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How many pumpkins can you find?

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 465-5133

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

(Mayor, EDC & PRC will be message only)

Happy Halloween

City Representatives



City Council
 Mayor - Mike Buchite
 Council - Ross Rivard
 Council - Larry Julik-Heine
 Council - John Tangen
 Council - Zara Kinnunen

Planning Commission
 Chair - Irv Stolp
 Member - Joe Stein
 Member - Diane Sander
 Member - Robyn Beck
 Alternate - Lee Casperson
 Member - Ross Rivard
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Library Board Members
 President - Melba Johnson
 Member - Dr. Bill Young
 Member - Marilyn Rimestad
 Member - Deb Julik-Heine
 Member - Leslie Johnson
 Librarian - Diane Dedon

Park & Rec Commission
 Chair - Tana Havumaki
 Member - Bill Davids
 Member - Open Position
 Member - Diane Nelson
 Alternate - John Sander
 Member - Larry Julik-Heine
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Economic Development Commission
 Chair - Wade Vitalis
 Member - Open Position
 Member - Clarence Nelson
 Member - Beth Bantari
 Member - Jim Schoonmaker
 Member - Open Position
 Alternate - John Coffey
 Member - John Tangen
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio



Heritage Preservation Commission
 Chair - Open Position
 Member - Bill Scott
 Member - Joanne Frank
 Member - Barbara Nelson
 Member - Brian Pigott
 Member - Weston Herman
 Alternate - John Larson
 Member - Zara Kinnunen
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

City Staff
 Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer
 Jayna Yeske, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
 Larry Phillips, ZA-Coordinator
 Jack Kramer, Building Official
 Eric Garner, PW Street Worker
 Bill Neska, PW Utility Worker
 Cleo Stomberg, Custodian
 Kevin & Carol Schumann, Custodians
 Kevin Rivard, Fire Chief
 Shane Carroll, Sheriff's Corporal
 Dustin Swenson, Sheriff's Deputy

Tidbits from Taylors Falls



October '08

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2008 ELECTIONS

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The 2008 Election will be held on November 4th, and is predicted to have the highest voter turn-out in history. Taylors Falls has always been known to have a high voting percentage, which is something this town should be very proud of.

If you are not able to vote on the 4th, you may request an absentee ballot from the Chisago County Auditor's Office (213-8500). In order to vote, you must be a resident of TF for 20 days, be able to prove your residency, and be at least 18 years of age.

According to the headlines, the heat is on in the Presidential Election. They tell us that every vote counts! This year you will also have an opportunity to vote for three of your local government offices in Taylors Falls - the Mayor position and two Council Members. See the insert for information about each of the local candidates. Be informed and VOTE!

TAYLORS FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
 Celebrating 120 Years!

The Library offers the following:

- Books for Adult enjoyment-new books come in every month (fiction & mystery)
- Books for children-we have new books for young & older children
- Computer station with wireless high speed internet
- Magazines-we have 10 different magazines
- Presently we have used books for sale at \$.50 each

Come in and visit your library!
 Wednesdays: 2-5 p.m. & 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 Saturdays: 9:30 am. - 12:30 p.m.

TIDBIT INSERTS

📌 Candidate information for the local elections. Those running include:

Mayor

Mike Buchite (incumbent)
Thomas J. Delaney

Council Members (vote for 2)

Larry Julik-Heine (incumbent)
John Tangen (incumbent)
Sydney A. Paredes
Trena Noble
Joe Stein
Jim (Schoony) Schoonmaker



📌 Information on each of the projects that were recently completed (or near completion) using the Mitigation Funds from Xcel Energy. Projects include:

- ★ Deck overlooking the St. Croix River on the River Walk Trail
- ★ Deck overlooking the St. Croix River at the Heritage Park/Overlook
- ★ Rustic façade on the sewer lift station located near the River Walk Park
- ★ Expansion & repairs at the Memorial Community Center

MEETING SCHEDULES

City Council - 2nd & 4th Mondays (Oct. 13 & 27, Nov. 10 & 24, & Dec. 8 & 22)

Planning Commission - 1st Mondays (Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1)

Economic Development Commission - 3rd Thursdays (Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18)

Park & Recreation Commission - 3rd Wednesdays (Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17)

Heritage Preservation Commission - 2nd Tuesdays (Oct. 14, Nov. 12, Dec. 9)

COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING UPON PRESSING ISSUES AT HAND. PLEASE CALL CITY HALL TO CONFIRM DATES & TIMES.

WELL #4 NOW ON-LINE

The City's new #4 Well is up & running! The well will serve as a back-up well to our main well. It has the capacity to pump 700 gallons of water per minute. Both the #3 & #4 wells are located in Shafer Township just out of the City limits on County Road 37.

