



Fall 2012

# CITY OF INDEPENDENCE NEWS

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## A letter from the Mayor

Greetings Independence Residents:

Every year we come to this point on the calendar and we say, "Where has the summer gone?" The 2012 State Fair has come and concluded. All the children and young adults are back in school. Corn and soybean plants are maturing, and the leaves are changing colors. The good part of this time of year seems to be the more reasonable temperatures, but on the other hand, we realize that frost could happen at anytime.



After a few years of very rough roads on Highway 12 through Maple Plain, it is nice to have that stretch of road rebuilt, resurfaced, and striped. Let's hope that Highway 12 road shutdowns are a thing of the past for many years to come. However, because of growth to the west, the slow movement of traffic thru Maple Plain, both in the morning and evening rush hours, will only get worse, and consequently causes a lot of frustrated drivers to divert to County Road 6 to seemingly save time.

Primary Election Day has passed, and even though we urged people to get out and vote, I was embarrassed with the extremely low voter turnout. 9% is bad! I was also disappointed by the tactics used in mailings prior to that election. Negative campaigning unfortunately seems to work, but to me it is only used by a type of person who lacks character and self confidence in him/herself. Plan now to do your due diligence in being prepared to vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>, or if you can't vote that day, make arrangements for an absentee ballot.

Speaking of the elections, I would like to review the City's Sign Ordinance. Size is limited to eight square feet, so large signs are prohibited. Signs cannot be placed on a public road's right-of-way, public property, a tree, or a utility pole.

Permission must be obtained by the owner or occupant of the property before placing a sign and all signs must be removed within fourteen days after the election.



We will have a new State Senator and a new State Representative after this election. We also have to vote on judges

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### City Council

Mayor Marvin Johnson  
Lynn Betts  
Brad Fisher  
Brad Spencer  
Norm Wenck

### Planning Commission

Chair Carl Phillips  
Robert Gardner  
Craig Olson  
Tom Palmquist  
Steve Thompson

# COMMUNITY NOTES

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Three Rivers Park District Board, Soil and Water Conservation District Board, a U. S. Congressman, U. S. Senator, and the United States President. A couple of School Districts will have issues. No city elections! They are on odd years.

This past summer Mr. Harry Pool, the second Mayor for the City of Independence, passed away. He followed Mr. Sidney Barnes, the first Mayor after we changed from a Township to a Village/City. He owned a farm on County Road #11 and remained active in City issues all his life. He served as Mayor during most of the 1970's. He also served as a Real Estate Agent, and for many years was elected to and served on the Hennepin County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. Our sympathy to his wife, Lola, son, Stephen, and his grandchildren.

City Staff and Council are working on Budget Figures for 2013. By the time this newsletter article reaches your mailbox, the Council will have established a preliminary levy. That levy will serve as a basis for a notice mailed to all property owners for estimated taxes for 2013. The Council has the option until late December to leave or reduce that levy for next year's taxes. We cannot raise the levy amount in December. We have the next four months to evaluate where this year's budget will end up at, and get from the County the final total city valuation figures. As of this writing, we were one percent below last years valuation, but that figure has been declining during the year by about five percent. Some home prices have dropped a little, farmland values have increased again, and we have had several new Building Permits. All classes of property have a different classification rates which is plugged into the tax capacity number which is multiplied to our levy rate. Businesses have a State Tax as well. We will be watching to see what the County and School Districts do.

I want to thank the six hosts in Independence for hosting neighborhood "Night to Unite" Parties in August. It is a Great way to visit with your neighbors! I hope we can have more next year.

Have a great fall!



Your Mayor,  
*Marvin D. Johnson*



## Election Day 2012

State, County, and Federal Office Positions,  
including the Presidential election

Voting will take place: **November 6, 2012**  
**7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.**  
**Independence City Hall**  
**1920 County Rd 90**



To find out a list of who will be on the ballot visit the MN Secretary of State's webpage at  
<http://candidates.sos.state.mn.us>

If you are going to be absent on Election Day, are ill or disabled, and cannot get to the polling location, you can vote by absentee ballot at City Hall or by mail from **September 23** until **November 5**. Applications to receive an absentee ballot are available at City Hall or on our website.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Don't spend Thanksgiving alone

