



MN TEST FEE TO INCREASE



The Minnesota Legislature has approved an increase in the drinking water service connection fee from \$6.36 to \$9.72, yearly, effective January 1, 2020.

What does this mean for City of Milaca residents? Each month on your water/sewer utility bill there is a MN Test fee of \$0.53. This fee will increase to \$0.81.

This fee was established in 1993 by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) per Minnesota Statute 144.3831.

Revenue from this fee is used to fund activities of the MDH's Drinking Water Protection Program related to maintaining compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and protecting the health of all Minnesotans. These activities include sanitary surveys, sample collection and analysis, compliance determination, source water protection, enforcement, and various technical assistance services.

The fee amount has not changed since 2005. With expectations for fed-

eral regulations continuing to be expanded, program expenses have been exceeding the revenue generated by the fee. In order to continue providing the services necessary to help water utilities provide safe drinking water, an increase in the fee was needed.

CHARGING STATIONS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES



From the Twin Cities to Tettegouche State Park and all the places in between, it's possible to go farther than ever before in an electric vehicle (EV). With

charging stations now located along the I-35 corridor and Highway 61, you can plug in and head out for new experiences and adventures along the way.

Go Farther. Way Farther.

Get where you want to go and then keep going. Electric vehicles fit seamlessly into your lifestyle, come in a variety of shapes and sizes

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OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS:

- Monday, November 11—Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 28-Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 29
- Tuesday, December 24 CLOSE AT 1:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 25-Christmas
- Wednesday, January 1

CHARGING STATIONS CONTINUED

and their list of benefits continues to grow.

JUST A FEW OF THE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Cost-effective

Driving an electric vehicle costs much less than driving gasoline- or diesel-powered ones—and even less when you take advantage of the EV time-of-use rates. The cost of charging at a DC fast charger? Usually less than \$5.

Fast charging

Get a full charge in 20 to 30 minutes with DC fast chargers.

Convenient charging

Most charging can be completed with the regular outlet in your garage at night. Just plug into the 120V Level 1 charging cordset that comes with the car. For road trips, public charging stations are becoming more readily available every day.

Fun to drive

Enjoy quick acceleration, great driving characteristics and quiet comfort.



Cleaner driving

Electric motors are 80 to 95% efficient, so they use significantly less energy than vehicles with a traditional drive train.

For more information, go to:

<https://plugintomn.com>. This website lists all the electric charging stations across the nation and even indicates where a charging station is in use!

Also, did you read in the July issue of ECE's "Co-op Advantage"? They are offering rebates for the installation of 240-volt charging stations in homes and businesses. You can now wake up with a full charge and go about your day in a vehicle that uses battery power but still has plenty of torque.

Contact ECE today at 1-800-254-7944 for more information on this rebate or go to their website at www.eastcentralenergy.com.

Milaca Area Chamber of Commerce has provided a charging spot located at 235 2nd St SW (north of Teal's Market). This charging station is open 24/7 and is free.

Thank you Milaca Area Chamber of Commerce for providing this service to our residents and visitors.

Currently, there are 64,435 public charging points in 21,851 stations across the United States, and more are added every week.
U.S. Dept. of Energy
May 30, 2019

DOG LICENSES ARE DUE

It's time to once again renew dog licenses. These licenses need to be renewed every 2 years. Renewal notices will be sent out by end of October but if you have a dog and do not get a renewal, you still need to get it licensed. You will need to bring in proof of rabies for your dog. Please remember that the tag from the vet does NOT display the dates of the rabies so you will need to bring in some other proof for date rabies are due. The fee is \$15.00 per 1 or 2 dogs and \$30.00 for a 3rd dog.

Please keep in mind that you cannot have any more than 3 dogs. Please refer to City of Milaca Ordinance Chapter 95 .

Licenses are purchased at the Milaca Police Department in city hall. Please call 320-983-6166 if you have questions in regard to dog licensing.



STRIVE TO THRIVE - FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES

Thinking about starting or improving your business but don't know *where* to start?

Have a need to add on or renovate your current business but need ideas, direction or funding?

Reach out to achieve your goal. Are you a 501© looking for some supplemental funding?

Imagine starting a business or expanding. It is not an easy task but within this brochure we offer available resources and the tools you seek for a successful business.

View the many resources out there that you may not have heard of. We are on a mission to change that.

Expand your success!

The City of Milaca is pleased to compile information that we hope will help in your financial decisions. We will be providing contact names, emails and websites of "outlets" for additional financial resources in this brochure. We will be addressing just a few options so please keep in mind there are more resources out there.

