

MORTON AREA NEWSLETTER

April, 2018

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St. John's Catholic Church Hotdish Supper

Freewill
Donation

April 18th, 2018
5pm-7pm



Sponsored by St. John's
Council of Catholic Women

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
MORTON, MN

Spring Garden Party Saturday, April 21, 2018 Morton City Park 10 AM - 2 PM



CITY OF MORTON CLEAN UP DAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Household items, appliances, used oil, anti-freeze. **NO TIRES OR ELECTRONICS**
Items should be placed at the regular garbage pickup location by 7:00 a.m.

Attention Veterans!

Lee Stock of
Renville County Veterans' Services is at
Morton City Hall
on the
2nd Tuesday of each month
(or other dates if necessary)
to assist you with any of your veteran
service needs.

Please contact Lee to schedule an
appointment

Notice

Renville County WIC no longer has an outreach site in Morton. Those who picked up in Morton can pick up their benefits either in the Olivia office every Wednesday from 1:30-3 pm or at the new Fairfax site on the 1st Wednesday of January, April, July, and October from 9:30-11:30. The Should you have any questions or concerns, please call WIC staff at 320-523-3762.

Olivia Site: Renville County Public Health Office, 105 S. 5th St, Suite 119H (Government Services Center, lower level), Olivia, MN

Fairfax Site: Fairfax City Hall, 18 1st St SE, Fairfax, MN

Thank you so much to the Morton community for your help in supporting improved nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children!

Renville County WIC Staff

ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS
MEETS AT
MORTON CITY HALL
EACH MONDAY
EVENING,
BEGINNING AT
7:00 P.M.

CENTRAL COMMUNITY TRANSIT

The Central Community Transit serves all of Renville County Monday . Friday and all your Transportation needs.

For more information call:
Central Community Transit at:

320-523-3589
or
1-800-450-7964



Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution

The 3rd Tuesday of the month
at the National Guard Armory in Red-
wood Falls

Registration begins at 4:00

Distribution runs from 4:30-6:00
a \$20 cash donation gets you a share
bring 2 laundry baskets for your food
contact rubysredwoodfalls@gmail.com
for information especially those who
want to volunteer.

RENVILLE COUNTY FOOD SHELF

Any resident of Renville County may
visit the

Renville County Food Shelf located on
Main Street in downtown Olivia.*

Hours of Operation

Monday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday 5:00 – 7 p.m.

Friday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Located at 108 S. 9th Street, Olivia, MN
56277

Telephone: 320-523-5339

e-mail: rcfoodshelf@gmail.com

* Bring a current utility bill or other document that has your name and street address.

The Second Harvest Heartland guideline is 25 lbs . of food per person once a month or twelve times a year.

If you are doing home projects
and improvements, please check
with city hall to be sure you are
complying with local
requirements.

CIVIL DEFENSE

SIREN TESTING

Civil Defense sirens are tested each month on the first Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Church Service Schedule

Zion Lutheran

9:00 a.m. Sundays

Bible Study & Sunday school following services

St. John's Catholic

Mass at 8:00 a.m. Sundays

CHURCH SERVICES ARE AIRED ON
MEDIACOM CUSTOMERS'
CHANNEL 8

Tuesdays & Fridays at 10:00 and 1:00

BONE BUILDERS

Our group meets on
Wednesday & Friday at 8:45
a.m.

at the Senior Center.

Everyone has a great time, sharing news, joking & laughing. Join us!

Council Meetings

Next

Regular City Council Meeting:

May 9, 2018

starting at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are aired live on Media-com's local access channel and again the day following the meeting at noon.

Meetings are live on facebook as well

If you are experiencing issues with the broadcast, please contact city hall following the meeting, so improvements and changes can be made.

Check Out KOERNERS KORNER!

Dine in or take out!

Daily Specials Including Soups
and Stews

KOERNERS KORNER

697-6244

CANCELLED STAMP COLLECTION PROGRAM

If you have stamps and you don't know what to do with them. But you would rather not throw them away here is a nice option for you. You can collect them and drop them off at City Hall to be donated to a Veterans Organization. The Veterans' National Stamp and Coin Club is a wonderful organization. They collect U.S. and foreign stamps and coins, postcards, sports cards and much more. This group then passes the items on to other Veterans Affairs support centers across the nation. The stamps and coins, etc., are supplied for therapeutic use helping veterans.



Pop Tab Program

What is the Pop Tab Program? Our Pop Tab Program is a great way for families, schools, organizations, businesses and individuals to support the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota's mission. When pop tabs are donated, volunteers bring them to a local recycling facility and exchange the aluminum for cash. All proceeds directly support the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota.

What exactly is a pop tab? A pop tab is the flip top on aluminum cans. You can collect them from soda cans, sparkling water cans and various other beverage cans. We also take tabs from soup, fruit, vegetable and pet food cans that have tabs.

Where do I drop my pop tabs off? Drop your collected tabs off at Morton City Hall. From here they will be forwarded to Rochester, Minnesota

UPCOMING

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

DATES:

Have your container at the location of your garbage pick up by

6:00 a.m.

