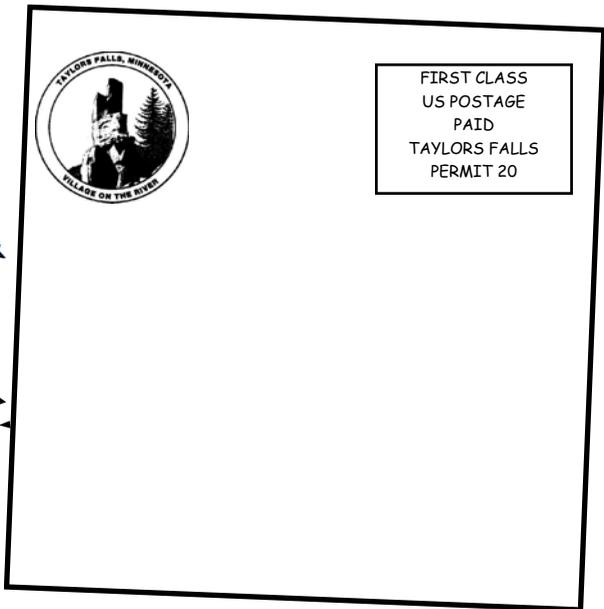


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Have a
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 465-5133 dial these
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 Sheriff's Dept 23
 Zoning Adm. 24
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July 2009

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WANNIGAN DAYS PARADES

GRAND MARSHALLS Leland and Delores Rivard received the 2008 St. Croix River Valley Stewardship Award. The award recipients serve as "Grand Marshalls" in the 2009 Wannigan Days Grand Parade to be held on Saturday, July 18th at 6:00 p.m. Congratulations Leland and Delores!



Wannigan Days Kiddle Parade
 It's back! Don't miss the Wannigan Days Kiddle Parade, Friday July 17th at 6:30 p.m. on River and Pine Streets in Taylors Falls. Registration (by the Catholic Church is from 6:10 - 6:25 before the parade at 6:30. Kid's entries such as: decorated "vehicles" (bikes/trikes or wagons), nursery rhyme characters, vocabulary parade costumes and other children oriented entries are also welcome. Come for a fun family event. For questions or pre-registration call Pastor Kevin Schumann at 651-465-6792.

CHLORINATED WATER



Have you noticed a slight chlorine smell in your cities drinking water lately? Chlorine is being added to the cities drinking water system to insure that microbial organisms such as bacteria and viruses cannot survive in the water. Some of our customers may have noticed the smell or taste of chlorine in the water when chlorine levels were initially raised last month. The chlorine levels are not a health concern and, in fact, are established to prevent health risk's from bacteria and viruses. New chlorine levels at the wells have been phased in as we prepared for the installation of approximately 2500' of new 12" water line along County road 37 from the #3 well house west of city limits to Herberg Road. If customers experience a persistent and **excessive odor or taste** of chlorine in their drinking water, they should call the Public Works Department at 465-5133 ext. 25, and the report will be investigated. This introduction of chlorine into the drinking water is not permanent and once the new water line has been installed, sanitized and tested as safe for the use of producing good clean drinking water, we will stop the addition of chlorine until it is necessary to do so again.

We appreciate your time and patience!

MAYOR'S FORUM

Although there are several things going on in our City, the two questions that I am asked the most are:

What's the status of the MNDot property on Bench St?

What's happening with Xcel Energy and the power lines?



Testing for pollution on the MNDot property has been completed (otherwise known as a Phase 2 test) and the preliminary results look promising. If the final results indicate a clean site, then soil borings will be done to determine exactly what type of material we have to work with. We hope to have everything completed by mid July so we can move forward with MNDot. Our plan is to eventually own the property so it can be sold and developed in the future.

Our negotiations with Xcel Energy continue as our Steering Committee is in the process of discussing under grounding at County Road 20 near Cherry Hill Park, re-vegetation of the corridor and Hwy 95 East to the dam. Since we have a settlement agreement with Xcel in regards to these topics, I'm sure that Xcel will work diligently with us to make sure that these issues are done in a way that benefits our Scenic & Historic River Valley.

