



Your complimentary use period has ended.  
Thank you for using PDF Complete.

Click Here to upgrade to Unlimited Pages and Expanded Features

651-465-5133  
tfclerk@frontiernet.net  
www.ci.taylors-falls.mn.us



To Contact the City  
465-5133  
Dial these Extensions:

City Hall	1	Sheriff Dept.	3	Mayor	5
Public Works	2	Fire Dept.	4	EDC	6
				PRC	7

(Mayor, EDC & PRC will be message only)



## CITY REPRESENTATIVES

### City Council

Mayor - Mike Buchite - '12  
Council - Ross Rivard - '14  
Council - John Tangen - '12  
Council - Larry Julik-Heine - '12  
Council - Mary Jo Murphy - '14

### Planning Commission

Chair - Joe Stein - '12  
Member - Robyn Beck - '11  
Member - Diane Sander - '13  
Member - Irv Stolp - '11  
Alternate - Lee Casperson  
Member - Ross Rivard  
Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

### Park & Rec Commission

Chair - Tana Havumaki - '13  
Member - Julie Hanson - '11  
Member - Leo Nelson - '12  
Member - Open Position  
Alternate - Diane Nelson - '12

Member - Larry Julik-Heine  
Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

### Heritage Preservation Commission

Chair - Julie Hildebrand - '13  
Member - Alyssa Auten - '12  
Member - Joanne Frank - '11  
Member - Susan Heaven - '12  
Member - Barbara Nelson - '13  
Member - Bill Scott - '11  
Alternate - Brian Pigott  
Member - John Tangen  
Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

### Economic Development Commission

Chair - Wade Vitalis - '12  
Member - Ken Moore - '11  
Member - Clarence Nelson - '12  
Member - Gerald Platzer - '11  
Alternate - John Coffey  
Member - Mary Jo Murphy  
Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

### Library Board Members

President - Barb Anderson - '12  
Member - Leslie Johnson - '11  
Member - Julie Johnson - '13  
Member - Gerald Platzer - '12  
Member - Lori Stolp - '12  
Librarian - Diane Dedon

### City Staff

Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer  
Larry Phillips, Zoning Admin-Coordinator  
Jack Kramer, Building Official  
Mike Kriz, PW Superintendent  
Bill Neska, PW Maintenance Worker  
Kevin & Carol Schumann, Custodians  
Al Rivard, Fire Chief  
Mike Erdman Assistant Chief  
Sheldon Magnuson, Assistant Chief  
Shane Carroll, Sheriff's Corporal



# Tidbits from T

City of Taylors Falls  
637 First Street  
Taylors Falls MN 55084  
651-465-5133  
tfclerk@frontiernet.net  
www.ci.taylors-falls.mn.us

### Inside this issue:

CERT Group Organization	1
Mayor's Forum	2
Cinco de Mayo	2
Clean Up Day May 7th	3
Compost Site	3
Hazardous Waste Disposal	3
Pet Licensing	4
Library News	4
TF Historical Society Meeting	4
We Need Veterans	4
Severe Weather Alert	4
TF Fire Department Events:	5
TFFD Women's Auxiliary Events	5
Stumblin' Down Memory Lane	6
ECAC Grant To Paint Train Mural on CC Retaining Wall	7
Volunteers Needed	7
Snow Covered Hydrants	8
Notice of Rate Increase	8
Mother's Day Poem	8
HPC Documents	8
2010 Stewardship Award	9
Memorial Day Services	9
Box Tops for Education	9
Notes from Public Works	10
Board of Review/Appeals Notice	11
Commercial Property 4-Sale	11
Health Improvement Grant	11
City Representatives	12

## TAYLORS FALLS TO



In mid-2000, research the Emergency are commu skills by em oped and i Department in 1985. Natural di earthquakes, and tornadoes to nar ing civilians to help meet immediate

The CERT training program will:

1. Present citizens the facts about terms of immediate services.
2. Give the message about their ness.
3. Train them in needed life saving skills, rescuer safety, and disast
4. Organize teams so that they are offering immediate help to victim

The Task Force, consisting of Juli H Schumann, Leo Nelson, and Jim St include several forms intended for v **QUALIFIED APPLICANTS TO BEGIN THE T** in receiving information on the CER Task Force has completed the inte lished. It is usually held in 2½ hou period. You will be notified of the d

CERT is about readiness, and is a p and disaster situations where the CERT promotes a partnership betwe serve. Additional information is av curity and Emergency Management

Click Here to upgrade to Unlimited Pages and Expanded Features

**FORUM**



This winter has been like one of those from the days of my early childhood. Frankly, I could use a little warmer weather right about now, but it does help knowing that spring is only a few weeks away – I hope!