(one day late due to the holiday

April 17, May 1, 15, 30

Mobile Recycling Unit

The mobile recycling unit is located in the back of the parking lot next to River Valley Arms & Ammo

As a reminder, residents that have the curbside service available to them are encouraged to use it.

GARBAGE DAY IS

EACH TUESDAY MORNING

PLEASE HAVE CONTAINERS AT THE CURB NO LATER THAN
7:00 A.M.

PLEASE ALLOW FOR ADEQUATE ROOM FOR THE ARM OF THE TRUCK TO ATTACH TO YOUR CONTAINER. ALL GARBAGE MUST IN THE CONTAINER AND THE CONTAINER MUST BE ACCESSIBLE.

Newsletter/Local Access/Public Information

If you have items you wish to have in the newsletter or posted on the access channel, please drop them off at city hall and we will be happy to include them (at no charge!)

People reading the newsletter will notice that there are articles that repeat each month. While it may seem like a waste of paper to you, please remember that the intent is to provide reminders and to help new residents become aware of schedules and activities taking place in our community.

The primary purpose of the newsletter is to inform residents of what is going on in and around our community. This includes publication of the notes from the most recent council meeting.

All items presented and/or referenced and discussed at the public meetings are public and available from city hall upon request.

Anyone wishing to have an electronic copy of the agenda packet may contact city hall to begin receiving them.

The official newspaper for the City of Morton is the Renville County Register.

All notices and publications as required by law are printed in that paper and as an additional means of providing public information, such notices will be printed in this newsletter when possible. All other publications and postings are done as a courtesy and means of informing residents of activities

If you have suggestions and ideas for the newsletter, please contact city hall.

Need to earn extra money?

Mature workers wanted!



Earn while you learn and put your experience to work.

Paid training with a goal of employment

If you're 55 or older, unemployed and want to get back into the work force, Experience Works might have the training & employment opportunities that are just right for you.

Contact Experience Works at: 1-855-270-9660


www.experienceworks.org

Commercial Tailor

- ⇒ Men's and women's alterations
 - ⇒ Mending
 - ⇒ Darning socks and
 - ⇒ Sweater repairs
- ⇒ Work on some ladies gowns.

Additional charge on rush orders.

I ALSO do cleaning, and yard work

Experienced with all three

Call Lin at 530 1335.



Mini Storage Available

Secure 10'x10' and 10'x20'
Storage Sheds

443 W 3rd Street Morton MN

Call for availability

507.430.9201-Dan

807.829.9040- Aaron

River Valley Groom & Spa

440 West 2nd street, Morton MN, 56270

763-587-1374

Coupons

Buy 1 pound of gourmet
bakery dog treats and get
1/2 pound FREE!

Bring in this coupon for one
Free nail trim!

\$2 off of one bath or
grooming package.

Healthy Baker dog treats
Buy 2, get 3 FREE!

\$2 Anal gland expression
Add-on. Valid with paid
bath or groom package.

Free toothbrushing & free
toothbrush Add-on. Valid
with paid bath or groom
package.

Electronics and Appliance Recycling!!

The second Wednesday of each month *April-October:

2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Located on the northeast end of the Renville County Fairgrounds

This collection is for Renville and Redwood County Residents ONLY

April 11, 2018

May 9, 2018

June 13, 2018

July 11, 2018

September 12, 2018

October 10, 2018

***NO** August collection due to the Renville County Fair

PLEASE SAVE THIS FLYER!

**For more information, contact S.W. Recycling at
1-800-366-8665 or www.swrecycling.com**

Electronics

Appliances

FREE

CPUs/Hard Drives, computer mouse, cell phones, keyboards, speakers, iPods, cameras, GPS units, laptops, CD players, MP3 players, etc.

***COST**

\$20.00: TVs and computer monitors
\$10.00: scanners, printers, copiers, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players and stereos

FREE

Washers, dryers, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, stoves/ovens, microwaves, water softeners, etc.

***COST**

\$75.00:
RV Refrigerators

The following will **NOT** be accepted at this collection: general household garbage, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), standard recyclable materials, fluorescent bulbs, batteries or tires.

***Prices may be subject to change.**

Morton

2017 DRINKING WATER REPORT

Making Safe Drinking Water

Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: two wells ranging from 46 to 48 feet deep, that draw water from the Quaternary Buried Artesian aquifer.

Morton works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Jason Nelson, Maintenance Supt., at 507-829-7765 or jnelson7765@gmail.com if you have questions about Morton's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Morton Monitoring Results

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2017.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage [Basics of Monitoring and Testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/sampling.html) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/sampling.html>).

How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Definitions

- **AL (Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency
- **MCL (Maximum contaminant level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Level 1 Assessment:** A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- **Level 2 Assessment:** A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
- **MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **NA (Not applicable):** Does not apply.
- **NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units):** A measure of the cloudiness of the water (turbidity).
- **pCi/l (picocuries per liter):** A measure of radioactivity.
- **ppb (parts per billion):** One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/l}$).
- **ppm (parts per million):** One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l).
- **PWSID:** Public water system identification.
- **TT (Treatment Technique):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Variations and Exemptions:** State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Water Quality Data Tables

LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.						
Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Action Level	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Copper (08/03/17)	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0 ppm	0.23 ppm	0 out of 5	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Lead (08/03/17)	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	0 ppb	25.8 ppb	1 out of 5	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.						
Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Nitrate	10.4 ppm	10 ppm	0.3 ppm	N/A	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION – Tested in drinking water.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (2016)	80 ppb	N/A	24.6 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA) (2016)	60 ppb	N/A	7.4 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.56 ppm	0.29 - 0.93 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.

