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CITY REPRESENTATIVES

City Council

Mayor - Mike Buchite - '10
Council - Ross Rivard - '10
Council - Zara Kinnunen - '10
Council - Larry Julik-Heine - '12
Council - John Tangen - '12

Planning Commission

Chair - Joe Stein - '12
Member - Diane Sander - '10
Member - Irv Stolp - '11
Member - Robyn Beck - '11
Alternate - Lee Caspersen
Member - Ross Rivard
Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Park & Rec Commission

Chair - Tana Havumaki - '10
Member - Mary Murphy - '11
Member - Leo Nelson - '12
Member - Julie Moore - '12
Alternate - Diane Nelson
Member - Larry Julik-Heine
Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Heritage Preservation Commission

Chair - Barbara Nelson - '10
Member - Julie Hildebrand - '10
Member - Joanne Frank - '11
Member - Bill Scott - '11
Member - Brian Pigott - '12
Member - Open Position
Alternate - Dan Brown
Member - John Tangen
Emeritus - John Larson
Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Economic Development Commission

Chair - Ken Moore - '11
Member - Beth Bantarri - '10
Member - Open Position
Member - Wade Vitalis - '12
Member - Gerald Platzer - '11
Member - Clarence Nelson - '12
Alternate - John Coffey
Member - Zara Kinnunen
Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Library Board Members

President - Dr. Bill Young - '10
Member - Deb Julik-Heine - '10
Member - Leslie Johnson - '11
Member - Barb Anderson - '12
Member - Gerald Platzer - '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
William Neska, PW Seasonal Worker
Kevin & Carol Schumann, Custodians
Al Rivard, Fire Chief
Mike Erdman Assistant Chief
Mark Clasen, Assistant Chief
Shane Carroll, Sheriff's Corporal



August

Tidbits from Taylors Falls

July 2010



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ELECTION LAW CHANGES IN 2010

FILING FOR CITY ELECTIONS

Tues, August 3rd - Tues August 17th, 2010

Affidavits of Candidacy must be filed if you are interested in running for the office of Mayor & Council Member (2 seats)
Contact City Hall for more information.



STATE PARTISAN PRIMARY

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Absentee Ballots available June 25th - August 9th at the County Auditor's Office in Center City
Polls are open 7 am - 8 pm at City Hall



GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

Absentee Ballots available September 17th - November 1st at the County Auditor's Office in Center City
Polls are open 7 am - 8 pm at City Hall



Voting is a right and a privilege.



MAYOR'S FORUM

Another great Wannigan Days has come & gone and I'm glad everyone made it safely through the storm. The Fireworks display combined with the lightning provided a spectacular show.



My latest update regarding the MNDot project is that it continues to move forward and we still hope to complete everything before the snow flies. It has been a long, slow process as MNDot has several departments that must approve everything before our City Council can finish our approvals. I do look forward to the day when this project has been completed.

In this newsletter you'll see several pictures showing you different improvements that have been completed or in the process of completion in Taylors Falls. Be sure you take a ride around town to see each of them! The Cherry Hill Park's pavilion is nearly done and Xcel Energy has generously donated their time to hydro-seed the Park. Work will continue as the season progresses. The Lion's Club have done a spectacular job at the Lions Parks with improvements to these Parks! The entrance to the City has been greatly improved with traprock and flower baskets. The Riverview-Petro Plus store also contributes to the improvements with their new façade and remodeling, as does the new entrance to the Interstate State Park. We've been busy here in this City!

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.

QUILT SHOW

The Taylors Falls Historical Society is sponsoring a Quilt Show at the Folsom House on October 15th, 16th and 17th. Guests will be treated to a history of the St. Croix Valley told through quilts. Bev Proulx, quilt appraiser, will be offering appraisals (for a fee) on antique and present day quilts at the Town House School. Quilt appraisals will be by reservation only. Reservations can be made by calling Pins 'N Needles at 715-483-5728. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from any TFHS Board Member or at Pins 'N Needles in S.C.F. For more information call Sandra Berg 651-465-0443.

You are cordially invited to attend

BINGO

Fun!
Fun!
Fun!



FRIDAY, Sept 24th
7:00 p.m.
at the Taylors Falls Memorial Community Center

Sponsored by the Falls Chamber of Commerce



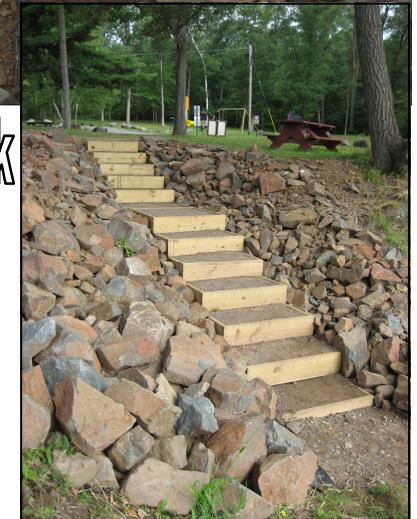
Lions Park Improvements

Special Thanks to the Taylors Falls Lions Club & Xcel Energy.