Our new construction project for MnDot is complete and everyone has moved into their new location. My thanks to those who attended our dedication ceremony for the MnDot addition and salt/sand storage facility. It's great having a 'Business Campus' with City Hall, Public Works, our Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, MN Department of Agriculture and MnDot all consolidated into one location.

We now own the Bench Street property and it has been officially listed as for sale (see elsewhere in this newsletter). I look forward to the day when this site has been cleaned up, sold and developed into a great looking piece of revenue producing property. Demolition and clean-up of the existing building is still planned for spring of 2011.

We are in the early stages of forming a Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT). Our hopes are to have this group trained and up & running sometime during this year. If you are interested, curious or have questions contact our City Hall.

I am always available for questions, concerns or comments. Don't hesitate in calling or stopping me on the street when you see me! As always, I wish each of you Good Health and God's Blessings.

**FRIENDS OF TF PARKS SPONSOR CINCO DE MAYO PARTY!**



The Friends of Taylors Falls' Parks invite everyone to the 2nd Annual Cinco de Mayo dinner to be held at the Community Center on April 30th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. The dinner promises to be a full family fun evening, with authentic Mexican food, games for the kids, and all profits going to the parks and recreation programs in Taylors Falls. See you on the 30th! Olé! (or Ole for all you Norwegians!)



**2011 BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Appeals for the City of Taylors Falls

**Wednesday, April 20th  
At 7:00 p.m. at City Hall**

for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of parcels themselves aggrieved by said assessment, or who wish to complain. Those who are hereby notified to appear at the meeting on this date, if their assessment is not corrected. John Keefe, Lyn Regenauer and Chase Peloquin, Answer any questions.

This is your opportunity to discuss the market value of your property, the amount, which in turn dictates the amount of property taxes you pay.

**FOR SALE - COMMERCIAL MAIN**



The purchase price is \$195,000 for +1.61 acres.

**STATEWIDE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

In January the City was awarded \$3,000 in grant funding from the Statewide Health Improvement Program to increase walkability in the community. This grant will fund two projects. First, the purchase and installation of on-street pedestrian crossing signs for the crosswalks on Bench Street. And second, fabrication of a timber frame archway for the River Walk and new signage.

The  
Co  
new  
yo

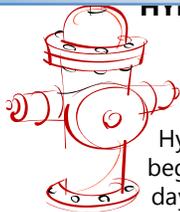
Click Here to upgrade to Unlimited Pages and Expanded Features

**PUBLIC WORKS**



**OUTDOOR METERS TO BE REPLACED**

The City will begin replacing the batteries in your outdoor meter readers (life expectancy is 8-10 years. They were installed in 2001). There should be no need to enter your home. The person installing the battery will have identification to show that he/she is from the City .



**HYDRANT FLUSHING TO BEGIN**

Hydrant flushing will begin soon on Fridays. You may experience low water pressure & your water may be cloudy, rusty or have other noticeable discoloration for a short time.

**~YOUR WATER IS STILL SAFE TO DRINK ~**



**SEWER RODDING TO BEGIN**

The PW Dept will begin sewer cleaning on April 11th which will take about 2 weeks. Rodding is done on sewer lines made of clay (like a roto-router) and jetting is done on sewer lines made of pvc (using pressurized water) This is done twice yearly.



**SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS TO BEGIN**

Weight Restrictions on all City Streets are 5 Tons per axle. Chisago County weight restrictions are 7 Tons per axle.



**FIRE RESTRICTIONS TO BEGIN SOON**

The DNR historical implements a fire ban anytime beginning March 1st, depending upon weather conditions. Be aware of your surroundings. No burning without a permit.



**STREET SWEEPING TO BEGIN**

Depending upon the weather, street sweeping will begin mid-April and continue throughout the summer.

**\*\* HELP WANTED \*\***



The City of Taylors Falls is accepting applications for the position of Seasonal Public Works Employee for the 2011 summer/fall. Primary duties will be mowing, landscaping, flowers and park maintenance. Preference will be given to City residents. All ages are encouraged to apply. Applications can be obtained by calling City Hall at 465-5133, or on the City's website at [www.ci.taylors-falls.mn.us](http://www.ci.taylors-falls.mn.us). Position open until filled.



