



FREEPORT NEWS

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City council meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the city hall

Freeport Baseball & Softball

A summer program organized by Bud Heidgerken and sponsored by the Freeport Rec Board and Freeport Lions will be open to students going into kindergarten through ninth grade. Those interested in signing up for girls' softball may contact Bud at 320-260-8982. To sign up for boys' baseball, Jesse Job can be contacted at 320-266-0454. Boys practice and play on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Girls practice Monday evenings and play Tuesday evenings. There are no fees to join.

Recreational Vehicles

There have been several notices going out for parking violations recently. As a reminder, vehicles and trailers are *not* to be parked on the lawn. Vehicles and campers *can* be parked on the street, but the length of time allowed is limited to 48 hours. There are two ordinances to keep in mind:

1310.07 General Time Limit

Subd.1 General Rule

It is unlawful to park a vehicle upon any street, alley, or way, or in a municipal parking lot in any one place for a continuous period longer than 48 hours.

Subd.2 Measure of Time Limit

A vehicle moved a distance of not more than one block during any limited parking period, is deemed to have remained stationary. It is unlawful to obliterate, erase, or remove any mark or sign placed on a vehicle by a police officer for the purpose of measuring the length of time such vehicle has parked.

500.475 Outdoor storage

Subd.1 Residential Uses

3. Any combination of five (5) or fewer licensed and operable recreational vehicles (RV's, boats, snowmobiles on a trailer, etc.) and/or seasonal automobiles may be parked or stored on property outside a home, provided:

- a. They are not stored within the front yard, except if parked on an approved driveway.
- b. If stored within the side or rear yard, they are at least five feet from the property line, placed on an improved surface (e.g. crushed rock, gravel, asphalt, concrete, etc.)

Photos courtesy of the Stearns
History Museum



Freeport Plank Sidewalk, 1909

Freeport Main Street facing
South, 1910



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Fire Department Positions Open

There are two positions open with the Freeport Fire and Rescue Department. Those interested can contact Fire Chief Andy Grieve for an application at andyg@alextech.edu.

2021 Reconstruction Update from City Engineer

The City has completed plans and is in the process of obtaining bids from contractors for the large reconstruction project that is being planned for 2021. Work is expected to begin soon. There are 3 primary areas in town that will be improved. Streets north of 2nd St NW, the neighborhood between the trail and interstate 94 (east of County Road 11), and the sewer mains in NE Freeport. Nearly all of the sewer mains will be rehabilitated by using Cured in Place Lining. The contractor will place a new PVC pipe inside the old clay pipe remotely (and mostly without digging up the sewer!) It is a very quick process that will give us a new sewer with minimum disruption to the adjoining properties. Only the alley between 2nd Ave NE and 3rd Ave NE will require excavation.

Spring Cleaning

Now that the snow is gone and the rain and sunshine have made their way back, it's likely many of us will be spending much more time outside. Aside from playing catch or getting that first mow in, we also encourage you to take some time to clean up your yards of any debris that may have accumulated over the winter months. Not only will your yard look neater, you may also save yourself from stepping in something unpleasant later on!# Remember, your sump pumps need to be switched to go outside and out of the city sewer lines for the Summer and Fall months.

Help Keep Our Roads Clean

There have been several complaints of garbage, lawn trimmings, etc. being left on the streets after garbage is picked up. Please do your part in helping to keep Freeport clear of clutter. If you see that there is trash left on the road after pick-up, please make sure that it makes its way back into the garbage.

Grease & Oil

We are still experiencing an excess of grease and oil in our sanitary sewer line. This is extremely problematic not only for the City, but for your fellow residents as well. We must once again ask residents to refrain from dumping grease down drains. Continuing to use drains for grease disposal could result in your personal lines getting blocked and causing backups, along with City sewer lines.