The wells that serve Taylors Falls will provide the necessary water for many years to come.



Dear Lord,

So far today, I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card, but, I will be getting out of bed in a minute and I think I will really need your help then.

POTLUCK DINNER



POTLUCK

The Fall Community supper sponsored by the Taylors Falls Crime Watch Group will be at the First Baptist Church on Saturday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m. All Taylors Falls area residents are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to pass and enjoy a bounty of good eats!

ARCHERY DEER HUNT

The City is once again offering the City-wide archery hunt 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 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.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM PW

Please remember that there is no riding of snowmobiles allowed on City sidewalks or lawns. Snowmobiles are allowed very limited use unless it is to the gas station or to gain access to a trail.



Don't forget to roll up your garden hoses so they don't freeze & remember to turn off your outside water spigots.



There is NO dumping of leaves anywhere other than the compost site, which closes November 17th (weather permitting) and open again the 2nd weekend in January to dispose of Christmas trees and garland.



Burning is permitted in the City by obtaining a burning permit from City Hall. **DO NOT BURN TREATED WOOD**, it creates a chemical smoke that can be damaging to your lungs.



City Ordinance prohibits the feeding of deer. It is often tempting to want to enjoy watching as they feed, but deer cause significant damage in TF. We have a higher ratio of deer in this area to begin with. Attracting more by feeding will only intensify the problem.



Please be extra cautious now that school is back in session and the busses are on the road early in the morning. Yellow means CAUTION... Red means STOP! Watch for the children crossing the road!

STUMBLIN' DOWN MEMORY LANE

by Jack Liljenberg

In this column in the January 2008 issue of *Tidbits from Taylors Falls* mention was made of the several historic figures associated with Taylors Falls who were among the 108 elected framers of Minnesota's constitution. Three of the men associated with Taylors Falls, W. H. C. Folsom, Henry N. Setzer and Lucas K. Stannard, were long-term residents of Taylors Falls and their mortal remains rest in Taylors Falls' Kahbakong Cemetery.



Minnesota's constitution is actually two nearly identical documents that were the fruit of the Minnesota Constitutional Convention of 1857. That convention was a rancorous affair that was held from Monday, July 13 to Saturday, August 29, 1857 in Saint Paul in the first official Minnesota Territorial/State Capitol. That Capitol stood from 1853 to 1881 in the block bounded by Wabasha, Exchange, Cedar and Tenth Streets.

The convention members stayed in Saint Paul for the duration of the convention, which was conducted six days a week, Monday through Saturday. Attendance at all of the daily sessions was mandatory and few excused absences were granted. But, as it still reigns today, political partisanship was rampant in the Minnesota Territory. Almost immediately and with great acrimony the convention members divided themselves into two separate conventions of almost equal size, a Republican one and a Democratic one. Each of the two conventions considered the other group to be illegal and up to no good, and each group was intent upon drafting its own version of a proposed state constitution.

The Republicans held their convention at one end of the Capitol, while the Democrats held their convention at the other end of the building. Henry N. Setzer, then a resident of Stillwater, was a member of the Democratic convention, while W. H. C. Folsom and Lucas K. Stannard of Taylors Falls were members of the Republican convention. Mr. Stannard had the unenviable and labor-intensive position of secretary of the Republican convention's three-member compromise committee that met periodically with its Democratic counterpart. No doubt those joint compromise committee meetings were lively and long. It is worth noting here that the philosophies of the Republican and Democratic parties have changed much since 1857. Therefore, many of the Democrats and Republicans of 1857 would not necessarily identify themselves with the same political parties today.

After about six weeks of lengthy and often spirited debates, the two resulting drafts of proposed constitutions were rather hastily pieced into one. No one was entirely pleased with the result but it was the best that could be realistically hoped for under the hostile circumstances. Both groups refused to put their signatures on the same document so two final documents were written. Since they were written by different scribes, the two documents had some insignificant differences in wording but, regardless, one was signed by the Republicans and the other one was signed by the Democrats. The proposed constitution was then put before the voters of the Minnesota Territory who approved it by a vote of 30,055 to 571 on Tuesday, October 13, 1857. And seven months later, on Tuesday, May 11, 1858, Minnesota was admitted as the thirty-second state of the Union.



Incidentally, in 1858 Mr. Stannard married Mr. Folsom's niece, the former Miss Harriet Stevenson, who was the first teacher in what is now known as the Town House School in downtown Taylors Falls. And, Mr. Stannard and Mr. Setzer later conducted a law partnership in Taylors Falls. Regardless of the circumstances of the Minnesota Constitutional Convention of 1857, Taylors Falls may be proud that some of its historic figures participated in the historic event that created our state's constitution 151 years ago.