Tidbits from Taylors Falls

**CLEAN UP DAY MA**

The annual Spring Clean-Up Day for the residents of Taylors Falls is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th. Evergreen Recycling will be at the lower parking lot at City Hall from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. They will accept appliance recycling, miscellaneous garbage, construction material & tires for a nominal fee.



The Compost Site will also be open that day during cleanup. Yard brush and leaves. The Can Recycling Bin is also available for disposal.

**We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity.**

The Park and Recreation Commission will be sponsoring a city-wide cleanup. Reflective wear and bags will be provided and you will be assigned to an area. Please show your children the importance of maintaining a clean environment.

**You gotta take the good with the bad, and remember to love what you got, and remember to recycle!**

**COMPOST SITE**

**Compost Site Hours of Operation:** 9-12 noon the 1st & 3rd Saturdays from April - November (weather permitting)

**Accepts:** Grass, leaves, garden materials, tree branches & logs no longer than 8' long & 30" in diameter. No tree stumps!

**Location:** From City Hall go west approximately 1 mile. Turn right into the wastewater facility access driveway. Please stay on the gravel road and drive carefully.

**Use:** This site is available to the residents of Taylors Falls only. An attendant will be on duty to assist you. All bags must be emptied and returned to the user for disposal. You will have to empty your own bags & bags are not to be left at the site.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 396  
 is available  
 taken  
 (Hazardous Waste)  
 \*\*\*\*\*



Your complimentary use period has ended. Thank you for using PDF Complete.

Click Here to upgrade to Unlimited Pages and Expanded Features

12 year, effective April 1st the license fee(s) double to \$20 for dogs/\$10 for spayed or neutered, and \$10 for cats/\$6 for spayed or neutered. Any dog/ cat over the age of 6 months old is required to be licensed with proof of current rabies vaccinations. We can double check to see if we already have that information on file. Just give us a call.



Tidbits from Taylors Falls

### ATTENTION ALL VETERANS!



**WE URGENTLY NEED VETERANS FROM ANY U.S. CONFLICT TO ASSIST WITH MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES. PLEASE CONTACT LELAND RIVARD AT 465-6745.**

### LIBRARY NEWS

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE LIBRARY NEXT TO COFFEE TALK? THERE ARE LOTS OF NEW-RELEASE BOOKS, CLASSICS, MYSTERY, FICTION, AND MAGAZINES THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO BE READ. ALSO AVAILABLE IS A HIGH-SPEED COMPUTER FOR YOUR USE. COME IN AND TAKE A PEEK!



HOURS:  
WEDNESDAYS  
2 - 5 PM &  
6:30 - 8:30 PM  
SATURDAYS  
9:30 - 12:30 PM



The Planning Committee for the 2011 National Night Out (to be held on August 2nd) will meet in May. If you are interested in joining, please contact Barb Anderson at 465-5272.

### TF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historical society membership program on May 5th at 6:30 pm Meet in cafeteria of the Taylors Falls Elementary school. Ward Moberg will be speaking! Park in north parking lot near the white fence.



PRESENTATION

### SEVERE WEATHER ALERT

The City of TF does NOT sound a siren when there is a fire. However, we DO have a siren that will sound in the event of severe weather. Every 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. there is a county-wide civil defense test when all sirens will sound. Because of our close proximity to St. Croix Falls, you can, on some days, hear more than one siren. If it is not the 1st Wednesday of the month and is the time of the year when there could be severe weather, we urge you to watch your news and listen to your radio for further instructions - **be prepared to move to a safer area of your home!** City Hall is considered a fall-out shelter in case of tornados and bad weather for those residents who are without a basement, & for tourists. For more information, please contact the Co-City Civil Defense Directors ~ Fire Chief Al Rivard 465-5133 ext. 27 or Council Member John Tangen at 465-5705.



Tidbits from Taylors Falls

### 2010 STEWARDSHIP



Jack Liljenberg has been selected as the 2010 Valley Stewardship Award recipient. He will do to preserve and promote the history of the very talented writer, who has written "The Mary Lane" in this newsletter. He is one of the volunteers who assemble the parade float for the parade. He will be honored as the Grand Marshal of the parade. How appropriate that his mother Minnie were instrumental in the 1958 Memorial Day celebration in 1958. The

### MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES



Memorial Day services will be conducted in TF on May 31st at 10:00 a.m. The service will be held at the Desert Storm Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. The service will be held at 11:00 a.m. to recognize Veterans known and unknown and their families.