Total HAA refers to HAA5

OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.74 ppm	0.51 - 0.82 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.

Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable)

Fluoride: Fluoride is nature's cavity fighter, with small amounts present naturally in many drinking water sources. There is an overwhelming weight of credible, peer-reviewed, scientific evidence that fluoridation reduces tooth decay and cavities in children and adults, even when there is availability of fluoride from other sources, such as fluoride toothpaste and mouth rinses. Since studies show that optimal fluoride levels in drinking water benefit

public health, municipal community water systems adjust the level of fluoride in the water to a concentration between 0.5 to 1.5 parts per million (ppm), with an optimal fluoridation goal between 0.7 and 1.2 ppm to protect your teeth. Fluoride levels below 2.0 ppm are not expected to increase the risk of a cosmetic condition known as enamel fluorosis.

Lead: Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Lead: We are in exceedance of the action level for lead. In response to this issue, we performed or are performing a corrosion control study and/or have taken actions to make the water less likely to absorb materials such as lead from your plumbing. We are also performing a regular program of public education to inform residents of steps they can take to reduce their exposure to lead and copper in drinking water.

Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Learn More about Your Drinking Water

Drinking Water Sources

Minnesota's primary drinking water sources are groundwater and surface water. Groundwater is the water found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water. Surface water is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water.

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.

- **Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties.
- **Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:

- How Morton is protecting your drinking water source(s);
- Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
- How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.

Find your source water assessment at [Source Water Assessments](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa/) (www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa/) or call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lead in Drinking Water

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Morton provides high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

1. **Let the water run** for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.
 - You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: [Are your pipes made of lead? Here's a quick way to find out](https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home) (https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home).
 - The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.
2. **Use cold water** for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.
3. **Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

- Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample:
[Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program](https://apps.health.state.mn.us/eldo/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam)
(<https://apps.health.state.mn.us/eldo/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>)
The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.
4. **Treat your water** if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.
- Read about water treatment units:
[Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/poulead.html)
(<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/poulead.html>)

Learn more:

- Visit [Lead in Drinking Water](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/contaminants/lead.html#Protect)
(<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/contaminants/lead.html#Protect>)
- Visit [Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead) (<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>)
- Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit [Lead Poisoning Prevention: Common Sources](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/lead/sources.html) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/lead/sources.html>).

Help Protect Our Most Precious Resource – Water

July 4th Committee Update

The Committee met on April 10th and would like to invite people interested in helping out to attend future meetings. Dates set for upcoming meetings (please mark your calendar & save the date!): April 24, May 8, May 22, June 12 and June 26. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for helping out on the 4th.. If you can't make the meetings but would like to help, please contact the committee.

morton4july@gmail.com

"The Oldest Story in North America"

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E-Mail: mortoncityhall@mchsi.com

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TDD/TTY: 651-602-7830

AMENDMENTS TO THE MEETINGS OF March 14 & 28, 2018: NONE

◇ The NOTES from April 11 have not been approved by the council as of this publication.

◇ Any changes will be noted in the next newsletter.

◇ The following are the NOTES from the most recent council meeting (April 11, 2018)

◇ All information provided and referenced in the meeting is public information and available from city hall upon request.

March 28, 2018:

Special meeting called to order in open session at 6:30 p.m. with all members present. Others present: Nicole Elzenga, Dick Roper, Dan Haase, Greg Deinken, Bonnie Green, Linda Kahmeyer, Tony Mages, Tyler Serbus, Heather Koffler, Steve Anderson, Julie Bentson, Kate Colwell and Ryan Becklund.

Purpose of the meeting: Primarily fire hall but posted to include other items that have come about since the last meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

7A Permits

7B HRA Resolution

9A(a) Sewer- Circuit Board Replacement

9A(a) Lawn Mower Rotation

9A(b) Park & Rec-Walk Bridge Repair

CITIZEN ISSUES: None.

BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:

PERMITS: Application received from Farmward for signs to be placed on their property. Motion by Walker and second by Henning to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Application received from Mark Reetz for an addition onto his shed on Main Street. Review of the application. Inquiry on if the property is commercial or residential and how it is homesteaded. Those questions can be presented to the Assessor at the April meeting. Motion by Prescott and second by Jacobson to approve the permit for Mark Reetz as presented. Motion carried.

HRA RESOLUTION: The properties owned by Renville County HRA located at 151 and 161 North Centennial Drive are in need of repairs; however the cost of the repairs has been found to exceed the value of the properties so HUD funds are not available for the repairs. HRA is proposing to auction the properties off. There is a public hearing required which HRA is planning to schedule for May. Another requirement is that there be a support from the community that the properties are located in. Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to support the Renville County HRA plans for auctioning off the properties located at 151 and 161 North Centennial Drive. Motion carried.