B-I-N-G-O



B-I-N-G-O

The Taylors Falls Chamber of Commerce will once again Host **B-I-N-G-O** at the Memorial Community

Center on Saturday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m.

A fun evening for all ages!

~ REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ON SITE ~



SEWER REMINDERS

- **DO NOT** pour grease or oil down drains. Grease such as cooking oils, tallow, bacon grease, etc. will harden in the lines, and on the float switches, causing the pumps not to work.
- **DO NOT** flush non-biodegradable items down drains. Items such as cigarette butts, dental floss, Q-tips, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons or condoms can clog the pump and pipes.
- **DO NOT** flush rigid or gritty materials down drains such as cat litter, coffee grounds, chicken bones, egg shells, fish scales, etc. Limit the materials you put through a garbage disposal to edible food products only.
- **DO NOT** pour flammable or volatile liquids down drains such as gas, waste oil, and thinners. It is illegal to dispose of these items in the sewer system.
- **DO NOT** pour household chemicals down drains, such as paint, pesticides, strong cleaning products, or other toxic chemicals.

Thank You!



A very special **WOW - THANK YOU** to **Brian and Sandra Berg** who donated their mom's (Verna Berg) property at 1119 Mulberry Street to the Good Samaritan Society to develop an assisted living center one day.

- * Work like you don't need the money.
- * Love like you've never been hurt.
- * Dance like nobody's watching.
- * Sing like nobody's listening.
- * Live like it's Heaven on Earth.



ANIMAL LICENSES

Animal License Tags will soon be in. Licenses are required for all cats & dogs 6 months or older & must be renewed on an annual basis (Jan 1st to Dec 31st). Application forms are available at City Hall - please bring a copy of your current vaccination record information for file.



LICENSES APPLIED FOR AFTER APRIL 1ST ARE SUBJECT TO DOUBLE THE LICENSE FEE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Kennel licenses (\$50 one time fee) are required for anyone owning or boarding 3 or more dogs or cats.



PARKING PERMITS

Parking permits that were issued in 2008 will expire on December 31st. Please contact City Hall for renewals. There is no charge for the permit, but you must park in the designated lot on First Street. Without a permit you risk receiving a citation from the Chisago County Sheriff's Department. Permits are NOT issued to park in the Marmon Parkway (Bench Street Parking Lot) for more than the 3-hour limit. This rule applies to every business owner as well as their employees. Regardless of the



time of year, this lot is designated for visitor or patron parking only. Help your business by allowing the public to park!

ZONING AND BUILDING PERMITS

Will you be working on any fall projects? Do they require a building or zoning permit? How much will the permit cost? These are questions that can be answered by Larry Phillips, our Zoning Administrator-Coordinator by calling 651-465-5133 ext. 24 or by calling Jack Kramer, the Building Inspector at 651-351-5051. If your project requires a dumpster there are six (6) companies that have licenses with the City to haul refuse. They include:

- * Croix Valley Pick-up (651-257-6316)
- * Cross Country Excavating (715-294-3141)
- * SRC, Inc. (651-462-5298)
- * Waste Management (800-640-5571)
- * All-Ways Hauling, Inc. (651-982-1475)
- * Chisago Lakes Sanitation (651-257-4763)
- * Shafer Storage/Roll-off (651-271-5153)



Don't forget to call before you dig. Call GOPHER STATE One-Call Locates at 800-252-1666.

WINTER REMINDERS



Parking

Winter parking regulations will take effect beginning Nov 1st ~ April 15th. There will be no parking of any cars, equipment or structures (including garbage cans & children's sporting equipment) on any street or alley between the hours of **2:00 a.m. & 6:00 a.m.** Parking is allowed during all other hours of the day **only** if it does not interfere with snow plowing. Violators may be ticketed & towed by order of the Chisago County Sheriff's Depart-

Sidewalks

Remember that all sidewalks must be shoveled clean of snow & ice within 24 hours after a snowfall subsides. If it is a 2-day snowstorm, the 24 hours begins at the end of the storm. The City reserves the right to hire someone to remove any snow or ice if it is not cleared after that time period. You should also take steps to eliminate slippery sidewalks by using sand and/or salt. If sidewalks are cleaned by the City, the property owner will be billed \$50.00.

