ordinance - Chapter 95, is found at the City of Milaca's website,

[www.cityofmilaca.org](http://www.cityofmilaca.org), click Ordinances.

If you have any questions in regard to this new ordinance, please call city hall at 320-983-3141.



**ORDINANCE #95.06**  
**Four (4) or more dogs considered a "kennel" and kennels declared a nuisance in the city.**



# SHELTER FEES

Effective January 1, 2016 the City of Milaca will be increasing shelter reservation fees. We will be implementing Resident and Non-Resident fees.

If you live **within the city limits** of Milaca, you are considered a “resident”. If you live in the county of Mille Lacs or elsewhere, you are a Non-Resident and will be charged those fees.

REC PARK	Resident	Non-Resident
Lion’s Shelter* <b>(Electricity)</b>		
Seating Capacity - 80	\$40.00	\$50.00
Small Shelter –		
Seating Capacity - 24	\$40.00	\$50.00
New Shelter* <b>(Electricity)</b>		
Seating Capacity - 32	\$40.00	\$50.00
Bandshell* <b>(Electricity)</b>		
<b>\$75.00 Deposit Required</b>	\$40.00	\$50.00
Wedding and/or Reception includes Band Shell, Lions Shelter and New Shelter	\$150.00	\$200.00
Gorecki Community Center		
<b>\$150.00 Deposit Required</b>	\$40.00	\$50.00

REINEKE PARK	Resident	Non-Resident
Civic Shelter		
Seating Capacity—28	\$40.00	\$50.00
East Shelter		
Seating Capacity—38	\$40.00	\$50.00
Fitzpatrick Shelter		
Seating Capacity—20	\$40.00	\$50.00

RIVERVIEW PARK	Resident	Non-Resident
Main Shelter		
Seating Capacity—32	\$40.00	\$50.00
Wedding Event	\$50.00	\$100.00

Be sure to call City Hall at 320-983-3141 to reserve your shelter or if you have any questions in regard to reservations.

## LIQUOR STORE NOTES

**Vicki Jeys, Manager 320-983-6255**

Welcome to another great Minnesota winter season! We never know what to expect in this state. It reminds me of the Milaca Liquor Store where we are always getting new products in that are made right here in Minnesota!

We now carry wine, liquor and beer products made in our fine state. We are very fortunate to have breweries, wineries and distilleries all over Minnesota. One is even called a Brewstillery!

So as our winter goes on and on and on, stop by the Milaca Liquor Store and spend some time looking at our large selection of wine, beer and liquor.

Don’t forget to ask our friendly staff about suggestions for warm winter drinks. We would love to help you out!

From all of us at Milaca Off Sale, we hope you have a happy winter season and remember “think spring!”

# MEETING DATES

## CITY COUNCIL

January 21  
February 18  
March 17

City Council meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Milaca City Hall

## PLANNING COMMISSION

January 11  
February 8  
March 14

Planning Commission Meetings are held as needed, the second Monday at 6:00 p.m. at Milaca City

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

January 15  
February 19  
March 18

EDC meetings are held the third Friday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at Milaca City Hall

*Please call City Hall at 320-983-3141 to confirm any of the above mentioned meeting dates and times as dates are subject to change.*

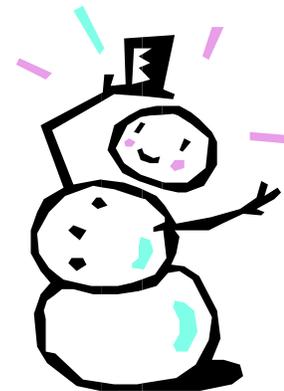
## MEET OUR NEW PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES



My name is John Oldenburg. I was raised in the Clearwater/Clearlake area. I graduated from St. Cloud Tech High School in 2000 and then was an underground boring contractor for ten years. In 2008 I purchased a house just north of Milaca. I married in 2009 to my wife Sarah, and our son, Volks, was born in 2012.

Prior to accepting the public works position with the City of Milaca, I worked at North Central Transportation driving and performing maintenance on school busses. I also had some prior experience working with the Public Works department working the past three summers as a seasonal employee.

My name is Warne Johnson. I was born and raised in Otsego, graduating from Elk River High School in 1994. I started in the municipal utility field in 2007 working for other cities, including Garrison and Otsego. I moved to Milaca in 2013 and became a member of the fire department. I live here with my significant other, Jenny, and step daughter, Kristin, who graduated from Milaca in 2015 and now lives in Sauk Center.



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# INFORMATION ON DRONES

## UNMANNED AIRCRAFT Important Safety Information

### Congratulations on your new aircraft!

Recreational Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) are a lot of fun when used safely. Please keep in mind these recreational safety guidelines that protect you and people around you.\*



**5 miles**

Contact the airport or control tower if you are within 5 miles of an airport.



Stay within an approved operational area. UAS should not be flown above populated areas, sporting events, or your neighbor's backyard.



Do not fly in adverse weather conditions or low visibility.



Fly no higher than 400 feet and remain below surrounding objects.



Avoid manned aircraft. Land if one comes within the vicinity.



Operate within line of sight. Operate only during daytime hours. No binoculars, no moving vehicles. Use an observer, if necessary.



Fly more than 25 feet away from vehicles, boats, buildings or people.



For more information, please contact  
MnDOT Office of Aeronautics at  
[DroneInfo.DOT@state.mn.us](mailto:DroneInfo.DOT@state.mn.us)  
[www.mndot.gov/aero/drones](http://www.mndot.gov/aero/drones)

Depending upon the location, other federal, state and local restrictions may apply. Please visit our website for additional resources.