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.

We have bins in the lower level of City Hall for collecting Campbell's Soup Labels, Bostons, & Kemps milk lids for the elementary school.




HISTORIC HOUSE INFO... Planning a remodeling or maintenance project? Whether you have a historic home or just a good old house, you will find valuable "how to" information at City Hall. The Heritage Preservation Commission has acquired a set of reference bulletins, published by the U.S. Department of Interior, that cover many well-done old-building projects, providing helpful information. The bulletins are available to you at City Hall. So, stop by and check them out - just ask for Larry Phillips.

BURNING PERMITS

There is NO BURNING in the City without first obtaining a permit from City Hall. While the DNR does not require a permit, the City DOES for the burning of brush and leaves according to City Ordinance. Normally the permit is valid for 10 days at a cost of \$15.00, however the permit days vary based on State DNR - currently we can only issue 3 day permits. Permits allow burning from 6 p.m. - 6 a.m. only and/or all day Saturday & Sunday (this is to be sure that Firefighters are available if the fire should get out of control). Anyone who does not obtain a permit is subject to a possible fine & the cost of a fire run (\$500). A permit is not required for a recreational fire as long as it is contained in a 3' x 3' fire pit ring. Contact City Hall for a list of prohibited burning materials.



NOXIOUS WEEDS 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, Plumless 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.

If you are unsure as to what the weeds look like or the mowing requirements, please contact the PW Dept at 465-5133 ext. 25.

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

Accepts: Grass, leaves, garden materials, tree branches and logs no longer than eight (8) feet long and thirty (30) inches in diameter. No tree stumps!

Location: From City Hall go west approximately one (1) mile. Turn right into the wastewater facility. 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.

COMPOST SITE INFORMATION

TAYLORS FALLS LIBRARY NEWS

Summer time is here, days are busy, but when you are looking for some down-time, come to the library and check out a book. New books are arriving each month with lots of the best seller books already in our collection. Children's books are available for your child to keep up with their reading skills.



Hope to see you there!



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

Heartland Express is a rural, affordable public transportation system serving Chisago and Isanti Counties. It is available to anyone wanting to travel within the two counties. Call by 3:00 p.m., the working day before, to schedule your ride. Riders can call for same day rides at no extra charge. Exact fare amount or token is due at the time of boarding - drivers cannot make change. Bus tokens are available at the following locations: Chisago Cty. Govt Center in Center City ~ Brink's Market in Chisago City ~ Nelson's in North Branch & Main Street Market in Rush City. For additional info call 763-689-8131.

NEED A RIDE? RIDE THE BUS!

2009 PIONEER SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The remaining two 3-day sessions are:

*July 8-9-10 *July 15-16-17

Cost per child is \$30 for a 3-day session

Call (715) 483-3012 to register!

Children going into grades 1 - 8 this upcoming autumn are invited to be students in a one-room school. The sessions will be held in the 1852 Town House School located across the street from the Taylors Falls Memorial Community Center. It is Minnesota's oldest existing public school building. Three 3-day sessions are scheduled for June & July. Each session is Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 AM until 2:30 PM. Parents must provide transportation.

This year's theme is "Pioneer Life". Each day will bring its own exciting and varied activities. Children are encouraged to dress as early pioneers and bring crayons, scissors and a pencil, along with a shoe box for building a diorama. Each child will need to bring his or her own lunch and beverage. Please mark with the child's name anything that needs to be refrigerated.