**JOIN US FOR A COMPLIMENTARY TURKEY DINNER!**

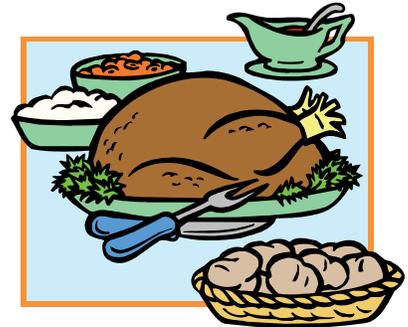
A group of volunteers will be providing a free Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings to those who may find themselves alone on the Thanksgiving Holiday. The food will be catered in and all you need to do to participate is call City Hall to make your reservation.

This effort is being led by Purita Edson, who has organized this annual event for several years. It is being catered by Dan and Phyllis from Dobo's Café along with their staff.

**Thursday, November 24  
Thanksgiving Day**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Independence City Hall  
Community Room  
1920 County Rd 90**



*Please call 763-479-0527 to make your reservation*

## Drop off Toys For Tots at City Hall



From Nov. 29 to Dec. 17 the City will be collecting new, unwrapped toys that will be distributed to needy children in our community. Toys for all ages will be accepted. City Hall is open Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to noon.

## Maple Plain Community Church Food Shelf

Provides a wide variety of foods to those who are in a financial emergency situation. Perishables are purchased through Second Harvest Heartland and receive in season fruits and vegetables from local farmers.

1815 Budd Avenue N, Maple Plain, MN, 55359

Phone: (763) 479 – 1620, Email: [mpcc@citlink.net](mailto:mpcc@citlink.net)

Open: Monday and Friday 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.

### Eligibility:

Anyone showing proof of residency in  
\* Independence \* Long Lake \* Loretto \* Maple Plain \* Medina \* Orono

## The Holiday Season Can be Challenging

Are you struggling to make ends meet, need medical or chemical dependency help, or just need some assistance with your utility bills?

Help is out there.

**See [www.minnesotahelp.info](http://www.minnesotahelp.info)**

# REMINDERS

## Curfew

Hennepin County has a curfew for all minors.



### Under Age 12

Sunday—Thursday 9PM  
Friday & Saturday 10PM

### Ages 12-14

Sunday—Thursday 10PM  
Friday & Saturday 11PM

### Ages 15-17

Sunday—Thursday 11PM  
Friday & Saturday 12AM

## Don't Forget

### Safety Vests

**We still have FREE safety vests to give away. Stop by City Hall and pick up a vests.**  
(Quantities are limited, Only 2 per household please)

### Community or Conference Room Rental

**Rent the community room or conference room for your next party. Great for holiday parties, Birthdays or weddings. For details and availability please call 763-479-0527.**

## Snow Removal



The city does not assume liability for a mailbox damaged during plowing operations. The base of the box should be 42 to 44 inches above street level.

Plowing, shoveling or blowing snow onto a public street is not allowed.

Garbage cans and recycle bins should be placed approximately 2 feet from the road in the driveway. Plow operators cannot leave the vehicle to move objects in the road.

Keep kids safe. Do not let children build snow forts in snow banks along the road. Snowplow operators cannot see children playing in or on top of snow banks.

## Park and Ride station—Maple Plain

The City of Maple Plain received a grant funded through the Minnesota Department of Transportation to build a park-and-ride. This transit facility will help expand commuter bus service to Maple Plain and surrounding communities, which are currently underserved.



Maple Plain is working on the project with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and Metro Transit. A groundbreaking for The park-and-ride lot on Baker Park Road was held in August.



# DELANO SENIOR CENTER



## Delano Senior Center

234 2nd Street North, PO Box 462  
Delano, MN 55328  
(763) 972-0574  
Fax: (763) 972-9034

Gail Sinkel, Sener Center Coordinator  
Linda Van Lith, Senior Center Assistant Coordinator

The Delano Senior Center and Senior Dining Program is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM and Fridays 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. All seniors are invited to participate in the Senior Center's programs and nutritious, tasty dinner served at noon every day! The center van is also available to bring seniors to the center and for other trips.