You need not be a Veteran nor have relatives with or participate in the Memorial Day service.

Each year, Taylors Falls Elementary educates 400 students in a wonderful group of teachers, support staff and principal who work hard to provide a quality education for every child. Our parent-teacher organization works to help support the school and the Taylors Falls Parents for Education achieves this through fundraising activities is collections. We ask families to bring a variety of items to companies to receive cash. Please consider joining our fund-raising efforts by turning them in at school- they are on items you probably already have.



the difference  
can make.

General Mills Boxtops for Education, Land O'Lakes and Kemp's One A Day, Our Family Brand UPC Codes, and Campbell's Soup Labels are all items you can bring in.

As a thank you, Principals will be providing a monthly drawing. The winners will be invited to the elementary cafeteria. We know that the children, their parents, and their grandparents, nieces and nephews attending the school and this is a fun opportunity for everyone. Just come to meet some of the wonderful kids who make us so proud. You can drop off your fundraiser items anytime during the regular school hours. If you have questions, call the school at: 213-2100.

[Click Here to upgrade to  
Unlimited Pages and Expanded Features](#)

## HYDRANTS

bury fire hydrants under a large amount of snow, thus making them difficult to find and use. Should there be a fire nearby, precious time is lost as firefighters work to locate hydrants and shovel snow away before hoses can be hooked up to them. In a fire time is critical and every second counts. The extra minutes that a firefighter spends digging out a hydrant can make a big difference in how quickly a fire can be extinguished and damage limited.



Don't let your neighborhood hydrant remain "undercover". We are asking that you help us by keeping the fire hydrant near your residence or business clear of snow. Snow should be removed about 3ø away from the hydrant in all directions and a pathway cleared between the hydrant and the nearest street. Exercise caution when shoveling because of the potential for vehicle traffic nearby. Do not stand in the street and be careful not to slip and fall out into the roadway. **Thank you to the TF Fire Department for their man hours of sweat and endless energy when they shovelled out every frozen & snow covered hydrant in Town. Will you consider helping next time?**

## HPC DOCUMENTS

The Taylors Falls Heritage Preservation Commission has two new documents that you may be interested in. While the Commission tends to focus on older homes, it is never too early to start documenting your house for future generations to enjoy. A "House History" form offers step-by-step assistance to easily guide you through the process.

The second document, published by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, deals with new Lead Paint standards that were enacted by the EPA in April 2010. The information includes how lead paint is identified, what is covered by this rule, contractor requirements, and more.

If you are interested in either of these, copies are available at City Hall.

## 2011 RATE INCREASE

The utility bill you recently received reflects a modest rate increase beginning January 1, 2011. The water base rate increased from \$5.35 to \$5.51, and the sewer base rate increased from \$14.58 to \$15.01. Your actual increase will be 59¢ per billing cycle (there are 6 per year).

*Mothers are the place where love  
Emerges from the earth,  
And happiness rings out like bells  
In honor of our birth.  
Mothers are the sun that lights  
For life our inner sky,  
So we may know that we are loved  
And need not question why.  
Mothers are the moon that shines  
Upon our black despair,  
So even when we weep, we know  
That someone's always there.  
Whatever fear, or stress, or pain  
Might them to anger move,  
We know that underneath the storm  
We have, always, their love.*

**Mother's Day**

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

# EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 16th  
at the South Lion's Park

Starting at  
9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by TFFD

**TFFDWA**  
Taylors Falls Fire Department  
Women's Auxiliary  
**news...**



Fundraising  
outside kid's  
(weather perm  
us! Minnow  
receive a sm  
games. Winn  
Face Painting

## SCRAPBOOK/CRA

WHAT: Scrapbook & C

WHEN: Saturday, April 30th 9:0

WHERE: Taylors Falls

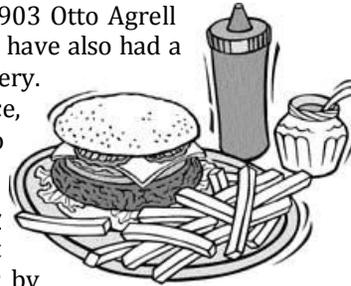
COST: \$35.00 Donation , proce

Come & get caught up on your scrapbooking projects o  
snacks, pop, water & coffee will be provided. Lunch &

Click Here to upgrade to  
Unlimited Pages and Expanded Features

by Jack Liljenberg

The recent burst water pipes incident on the second floor of the 1903 Otto Agrell building that severely damaged the Rocky River Bakery below must have also had a negative impact on the basement commercial space below the bakery. Whenever the writer sees the entrance to that basement space, thoughts of the cozy cafe that originally occupied that space come to mind.