LENDERS

Listed below are resources to contact to help get your business going. Contact them directly via their telephone, email or website information or feel free to contact City Manager Tammy Pfaff at City of Milaca.

Entrepreneur Fund

Sandy Voigt, Women's Business Alliance
 Director 218-735-6033
sandyv@entrepreneurfund.org

MN Business Finance Corporation

Nadene Kruize, Sr VP/Loan Officer 320-258-5000
www.mbfc.org

Mn Dept of Employment & Economic Development (DEED)

Chinwe Ngwu 651-259-7427
chinwe.ngwu@state.mn.us
www.mn.gov/deed/

North Central Economic Development Assoc. (NCEDA)

Stephanie Barney 218-894-3233
www.northcentraleda.org

Great River Energy

Jeff Borling 763-445-5000
www.econdev.greatriverenergy.com

First Children's Finance

Jim Dickinson 612-338-3023
www.firstchildrensfinance.org

WomenVenture

Elaine Wyatt 612-224-9540
www.womenventure.org

U.S. Commercial Service

David Edmiston 612-348-1638
www.export.gov

USDA Rural Development

David Wittwer 763-689-3354

MN Small Business Development Centers

Greg Bergman 218-855-8145
gbergman@clcmn.edu
www.clcmn.edu/smallbusiness

GPS::45::93

Heidi Steinmetz 320-209-5031
www.gps4593.com

GRANT RESOURCES FOR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Central MN Jobs & Training Services

Bridget Clemons 763-271-3755
bclemons@cmjts.org
www.cmjts.org

Pipeline Program

Email: pipeline.program@state.mn.us 651-284-5353
www.dli.mn.gov/pipeline



EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REVOLVING LOAN FUND

East Central Regional Development Commission (ECRDC) serves the counties of Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine. Whether you are looking for a loan for property acquisition, building renovations, new construction, machinery/equipment, increase inventory or working capital, ECRDC's Revolving Loan Fund is there to help you. Contact Jordan Zeller at 320-679-4065 or go to www.ecrdc.org for more information. Mr. Zeller will be more than happy to sit down with you and discuss your options and get you in contact with other organizations that will help you get your business up and running soon!



East Central Energy Revolving Loan Fund



Who knew that East Central Energy's Revolving Loan provides financial assistance up to 10 years, low interest gap financing to assist in your project? ECE's Revolving Loan funds up to 50% of your project costs with 20% of the project funds coming from other sources.

Use of these funds are very similar to ECRDC's Revolving Loan. Whether you need financing for land and building acquisition, land improvements, new building construction, building renovation, machinery and equipment or for sewer and water improvements, ECE's Revolving Loan Fund will help you with that!

All nonretail and nonfarm business types that provide benefit to the ECE membership and the communities in which they do business will be considered. Public infrastructure including sewer and water projects may be considered. Job creation and retention is the ultimate goal of this program.

Contact an ECE Business Account Specialist at 1-800-254-7944 for more information.



The Initiative Foundation's ambition is to help nonprofits and their communities grow and thrive.

To create a resilient nonprofit sector, the Initiative Foundation provides up to \$75,000 in financing to eligible organizations for the creation or expansion of mission-related social enterprise or earned-income ventures. Loan funds may be used for working capital, equipment acquisition and/or facility improvements that are clearly defined in a written business plan.

Loans are available to eligible nonprofit organizations of different sizes and fields of service including:

