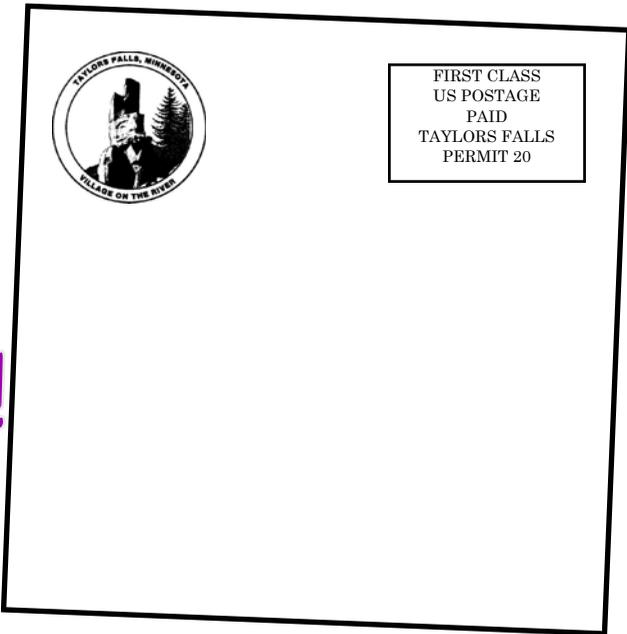


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 Council - Larry Julik-Heine
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 Council - Zara Kivi Kinnunen

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 Alternate Member - Lee Casperson
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & DEVELOPMENT CODE

In January 2008, the City Council adopted a new Development Code, which replaced the former Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. The reason for adopting the Development Code was to mirror the Code with the Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 2006. The Comprehensive Plan provides long-term planning goals and the Development Code provides zoning and subdivision regulations to implement the Plan.

The Development Code contains three chapters: Chapter One - Administration, Chapter Two - Zoning Regulations, and Chapter Three - Subdivision Regulations. The Code and the Comprehensive Plan can be viewed on the City's website at: www.ci.taylors-falls.mn.us or at City hall.



Zoning Administrator-Coordinator Larry Phillips

Larry is the contact person for building permits and general zoning questions. He reviews zoning and building permit applications for compliance, issues zoning permits and collects fees when appropriate, reviews sketch plans, preliminary and final plats, and site plans with appropriate commissions, consultants and/or departments. He monitors escrowed fees per project and coordinates permit review with appropriate commissions, consultants and/or departments. Larry also makes on-site inspections or directs inspections for compliance.

The City recently purchased a GIS software system which will aid the City by providing maps, measuring areas and distances, and eventually exact locations of City water and sewer lines. Larry has had previous training and is proficient using this new software.

Larry's hours are M-Th 7:30-4:30 p.m. and 7:30-1:30 on Fridays. He can be reached by calling 465-5133 ext. 24.

MAYOR'S FORUM

Spring has finally arrived. As always, we have a lot to accomplish and we are excited about the opportunities before us. One of those opportunities is the Xcel Energy settlement money will be available to us in the near future and because of that, the City Council has started to look at how the dollars should be spent. Based on the settlement agreement, we must use the money for something that benefits our Community and is located in the River Valley area. Keeping beauty and preservation in mind we are looking into, but not limited to, the following:

- * Basement for our Memorial Community Center – with Public Restrooms
- * Overlook deck at Heritage Park
- * Remodeling of Lift Station near Riverwalk (Old Mill look) with odor control
- * New appliances for Memorial Community Center kitchen
- * Cement slab for shelter at Lion's Park
- * Decking & walkway for Riverwalk project



Keep in mind that these are only "suggestions, options & rough ideas" at this time, as nothing has been finalized. Discussions will begin as early as May and our hopes are that we have feedback from residents prior to a final decision. This means that we are open to additional ideas, so don't hesitate in letting City staff, a Council member or myself know if you have suggestions or questions. Please remember that it must be something that benefits our Community and is specifically located in the River Valley area. What a great opportunity for our Community! Another topic of great news is the fact that we now have a "permanent" fix for the emergency services that we provide for the Interstate State Park. We will be receiving \$30,000 a year from the State of MN, which means we do not have to worry about using local tax dollars for funding this expense. My thanks to our elected officials for their time and energy spent to resolve this issue.

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.

THANK YOU FROM CITY HALL STAFF!

City Clerk Jo Everson



Some of you may not know but both of us have been out of the office on medical leave. Jo had back surgery on January 18th and Jayna had open heart surgery on February 11th. We are both still recovering and back in the office on a part-time basis.



