



## TRI-CAP COMING TO MILLE LACS COUNTY

COMING JANUARY 2019  
- SERVICE IN MILLE LACS COUNTY

“Tri-CAP Transportation will begin providing Public Bus service for the cities of Milaca and Princeton effective January 2, 2019. The service in 2019 will primarily be the same hours and geographic area as now. The cost for transportation will be \$1.25 in city per one way ride and \$3.00 per one way ride for Rural transportation (outside city limits). More detailed information including specific service hours, how to purchase tokens and ride reservation instructions will be made available in early December.”

without notice. View the Tri-CAP Transportation Service Policy for detailed information on service operations.

Bus schedules and service hours vary by service area. Schedule availability can change daily and is always dependent on how quickly time slots are filled by passengers in a given area.



### HOW DO I GET A RIDE?

Bus reservations can be made up to two weeks in advance. Advance reservation bus fares, made 24+ hours in advance, are \$1.25 per boarding within communities and \$3.00 per boarding for rural to community trips. Same day reservation fares are \$2.00 per boarding within communities and \$3.75 per boarding for rural to community trips. Schedules are subject to change

The easiest way to get started is to call us. Then you can tell one of our transit experts where you’re starting and where you want to go. You’ll get personalized trip information, including schedule times and fare information. Ask the representative where to wait for your bus, or schedule Dial-A-Ride and we’ll pick you up at your location.

Be sure to get to the stop five minutes early. When the bus approaches, signal for it to stop. If the bus is the one you want, just hop on.

You can browse our Public Bus service by service area, or by selecting your location to explore our routes and schedules.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST AND HOW DO I PAY?

As you get on the bus, put your fare in the fare box next to the driver. Fare boxes accept tokens, cash or checks. Riders are expected to have exact fare as Tri-CAP drivers cannot make change or give credit for overpayment.

### FARES:

**ADVANCED RESERVATION CITY (RESERVATION MADE 24+ HOURS IN ADVANCE):** \$1.25 One Way (or 1 white token)

**ADVANCED RESERVATION RURAL (RESERVATION MADE 24+ HOURS IN ADVANCE):** \$3.00 One Way (or 1 black token.)



### SKATING RINK

Our Public Works department has been busy getting the skating rink ready.

## PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ON THE SKATING RINK

Warming House hours will be:

Monday-Friday

4:00 pm–9:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday

2:00 pm–9:00 pm

Hours are subject to change depending on attendant availability AND WEATHER.

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**SAME DAY RESERVATION CITY:**  
\$2.00 One Way (or 2 white tokens)

**SAME DAY RESERVATION RURAL:**  
\$3.75 One Way (or 1 black + 1 white token)

**NOTE:** All schedules are subject to change. Call ahead for updated information and reservations.

### WHAT ARE THE RULES ON THE BUS?

If you're traveling with children, make sure they stay seated for the whole trip. Fold strollers and keep them out of the way. Don't smoke (including e-cigarettes), eat

or listen to electronics without headphones. Finally, the aisle-facing seats in front are for seniors or riders with special needs. If the bus is full, please give your seat to a senior or a person with disabilities.

### WHAT ITEMS CAN I BRING ON THE BUS?

These items **are** allowed on the bus:

- Strollers
- Wheelchairs/walkers
- Suitcases

These items are **not** allowed:

- Food
- Beverages in uncovered containers
- Alcohol

Contact information for Tri-Cap is in the box below.

Please contact them for more information and schedules.

### TRI-CAP TRANSPORTATION

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## NEW COUNCIL MEMBER



My name is Cory Pedersen, and I have lived in Milaca for 35 years. I am a 1993 graduate of Milaca High School. After high school, I attended St. Cloud State University where I earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology. I later attended the College of St. Scholastica where I became a licensed teacher while earning my master's degree in teaching. My wife Denise, who is also a Milaca graduate, and I have been married for 22 years, and we have 2 boys, Bailey and Brodey. Bailey is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota in the computer science program, and Brodey is a sophomore at Milaca High School. I have been a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher at Milaca High School for the past 9 years. I also coach the middle school speech team and the varsity boy's golf team.