Interstate State Park Entrance

The Pavillion at Cherry Hill Park



Special Thanks to L & M Roofing Company for their services & Xcel Energy for hydro-seeding Cherry Hill Park, both at no cost to the City.

IMPROVEMENTS IN TAYLORS FALLS (continued) ...

Xcel Energy's Undergrounding of Power Lines to the River



River Street Sidewalk
& Paving Project
to be completed

Riverview - Petro Plus



STUMBLIN' DOWN MEMORY LANE

by Jack Liljenberg

Another Fourth of July has fortunately passed without serious local incident. However, that was not the case back in 1876 when a local man had his right hand amputated as the result of a Fourth of July incident. That tragic result was not due to the man playing with firecrackers, instead, it was from firing a Civil War cannon.

In 1876 the USA. was celebrating its Centennial that acknowledged 100 years since the signing of its Declaration of Independence. In Taylors Falls plans were made and implemented to celebrate the Centennial Fourth of July, in part, by borrowing a Civil War cannon from Stillwater and firing it from the picnic grounds that were then located on the bluff-top above and north-northwest of where is now the *Springs Country Inn*.

About 11:00 am on the Fourth, several local Civil War veterans were firing the cannon with great rapidity, which caused the cannon to become over-heated and resulted in a premature explosion of a cannon cartridge that seriously injured one of the men. Inadequate swabbing of the cannon's barrel and cartridges packed with cotton cloth rather than the preferred wool cloth were considered contributing factors in the tragic incident.

The seriously injured man was a 41-year-old plasterer, Eli C. Reynolds, whose injuries were later reported by the local newspaper: "Mr. Reynolds' face was powder burned and covered with blood, and the clothing torn entirely away from his arms. His right hand was shockingly mutilated, the flesh completely torn from the bones, and his left arm badly burned from the shoulder down." Mr. Reynolds was immediately moved to a small doctor's office on the east side of Bench [Main] Street where his right hand was amputated.

Eli Craige Reynolds was born in Champaign County, Ohio in 1835. In 1853, he married Miss Phoebe Roach in adjacent Clark County, Ohio. Eli was then 18 and Phoebe was only 13, who was born in Clark County in 1840. Eli was of Scottish heritage, while Phoebe was of German heritage.

About 1856, Eli, Phoebe, their first child and Phoebe's parents and brother moved to Taylors Falls. Eli and Phoebe eventually had 12 children, the first of which was born in 1855 and the last in 1881. All of the Reynolds children became adults except one son who died in Taylors Falls in 1859 at about two-and-a-half years.



During the Civil War, Eli joined the Union Army and served from August 12, 1862 to August 16, 1865 in Company C of the 7th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. As a private in Company C, Eli participated in that company's activities during the Sioux Uprising in Minnesota and later in its activities in Missouri, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. This photo, obviously, is of Eli in his Civil War uniform.

Eli had originally worked as a carpenter and as a plasterer but after his accident in 1876 he had to turn to other pursuits. For a few years he operated a bowling alley and a cigar and confectionery store. For several years he was the toll collector at the local toll bridge, and for some years he and his family had a 40-acre farm just northwest of town. Eli also received a small veteran's pension.

As an active member of the Taylors Falls community, Eli belonged to the local lodge of the A.F. & A.M. [Ancient Free and Accepted Masons], the local post of the G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic] and, as a man of temperance, he also belonged to the local lodge of the I.O.G.T. [International Order of Good Templars].

Eli, Phoebe and their children lived in several houses in the Taylors Falls area but none of those houses still exist. In 1898 Eli and Phoebe separated. Phoebe remained in Taylors Falls, while Eli moved to Indiana. They were later divorced. Phoebe did not remarry. She died in Taylors Falls in 1920 and was buried in Kahbakong Cemetery. Eli, however, in 1900 married a widow, Mrs. Martha Wirt, at Monon, White County, Indiana. Eli died in White County in 1913 at 78 years and was buried at Monticello, Indiana, which is also in White County.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT...America's Night Out Against Crime



The Taylors Falls National Night Out Celebration will be on Tuesday, **August 3rd, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** at the Taylors Falls Elementary Gym. Many community organizations are putting together a great evening of activities for children, parents and community members. Hot dogs, chips & lemonade will be provided. Bring a dessert to share and lawn chairs to sit outdoors. For more information to contribute or to volunteer, contact Community Partnership at 651.674.4085 or mvrudny@izoom.net. **PLEASE COME TO ENJOY & LEARN.**

CONGRESSMAN OBERSTAR TO VISIT TAYLORS FALLS



Congressman Jim Oberstar will visit in Taylors Falls on Friday, September 24th. He will conduct a Town Meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers from 10 am - 12 noon.



Magazines & Books & Internet



LIBRARY HOURS

Wednesdays
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm &
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturdays
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

NEW WEATHER WARNING ALERT PROCEDURES!