Each session is limited to 20 students. Registration is taken

TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS DAY CAMP

The 13th Annual Together With Friends Day Camp is off to a great start! Camps are Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 9:00 - Noon through July 23rd. Kids who are entering 2nd - 6th grades are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. About 60 campers and Jr. Staff enjoy the morning activities with songs, skits, Bible stories, crafts, snacks & active game time (wear tennis shoes!). Together with Friends is sponsored by the First Baptist, First Evangelical Lutheran, and United Methodist Churches of Taylors Falls. Funds raised are supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Chisago County Chapter. The cost is \$2.00 per child per session. Financial scholarships are available & no one will be turned away because they can not pay. We'll be meeting at the Lutheran Church June 30th, & July 2nd and July 14th & 16th; at the Methodist Church July 7th & 9th & at the Baptist Church July 21st & 23rd. For more information call Pastor Kevin Schumann at 651-465-6792. Come join us!

FRANCONIA SCULPTURE PARK

*Kids Make Sculpture Workshops...Saturdays July 18th & August 22nd from 2-6 p.m. - Reservations required with a non-refundable, pre-paid fee of \$25 per student per class. Limit 30 students per class. Call 257-6668 or e-mail: kidsmakesculpture@franconia.org

*Community Collaboration/Hot Metal Pour... Saturday, August 1st 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.. Cast metal artists from around the world converge and invite the public to be a part of and create small sculptures. Nominal fee - e-mail: info@franconia.org

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

*July 5 - A Different Pace: The St. Croix by Kayak

*July 7 - Twilight Paddle: The Full Thunder Moon

*July 19 - Junior Ranger Ceremony

*August 5 - Twilight Paddle: Full Sturgeon Moon

For more information and any of these events contact the National Park Service at nps.gov

• Paddle Boat Excursion Cruises... Daily

May to mid October ~ e-mail

boat@wildmountain.com

• Minnesota Interstate State Park...Offers

world famous glacial potholes, hiking trails and camping ~ e-mail info@dnr.state.mn.us

• 1855 W.H.C. Folsom House Museum - On

the National Register of Historic Places in the Historic Angel Hill District ~ visit website at www.taylorsfallschamber.org for more info

City Hall does not accept electronic payment or credit cards. If you intend to make a payment with cash, please be prepared to have the exact change as we do not keep a cash drawer. Any \$ paid over the balance due will be credited to your account.



STUMBLIN' DOWN MEMORY LANE

by Jack Liljenberg

Those who have passed by the Cherry Hill Park in recent months have surely noticed quite a change in that area's landscape, mainly due to Xcel Energy's clearing of their nearby power line right-of-way. The park was established in 2000, and while progress on its development has been slow, the end result should be pleasing. Yet, the writer can't help but look back with some fondness to when the Cherry Hill Park area [originally a swamp] served as one of the village dumps from 1943 to about 1960 or so. To little kids the ever-smoldering dump was a "forbidden" place of fascination, and for older boys it was where they could imagine themselves as big game hunters by shooting rats.

However, the writer has fonder memories of Oscar Peterson's feed mill that once stood next door east, where is now the Cherry Hill Meat Processing plant at 530 Maple Street. The feed mill's unobjectionable and even comforting whir could be heard for many blocks. The mill was built by/for Oscar Peterson in late 1954 and opened for business on Friday, January 14, 1955. Originally, the feed mill was known as the **Dalles Farmers Feed Mill** but in 1958 Oscar changed the name to **Taylors Falls Feed Mill**.

Oscar W. Peterson [1905-1975] was born to Swedish immigrant parents on a farm in Shafer Township, and in 1938 he married Miss Mary Erickson who was from the Rush City area. Mary [1909-1989] was born in Sweden and immigrated with her family to Chisago County when she was a child. Oscar served as a private in the U.S. Army during World War II, after which he and Mary operated a cafe in Almelund.

In July 1951 Oscar was appointed the acting postmaster of the Taylors Falls Post Office, and in September 1951 Oscar and Mary Peterson and their two small children, Abigail and Owen [born in 1949 and '50, respectively], moved into their newly-constructed home at what is now 512 Maple Street. Oscar served as the local acting postmaster until August 1954, after which he built his feed mill next door west of his family's home and adjacent to the dump.