SUPPORT TO KIDS/COMMUNITY PRIDE:

JULY 4 COMMITTEE UPDATE: The website and facebook page is set up. An ad has been placed for soliciting vendors. The Chamber is participating with the bouncy house and beer garden. The museum will be hosting their regular activities. A letter will be prepared and sent soon seeking donations to cover the costs of the event. The parade route will be changed to the original route which goes down Main Street and across Highway 19. There will be some time changes in some of the activities. More information to be provided as it becomes available. For anyone interested in helping out or learning more about the plans, the next committee meeting is scheduled for April 10 at City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

PROVIDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

WATER/SEWER: A circuit board for the wastewater system is in need of replacement. Cost is \$780. Motion by Prescott and second by Walker to approve the purchase of the circuit board at a cost of \$780. Motion carried.

STREETS: We have not received any cost estimates for repair of Monument Drive to eliminate or reduce the water problem that is occurring. Cost estimates will be available at the regular April meeting.

PARK & RECREATION:

Lawn Mower Rotation: The Toro has one year of warranty remaining. The warranty on the John Deere will expire in April. Council received a spreadsheet with the quotes received for replacing the Toro and the replacement cost for the John Deere. Discussion on the difference in the prices between the Toro and the John Deere. It was explained to the council that we currently have two mowers; the question for the council is if we want to continue with the rotation as it is so that we are not replacing both mowers in the same season. Council agreed that as long as there is still warranty on the Toro for this season, consideration should be given for replacing the John Deere this year. Discussion on attachments. The proposal is for replacing the mower only. We would keep the attachments to use on the new mower. Motion by Walker and second by Henning to authorize trading the John Deere, per proposal at a cost of \$7600. Motion carried.

Park Walk Bridge Repair: The bridge was washed out and damaged during high water last fall. Cost of repair is estimated at approximately \$1,000. Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to repair and reinstall the walk bridge in the park, per proposal. Motion carried.

FIRE:

Review of costs incurred to-date: From discussion at the last meeting and following the meeting there were numerous questions as to what costs have been incurred on the fire hall project so far and what those costs were for. A spreadsheet detailing each expenditure related to the project was prepared for council review and discussion. The summary of that information is as follows:

Summary of Costs Incurred:

<i>Publication Costs</i>	<i>38.54</i>
<i>Financial</i>	<i>1,175.00</i>
<i>Legal</i>	<i>1,847.55</i>
<i>Land/Title Costs</i>	<i>3,258.00</i>
<i>Morton Bldg. Design Fee</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>
<i>Total Cost of Referendum</i>	<i>7,366.64</i>
<i>Engineer/Architect</i>	<i>42,961.50</i>
<i>Total Costs Incurred:</i>	<i>61,647.23</i>

Haase proposal: Review of the change in cost from the first proposal to the present. There is expected to be a \$3,000 increase in the cost of the steel yet to come. Recap of activities that have taken place since the February meeting. The City Attorney, the Mayor and Dan & Aaron met to discuss the details. At that time Dan indicated that costs were going to increase. It was agreed at that meeting that time would not be invested in moving forward with contracts and details until the updated numbers were made available to determine if the project is still within the budget. Those updated numbers were received on March 27. A comparison of the original and updated proposal is as follows along with financing and funds that have been designated for this project:

	2/6/2018	3/27/2018
	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
Overhead Doors	20,280.50	21,280.00
Ceiling Fans	8,800.00	8,800.00
Refrigerator	3,800.00	3,800.00
Concrete	65,000.00	75,000.00
Building Costs	120,000.00	123,000.00
Contractor Fee	55,000.00	55,000.00
Plumbing	60,000.00	62,000.00
Electrical	40,000.00	42,000.00
Floor Drains	5,600.00	6,000.00
Insulation	36,500.00	38,000.00
Site Work	25,000.00	26,000.00
Electronics	3,000.00	3,000.00
Legal	<u>17,500.00</u>	<u>17,500.00</u>
Total	460,480.50	481,380.00
Interest Rate	4.75	4.9
Annual Payment	24,388.35	26,365.79
Down Payment	150,000.00	150,000.00
Amount Financed	310,480.50	331,380.00
Total Cost for 20 yr. Term	637,767.00	677,315.80
<u>Down Payment:</u>		
Police Car Fund	16,859	16,859
Police Equipment Fund	1,500	1,500
Budget through 2017 for Building	84,500	84,500
Budget 2018	27,853	27,853
Liquor	<u>50,038</u>	<u>50,038</u>
Total Funds Designated for this Project	180,750	180,750

Prescott stated that the council voted on this project at the last meeting, we need to move forward so prices can be locked in. Contracts need to be done within two weeks or at least by the April council meeting.

Julie Bentson and Kate Colwell expressed concern about going against the recommendation from the City Attorney and exposing the city to possible law suits.

Greg Deinken pointed out that the council may want to clarify the minutes regarding who can file a law suit. It was also pointed out that the cost presented from Dan Haase as significantly less than the proposal from Morton Buildings.

Julie Bentson questioned why there is objection to following the bid process: If we start over with bidding, there would be an additional \$39,000 for architect fees and a 3-4 month delay in construction which would result in additional costs for material and higher interest rates. The money is already budgeted and this project fits the budget.