### Upcoming Events

**Tues. & Wed., Oct. 2 & 3** 5:30-9:30 8 hour driving class  
**Wed., Oct. 3** 12:45 "Bone Health" speaker Janna Anderson from Allina  
**Tues., Oct. 9** "Two Buck Tuesday" co-sponsored by Golden Living Center  
**Thurs., Oct. 11** 8:45 Bus leaves for History Theater – "The Tale of Vince Lombardi"  
**Thurs., Oct. 18** 8:00-Noon-4 hour driving refresher  
**Sun., Oct. 14** 12:30 "Billy Elliot" at the Ordway  
**Mon., Oct. 22** "Pat Boone" at the Paramount Theater  
**Weds, Oct. 10 – Nov. 14** 9:30-12:00 "Living Well with Chronic Conditions" sponsored by Allina Hospital

### Monthly Events

**LEGAL AID HELP** -1st Monday of every month 1:00 & 1:30. Call for appointment 763-972-0574  
**EYE GLASS SMALL REPAIR & ADJUSTMENT** – 1st Tuesday of every month at 11:30  
**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC** – Tuesdays from 12:00-2:00 **EXERCISE** – Wed & Fri at 11:20-11:40  
**"500" CARDS** – 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 1:00 **BRIDGE**—2nd & 4th Monday at 1:00  
**BINGO**—12:30 Every Monday & Friday **FARKEL** – 1:00 Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday  
**"MEXICAN TRAIN" DOMINOS** – 2ND & 4TH Tuesdays **CRIBBAGE** – 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 1:00  
**MOVIE CLUB** – Thursdays at 1:00 **CHOIR** – will resume practicing Sept. 24 at 10:30  
**STORYTHEATER** – is currently on break  
**WRITERS GROUP** – meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month  
**BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED** – 2nd Monday of each month at 12:00  
**SHOPPING TRIPS** – Buffalo, Ridgedale and other area malls 4 times per month  
**BRIDGE**—2nd & 4th Monday at 1:00  
**EXERCISE** – Wed & Fri at 11:20-11:40  
**FARKEL** – 1:00 Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday  
**CRIBBAGE** – 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 1:00  
**CHOIR** – will resume practicing Sept. 24 at 10:30  
**PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP** – 3RD Thursday of the month at 3:00

For more information about events and a monthly menu log on to  
<http://www.delano.mn.us/services/departments/senior-center>

# 32ND ANNUAL VIEW SANTA EVENT



## West Hennepin Public Safety Police Reserves Annual "View Santa" & Food Shelf Donations! (Collecting non-perishable)

'Santa' will be making his way to Independence and Maple Plain on Saturday, December 1, 2012 for an early visit, as he has for many years. He will be accompanied and assisted by the West Hennepin Public Safety Reserves and Officers as he travels on a decorated float with Christmas music.

'Santa's helpers' will be handing out candy to area youngsters. **Reserves will be collecting voluntary non-perishable food donations for area food shelves.** Non-perishable food donations can also be left at the Maple Plain City Hall, 1620 Maple Avenue, or the Independence City Hall, 1920 County Road 90, by November 30th. For those who prefer donating cash, the money can be mailed to or dropped off at the West Hennepin Public Safety office, 1918 County Road 90, Maple Plain, MN 55359, by November 30th.

If you'd like to make a donation to the Reserve Program, checks should be made payable to West Hennepin Public Safety Reserves.

COME TO THE INDEPENDENCE CITY HALL PARKING LOT ( 1920 COUNTY ROAD 90) FROM 3:15 TO 3:30 P.M. OR THE MAPLE PLAIN CITY HALL PARKING LOT (1620 MAPLE AVENUE) FROM 5:15 TO 5:45 P.M. TO MEET SANTA AND TAKE PHOTOS, OR SEE SANTA ON HIS ROUTE THROUGH TOWN.

