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### **CITY OF ST. FRANCIS**

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Monday -Thursday

(closed Fridays & Holidays)

### **MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR**

Well, it looks as though summer is finally here. I was starting to wonder if all of the cold weather and rain would ever give way and let the sun start to shine.

This spring we have had some challenges trying to get our gravel roads back into shape from the winter plowing. They are coming along nicely and it appears the money invested last year in new gravel and dust control is paying off. From what I am hearing from our public works director, they are becoming harder and more stable. Speaking of our roads, this year we have budgeted about \$180,000 for seal coating the blacktop and the bids seem to be coming in about \$60,000 lower than expected.

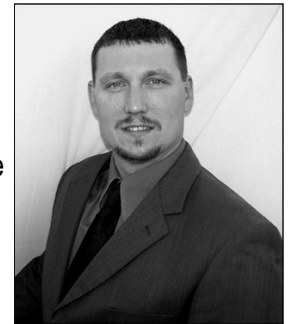
I know the question that is on everybody's mind is: "What's going on with the \$9.5 million dollar Public Works building?" First of all, I want to set the record straight. Our City Council is NOT interested in spending \$9.5 million dollar. Let's be clear, just because we could spend \$9.5 million DOES NOT mean we are going to. In all honesty, we won't know how much the new building will be until the City Council approves the design and it goes out for bidding. At that time we will probably have an informational meeting for all of the residents so that they will know how this affects them. If we have the informational meeting sooner than that, we won't have any of the answers to your questions.

I would urge everyone not to act like "the sky is falling" and be patient until we do have some answers for you. I am not interested in wasting your hard earned tax dollars. What I do want is a building that will meet our city's needs, while increasing our ability to work efficiently, AND building it cost – effectively! Be sure to check the city's website and click on the links to get a video tour of our public works facilities and our police department.

The Pederson Path Project has gone out for bidding. We still won't know what the final price will be until we receive the bids. We plan to start construction of the path sometime this summer and the completion date should be later this year. We are still accepting donations for the path and I have set up some charity events like the St Francis Motor Cycle Run to help raise some money. If you are interested in riding in this charity event on June 11, you can pre-register at Billy's Neighborhood Bar and Grill in St Francis. The cost will be \$20.00 and all of the proceeds will benefit the path. With your help we can make this path a reality!

As always make yourselves be heard.

Jerry Tveit, Mayor



**Mayor Tveit**

## MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE:

### City Council

ISD #15 Central Services Center, 4115 Ambassador Blvd. NW  
1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

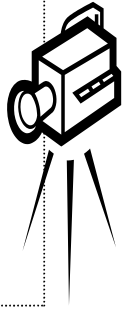
### Planning Commission

ISD#15 Central Services Center, 4115 Ambassador Blvd. NW  
3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
To view Meeting Locations, Times, Agendas, Minutes and  
Packets, go to [www.stfrancismn.org](http://www.stfrancismn.org)

### Park Commission and Planning Commission

Currently there are vacancies on the Park and Planning  
Commissions.  
If interested in an application, contact city hall at 753-2630.

Starting February, 2011, the St. Francis  
Council meetings are being videotaped.  
To view the meetings, visit the website at  
[www.stfrancismn.org](http://www.stfrancismn.org), and click on  
Agenda/ Minutes/Packets/Videos in the left  
hand column. Next click on City Council  
and go to the option City Council Meeting



## Outdoor Summer Reminders

**LANDSCAPING:** When planting trees,  
shrubs or other landscaping such as  
fences and retaining walls, please stay  
back 15 feet from the back of the curb or  
edge of the shoulder of the street.



An exception to this would be storm water easements  
and drainage facilities. Planting your trees in the base  
of a ditch not only interferes with storm water but will  
subject them to salt damage, flooding and snow dam  
age which can break the tree tops and strip off limbs.  
If you are unsure if you have drainage facilities or  
easements on your property, please call City Hall at  
763-753-2630 to inquire.

## Drinking water

Ever wonder where your drinking water comes from and  
how it is treated? If any resident or group would like a tour  
of the Water Treatment Plant to learn more about where  
your drinking water comes from and how it is treated,  
please contact City Hall at 763-753-2630 to schedule a  
tour.

## Street Lights

Notice a street light or pole in need of repair or paint?  
Is the light out, blinking on and off, or is there damage to  
the pole or light fixture? We would like to ask residents to  
get the pole number (it is posted on the pole), and call  
Connexus Energy at 763-323-2608.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Call before You Dig

### Gopher State One Call

Metro: 651-454-0002 MN toll free 1-800-252-1166  
[www.gopherstateonecall.org](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org)

## Let's help protect & keep our trees safe

### Don't move firewood—Buy it where you burn it!

Help prevent the spread of diseased trees. Obtain firewood  
within 50 miles of where you burn it. Emerald Ash Borer and  
Gypsy Moth have killed millions of forest and urban trees in  
nearby states and now threatens Minnesota. To learn more  
about this, go to [www.mda.state.mn.us](http://www.mda.state.mn.us) or call the  
“Arrest the Pest Hotline” at 651-201-6684 or toll free  
1-888-545-6684. Also the **MN Shade Tree Advisory  
Committee (MnSTAC)** is recognized throughout MN for it's  
expertise related to community forest. Check them out at  
[www.mnstac.org](http://www.mnstac.org)

**Reminder:** Don't forget to trim the overhanging limbs of your  
trees over sidewalks and roadways. By trimming trees, you  
can prevent severe damage to the limbs. Also it is best to  
prune trees in the fall and winter after they become dormant.