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## NEW COUNCIL MEMBER CONTINUED

I decided to run for city council when I heard that one of the council members was not going to run for re-election. My first involvement with the community was when I formed the Milaca Skate Park Group where we raised money to put the skateboard equipment in Rec. Park. I was then appointed to the Milaca Parks Commission which I eventually chaired. I helped with developing the annual Recfest Bluegrass Festival and had the honor of being the MC for the first 5 years. I was also a past board member on the Milaca Fine Arts Council where I helped with Thursday night Music in the Parks and transitioning it from the Chamber of Commerce to the arts council. I believe that the Milaca City Council is building momentum for this community. In the last 15 years that I have raised my family, I have seen this town grow in ways I could not have imagined as a kid growing up here. I want our town to continue to grow and thrive. I hope my experience and unique perspective will contribute to our community's success in the future.

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## WATER BILL INCREASE

At the August 16, 2018 city council meeting, council voted in favor of increasing water/sewer bill base rate fees.

### **So what does this mean for City of Milaca residents?**

Previously, the water base rate was \$11.50 and sewer base rate was \$2.00. Water base rate will be increased to \$11.75 and sewer base rate will be increased to \$3.00. *All residents will see an increase in their water bills a total of \$1.25.*

### **So what exactly is a water and sewer base rate?**

The base rate fee is used to pay for water and sewer utility improvement projects. When we do a G.O. Revenue bond for a project this is a requirement that we increase the base rate to collect revenue to pay the annual bond payments for the life of the bond. In a nutshell, base rate fees are used for infrastructure/projects and improvements within the city.

The City of Milaca will be replacing the water main lines on 2nd Street SE (courthouse street) in 2019 in conjunction with Mille Lacs County as they reconstruct 2nd Street SE. This increase in base rate fees will be used to fund this project and any other foreseeable projects.

We know increases in bills are never fun to see but as with any other improvements, funding must come from some source and the water base fee and sewer base fee for Milaca is our source.

If you have questions in regard to this increase or any of the city's projects, please contact City Manager Tammy Pfaff at 320-983-3141 or email her at [TPfaff@milacacity.com](mailto:TPfaff@milacacity.com).



The City of Milaca recently purchased anti-icing equipment to help keep snow and ice off of the roadways. The anti-icing equipment makes a salt water solution known as brine to pre & post treat roadways during a winter storm.



Brine Mixing Tank

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Brine Spraying System

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## What is anti-icing?

Anti-icing is a pro-active approach to winter road maintenance. It involves the application of anti-icing products (also known as freezing-point depressants) to the roadway before a winter storm. It forms a bond-breaker between the pavement surface and the snow and ice layer which melts snow more quickly and reduces the chance that ice will form and bond to the surface. It is similar to how cooking oil prevents food from sticking to the frying pan. Anti-icing reduces the amount of time required to restore the roads to a clear, dry state.



**Anti-icing** is the application of liquids to the roadway before, or at the onset to a winter storm.



**De-icing** is the application of liquids after snow and ice has compacted to the roadway. Studies show that it takes approximately three times the resources to remove compacted snow and ice when the anti-icing process is not used. The same effect is experienced when snow compacts on a driveway after driving on it several times and then trying to scrape it off.

## What are the benefits of anti-icing compared to traditional methods?

- Reduced use of abrasives on the road results in reduced environmental impacts.
- Snow and ice control cost savings results in benefits to the public.
- Improved winter roadway conditions results in safer driving conditions for motorists.



## BUILDING & ZONING NOTES

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Many years ago in Minnesota people lived in teepees, log houses or sod huts that were too hot or cold, too humid or dry and always drafty. Today we expect much more from our homes. However, a modern home is a complex interactive system and comfort issues can't always be fixed with the push of a button. It's very important to first identify the source of the problem.

### What's the Problem?

Several home components can interact to adversely affect your home's comfort level:

- ◆ Foundation, walls and roof – Air leaks created during construction cause drafts and lessen effectiveness of insulation.
- ◆ Insulation – Problems occur when there's not enough, it's the wrong type or is installed poorly.