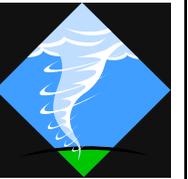
Deputy Clerk Jayna Yeske

We would like to extend a 'HUGE' thank you for your patience during this time. Also, we'd like to extend an especially tremendous thank you to our Zoning Administrator, Larry Phillips, for filling in for us and to the Mayor and City Council for your understanding during these trying times!

Thank You!

SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION

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. The 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. there is a county-wide civil defense test where all sirens will sound. Because of our close proximity to St. Croix Falls, you can, on some days, hear more than one (1) 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, located at 637 First Street, is considered a fall-out shelter in case of tornados and bad weather for those residents who are without a basement, tourists. For more information, please contact the Co-City Civil Defense Directors ~ Fire Chief Kevin Rivard 465-5133 ext. 27 or Council Member John Tangen at 465-5705.



BURNING PERMITS



Now that the snow has come & gone, it is time to remind residents that there is no burning in the City without first obtaining a permit from City Hall. This is required by Ordinance. While the DNR does not require a permit, the City does for the burning of brush and leaves. The burning of construction debris is strictly prohibited! The permit is valid for 10 days at a cost of \$15.00 which allows burning from 6 p.m. - 6 a.m. only and/or all day Saturday & Sunday (this is to be sure that Fire-fighters are available if the fire should get out of control). Anyone who does not obtain a permit subjects themselves 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.

DO NOT BURN TREATED LUMBER!

Thank you for your cooperation!

YARD WASTE COMPOST SITE

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

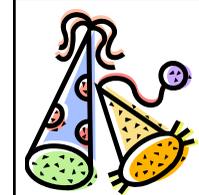
Accepts: Grass, leaves, garden materials, tree branches and logs no longer than eight (8) ft long and thirty (30) inches in diameter. No tree stumps!

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.

YOU WILL HAVE TO EMPTY YOUR OWN BAGS AND BAGS ARE NOT TO BE LEFT AT THE SITE!

Abusers will forfeit their rights to use the site!



SURPRISE!

MAE HOFFORD IS TURNING "100"

and you're invited to come help her celebrate!

When: Saturday, May 10th 1-3 p.m.

Where: Taylors Falls Memorial Community Center

Shhhhhh ~ DON'T TELL MAE ~ it's a surprise!



IS YOUR YARD A NUISANCE?

It is if you can answer 'yes' to any of the following:

- ☞ Do you have an unlicensed or inoperable vehicle on your property?
- ☞ Do you have trash strewn around your yard?
- ☞ Do you have garbage cans which are not rodent free or fly-tight and may smell?
- ☞ Do you have noxious weeds on your property?
- ☞ Do you have discarded or disused machinery, household appliances, furniture, automobile bodies or other material on your property?
- ☞ Do you have debris on your property which may promote rats, mice, snakes, or vermin, or which constitute fire, health or safety hazards?



You may not know that these are all violations of City Ordinance. Failure to keep your property clean of these nuisances may result in a fine and a mandatory court appearance. Cleaning up your property now will avoid this process! If you have questions, call Corporal Shane Carroll at 465-5133 ext 23.

LEAF AND GARBAGE DISPOSAL



The City's compost site is available for all TF residents to discard lawn refuse. **RAVINES LOCATED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY ARE NOT COMPOST SITES NOR THE CITY'S DUMP!** Some residents seem to believe that it is okay to dump everything and anything in the ravines. It is not! If you have tires and garbage that you need to dispose of, please contact the Waste Facility at 651-237-0912. If you are found to be dumping illegally in a ravine, you will be cited under *Chapter 5, Section 500.01 B*. Any person violating this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Minnesota Statute Section 609.02, Subd. 3. ***Please help to keep Taylors Falls beautiful!***

PET LICENSING, VACCINATIONS AND CLEANLINESS

If you haven't licensed your dog and/or cat for the '08 year, the license fee(s) are now \$20 for dogs/\$10 for spayed or neutered, and \$10 for cats/\$6 for spayed or neutered.

Animal Control has asked that I remind all of you to please be sure that you are vaccinating your pets against rabies, distemper and parvo. Parvo is a highly contagious virus that affects mostly puppies but can be transmitted without your pet even leaving the yard. Also, please be sure to pick up after your pet when walking them in the neighborhood. If you do not pick up your animals waste, it is considered a public nuisance (*Chapter 3 Section 345.07, Subd. 3*) and constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to ninety (90) days. **BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER!**



ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY



The annual Spring Clean-Up Day for the residents of Taylors Falls is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd. Evergreen Recycling will be available in the lower parking lot at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. – Noon. They will accept appliance recycling, miscellaneous garbage, construction material & tires for a nominal fee. No batteries, wet paint cans, or hazardous material.