It was pointed out that the project was voted down by the residents of Morton once; why is it now proceeding without a vote. People are concerned and the council representing the community should be addressing and listening to those concerns.

The Mayor explained that there is nothing saying that what is being done is illegal. Other communities have done projects similar to this one.

Discussion on if the council can be sued individually. Also, the fire department could sue for not getting the safety issues addressed.

The council chose a direction. No further discussion on other options and issues.

MANAGEMENT:

PERSONNEL: Mayor Farmer read aloud the resignation/retirement letter presented from the Clerk/Administrator. Motion by Prescott and second by Walker to accept the resignation as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Recommendation:

Publish/Post the position in the Redwood Gazette, Renville County Register, Indeed.com and the League of MN Cities.

Accept applications through April 16

Establish a committee to review the applications and complete the interviews and make hiring recommendations to the council

Council agreed with the Mayor's recommendations.

Discussion on Salary: Review of where other cities are at with salaries. Council agreed to base salary on qualifications, with the amount to be set once a recommendation is made.

Discussion on the position: Council agreed it would be a Clerk/Administrator position.

Council agreed that a 4-year degree in accounting and/or business would be helpful.

Motion by Jacobson to thank Shirley Dove for her years of service to the community. Second by Walker. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

APRIL 11, 2018:

Regular meeting called to order in open session at 6:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with all members present. Others present: Danielle Sedin, Dennis Oberloh, Aaron Walton, Dan Haase, Aaron Scheffler, Linda and Dave Kahmeyer, Judy Sindelir, Tyler Serbus, Jill and Greg Deinken, Joseph Evans, Lonnie Schottenbauer, Laron Schottenbauer, Matt Robinson, Tony Mages, Chad Luckhardt, Keegan Mammen, Ben Mammen, Randy Mertz, and Doug Bruns.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Correction: Add Secretary's Report – March 14 and 28

Addition: 7C) Housing Rehab Application

CITIZEN ISSUES: None

PRESENTERS:

Dennis Oberloh (Dennis E. Oberloh LTD) – 2017 Audit Presentation -6:30 p.m.

Doug Bruns & Randy Mertz (Renville County Assessors)-Annual Board of Appeal-7:30 p.m

DENNIS OBERLOH: Dennis presented the 2017 audit and reviewed the report with the council. Dennis reviewed the items that are reviewed as part of the audit process. He reviewed the schedule of finding and the responses. The findings are the same as they have been for several years and relate to ability to segregate duties and hire additional staff. There being no questions, comments or concerns by the council, a motion was made by Walker to approve the 2017 audit report as presented. Second by Prescott. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to approve the Secretary's Report for March 14 and 28 as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to approve as presented. Linda Kahmeyer inquired about expenses on page 2 fund balance sheet from 2016 and council responded. No further discussion. Motion carried.

BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:

SURVEY UPDATE: Surveys regarding water issues at the east part of down are due back by May 1. Council should plan on reviewing the information received and schedule time to discuss options with the engineer.

WATER ISSUES AND CONCERNS: With snow and rain on the way, water issues will continue to be an issue. Further discussion on resolution once the surveys have been returned.

COST ESTIMATES FOR MONUMENT DRIVE: Proposals received: TNT \$8,565; Kerkhoff Brothers \$17,250; Affordable Dirt Works \$3,200; Schmidt Construction \$1,700. Review of the proposals. Each of them are proposing a different option for repair. Motion by Prescott to table the decision for clarification on the proposals and a recommendation on the best method of repair. Second by Walker. Motion carried.

HOUSING REHAB. APPLICATION: An application for home repair has been received. The applicant currently has a loan in place and is requesting \$6,000 additional funds for needed improvements. The applicant meets the criteria and is current on their existing loan. This project would be completed with the city's rehab. project. Motion by Prescott and second by Walker to approve. Motion carried.

SUPPORT TO KIDS/COMMUNITY PRIDE:

JULY 4 COMMITTEE MEETING: Planning continues

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY: Clean up day is scheduled for May 16 for household items, used oil and antifreeze. No tires and electronics. Motion by Prescott to approve. Second by Walker. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

No items for any departments at this time

PUBLIC SAFETY:

POLICE-ACTIVITY REPORT: Council received the monthly summary report in their packet. Prescott added that he has received complaints about the patrolling taking place in town again; being pulled over for minor issues such as not signaling far enough in advance and for officers parking on Main Street watching the bar. He added that Franklin is having the same issue and it is with the same officer that this is happening with here. Admin requested details from Prescott and will call Chief Deputy Mathwig to discuss further.

FIRE HALL PROJECT: Information that needed to be in the contracts started to be gathered on Monday. Aaron Walton drafted a contract which then went to Dan & Aaron's attorney. Several changes and additions were made and a draft was presented to the council for review and discussion.

Issues to be resolved: There is a question of property ownership in the event of a default. It is noted in the development agreement and needs to be added to the ground lease.

Discussion on the down payment of \$150,000. Aaron and Dan are recommending a trust account be set up with a third party. This would allow for more timely payments of invoices and would reduce micro managing. It was pointed out that this is not consistent with the process used for expending tax dollars. It is not consistent with the method used for payment of contract invoices in other projects that have been done here or elsewhere. City funds need to be controlled by the city. Auditor Dennis Oberloh added that it could be an audit issue and could raise a red flag with the state auditor.

