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# ~ things happening at Goodhue City Hall ~

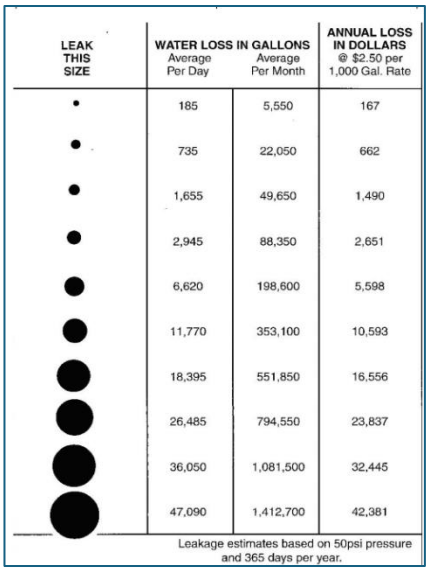
## Water Conservation Tips!

### Don't Run the Faucet While You Are Brushing

EPA estimates that the average U.S. citizen wastes 2 gallons daily on oral hygiene. That might amount to 600 million gallons daily! Don't run the faucet when you aren't using it.

### Leaky Faucet?

Fix leaky faucets immediately. A leaky faucet that drips at a rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. Ten percent of homes have water leaks, wasting 90 gallons or more per day. Leaky faucets can be reduced by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary. Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners more than 10 percent on their water bills.



| LEAK THIS SIZE | WATER LOSS IN GALLONS Average Per Day | Average Per Month | ANNUAL LOSS IN DOLLARS @ $2.50 per 1,000 Gal. Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| • | 185 | 5,550 | 167 |
| • | 735 | 22,050 | 662 |
| • | 1,655 | 49,650 | 1,490 |
| • | 2,945 | 88,350 | 2,651 |
| • | 6,620 | 198,600 | 5,598 |
| • | 11,770 | 353,100 | 10,593 |
| • | 18,395 | 551,850 | 16,556 |
| • | 26,485 | 794,550 | 23,837 |
| • | 36,050 | 1,081,500 | 32,445 |
| • | 47,090 | 1,412,700 | 42,381 |

Leakage estimates based on 50psi pressure and 365 days per year.

### Leaky Toilet?

A silent leak in your toilet can waste several thousand gallons of water each year. Replace old toilets with models that use 1.6 gallons or less per flush. Low flow toilets can help with water conservation. Follow these steps to discover if your toilet leaks: 1. Lift the lid off your toilet tank. 2. Place 3-4 drops of food coloring into the toilet tank. 3. Do not flush or disturb the toilet for one or two hours. 4. After one to two hours, observe the toilet bowl. If the color you placed in the tank shows up in the bowl, you have a leak. See your hardware dealer or plumber to obtain a replacement valve or kit. If your water bill suddenly increases from your normal amount, be sure to check your home for leaks. Even a small leak can cause a significant increase in water usage on your monthly bill. Any water that passes through the water meter will be recorded and included in your bill.

## Change of Council meetings for November and December

Due to holidays, there will be 1 City Council meeting on November 18th and December 16th @ 6:00. Meeting schedule will resume in January 2027.

## Utility Bill Monthly Newsletters

If you want to look back at a past newsletter, at any time you can read them on our website - under Government, Newsletters. All the newsletters that have been in with your monthly utility bill from October 2024 to the present are there!

## Grease in sewer lines

As part of our routine sewer maintenance, we recently had the city's sewer lines cleaned. During this process, it was noted that there is a high level of grease in the lines - MUCH MORE than is typically found. This excess grease is causing blockages and leading to potential long-term damage to our sewer system, which can result in expensive repairs and increased maintenance costs of the city.

Grease, oils and fats from cooking can solidify and stick to the inside of pipes, forming thick clogs that restrict water flow. Over time, these clogs can lead to backups and other serious sewer issues, which we have had a few recently. The damage caused by grease in the sewer lines can be costly and time consuming to repair. We URGE all residents to please take simple steps to prevent grease buildup and keep our sewer system functioning properly. Let cooking oils, fats, and grease cool and solidify in a container (like an empty can or jar). Once solidified, dispose of it in the trash – NOT the sink or toilet.

## Special Council Meeting for Canvassing Election

Council will meet on Tuesday, November 10 @ 6:00 for the approval of the 2026 General Election. No other business will be discussed during this meeting. Immediately following this meeting will be a council work session.

## Notice of Council Quorum

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a quorum of Goodhue City Councilmembers may be present at the North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District joint council meeting, taking place on November 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Zumbrota VFW. The address is 25 E 1st St, Zumbrota. City Council Members from each of the NZSSD communities will receive an update on the sanitary sewer district project and discuss next steps. The public is welcome to attend.

## Reminder - Parking Ordinance

1. General Parking Prohibition. No motor vehicle shall be parked on any public street for more than 48 continuous hours.
2. **One** of the following: trailer, boat, recreational vehicle, or camper shall be allowed to be parked on any residential parcel provided it is not parked on a grass or surface composed of other plant material and is located behind the front yard building line. Any such item must be parked on a hard surface of a uniform nature that encompasses the entire length and width of the vehicle/boat/camper/trailer and not in the front yard.
3. **Winter Parking Restriction**. During the period of **November 1st thru May 1st**, no motor vehicle shall be parked on any City street during and/or after a snowfall, sleet or freezing rain where there has been any accumulation of snow, ice and similar debris until the street is cleared to its full width.
4. Downtown Parking. No parking is permitted year-round from the hours of 2 a.m. — 6 a.m. in the following areas:
   - Broadway from 4th Ave to 1st Ave;
   - 2nd Street from 4th Ave to 1st Ave;
   - 3rd Ave from Hwy 58 to the alley adjacent First Farmers and Merchants Bank;
   - 2nd Ave from Broadway to the alley adjacent to the Corner Bar.
5. Impoundment and Citation. The City's law enforcement agency is authorized to issue a citation for any motor vehicle parked in violation of the ordinance. If the vehicle is unoccupied, it may be towed to a place of storage for safekeeping or impoundment. The City's law enforcement may request a private garage or towing service to tow the vehicle.
6. Prohibition on Snow Removal from Private Property. No person shall remove snow from private property and deposit the same on any public street or parking lot. Any snow deposited may be removed by the city and the cost of such removal shall be charged to the person in violation of this ordinance.