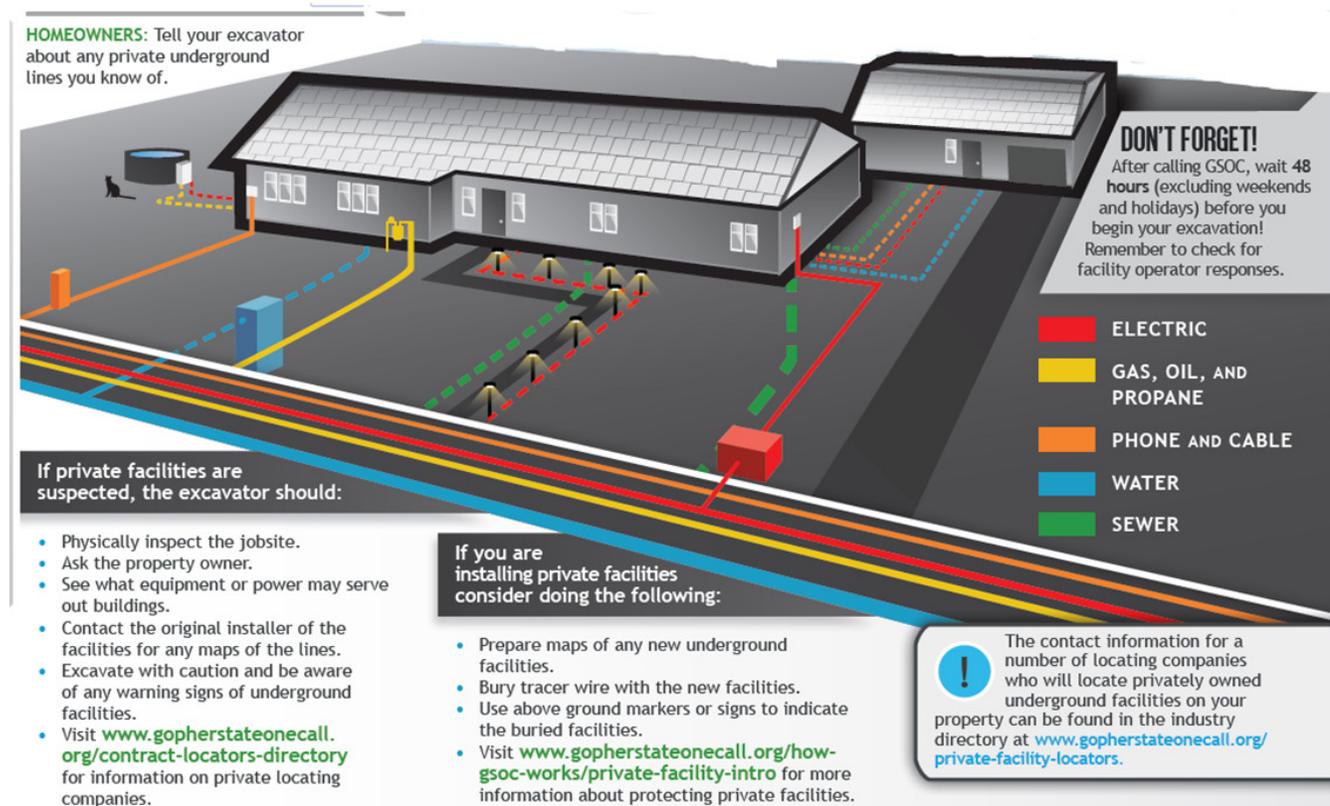
- Community development
- Human services
- Health care
- Housing
- Education
- Environmental
- Arts and humanities

Any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in the Initiative Foundation's 14-county service area is eligible to apply. The following guidelines apply for qualifying nonprofit organizations that are eligible for Initiative Foundation loans of up to \$75,000.

Contact Dan Bullert at 320-631-2013 or email him at dbullert@ifound.org.

DID YOU KNOW. . . .

NOT EVERYTHING GETS MARKED WHEN YOU CALL GOPHER STATE ONE CALL (GSOC)?



Private underground facilities, such as private utility lines and private distribution networks, do not get marked by facility operators. When a property owner or tenant has any type of private underground facility, they are responsible to locate those facilities or hire someone to locate them. Most cities consider any water or sewer lines that are connected to city services to be private lines when extending from the right of way into private property and therefore, any maintenance or locating is the responsibility of the landowner.

Customer-owned lines usually include any that serve outbuildings, hot tubs, security lighting, pools and natural gas grills.

The free locating service available through Gopher State One Call (811) applies **ONLY** to public facility operators. The diagram above shows a variety of utilities, some owned by the utility and some by the homeowner. **THOSE UTILITIES MARKED BY DOTTED LINES ARE TYPICALLY OWNED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER.** Private locating services will mark these for a fee. Those lines will **NOT** be marked by GSOC.

Visit www.gopherstateonecall.org for more information on what is and is not marked. This website is a very informative site. **REMEMBER: CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG.**



MEETING DATES

CITY COUNCIL

October 17

November 21

December 19

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

PLANNING

COMMISSION

October 14

November 11

December 9

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

PARKS BOARD

October 1

December 3

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

October 21

November 25

December 23

EDC meetings are held the Monday after City Council meetings of each month at 7:30 a.m. at Milaca City Hall.

CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES AND AGENDAS CAN BE FOUND AT OUR WEBSITE: www.cityofmilaca.org

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.

