



A NOTE FROM ELIZABETH'S DESK

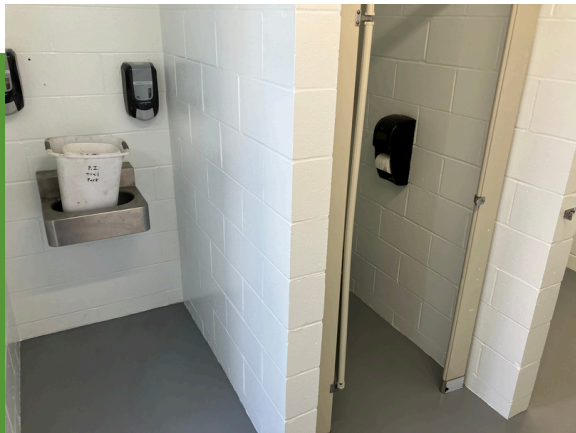
THE CITY HAUL

A newsletter for council and staff on city happenings

**4TH STREET SW IS
SCHEDULED FOR ITS SECOND
LAYER OF BLACKTOP ON SAT.
JUNE 1ST.**

**SATHER COURT SW IS
SCHEDULED FOR ITS SECOND
LAYER OF BLACKTOP ON
MON. JUNE 3RD.**

**THE CUSTER PARK
RESTROOM IS
COMPLETE AND
OPEN FOR USE! THIS
BATHROOM WILL BE
LOCKED AT NIGHT
LIKE OUR OTHER
PARKS RESTROOMS.**



The Trailhead Park Pavilion got a face lift this past week. The Park Board voted to repaint the outside and inside of both restrooms and pavilion. They look like new! The City Council also voted to accept a 3-year, \$5,000 donation per year donation from the Lions Club. In exchange, Lions Club signage will be affixed to the pavilion to help give them visibility. The Lions Club partners with the City on multiple projects and community improvement events each year.

>>> GCSO UPDATES

Goodhue County Sheriff's Office Update from Major Mychal Johnson (5/6/2024)

- Body Worn Camera Project has moved forward and cameras and equipment have been ordered. 4-6 week delivery expected. They will be deployed in the jail approx. July and on patrol in late fall.
- One more conditional offer given as of today. Deputy Riegelman will be leaving for Carver County Sheriff's Office (closer to family).
- We have no opening for patrol division with this hiring. It also means we will have 5 new deputies starting in the month of June. We also have two still going through field training process.
- Speed Trailer is being deployed throughout the county. If you have any suggestions on placement, reach out to Major Johnson.



>>> WHERE IS LIZ?

Well, I passed my EVOC training and can now drive a fire truck, no joke! On May 23rd, I was invited to attend the fire department's EVOC training. EVOC stands for Emergency Vehicle Operator Course. It encompasses a classroom session followed by a practical driving exam. The driving portion involved driving and weaving an engine through cones, a 90 degree corner back turn, backing into a tight space (cones simulated a parking stall at the firehall), maneuvering around obstacles and then pulling into a tight spot at an angle to simulate blocking lanes of traffic safely on a highway, and lastly driving a tanker truck through a country setting which must include gravel roads, paved roads and a 90 degree turn. Considering this was my very first time driving a fire truck (both an engine and a tanker), I am happy to report I only hit one cone during the entire course. A huge thank you to the firefighters for being FANTASTIC trainers and for their patience. It was amazing to see them in 'work mode' and learn firsthand how difficult it can be to operate and maneuver such a large vehicle.

➤➤➤ EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Bryce Grobe went the extra mile this week to assist a distressed resident. The resident disposed of a dead tree at the brush dump. They proceeded to the nursery to try to get their money back (it was recently purchased), and were told they needed to bring the dead tree in. In the meantime, the brush dump was cleaned up and brush was pushed back with the loader. Bryce took time out of his day to dig through the brush pile, find the resident's dead tree, and help load it for her so she could bring it to the nursery to get her money back. This is the best image I could find on our security camera - good job Bryce! Just one of many examples how our employees go above and beyond!



➤➤➤ NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Please help me congratulate Mr. Vernon Pahl on his appointment to the City Council. Council Member Pahl was appointed during our May 21st City Council meeting. His term will expire at the beginning of January 2025. Congratulations Mr. Pahl and welcome to the City of Pine Island!



➤➤➤ IMPORTANT DATES

- **MAY 31ST - JUNE 2 - CHEESE FESTIVAL**
- **JUNE 3RD - EDA BOARD MEETING**
- **JUNE 6TH - FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING**
- **JUNE 10TH - CEMETERY BOARD MEETING**
- **JUNE 11TH - PARK BOARD AND PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING**
- **JUNE 18TH - JUNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
- **JUNE 19TH - JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY**
- **JUNE 24TH - LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

>>> MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

- During the month of June, computer systems running the “Home” version of Windows will be upgraded to Pro. An On-Site Computer technician will remote into the system and do the upgrade. Estimated time is only 30-60 minutes. You should not see any major changes after the upgrade. A schedule will be sent out at a later date.
- The Pine Island Aquatic Center opens on Monday, June 3rd!
- More information to come, but thanks to language in a Transportation Bill passed this past legislative session, we will be able to apply to the State to go from limited driver’s license service to a full-service center and not be restricted by the distance requirements. We were previously denied because we were too close in proximity to other full-service centers. We will be applying in the next few months to have the ability to renew driver’s licenses.



>>> FLOWERS HAVE ARRIVED

A huge thank you to our public works staff for picking up the flower baskets from Joel’s Greenhouse, hanging all of those flower baskets, and watering them all summer long. Public works also plants all of the flower planters around City Hall and other city buildings.