This an opportunity to get rid of any of that "STUFF" that we all accumulate over the year at a pretty reasonable price.

The Compost Site will also be open that day during cleanup hours for brush & leaves.

Carpet	\$1.50/yd
Stuffed Chairs	\$10.00
Couches	\$20.00
Carload	\$10.00
Small Trailer	\$20.00
Pick-up/Large Trailer	\$25.00
Oversize Load	\$40.00 & up
Tires	\$1.00/tire
Appliances/Electronics	No Charge

We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Taylors Falls Elementary School is in the process of installing a new addition to the school. With the construction, Elementary Principal Joe Thimm has asked that we inform residents that all grounds, fields and playgrounds will **BE CLOSED** during the summer months of June, July and August.



SUREFIRE WAYS TO GET A GREAT NIGHT'S SLEEP

Are you getting enough sleep? According to an Institute of medicine study, about 50 million Americans are not. Yet adequate rest is as vital to health and peak performance as exercise and good nutrition. And it can be so e-zzzzz!

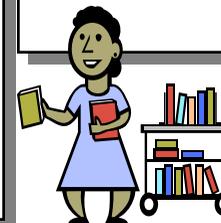
1. Go to bed & get up at the same times every day
2. Establish a relaxing bedtime routine
3. Skip stimulants
4. Squeeze in daytime fitness



TF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Hours

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



CHERRY HILL PARK

The Park and Recreation Commission have drafted plans for constructing a pavilion and landscaping at Cherry Hill Park. The 24' x 24' pavilion will be constructed with balsam fir wood taken from a disassembled barn; it will also include attractive architectural detail including stone siding on the footings and a cupola on the roof. The park will also include a parking area, walking paths, and landscaping. Subsequent phases of the park include more trails and landscaping.



The Park and Recreation Commission will be presenting plans to the City Council soon and is anticipating beginning construction on the pavilion in June or July. You may view the plans at City Hall by contacting Zoning Administrator-Coordinator Larry Phillips.



HYDRANT FLUSHING
 Hydrant flushing will begin soon. You may experience low water pressure & your water may be cloudy, rusty or have other noticeable discoloration for a short time. Please contact the PW Department should you have further questions!

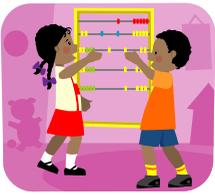


~YOUR WATER IS STILL SAFE TO DRINK~

Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility
 39649 Grand Avenue - North Branch (651) 237-0912
 is available for those items that cannot be taken at the annual Spring Clean-Up Day
 **From intersection of Cty 30 & Hwy 95 go 1/2 mile N to Ash St. Turn R & go 3/10 mile East to Grand Ave - Turn L, 3rd building on the right
 (Look for the Chisago County HHW sign)

TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS SUMMER DAY CAMP

The 12th Annual Together with Friends Summer Day Camp will be held for 5 weeks this summer. Join us Tuesday and Thursday mornings, June 17 through July 18th, 9:00 – 12:00 noon for songs, stories, snacks, crafts, games and FUN with friends. All kids going into 2nd – 6th grades are invited to come and join the fun. (By completing application and reference forms, kids going into 7th – 12th grades are welcome as Jr. Staff.)



Together with Friends is a cooperative effort of the First Baptist, First Evangelical Lutheran and United Methodist churches of Taylors Falls. For more information or registration forms contact any of the sponsoring churches or call 651-465-7171 and leave a message.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Memorial Day services will be conducted in TF on **MONDAY, MAY 26** at the Kahbakong Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. The service will be remembering Veterans from the Civil War to Desert Storm. There will be a gun-salute at 11:00 a.m. on the Highway 8 Interstate bridge to recognize Veterans known and unknown and buried or lost at sea.

You need not be a Veteran nor have relatives buried in Kahbakong Cemetery to assist with or participate in the Memorial Day services. If you have information to share or have questions, please call Bill/Barb Young at 465-6635.



NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Need A Document Notarized??

If you need a document notarized, contact City Hall. Both the City Clerk & Deputy Clerk are Notary's of the Public. This is a free service provided by the City to any resident.

STUMBLIN' DOWN MEMORY LANE by Jack Liljenberg

Rarely in our hamlet's history has one of our own become a centenarian. It is therefore worthy to make special note of Mrs. Mae Hofford's upcoming 100th birthday on May 7 and subsequent surprise party on May 10. A widow since 1988, Mae's spunky, independent nature has allowed her to remain in the home into which she and her husband, Frank, moved in 1971.