The basement entrance on the south end of the Otto Agrell/Rocky River Bakery building was created in early 1957 when the basement cafe known as Gamer's Cafe was constructed for George E. Gamer by Ernest Hopkins and John Holmberg. Gamer's Cafe had a Grand Opening Open House event on Friday, May 10, 1957 when only coffee and doughnuts were served, and it officially opened for business with a full menu the next day, Saturday, May 11.

The decor of Gamer's Cafe reflected a light Scandinavian influence, and the walls were paneled with pleasing knotty pine. The cafe was a pleasant, family-friendly eatery that catered to hungry tourists and locals of all ages and circumstances by offering unpretentious food at reasonable prices.

George E. Gamer [1895 – 1965] was the 12th of the 14 children of the German immigrants, Martin Ludwig “Louis” Gamer and his wife, Louisie [Heil] Gamer, of both Minneapolis and Taylors Falls. George had operated several other cafes under various names in Taylors Falls from the 1920s to the 1950s, and he operated his Gamer's Cafe in the south end of the Agrell building for only about 16 months.

In September 1958 George sold his basement cafe to the new residents, Leo M. Kaiser and his second wife, Marion, who changed the cafe's name to Park Cafe. Leo and Marion Kaiser then operated the Park Cafe for six years, until August 1964. During that time, Leo also operated a local taxi service that was aptly and not surprisingly known as Leo's Taxi.

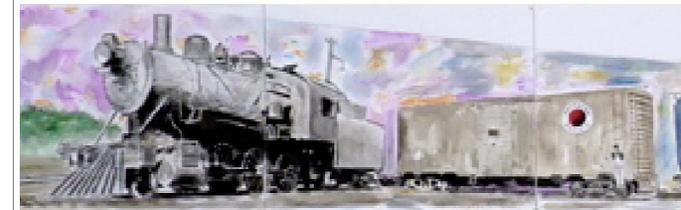
A small closing notice published in The Standard-Press of Wednesday, August 19, 1964 announced, “The Park Cafe in Taylors Falls is now closed and no longer in business. We wish to thank all of you for your patronage and cooperation during our years in the restaurant business. – Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kaiser.” There was then an auction of the cafe's contents – even including its electric “Cafe” sign – on Friday, September 11, 1964. The well-known David E. Nicklason of Lindstrom was the auctioneer.

That cozy basement cafe, known first as Gamer's Cafe and later as Park Cafe, was operated for only a little more than seven years but it served enough pleasant memories to last a lifetime and, besides its good eats, the cafe's charming knotty pine paneling couldn't be beat!

**Watch for the grand re-opening of the Rocky River Bakery in May!**

## CITY AWARDED EAST CENTRAL A

The City was awarded a \$14,500 grant for a project that will cr Pacific engine #328 and railroad cars on the concrete retaining v memorial Community Center. The Community Center was forme the spur line that terminated in Taylors Falls. The City has sele paint the mural. Hildebrand will provide a high quality art expe teers, who will help gather pottery, glass, and metal fragments a Northern Pacific railroad bed, and at the old train turntable loca materials will be used for the base relief for portions of the m surface of the wall plane. The base layer will add literal fragmen using a resin blend. Then Hildebrand will paint over the base p protectant. The project will begin in April 2011 and finish in Se will be held,



ZOOMED IN VIEW OF ENGINE #328 AND TWO RAILROAD C



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR

A interesting component of the mural project by Terry epoxy paste to parts of the wall, and then fragments of w embedded on to other parts of the wall. Advice and gui the base will be provided by Michelle M. Terrell, Ph. D. designated areas in town will be searched for artifacts s any railroad items such as spikes for use in the wall. Hil in volunteering to search for items as part of a voluntee early May. Anyone that has any found items (like a RR that they would be willing to donate for the project, or find artifacts, contact Terry at [lacyhouse@frontiernet.net](mailto:lacyhouse@frontiernet.net)

*This activity is funded, in part, by a grant from the East Central R Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the M vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.*