NO PARKING ON CITY STREETS NOV 1—APRIL 1

§ 71.36 PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

(A) In order to facilitate snow removal from the public streets of the city from November 1 through April 1 of each year, no vehicle shall be parked upon any public street in the city between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Violation of this section shall result in a fine. If the fine is not paid within ten days, the fine shall increase.

(Ord. passed 10-20-94)

(B) No person shall park any motor vehicle on any street for a period of time that results in the vehicle being plowed in by a city owned or contracted snow removal vehicle. A vehicle plowed in shall be in violation of this subchapter. Violation of this section shall result in a fine. If the fine is not paid within ten days, the fine shall increase.

(*74 Code, § 720:05) (Ord. passed 4-20-95)



Please be sure to notify your tenants if you have a rental property and please notify any visitors you may

have during these months.

This particular Ordinance applies whether it has snowed or not.

If you have any questions in regard to winter parking, please call Milaca Police Department at 320-983-6166 or visit our website.

SNOWBIRDS



Are you a snowbird? If so, we would like to remind you of the fee for disconnecting water at the curb for the winter months.

If you request to have water disconnected between November 1 and April 1, the Winter Disconnect Fee has increased to \$75.00. This is in addition to the \$25.00 Snowbird Reconnect Fee.

We realize this is a significant increase but we also hope you realize the frustrations that our public works department may face when trying to turn the water off at the

curb like snow, curb stop possibly froze, etc. Should the ground be froze and they need to dig down to reach the curb stop, this creates more time spent on disconnecting the water.

Our best advice is to shut water off before your meter inside the house and to have neighbors check your residence periodically.

It's illegal for contractors to pay homeowners' insurance deductibles

Law requires explanation or requirements be included in contract language

State law prohibits contractors from offering to pay homeowners' insurance deductibles or offering anything of value as encouragement to enter into a contract to repair damage covered by an insurance claim. A newer law (effective since Aug. 1, 2018) requires that contractors include a written notification about the law in their "initial estimate." The "initial estimate" also includes price agreeable contracts. Insurance companies are required to provide a similar written notice to homeowners in their initial correspondence about a claim.

Why the new law?

Many contractors who have complied with the law that prohibits paying deductibles have lost business to contractors

who illegally offer to pay deductibles or offer rebates or upgrades. Homeowners are unclear about this law and some still expect their contractor to help with insurance deductible costs. This new law provides contractors with solid information to show that this practice is illegal.



What do I need to do?

If your company does not perform insurance repair to homes, you do not need to do anything as this law does not affect your business. If you do perform insurance repair work, you will need to update your contracts to include a written notification about the law that prohibits paying deductibles.

The law does not require specific language, but one example is: State law (Minn. Stat. § 325E.66) prohibits contractors from offering to pay a customer's insurance deductible or offering anything of value as an inducement to enter into a contract for home repairs that are to be paid for as a part of an insurance claim. Contractors who make such an offer are subject to public enforcement action by the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, including fines of up to \$10,000 per violation.

Questions?

Contact us at 651-284-5069 or dli.contractor@state.mn.us.

MILACA OFF SALE

Fall is in the air! This is my favorite time of the year. All the new Fall/Octoberfest beers and ciders are already here.

We have so many great sipping liqueurs for around the campfire or in front of your fireplace.

Brewfest 2019 will be held on Friday October 25th, starting at 5:00PM. Brewfest will be held at Stones Throw Golf Course.

Thanksgiving wines are stocked and plentiful to go with any fall holiday meal or gatherings.

Vicki Jeys

With December just around the corner, we all know that means Christmas is coming. We will start bringing in Christmas packages and free gifts with purchase of special brands starting in November.

As always, we offer **free** Christmas gift wrapping and we offer free bags with a bow or ribbon for any special occasion purchase throughout the year.

Just ask one of our friendly clerks to assist you.

Thank you for shopping locally with the Milaca Liquor Store where your city's profits go back into your City of Milaca.

320-983-6255

If you have not ever visited our store, I, "Vicki Jeys" the store manager, invite you to come visit us and check out our vast variety of products.

We are here to help in any way we can. As a matter of fact, I helped a customer tighten her battery cables so she didn't have to call a tow truck!

Have a Great Fall Season, from all of us here at Milaca Liquor!