Financing: The financing will be done privately by DASH Investments (Dan & Aaron's LLC). Payments would begin once possession is taken.

Site Plan: The Bollig print shows a gravel parking lot on the south side of the building. The gravel was omitted and that area will remain grass.

Budget and insurance reviewed.

Schedule: Start date: 06-01-18; Substantial Completion 09-1-18; Final Completion 11-1-18

Discussion on timing. April 15 was a target date for having contracts in place because after that date the price of steel will increase \$3,000. Aaron & Dan's attorney will not be available until next Tuesday. Discussion on prepaying the steel to get the price before the increase. Question of doing that without a contract in place.

Further discussion on how payments will be made on the \$ 150,000 down payment. Concern was expressed about creating unnecessary delays in the project.

Suggested changes to the draft contract:

- (1) Addition: If a non-appropriation occurs, DASH could purchase the property/building
If DASH would default, the city could take over payments
- (2) Payments of the \$ 150,000: Pay requests need to be submitted at a minimum of four working days prior to expecting payment. That would allow for the required three days' notice of special meeting and payment would be made within one day of that meeting. Any delay in processing the pay requests would extend the completion date. Council was reminded that this may require special meetings.

Motion by Jacobson to approve the Development Agreement between the City of Morton and DASH Investments (Dan Haase and Aaron Scheffler) with the attachments as presented with the suggested changes as outlined above. Second by Prescott. Discussion: Linda Kahmeyer asked if there is a legal quagmire created here for the city-(1) Conflict of Interest-persons on the fire department voting on the issue (2) No bidding took place for the project. Mayor Farmer explained that there is no conflict of interest because there is no financial gain on the part of the fire department members as it relates to the construction of the building and the council agreed to move forward without bidding the project. No further discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Dave Kahmeyer reviewed the implications of violating the above noted issues.

BOARD OF APPEALS (7:30 P.M.) Randy Mertz & Doug Bruns (Renville County Assessors present) Last year there was a county wide adjustment which resulted in approximately 5% increase. Randy reviewed the changes in value with commercial development as well as residential development. Keegan Mammen inquired about the increase in his valuation and the increase in his taxes. There is a shift with the farmland values coming down, the increase in budget for the county and city. These items effect the value which then effects the taxes.

Ben Mammen- With the water issues in the east part of town, it would be difficult to sell homes for the value that is on them. He inquired if the water issues is taken into effect when determining value of these properties. A list of the properties will be forwarded to Randy. He will refer to the list when valuations are reviewed next year. Jorey asked to be revaluated. Any recommendations regarding his value will be taken to the county board, since he sits on the council.

Motion by Jacobson to close the Board of Appeals Hearing at 8:00 p.m. Second by Walker. Motion carried.

FIRE-OFFICER POSITIONS/POLICY: The League of MN Cities is recommending that the council appoint officers or at least approve them. The Fire Department will continue to vote on officers as they currently do. They will make a recommendation to the council based on their vote. Council will act on that recommendation. The fire department will provide the city with a letter indicating what the vote was that took place for this year. Council will address at the next meeting.

The League of Cities also recommends there be a fire department policy that outlines how things within the department are done. Further discussion at a later date.

MANAGEMENT:

SEVERANCE PAY: The personnel policy allows for consideration of severance pay for employees leaving on good terms. The maximum number of sick days able to be carried over is 20 days. Request for compensation for 20 days since there were many years that no sick days were used. Motion by Jacobson and second by Prescott to authorize compensation for 20 days sick time for the Clerk/Administrator. Motion carried. Vacation time accrued will also be cashed out in accordance with the policy.

HIRING PROCESS. Applications will be accepted through April 16. Mayor Farmer is setting up a committee to review the applications, set up and complete interviews. Farmer recommended changing the job position from Clerk/Administrator to Clerk, with the potential of growing into the Administrator position. Motion by Henning and second by Walker to change the position from Clerk/Administrator to Clerk. Motion carried.

Pay Scale: Discussion on benefits. No insurance is provided. There is PERA, Social Security and Medicare which are all required. There is sick time and vacation time. Discussion on wages. Council agreed it should be higher to accommodate for no insurance provided. Discussion on pay equity points and compliance. Motion by Prescott and second by Henning to set the pay scale for the City Clerk position at \$35,360-\$41,600 depending on qualifications. Motion carried.

PAY BILLS: Bill list presented. No issues, concerns or questions. Motion by Walker and second by Jacobson to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Easter Egg Hunt



The Morton Fire Department would like to thank all the business, organizations and individuals who help make the 1st Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt possible. Over \$800 was raised, 90 kids participated and over 50 prizes were awarded. This would not have been possible without your generosity. We look forward to your support in helping making the Easter Egg Hunt possible again in the future.