## Watering Ban

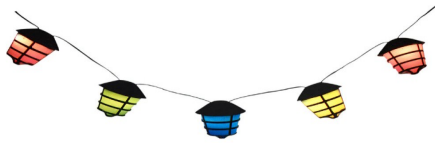
The City of St. Francis will be enforcing an odd-  
even watering ban. **ODD addresses** may water  
on **ODD days** only. **EVEN addresses** may water  
on **EVEN days** only. The day **BEGINS AT MID-  
NIGHT** and **ENDS AT MIDNIGHT**. You may not  
sprinkle between the hours of 10 AM and 7 PM. Restrictions run  
through end of September 30. New sod and seed is exempt for  
30 days only. You **MUST** notify the Public Works Department at  
763-753-3574 prior to sod/seed installation.



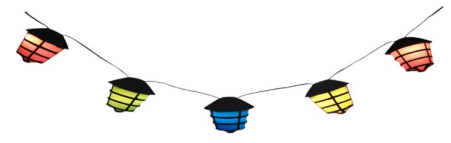
## Remove Your Garage Sale Signs

**AFTER YOU HAVE YOUR GARAGE SALE,  
PLEASE TAKE DOWN YOUR SIGNS AROUND  
THE CITY. THANK YOU**





## Pioneer Days set for June 10-11-12



It will be another fun-filled weekend with a Carnival, Parade, Bed Race, 5K Walk/Run, Softball Tournament, Garden Tractor Pull, Kids Pedal Pull, Bingo, Games, Crafters, Great Food and many other activities for family enjoyment. Everything is wrapped up with a wonderful fireworks display on Sunday night at dusk! If you have an old vehicle that you would like to show off or a business you would like to promote, be a part of the parade! Advanced ticket sales for carnival rides and buttons are available at local businesses or at City Hall.

For the Calendar of Events, check with the local businesses or visit our website: [www.stfrancismn.org](http://www.stfrancismn.org) for more information.

### Volunteers are needed for this event

There are a variety of duties that we are looking for help with. Volunteers must be 16 years of age, dependable, and have good people skills. If this is you, and you are interested in serving your community, contact City Hall at 763-753-2630. If you would like to make a donation to Pioneer Days, there is a form on the website that you may fill out and mail in.

### St. Francis Friday Nite Rally

The St. Francis Friday Nite Rally Car Show is every Friday night from 5 pm to dusk starting May 20 through September 9. (except rainouts)

**FREE ADMISSION!**

For calendar of events visit [www.stfranciscarshow.com](http://www.stfranciscarshow.com)



### From the Police Department:

#### RESPONSIBILITIES COME WITH GETTING BEHIND THE WHEEL — BUCKLE UP!



Summer is amongst us and buckling up wherever you go, whatever the distance provides means for a safe return home.

#### WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS/BICYCLES & MOTORCYCLES

When crossing an intersection either by automobile, bicycle, motorcycle, or on foot, take that extra look before crossing an intersection. It can be easy to miss someone. You could save a life, or your own.

### 2nd Annual Pioneer Days Lions Club BED RACE, June 11th

Get your team together to build a bed and race for the '*Bed Post Traveling Trophy*'.

Registration forms can be picked up at city hall or for any questions, call Mike Starr at 763-300-9110.



### From the Fire Department:

#### KEEP BONFIRES IN CHECK

3'X3' Recreational fires are allowed. Be safe when around fires and keep surrounding rubbish away to avoid the spread of wild land fires. Do Not burn garbage. All bonfire pits need to be at least 25 feet from all structures and to include fences.



#### BE BBQ SAFE

While barbequing, a reminder to keep grills a safe distance away from any structure (garage or home).

#### MULTI FAMILY HOMES

By law, which has been adopted by the City of Saint Francis, no person shall kindle, maintain, or cause, any fire or open flame on any balcony above ground level, or on any ground floor patio within 15 feet of a structure. For any questions, call the St. Francis Fire Department @ 763-753-2334 and leave a message for Kimberly.

There will be BINGO and EATS on Pioneer Days at the Fire Station following the parade. Watch the SFFD firefighters defend their 1st place title at water ball Sunday June 12 @ noon in the Community Park.



### St. Francis Pioneer Days Lions 5K RUN/WALK THE RUN

This is scheduled for Sat. June 11 at 8 am. Registration forms can be picked up at city hall. For more information on this, call Mike Starr, Event Chair at 763-300-9110.



### Movies in the Park

The Cub Scout Pack 511 will be showing the following movies **FREE OF CHARGE** in Community Park on the following Friday's:

July 15	'Despicable Me'
Aug. 19	'Toy Story 3'
Sept. 16	'Old Yeller'

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**What's Happening around Town**

- SFHS Graduation June 10
- Pioneer Days June 10-11-12
- St. Francis Motorcycle Run June 11  
(All proceeds benefit the Pederson Path Project)
- Movies in Community Park July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16
- Nite to Unite Aug. 2 Community Park
- Car Shows Every Friday night through Sept. 9  
@ 5pm until dusk in the St. Francis  
City Centre Mall (off Hwy 47).

**This is the official newsletter  
of the City of St. Francis**

It is distributed to all residents and businesses in the city. Past copies of the newsletters are available on the website. As always, feel free to communicate issues that you would like the City Council to observe.

Comments may be directed to:

[city@stfrancismn.org](mailto:city@stfrancismn.org)

or by calling city hall at 763-753-2630.

**BE INVOLVED AND MAKE YOURSELF HEARD**

Check the City website regularly for updates at:

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

**New Business in Town**

**Verizon**

23168 St. Francis Blvd.  
Tel. 763-954-9220  
(next to County Market)