### SANTA'S ROUTE AND SCHEDULE ARE: (TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE)

<u>3:15 p.m.</u>	<u>5:00 p.m.</u>	<u>5:15-5:45 p.m.</u>	<u>6:30 p.m.</u>	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>
INDEPENDENCE CITY HALL	INDEPENDENCE ST. HOWARD AVE.	MAPLE PLAIN CITY HALL	PRAIRIELAND AVE. JOYCE ST.	MAIN ST. WEST HALGREN RD.
<u>3:40 p.m.</u>	DRAKE STREET	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>	WYMAN AVE	PARKVIEW RD.
FIELDSTONE PL.	PERKINS LANE	BUDD AVE.	BRYANT ST.	RAINBOW AVE.
	INDEPENDENCE ST.	BRYANTWOOD DR.	PIONEER AVE.	MAIN ST. WEST
<u>4:00 p.m.</u>	HOWARD AVE.	JOYCE ST.		PARKVIEW RD.
PROVIDENCE CV.	MAIN ST. EAST	BRYANT ST.		THREE OAKS AVE.
<u>4:35 p.m.</u>				
NORTH BUDD AVE.				
MAPLE PLAIN COMM. CHURCH				

Should anyone have questions regarding this year's program, please contact  
West Hennepin Public Safety  
at (763) 479-0500.



# NOTES FROM CITY HALL

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS need your help!

So, you've just had a chance to balance the ole checkbook; and low and behold, you found you have a few extra dollars there than you thought. Well, how about taking a look at donating some of it for an Eagle Scout project.

The City of Independence is working with three different Scouts and those Scouts are looking for help in acquiring supplies to help them complete those projects. These Eagle Scouts are looking for either monetary donations or items themselves to use.

Eagle Scout #1 has started and is near completion of his project. The Scout has designed and helped to provide a beautiful platform for the U.S. Flag in our Pioneer Creek Park. All we had there before was a PVC pipe in the ground that we would use to hold the flagpole up. And, he also sanded and repainted all 13 of our picnic tables and created a flower garden under our "makeshift" temporary Park sign. But, there are a couple things he still needs to complete his project and they are:

- ◆ Plants— approximately 25 day lilies and 12 landscape grass plants. (So, if you're cleaning out your flower gardens and have some extra – we would be greatly obliged and would prefer the same color.)
- ◆ Flag and flag pole.

Eagle Scouts # 2 and #3 are planning on building a rain garden, here at City Hall and the other is looking at the "building a sand volleyball court" project in the Pioneer Creek Park. For the rain garden, there will be a need for field rock in two different sizes, a vast assortment of plants and landscape trim. And, for the sand volleyball there will be a need for concrete, sand and some excavation.



They could also use some people power when the time comes to put this all together. Work will start as soon as the snow melts in 2013, and is to be done by mid-summer of 2013.

So, if you're so obliged to help out, please give me a call or send me an email at 763-479-0513 or [thirsch@ci.independence.mn.us](mailto:thirsch@ci.independence.mn.us).

We all thank you!

## Have holiday lights to recycle?

Don't know what to do with those old or no longer-working strings of holiday lights? Making the switch to energy efficient LED holiday lights? Either way, recycle the old lights with us!

Last year we recycled over 100,000 pounds of holiday light strings and put 200 people to work in Minnesota.

You can drop off your unwanted holiday lights in our recycle bins at City Hall, starting November 15 through the end of January.



## City Hall Seeking...

**A Freezer for the City Hall Community Room. Please let us know if you would like to donate a working freezer.**

# COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

## Night to Unite — Another Success!

Director Ray McCoy stated, "It was a successful Night to Unite within our cities of Maple Plain and Independence. It is a great opportunity to bring police, fire and communities together and bring awareness to crime prevention and local law enforcement efforts."

Ten residences hosted parties for their neighbors to enjoy a summer evening and to get to know who lives in their neighborhoods. This is a great way to connect in keeping their neighborhood a safer place to live.



West Hennepin Public Safety officers and Reserve officers, Maple Plain Fire Department and Loretto Fire Department visited the parties and children enjoyed climbing in the fire trucks and sitting in a police vehicle. They were joined by the Mayors and council members of both cities.

Sgt. Gary Kroells said, "By getting our neighbors together we can proactively prevent crime from occurring in our communities." This was an evening enjoyed by the officers to have the opportunity to visit with

# Heritage Fest

Returning in

**2013**

Saturday,  
September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Pioneer Park, Independence

**Events and Activities ALL Day Long!**

Be a part of the fun! Vendors and Volunteers are still needed.