Thank You,
Morton Fire Department



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Art in the Cemetery

Presented by Adrian Lee

at the Renville County Historical Society

441 N Park Dr., Morton, Minnesota

In the Heritage Building on the Museum Grounds

Thursday, April 26, 2018 * Presentation: 7:00 PM

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Adrian Lee is a historian, author, radio host and paranormal investigator. In his talk, the *Art of the Cemetery*, he will outline the history of the cemetery and its evolution-- explaining their layout and conception. He will talk about the symbolism, art and semi-otics of the statues and gravestones, touching upon the history and art of angels. Adrian will use his own photographs taken from cemeteries and graveyards all over the world to illustrate his talk. If you love history, angels, art, and the macabre, with an informative and funny commentary, then you will not be disappointed.

"Cemeteries are the perfect location for historical study, they remain the same, kept in a vacuum and untouched by the hammer of modernity."

His latest book, *Mysterious Midwest, Unwrapping Urban Legends and Ghostly Tales from the Dead* is available at the Museum and will be for sale the day of his presentation. You can also view his team *The International Paranormal Society* and all future events at www.intparanormal.net. *More Questions than Answers* is the only weekly live paranormal quiz show on the planet. Tune in to www.darkmatterdigitalnetwork.com at 8m (central time) every Friday night. All shows are archived at www.soundcloud.com/mqtaradio

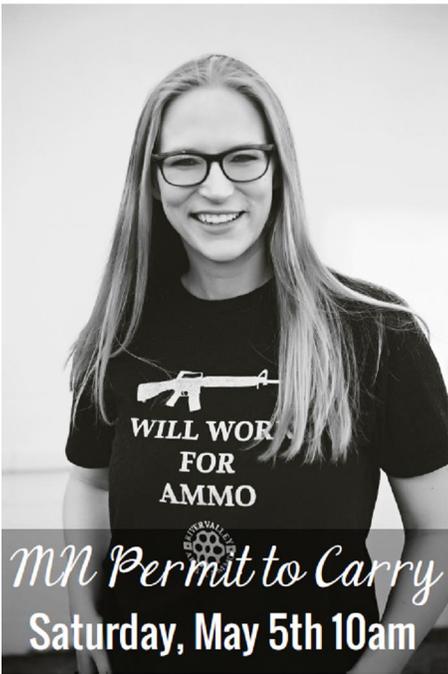
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Saturday & Sunday May 19-20 8am-5pm



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The Morton Area Chamber is pleased to present a First Dollar of Profit certificate to a new business in Morton! Detail Plus opened downtown Morton at the corner of Hwy 19 and Main Street across from Koerner's Korner. The owner/operator is Lonnie Quackenbush. Lonnie has been in the automotive detailing business for 18 years. He does interior and exterior auto reconditioning to make your car look new again! If you are in need of Lonnie's services call him at 507-430-1094. Pictured are Chamber Sec/Treas Bonnie Green, Owner Lonnie Quackenbush and Chamber President Nicole Elzenga.

Morton Chamber News



The Morton Area Chamber presented Koerner's Korner with their First Dollar of Clear Profit certificate. Judy Sindelir purchased the bar and grill in Morton at the beginning of the year. She is having a Grand Opening on Thursday, March 29. Stop by to check it out! Pictured are Chamber members Sarah Madsen and Nicole Elzenga, the bar owner Judy Sindelir, and Bonnie Green from the Chamber.



Christopher Schmitz is the new MVHLC Program Coordinator. He has spent the last six years working with local youth through the Youth For Christ program in Redwood Falls where he is also the Area Director. In addition to setting up the Lunch & Learn events for the Minnesota Valley History Learning Center, he brings his experience in youth work to the MVHLC's Summer Explorer Program and is excited to engage with area teens through the summertime.

NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release

Date: March 23, 2018

Contact: Holly Hatlewick, 320-523-1550 ext. 3



HATLEWICK, WERMERS AND NESS OF RENVILLE SWCD MEET WITH LOCAL LEGISLATORS

Holly Hatlewick, Karen Wermers and Supervisor Terry Lea Ness from Renville Soil and Water Conservation District, attended a legislative briefing and meetings at the State Capitol March 12-13 in St. Paul.

They joined a group of other officials from the state's Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) who met in St. Paul to gather support for conservation districts' programs and issues.

"It is important for us to get the conservation message out to our elected officials in St. Paul," said Holly Hatlewick, of Renville SWCD. The 2018 Legislative Session will be important to the future of conservation programs in the state, noted Hatlewick. This year legislators will address issues including state funding for programs and projects across the state including SWCD grants, the Reinvest in Minnesota Reserve conservation easement program, appropriations of constitutionally dedicated sales tax funds through the Outdoor Heritage Fund and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, as well as various policy issues. We have to work hard to make sure local soil and water conservation issues don't fall by the way-side. Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts play an integral role in enhancing Minnesota's quality of life through conservation on private lands, which yields environmental, wildlife and aesthetic benefits to the public.

During the visit to St. Paul, Hatlewick, Wermers and Ness met with local legislators, Senator Lang, Representative Miller, and Representative Torkelson.

The event was sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

SWCDs fill the crucial niche of providing land and water conservation services to owners of private lands. For more information on the Renville Soil and Water Conservation District, please call 320-523-1550 ext. 3.

Annie Tepfer ~ DFC Coalition Coordinator

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Low Income Energy Assistance Program

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households.