- ◆ Windows – Poor design and installation, as well as high quantity will increase comfort problems.
- ◆ Heating & Cooling (HVAC) – Homes built prior to the computer age may have over or undersized equipment and ductwork. Ducts may also leak air before it gets to the desired room. Today computer software make HVAC calculations much more precise and effective.
- ◆ Humidity – Desired level varies by season, but is affected by poor ventilation in the kitchen/bathrooms, plumbing leaks, outside moisture leaking in, air



leaks in walls/attic and around windows, and insulation levels.

- ◆ Exterior – Placement of overhangs and shade trees affects the interior temperatures.

### Solving the Problem

It's clear that solving comfort problems in your home is complicated. If you're not certain of the causes, work with a Certified Energy Professional. They will use science and testing to get at the root of the problems, then provide you with a prioritized 'Scope of Work' to solve them. Your time and money is precious. Spend them on the correct solution!

## MEETING DATES

### CITY COUNCIL

January 17  
February 21  
March 21

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

### PLANNING COMMISSION

January 14  
February 11  
March 11

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

### PARKS BOARD

February 5  
April 2  
June 4

Park Board meetings are held the first Tuesday in the even months at 6:30 p.m. at Milaca American Legion.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

NO MEETING IN JANUARY  
February 25  
March 25

EDC meetings are held the Monday after city council meetings 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. \*indicates a change in date.



# NEW PARK FEES



## REC PARK FEES

DESCRIPTION	RESIDENT FEE	NONRESIDENT FEE
Lion's Shelter* <b>(Electricity)</b> Seating Capacity - 80	\$50.00	\$75.00
Small Shelter – Seating Capacity - 24	\$50.00	\$75.00
New Shelter* <b>(Electricity)</b> Seating Capacity - 32	\$50.00	\$75.00
Bandshell* <b>(Electricity)</b> <b>\$75.00 Deposit Required (Separate Check)</b>	\$50.00	\$75.00
Wedding and/or Reception (Includes Band Shell, Lions Shelter and New Shelter)	\$200.00	\$300.00
Gorecki Community Center <b>\$150.00 Deposit Required (Separate Check)</b>	Mon-Thurs \$60.00/day Fri-Sun \$110.00/day <b>ALL DAY RENTAL</b>	Mon-Thurs \$ 90.00/day Fri-Sun \$180.00/day <b>ALL DAY RENTAL</b>



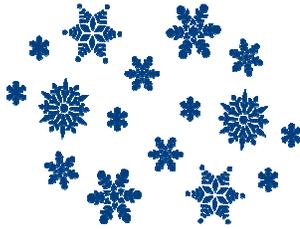
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DESCRIPTION	RESIDENT FEE	NONRESIDENT FEE
Civic Shelter* <b>(Electricity)</b> Seating Capacity - 28	\$50.00	\$75.00
Fitzpatrick Shelter – Seating Capacity - 20	\$50.00	\$75.00
East Shelter - Seating Capacity - 38	\$50.00	\$75.00

## RIVERVIEW PARK

DESCRIPTION	RESIDENT FEE	NONRESIDENT FEE
Main Shelter – Seating Capacity - 32	\$50.00	\$75.00
Wedding Event (Reserves entire park)	\$60.00	\$150.00

# SNOWBIRDS . . . .NEW FEE FOR DISCONNECTION



Effective January 1, 2019, there will be a **Winter Disconnect Charge** in addition to the Snowbird Reconnect Fee.

If water is requested to be shut off between November 1 and April 1, the Winter Disconnect Fee will be \$75.00. This fee will be added onto your water/sewer bill when water is requested to be turned back on. The Snowbird Fee of \$25.00 will also be applied upon your return.

Effective January 1, 2019, there will be a **Winter Disconnect Charge** in addition to the Snowbird Reconnect Fee.

If water is requested to be shut off PRIOR to November 1, then the only fee you will have will be the \$25.00 Snowbird Fee on your water/sewer bill.

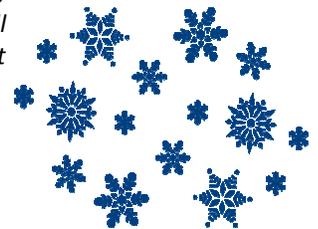
This Winter Disconnect Charge was approved at the city council meeting on August 16, 2018. This additional fee was approved due to the fact that should water be disconnected during these months and the ground is frozen, it may require extra time to disconnect.