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. In the past the Chisago County Sheriff's Department would trip the siren for a warning that affected Taylors Falls ONLY. However, now it is tripped if there is a warning ANYWHERE in Chisago County. Because of our close proximity to St. Croix Falls, you will no doubt hear more than one siren. This can often times be even more confusing. Polk County and Chisago County may trip their sirens at different times. If there is severe weather in the area, **WE URGE YOU TO WATCH YOUR NEWS CHANNEL OR LISTEN TO YOUR WEATHER RADIO AND BE PREPARED TO MOVE TO AN AREA OF SAFETY! Keep in mind... Taylors Falls does not sound an "all clear" siren!**



Every 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. there is a county-wide civil defense test where all sirens will be tested. If it is not the 1st Wednesday of the month and is the time of the year when there could be severe weather, please watch your news and listen to your radio for further instructions.

IMPROVEMENTS IN TAYLORS FALLS

Public Restroom at the Memorial Community Center



Highway 8 Island



Special Thank You to Mike Buchite, Mike Kriz & Bill Neska for their work on the island.

LIONS & TIGERS & BEARS... OH MY!

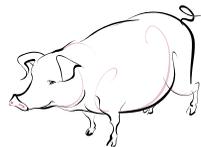
ONCE AGAIN THERE HAVE BEEN SIGHTINGS OF BEARS & COUGARS IN AND AROUND THE TAYLORS FALLS AREA. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THEM. THEY CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS, ESPECIALLY IF THEY HAVE CUBS. KEEP TRASH BARRELS INSIDE YOUR GARAGE AND PLACE YOUR BIRD FEEDERS UP HIGH. THEY MUST BE HUNGRY TO BE HERE. ~ NO FOOD, NO ANIMALS ~

IF WE DON AT THEM. THERE IS NO POINT IN CALLING THE DNR AS THEY WILL ONLY TELL YOU NO FEEDING. **DO NOT SHOOT**

POTLUCK REUNION

THE TAYLORS FALLS HOG ASSOCIATION POTLUCK REUNION WILL BE HELD IN THE SOUTH LIONS PARK ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH AT 6:00 P.M.

ROAST PORK & SWEET CORN
BRING A DISH TO PASS



NEW FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Do Not Call List...

www.donotcall.gov

State 1-800-921-4110

Federal 1-888-382-1222



To Realize ...



- ♥ To realize the value of a sister, ask someone who doesn't have one.
- ♥ To realize the value of ten years, ask a newly divorced couple.
- ♥ To realize the value of four years, ask a graduate.
- ♥ To realize the value of one year, ask a student who has failed a final exam.
- ♥ To realize the value of one month, ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.
- ♥ To realize the value of one hour, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
- ♥ To realize the value of a friend, lose one.

Thank You to Our Tidbits Crew!!

Jack Liljenberg

Diane Dedon

Jeanette Dahlquist

Marge Holmquist

Marilyn Rimestad

Always Always willing to help!

NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE

Any weeds greater than 6" in height, are considered a nuisance according to City ordinance. The Public Works Department will notify owners or occupants of property violations. If the weeds have not been destroyed, the City will do so at the expense of the owner. Noxious weeds include:

Bull Thistle, Canada Thistle, Plumeless Thistle, Musk Thistle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Hemp, Purple Loosestrife, Field Bindweed, Leafy Spurge & Poison Ivy



Homeowners are also responsible for the mowing of ditches & ROW up to any public street or alley in the City. You must also keep the inlets & outlets of culverts free of debris.

WATER TRIVIA!

- How much water does it take to cook a hamburger?
approximately one gallon
- How long can a person live without food?
more than a month
- How long can a person live without water?
approx 1 week, depending on conditions
- How much water is used to flush a toilet?
2-7 gallons
- How much water is used to brush your teeth?
2 gallons
- How much water does an individual use daily?
50 gallons
- How much of a chicken is water? *75%*
- How much of a pineapple is water? *80%*
- How much of an elephant is water? *70%*
- How much of an ear of corn is water? *80%*

2010 CITY ARCHERY HUNT

The City is once again offering the City-wide archery hunt from September 18th until December 31st. The following conditions must be met:

- ⊙ The hunter must be 18 years of older
- ⊙ Hunting will be allowed on privately owned properties BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY - forms are available at City Hall
- ⊙ Hunting must be from a minimum 10' raised platform
- ⊙ No hunting within 100' of any neighboring structure
- ⊙ Must provide a copy of MBRB sharpshooter qualification
- ⊙ Must provide copy of MN Archery License
- ⊙ Deer cannot be eviscerated within City limits
- ⊙ All hunters assume liability, the property owner does not
- ⊙ All deer must be registered at a licensed DNR site AND at City Hall.



More information about the hunt may be obtained at City Hall during normal business hours or on the City's web site.



American Red Cross

The Bloodmobile will be at the Taylors Falls Memorial Community Center in Taylors Falls on Wednesday September 15th from 1 pm - 7 pm.

Make online appointments at www.redcrossblood.org Volunteers are needed to make phone calls the first week in September at your own convenience. Other opportunities to volunteer the day of the drive are always needed and very much appreciated. Please call Jeannette Sonnentag at 651.257.4165.