\* If you are using the UAS for business there are additional requirements.

**Winter is on its way, here are a few things you need to think about to save energy and to save you money.**

## Ice Dams

It's the first big snowfall of the season and you have knots in your stomach. You're not alone! In Minnesota, this is the start of ice dam season. Some years ice dams are small and easy to ignore. But other times dangerous icicles form, water seeps through ceilings and walls, mold grows and structures are damaged. Then you might lay awake during a long winter night wondering what to do.



## What's the Problem?

Ice dams appear when heat from inside the home escapes through ceilings, walls, and other materials. It warms the roof and melts snow which then runs down to the colder eaves and freezes into ice. Over time the ice dam grows bigger forcing melted snow backwards up the roof, under roofing material, and into the house. Ice dams will often form dangerous icicles and add excess weight to the roof.

## Solving the Problem

Any of these underlying issues may contribute to ice dam formation:

- \* Poor attic insulation and/or ventilation
- \* Air leaks around wires, pipes, recessed lights and wall/ceiling vents
- \* Air leaks in attic doors, hatches or storage drawers in knee-walls
- \* Warm exhaust from kitchen/bath fans and clothes dryers improperly vented into the attic
- \* Un-insulated and/or leaky ductwork in the attic

The right time to prevent ice dams is when you don't have them. If you start work on the solution anytime spring through early fall, you can make informed, unrushed decisions. The first step is to invest in home performance assessment (energy audit) by a Certified Energy Professional who will use diagnostic testing to find what's causing your ice dams. Without this proper diagnosis you might spend time and money on the wrong solution.

The Energy Pro should do 3 assessments resulting in a prioritized solution plan:

- 1) A thorough visual inspection inside and out – Identifies the source of air leaks and insulation/ventilation problems. Provides visual aids for contractors.
- 2) Infrared thermal imaging – Same as number 1.
- 3) A blower door test – measures how leaky the home is overall

The cost for solving your ice dam problem will vary. The least expensive work may be done inside the attic when there is not a vaulted ceiling, flat roof or finished attic space. When those features are present, the challenges and expenses increase. Builders or remodelers may sometimes ignore ventilation problems in these more complex situations.

Another option is to air seal, insulate and ventilate from the outside. While more expensive, it can all be done without disruption to the inside of your home. This may be worth the investment if your problems are severe.

After the work is complete be sure to bring back the Energy Pro to assess the results and do a test for 'combustion spillage' that checks for toxic gases like carbon monoxide and other pollutants possibly coming from furnaces, water heaters, and fireplaces.



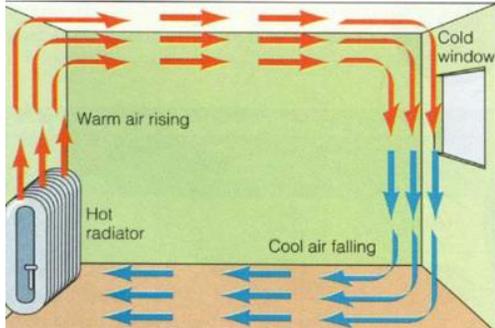
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# Windows

Have you ever tried to relax in your favorite comfy chair only to experience freezing feet and chilly shoulders? All you can think about are those cold, drafty windows! Before you decide the only solution is to either wrap up in another afghan or spend serious money replacing your windows, keep reading.

## What's the Problem?

The surface temperature of a window – even the best windows money can buy, will be colder than the surrounding insulated wall. The



draft you feel may not be a draft from leaky windows but from convection currents inside the house. Additionally heat moves from hot to cold. You are hot! (Relatively speaking). And the window is cold. The window is actually sucking the heat out of you. Convection currents and heat sucking windows are the main two reasons you feel cold. Good insulated window treatments, like cellular shades, can make a huge difference in your comfort.

But there could be other issues with your windows

Any window will naturally feel colder than a well-insulated wall. However, a single pane window has the worst insulating value compared to double and triple panes. Double or triple pane windows can lose their seal (looking cloudy) thus losing insulation value.

Just like glass in a picture frame, a window needs to be slightly smaller than the wall opening in order to fit. There is always a small gap between the wall and the window. Cold air comes right in if the installer did not seal the gap before covering it with the casing. Drafts can come through around warped window sashes that don't fit snugly when closed. If you have older double-hung windows, the channel containing the weight mechanism in the frame can be a pathway for cold outside air.

## Solving the Problem

Before you spend your kid's college fund or your retirement savings on new windows consider more cost effective options first. Generally



if your windows are not rotting, falling apart or inoperable there are many things that can be done to fix your current windows or address the real cause of the comfort issues in your home. Remember, the window sales person will always recommend windows.

Use an independent third party to assess the situation. Hire a Certified Energy Professional to find air leaks, assess window glass, and look at the larger system of the home to identify the items that are the best value for your money. They will provide a prioritized 'scope of work' plan. In a single visit, the Energy Pro will assess the home and the windows to determine what's needed – sealing air gaps, replacing panes/sashes or replacing the whole unit. There's quite a cost difference between these options!

If the solution is new windows and you hire a contractor to repair or replace your windows, be sure to have the Energy Pro return for independent review and testing. This ensures that your investment has been properly installed or repaired.



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**WATER/SEWER BILL REMINDER:** To avoid a late penalty on your water/sewer bill, be sure to have your payment in the mail by the 13th of each month so it will be postmarked by the 15th. Processing Milaca mail now takes 2 days. Mailing payment **on** the 15th may result in late penalty.



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If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, please contact city hall and we will include your address and send you a COLORED copy of “Reflections”.

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