EAP is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Grants are:

- For renters or homeowners
- For households with income at or below 50 percent of the state median income
- Based on energy cost, household size, and income

Services may include:

- Payment of energy bills
- Help with utility disconnections or fuel deliveries.
- Education on efficient and safe use of energy.
- Advocacy with energy suppliers and human service providers.
- Repair or replacement of homeowners' broken heating systems.

2018 Maximum Energy Assistance Program Income Guidelines

EAP eligibility is based on the three most recent months of income.

Household Size	Three Month Maximum	Annual Income
1	\$6,250	\$25,000
2	\$8,173	\$32,692
3	\$10,096	\$40,385
4	\$12,019	\$48,077
5	\$13,942	\$55,769
6	\$15,865	\$63,462

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Senior Nutrition Program

	Tuesday, May 1	Wednesday, May 2	Thursday, May 3	Friday, May 4
	Taco Salad: 3oz Taco Meat 1/2oz. Cheese, 2 Tbsp Salsa 1c. Shred lettuce & chopped Tomatoes 1Tb. Sour Crm, Dinner Roll/Marg 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit, 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	6oz. Chicken in Cream Sauce 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Cream Puff Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	1/2 c. Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Creamed Carrots Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Poke Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Italian Meat Sauce 4 oz. Spaghetti Noodles 1/2 c. Lettuce/Drsg/1/2c Gr. Beans Garlic Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Ice Cream 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, May 7	Tuesday, May 8	Wednesday, May 9	Thursday, May 10	Friday, May 11
3 oz. Salisbury Steak 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pineapple 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. BBQ Pork 1/2 c. Potato Salad 1/2 c. Cauliflower Bun/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Crisp 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	6 oz. Baked Rigatoni & Beef 1/2 c. Corn 1/2 c. Fruit Salad Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pudding 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Pub House Fish 1/2c. Macaroni & Cheese 1/2 c. Peas & Carrots 1/2 c. Pears 2"x2" Raspberry Parfait Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Chicken Salad 1/2 c. Marinated Veg. Salad 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit Bun/Margarine 2"x2" Blondie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, May 14	Tuesday, May 15	Wednesday, May 16	Thursday, May 17	Friday, May 18
4 oz. Beef Tips/Gravy 1/2 c. Noodles/1/2 Peaches 1/2 c. Country Blend Veget. Bread/Margarine Cookie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	5 oz. Parmesan Chicken Baked Potato Sr. Crm. 1/2 c. California Blend Veg Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Frosted Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Roast Turkey 1/2c. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy 1/2c. Green Beans Cranberry Sc. Garnish 1/2 c. Fruit Cocktail 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3oz. Country Steak/Country Gravy 1/2 c. Whole Potatoes 1/2 c. Squash Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pudding 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. BBQ Chicken Brst Sandwich 1/2c. Creamy Cucumber Salad 1/2 c. Fresh Fruit Bun/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, May 21	Tuesday, May 22	Wednesday, May 23	Thursday, May 24	Friday, May 25
6 oz. Chicken Chow Mein 1/2c. Rice/Chow Mein Noodles 1/2 c. Oriental Vegetables 1/2 c. Mandarin Oranges Cookie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Liver or Pepper Steak 1/2 c. Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Apricots 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	Chef Salad 1 oz. each Turkey, Ham, Cheese on 1 cup Lettuce/Salat Drsg. 1/2 c. Tomato & Cucum. Slices Muffin/Marg./2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Roast Beef 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Carrots Dinner Roll/Margarine 2"x2" Pudding Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	4 oz. Swedish Meatballs 1/2 c. Paprika Potatoes 1/2 c Creamed Spinach Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Ice Cream 8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, May 28	Tuesday, May 29	Wednesday, May 30	Thursday, May 31	
6 oz. Chicken & Rice Casserole 1/2 c. Broccoli 1/2 c. Cole Slaw Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Pudding 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Roast Pork 1/2 c. Whole Potatoes 1/2 c. Buttered Cabbage Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Rosy Applesauce 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	3 oz. Hamburger 1/2 c. Potato Salad 1/2 c. Baked Beans Bun/Margarine Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	5 oz. Oven Crispy Chicken 1/2 c. Sweet Potatoes 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk	GIFT CERTIFICATES for meals available at your site or purchase on line at www.lssmn.org/nutrition Remember Mom... MOTHER'S DAY May 13

This service is funded in part by a contract from the Area Agency on Aging with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act through the Minnesota Board on Aging. Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Ways, local communities, and other adult contributions. Approved by: Terri Weyer, RD, LD. Posted menu is regular diet & provides average of 700-800 calories. Diabetic, sodium and fat restricted menus available upon request. MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Rhubarb Custard Bars

CRUST:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup cold butter

FILLING:

- 2 cups sugar
- 7 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- 5 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed and drained

TOPPING:

- 6 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped

Directions:

- **1.** In a bowl, combine the flour and sugar; cut in butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press into a greased 13x9-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes.
- **2.** Meanwhile, for filling, combine sugar and flour in a bowl. Whisk in cream and eggs. Stir in the rhubarb. Pour over crust. Bake at 350° until custard is set, 40-45 minutes. Cool.
- **3.** For topping, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth; fold in whipped cream. Spread over top. Cover and chill. Cut into bars. Store in the refrigerator.

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