PLEASE ALSO BE AWARE THAT PUBLIC WORKS CANNOT ALWAYS GET THE CURB STOP TO FUNCTION WHEN IT IS

FROZE, CAUSING WATER TO NOT BE TURNED OFF. FOR THIS REASON, WE RECOMMEND HAVING SOMEONE PRESENT WHEN WATER IS REQUESTED TO BE TURNED OFF OR ON.

WE ALSO RECOMMEND SHUTTING WATER OFF AT YOUR METER INSIDE YOUR HOUSE.

If you have any questions in regard to this notice, please call City Hall at 320-983-3141.



## PLEASE CLEAR SIDEWALKS

The City of Milaca would like to take this time to once again remind everyone the importance of keeping sidewalks cleared of snow and ice.

We ask this not only because it is an ordinance, but more importantly, for the safety of mail carriers, children using sidewalks to walk to school and walkers and joggers in general. Snow covered and ice covered sidewalks make any type of traveling on sidewalks extra dangerous. Falling could mean broken bones, broken hips, concussions and a multiple of other serious injuries.

Our city ordinance is as follows:

📖 § 94.01 ASSESSABLE CURRENT SERVICES.

B) Snow, ice, dirt, and rubbish.

(1) *Duty of owners and occupants.* The owner and the occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians. No owner or occupant shall allow snow, ice, dirt, or rubbish to remain on the walk longer than 24 hours after its deposit thereon. Failure to comply with this section shall constitute a violation.

(2) *Removal by city.* The City Manager-Clerk or other person designated by the City Council may cause removal from all public sidewalks all snow, ice, dirt, and rubbish as soon as possible beginning 24 hours after any matter has been deposited thereon or after the snow has ceased to fall. The City Manager-Clerk or other designated person shall keep a record showing the cost of removal adjacent to each separate lot and parcel.

Please, let's all do our part and help keep sidewalks clear.

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



# WATER PAYMENTS DUE BY...

We would like to remind City of Milaca residents that your water/sewer bill payments should be postmarked by the 13th of each month to arrive in our offices on time to avoid a late penalty.

Mail delivery takes two days now so if you wait to mail your payment on the 14th or 15th, chances are it will be received too late in our office.

If you use the drop box located right outside city hall, your payment must be in there by 7:30 am the morning of the 16th. Anytime after that, payment will be considered late.

If you are tired of paying late penalties each month, we have the Direct Payment option. There is NO charge to use this payment method. You simply authorize us to take the amount of your monthly water bill directly out of your checking or savings, whichever one you select. You will still get your bill mailed to you by the first of each month so you know the amount that will be taken out but the deduction does not occur until the 15th of the month. If the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday, amount will be deducted the next business day.

If you are interested in Direct Payment, please go to our website at [www.cityofmilaca.org](http://www.cityofmilaca.org) and download the Direct Payment form. Then simply attach a voided check to the completed form and bring in to city hall. It's that simple.

You may also call Deloris at 320-983-3141 for a form or if you have any questions.



## NO PARKING



Just a reminder that there is No Parking on any city streets from November 1 through April 1 between the hours of 1 am to 6 am.

Also, if your vehicle gets plowed around, you may be issued a Snowbird citation.

If there is **any** chance of snow falling, move your vehicle off the street to avoid this from happening. Our Public Works does not have a "time" they start plowing but if there are 2 inches or more of snow, roads will be plowed at some point. View our Snow Removal Policy at our website: [www.cityofmilaca.org/CityDepartments/PublicWorks](http://www.cityofmilaca.org/CityDepartments/PublicWorks).



Tammy Pfaff presented Council member Laurie Gahm a certificate of appreciation for her time served as council member at the December 20, 2018, city council meeting.

Laurie decided to not run for council in this past election.

She served as council member from January 2015 to December 31, 2018.

On behalf of the city council, city staff and residents, we would like to thank you, Laurie, for your dedication to serving the residents of Milaca and for your commitment to improving the City of Milaca.

We wish you well on your adventures!



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

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