Oscar's wife, Mary, was an avid flower gardener, and old-timers will also recall that for many years Oscar sold Christmas trees in his home's front yard. The years passed and daughter Abigail and son Owen graduated from the Taylors Falls High School in 1967 and '68. The writer has not found a published account of the feed mill's eventual closing but Oscar operated his mill for about thirteen years – until about 1968. Oscar and Mary were later employed at the Cambridge State Hospital for several years.

Oscar Peterson died at the age of 69 in April 1975. About a year later Mary sold the long-idle feed mill to Leland and Delores Rivard. During the spring and summer of 1976, the Rivards tore down the feed mill and replaced it on site with their Cherry Hill Meat Processing plant that they opened for business in early September 1976. And in March 1979 Leland and Delores Rivard sold their meat processing plant to its current owners, John and Connie Campbell.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TAYLORS FALLS...

COMMUNITY PICNIC

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 16th 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
 Come enjoy a pig roast, music and fun!

For more information: 465-5265 or www.tflutheran.org



You are cordially invited to attend

Fun for everyone!

BINGO

FRIDAY, JULY 17th

7:00 p.m.

at the Taylors Falls Memorial Community Center

Sponsored by Friends of Taylors Falls Parks!



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARKS!



The Friends of Taylors Falls Parks along with Wild Mountain are sponsoring a fundraising event through Labor Day. For every SUPER DAY PASS purchased and coupon redeemed \$5.00 will be donated to FRIENDS OF



Wannigan Days Annual Street Dance

Sponsored by Romayne's Sports Bar & Grill

Music by the "Lost Boys"

Saturday, July 18th

8:00 pm - 1:00 am

FIREWORKS

 Saturday, July 18th
 at dusk
 in
 St. Croix Falls

St. Joe's Eats

St. Joseph Catholic Church will be sponsoring a food and drink social event 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Bench Street in Taylors Falls Outdoor dining offering...

◆ The Best Burgers on Bench Street

- ◆ Hotdogs and Brats
- ◆ Pop and Water



The 3rd Annual "Tug Across the St. Croix"

MINNESOTA vs. WISCONSIN

Saturday July 18, 2009



Elected Officials, High School Athletes, and Various Community Members will be "tugging" hard on the rope across the river.

Sponsored by the St. Croix Falls, Taylors Falls, & Almelund Lions Clubs during the 51st Annual Wannigan Days Celebration



The following events will be held in BOTH Lions Parks from 10-4:

Kids Games (football toss, golf, sawdust pile, kids tug of war)

Food and Beverages (fish & chips, brats, burgers, hot dogs, beverages -kids/adult)

Pontoon rides & river tours ~ Music in each park ~ Collecting eye glasses & hearing aids

12pm - 3pm MAIN EVENT ~ TUG OF WAR ACROSS THE ST. CROIX RIVER (approx. 900')

28th ANNUAL TF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CATFISH CONTEST



Saturday, July 25, 2009 7:30 p.m. to Sunday, July 26, 2009 7:30 a.m. On the Upper St. Croix River

1st Place \$600 & Trophy
 Prizes to 10th Place
 (based on 65 boats with 2 people)
 \$60.00 per Boat

FREE BREAKFAST FOR PARTICIPANTS SERVED AT THE LIONS' PARK ON SUNDAY MORNING

Entry Forms, Official Rules & Regulations are available at City Hall. If you have any questions contact the Fire Hall at 465-5133 ext. 27 or ask any Firefighter.



The Taylors Falls National Night Out Celebration will be on Tuesday, August 4th, 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, relish trays, chips & beverages will be provided. Bring a dessert to share and lawn chairs to sit outdoors. Contact Tom Koplitz or Melissa Vrudny at Community Partnership for Youth & Families at 651-674-4085 or Barb Anderson at 465-5272 for more information.

TF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Public Works Superintendent Wanted

As a result of a reorganization of the Public Works Department, we are accepting applications for a Public Works Superintendent. Deadline for submission of applications is noon on July 15, 2009. The Council will approve an Offer of Position at their August 10, 2009 Council Meeting. For an information packet and application please visit our website at: www.ci.taylors-falls.mn.us