**Watch for more information and details in the upcoming months!**

# THE SPORT OF HUNTING

With fall approaching Minnesota many men and woman take to the fields, marshes and woods to enjoy the sport of hunting. Hunting for all types of game has a long standing tradition in the State of Minnesota and within the City of Independence.

West Hennepin Public Safety would like to remind our citizens and hunters on the rules governing hunting within the City of Independence. The City of Independence allows all types of hunting for big game, small game, waterfowl, and upland birds. The majority of hunting occurs on private property, so permission must be obtained from the landowner or lessee to enter another person's private property. The City of Independence follows the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) state rules governing hunting restrictions. For more information visit the DNR's website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us).

Independence has a large whitetail deer herd that can be hunted via bow and arrow and by firearm. Many hunters take to the field each year to pursue the whitetail deer. Firearms deer season normally starts the first Saturday in November and runs into December. A firearms deer hunter may take a deer with a shotgun or muzzleloader, but the taking of a deer with a rifle within Independence is not allowed by state law. The discharge of a rifle is allowed within the city to pursue coyotes, small game, or other varmints.

## Important dates to remember:

Mourning Dove Season	September 1-November 9
Early Season Goose hunting	September 1-21
Small game Season	September 15-February 28, 2013
Bow hunting opener	September 15-December 31
Youth Waterfowl Day	September 8
Waterfowl Opener	September 22
Pheasant Season	October 15-January 1, 2013
Deer Opener	November 3

The most common question West Hennepin Public Safety receives is "how far does a hunter need to be from a residence or building to discharge a firearm?" A hunter can **not** discharge a firearm within 500 feet of a residence or building, unless written permission is obtained from the property owner. If permission is obtained the 500 foot rules doesn't apply.

Every person I talk with truly loves our state and the rural spaces still found in the City of Independence. All types of people enjoy the outdoors for many different reasons. It doesn't matter if you are a hunter, walker, biker, ATV user, or horse back rider. By working together we can enjoy our natural resources, our state and our wonderful city.

Sgt. Gary Kroells

## Hunting Safety



Essential to any responsible hunting trip is an ironclad adherence to the four basic rules of firearm safety that can be easily remembered using the TAB-K formula.



- T = Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.**
- A = Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.**
- B = Be certain of your target and what's beyond it.**
- K = Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.**

# CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

***"Police sponsor free citizen education"***

*West Hennepin Public Safety Department's  
2012 Citizens Police Academy  
October 4<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>*



Have you ever wondered?

- ♦ Why do the police block part of the lane when they pull someone over?
- ♦ Why didn't the police shoot him in the leg?
- ♦ If you are caught drinking and driving, do you really have to say the alphabet backwards?
- ♦ When I call 911, where exactly does that call go to?
- ♦ How do they know what police, fire or ambulance is for my house if I do call 911?
- ♦ The cars speed by my house all the time. Why don't the police do something about that?
- ♦ Do I really need to lock my doors – we live out in the country, don't we?
- ♦ You hear a lot about Meth Labs – we don't have a drug problem here, do we?

Well this may be your chance to answer these and many more questions in an interactive setting at the West Hennepin Public Safety Department's Citizens Police Academy.

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is not a training academy to make police officers out of citizens, but rather an opportunity for you to meet the officers of the West Hennepin Public Safety Department and learn about the police department it's self and how it functions. It will answer all of the above questions and also give you an opportunity to ask more questions that maybe you have never had the opportunity to ask. You will also learn some history of how the department came about and what some of the programs and services are that we offer to the community.

Participants in the CPA will have both lecture sessions and also hands on interactive sessions where you will get to play the role of a police officer in a controlled setting. You will get to experience such things as making a traffic stop, operating a speed radar device, performing DWI sobriety tests, and learning about firearms used by the officers.

Most of the sessions will be held at the West Hennepin Public Safety Department. Topics such as Drugs, DWI Enforcement, Traffic Stops, and Criminal Investigation will be at the Police Department. We will tour the 911 answering point for Hennepin County in Golden Valley which serves the Maple Plain and Independence area. We will also hold a mock court trial to show you how a court proceeding can take place. The CPA will utilize the South West Metro Training Facility in Edina to teach participants about different levels of force that officers have available such as Mace, Taser, Baton and Firearms.