PATTI MILLER TO RETIRE

Written by Deloris Katke

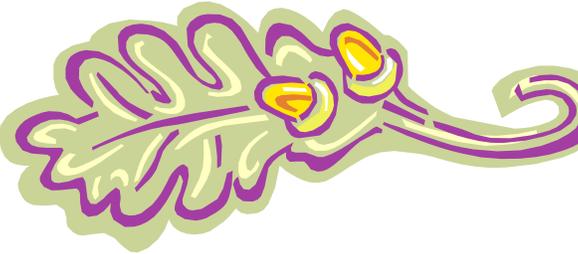
It is with a heavy but happy heart that I write this article on Patti Miller retiring.

I have worked with her for about 16 years. She has been my side-kick, my back-up, my confidant, but most importantly, My Friend.

I am sure you all know what I am talking about if you have worked with someone for as many years as I have.

You not only form a co-worker bond, but you also develop a special friendship bond.

Patti has been such an asset to the City of Milaca and has worn many hats. She covered the front desk



when I was gone, she assisted Marshall Lind in the Building and Zoning Department, she mailed all the liquor licenses, airport leases, fire contracts for the townships, invoices, maintained the city's website, and the list goes on. With such a co-worker wearing so many hats and doing so many tasks, these will be tough shoes to fill.

I know I can speak for everyone here at City Hall and all the other co-workers (public works, liquor store, etc), WE ARE TRULY GOING TO MISS YOU MS. PATTI MILLER!

Happy Retirement!

MEET MARY MICKELSON

Mary Mickelson will be replacing Patti and filling those tough shoes!

Mary is from Foreston, married and has 1 child.

She grew up in the Foreston area then went to college—the most recent to Rasmussen College for a degree in Web Programming.

She spent many years in Minneapolis and then in 2004 moved back to the area.

When I asked Mary what her hobbies are, she stated she enjoys reading and watching movies and a hobby that she really doesn't like but does—mowing the lawn!

Mary will also be occasionally sitting at the front desk when you come into city hall.

On behalf of the city, we would like to welcome Mary to our staff.



DAYTIME TRICK OR TREAT EVENT

Businesses wishing to participate in the Daytime Trick or Treat Event in the City of Milaca still have time to register. Please call City Hall at 320-983-3141 by October 15. There is a \$15 registration fee. Once you have registered, you will get a pumpkin and a flag to display outside your business and then on Thursday, October 31 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., trick or treaters will be able to follow the "Jack-O'-Lantern Trail" and stop in at those businesses displaying the pumpkin and flag.

Be sure to have your candy treats ready for the youngsters! This is also a great opportunity to have parents, grandparents, etc. stop in at your business to see what you have to offer.

If you have any questions in regard to this Daytime Trick or Treat Event, please call City Manager Tammy Pfaff at 320-983-3141.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

DEPUTY REGISTRAR NOTES

320-983-3143

The office provides customer assistance in registering and transferring motor vehicles, boats, snowmobiles, ATVs, and trailers. In addition to the above services, customer service is also provided for driver licenses (new, renewal, duplicates, standard, Real ID and/or Enhanced). Make sure to arrive at the Deputy Registrar's office no later than 4:00 p.m. to ensure you are able to complete your transaction.

Enhanced driver's license applications will only be accepted from 8:00 a.m. - noon and 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Minnesota Drivers License Examiners administer the **written drivers license test on the 2nd Thursday** each month from 9:00 - 11:15 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. at

City Hall in Milaca. These are "open times" which means people can come in anytime between those hours.

Behind the wheel driving tests are held on the remaining Thursdays at City Hall by appointment only.



To schedule behind the wheel driving tests call the Cambridge Exam Station on Tuesday or Wednesday at 763-689-7078 or the St. Cloud Exam Station,

Monday through Friday, at 320-255-3044. **The Deputy Registrar's office does not schedule driving exams.**

Have questions about Real ID/Enhanced Driver's Licenses? When to get one? What is needed? You can click on the link below to take you to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's website to get those questions and more answered. Remember your standard driver's license or ID card can be used until October 1, 2020.

[Minnesota Department of Public Safety](https://dps.mn.gov)

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FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE OCTOBER 26

Chapman's Auto and Milaca Building Center will be sponsoring the next outdoor movie on Saturday, October 26, at sunset in Rec Park's band shell.

"Hocus Pocus" starring Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Thora Birch will be showing as soon as the sun sets. According to the

www.sunrisesunset.com website, sunset will be 6:12 p.m. that day.

Be sure to bring your chair or blanket and sit under the stars and watch this great Halloween movie.





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 Stop in at city hall to pick up a copy.

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”.

You may also go to our website to view the newsletter:

www.cityofmilaca.org

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