COLD WEATHER RULE



Bills can pile up just like snow. The Cold Weather Rule applies from October 15th through April 15th. The MN Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills during winter months. The rule means that you are allowed an additional 10 days to pay your utility bill. If you are having trouble paying your water/sewer bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance - contact Chisago County for further information. You may enter into a payment agreement with the City as long as reasonable timely monthly pay-

2008 LIGHTING FESTIVAL & ORNAMENT

The 2008 limited edition, numbered town ornament will go on sale November 1st in many downtown stores and shops. One side of the 2½ inch polished pewter medallion shows a photo the first bridge here over the St. Croix River, with a photo of a 1928 road sign used to advertise Taylors Falls on the other. Ornaments are \$12. 300 will be made. Please note that they include "MN 150" for this sesquicentennial year.



Please send back your nomination for Royal Lady of the Village! If you'd like to help with one of the activities during the Lighting Festival, call Barb Young, 465-6635.

TAYLORS FALLS LIGHTING FESTIVAL NOMINATION FORM ~ ROYAL LADY OF THE VILLAGE

Each year since 1989 we have chosen a special lady to honor at the Lighting Festival. We would like to extend the opportunity to all from our village to nominate someone that they feel has made significant contributions to the overall community spirit of Taylors Falls and has been active in promoting Taylors Falls above and beyond the ordinary! Please fill out the form as completely as possible, place in an envelope and return it to City Hall, Valley Graphics or mail it to Lighting Festival, PO Box 238, Taylors Falls MN 55084.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 28, 2008

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE:

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I FEEL SHE WOULD BE A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR ROYAL LADY BECAUSE:

SHE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO OUR CITY BY: _____

SHE IS INVOLVED IN: _____

SHE HAS LIVED IN THE AREA SINCE: _____

MARRIED: _____ CHILDREN: _____

CURRENTLY WORKS AT: _____

HAS WORKED AT: _____

OTHER COMMENTS: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____



NOMINATIONS DUE BY OCTOBER 28, 2008



Each year we present the Royal Lady with a gift basket. If you have something (Gift Certificates, Coffee Mug with your name on it, pen, etc.) that you would like to put in our gift basket, please contact Linda Sandmann at St. Croix Valley Graphics 465-5681.



Taylors Falls Chamber
of Commerce
Schedule of Events

**Tour the 1852 Town House School
with photos of early Taylors Falls Wkds 1 -
4:30 pm**

LEAF SPECTACULAR
September 27 - October 12
*1855 Folsom House Museum
Guided Tours 1-4:30 p.m. (closed Tuesdays)
*Excursion Boat Cruises & Dinner Cruises
*Walks in the Village
*Hikes in MN Interstate State Park
*Shop the downtown stores

ANNUAL ARTISANS SHOW
November 8 & 9
In the Memorial Community Center.
Celebrating 28 years of
excellent crafts, fine arts and live music.

WASSAIL PARTY CRAFT FAIR
November 29
Area crafters show beautiful
holiday gifts in the
Memorial Community Center and
1852 Town House.

CHRISTMAS at the FOLSOM HOUSE
November 28, 29 & 30 & December 5, 6 & 7
Eight rooms of the 1855 Folsom family home
in the Angel Hill Historic District are en-
hanced for the holidays by unique decorators
around the theme. Live music and caroling!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
regarding these events please contact the
Chamber of Commerce at 465-6315
or by visiting their website at
www.taylorsfallschamber.org

**Lighting Festival
Activities**



Plans are well underway for the 24th Annual Lighting Festival, three days of family fun, starting with the Santa Parade at 6 PM on Friday the 28th. The festival has reindeer, Santaland with visits with Santa, Christmas dogs, stories read by Mrs. Santa, horse drawn wagon rides, Christmas at the 1855 Folsom House, a private Christmas house to visit, holiday booya at the camp fire, 3 artisan/craft fairs, special performances, Sunday orchestra concert & more. The detailed schedules will be published in the local newspapers & sent home with the elementary school children later.

This year's theme ties into Minnesota's Sesquicentennial celebration: *"Taylors Falls - the place to come for over 150 years"*.

For now you should know:

- ♥ We invite you to do outdoor lighting. With the new LED lights, the usage cost is minimal & you can save the lights from year to year. Judging of residential and commercial outdoor lighting will take place Friday evening, November 28. You don't have to sign up. The judges, who are not from here, drive every street in TF & out a 1/2 mile on County Rd. 37, 20, & 16, north on Hwy. 95 & out Vista Road. Residential prizes this year are: 1st place \$75, 2nd place \$50, 3rd place \$25. Commercial winners receive plaques. The judges will also look at commercial windows.
- ♥ The Friday parade is always looking for more units. Would your business, organization or family like to participate? Use your imagination...perhaps a snow shovel drill team, a giant snowman, skiers on those roller skis, lighted hat marchers, your old car or tractor done up with lights. Let Deb Julik-Heine know at 465-3004.