The CPA consists of seven 3 hour evenings from October 4<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>. It is held on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 10 pm at the West Hennepin Public Safety Department in Independence. There is no cost for the class and refreshments are served. It is a casual atmosphere on some serious topics. If you have questions about the CPA or are interested in participating, please contact the West Hennepin Public Safety Department at 763-479-0500 or stop by our office at 1918 County Road 90 in Independence. Space is limited, so sign up early!

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



## *Three fire departments serve various areas of Independence*

### *Maple Plain, Loretto, & Delano*

- ◆ **Maple Plain Fire Department (MPFD)** is a group of 26 individuals who make a commitment volunteering their time to train, and respond to fire, medical and rescue emergencies, in Maple Plain, Independence and the surrounding communities.

Everyone is invited to attend the MPFD's Annual Open House, Auction, a Steak Fry, Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The open house will be from 1-5 P.M., the Steak Fry will be from 4-7 P.M., and the silent auction will be open from 1-7 P.M.

- ◆ **Loretto Fire Department** is a class 7 to 9 private department that serves the City of Loretto, portions of the Cities of Independence, Corcoran, Medina, and other surrounding areas. There are approximately 24 members serving this department.

Everyone is invited to attend the Loretto Fire Department the Loretto Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The open house will be from 4-8 P.M. It will feature fire truck rides, face painting, demonstrations, games, inflatables, silent auction and FREE drawings.

- ◆ **Delano Fire Department** is a class 6 paid-on-call department that serves the City of Delano, parts of Franklin Township, Rockford Township, and the City of Independence. There are approximately 28 members serving this department.

The Delano Fire department host a variety of events each year. Their open house is held earlier in the fall.

## Landscaping the Safe Way!

Landscaping can help eliminate the fire hazards around your home, but in the process start a wildland fire? Whether working to create a defensible space around your home, just mowing the lawn, adding a walking trail, or pulling your dirt bike over to the side of the road, if you live in a wildland area you need to use all equipment responsibly. Lawn mowers, weed eaters, chain saws, grinders, welders, tractors, and trimmers can all spark a wildland fire. Do your part to keep your community fire safe.



### Here's how to do it the *Right Way*:

- Do all yard maintenance that requires a gas or electrical motor before 10 a.m. - **Not in the heat of the day, or when the wind is blowing!**
- Lawn mowers are designed to mow lawns. **Never** use lawn mowers in dry vegetation. Use a weed trimmer to cut down dry weeds and grass.
- Remove rocks in the area before you begin operating any equipment. A rock hidden in grass or weeds is enough to start a fire when struck by a metal blade.
- In wildland areas, spark arresters are required on all portable gasoline powered equipment including tractors, harvesters, chain saws, weed eaters, mowers, motorcycles, and All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs).
- Keep the exhaust system, spark arresters and mower in proper working order and free of carbon buildup. Use the recommended grade of fuel and don't top off.
- Keep the engine free of oil and dust, and keep the mower free of flammable materials.
- Hot exhaust pipes and mufflers can start fires you won't even see, until it's too late! **Don't pull off into dry grass or brush.**
- Keep tall grass and brush 40 feet or farther away from your house and out buildings

In case of a fire Call 911 **immediately**.

**City of Independence**  
1920 County Road 90  
Independence, MN 55359

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### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS NOTICE

The Independence City Hall  
Holiday closures :

- ◆ **Monday, November 12** - Closed
- ◆ **Thursday, November 22** - Closed
- ◆ **Friday, November 23** - Closed
- ◆ **Monday, December 24** - Closed
- ◆ **Tuesday, December 25** - Closed
- ◆ **Tuesday, January 1** - Closed



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**City Hall Office Hours**  
Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 8 a.m. - Noon

### City Calendar

#### October

- 8 Columbus Day
- 9 City Council - 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 23 City Council - 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Halloween

#### November

- 6 Election Day - Polls close at 8PM
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 Veteran's Day Observance
- 13 City Council - 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Thanksgiving
- 23 Day After Thanksgiving
- 27 City Council - 7:30 p.m.

#### December

- 10 Planning Commission - 7:30p.m.
- 11 Truth in Taxation Meeting - 6:30p.m.
- 11 City Council - 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Year's Eve

*\*Planning and City Council Meetings Subject to Change*