Though nigh on 100, Mae still does her own housework and keeps up with world affairs. On nice days she still fills her clothesline with fresh wash to flutter in the Cherry Hill breezes. Her 1940 home at 806 West Street is modest but no other house in town, over the past 37 years, has had cleaner eave troughs. As recently as last year, it was still commonplace for the petite woman of German heritage to be diligently cleaning her eave troughs from her perch atop her ladder.



Born Margaret Mae Yesel on May 7, 1908 in Quincy, Washington, Mae was the youngest of the five children of Francis and Magdalina Yesel. Mae's father, a butcher, died when Mae was just eleven months old. Magdalina and her five children then moved to Harvey, North Dakota to be near her family. Three years later, Magdalina's father insisted she marry a farmer, Clemens Klein, who had a farm near tiny Balta, N.D., was a widower and had 14 children. Mr. Klein was not inclined to take in Magdalina's five children, so all five, including four-year-old Mae, were given to other families. With each in a different and undesirable circumstance, they never again lived with their mother who had three more children with Mr. Klein.

It was not unusual for the times when Mae struck out on her own at the young age of 12. She went to Yakima, Washington where she supported herself by working at various jobs. In 1924, at 16, she married 25-year-old, former cowboy, Francis "Frank" Hofford. Since marriages were cheaper in Canada, they drove across the border for their wedding ceremony. A couple of years later saw the birth of their only child, son James, who later married, had six daughters and died in 1981. From 1924 to 1971, the Hoffords moved many times and supported themselves via a wide variety of employment activities that included farming. Whenever they weren't farming, Mae was always employed outside the home.

They lost a farm during the Great Depression. So for ten years, beginning about 1933, Frank worked at Hamms Brewery in Saint Paul, while Mae supplied their free apartment during that time by managing a 30-unit apartment building near the Ford plant. Like many of her peers, economic necessity required Mae to become an adept cook, canner, baker, gardener, handyman and seamstress. And Mae still has much of the large volume of crochet and knit work she so skillfully created over the years.

Frank lost his right hand, as the result of a farm accident in 1953. Though Mae, besides her farm wife chores, had always worked right along with Frank in the fields and in the barns where all the milking was done by hand. She tells of how she used to throw hay bales as well as anyone and that one year she filled their barn loft with 6,000 bales. The last of their several farms was at Roberts, Wis., and after they moved to Taylors Falls in 1971, Mae spent many years doing home childcare. Many of her former charges still call her "Grandma Mae."

The writer has been told May 7 will be declared "Mae Hofford Day;" however, an open house "surprise" birthday celebration of Mae's 100 years will be held at the Taylors Falls Memorial Community Center on Saturday, May 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. All are invited to attend – but remember that Saturday event is hoped to be a surprise party – so if you happen to pass by and spy Mae up on her ladder before then, please, don't stop and talk to her about it!

TAYLORS FALLS
RELIEF ASSOCIATION'S
> ANNUAL SMELT FRY <
Saturday, April 26th
4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
\$8 Adults/\$4 Children
Smelt, beans, coleslaw,
rolls,
pickles & beverage
COME & ENJOY!



TFHS PROGRAM MEETING

You're invited to join the TFHS for their next Program Meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at the TF Memorial Community Center (old depot) from 7-9 p.m.

The featured guest speaker is Ward Moberg of Osceola WI. Ward will share another of his unique stories about growing up in the TF area titled: "Roger's Rural Taylors Falls Boyhood...it was more than just doing chores!" Ward's boyhood friend, Roger Boleman, will also be attending with a display and a few stories of his own to share. Following the meeting they will be offering "make your own Ice Cream Sundae".

If you're not a current member, and would like to join, membership forms will be available. Questions? Contact Sally Barott at 257-4773 or email sally-



~ BEAR Sightings ~

Once again bears are making appearances throughout the City. To minimize bear problems on your property:

- * Reduce garbage odors - Rinse food cans and wrappers before disposal. Wash garbage cans regularly and use lime to cut odors. Keep garbage cans in a bear-proof container or in a garage until morning of pickup.
- * Compost vegetable scraps & keep meat scraps in your freezer until garbage pickup day.
- * Remove bird feeders in the spring or at least over-night.
- * Keep pet food inside & keep a close eye on your pets when outside.
- * Keep BBQ grills and picnic tables clean.
- * Contact the DNR 651-296-6157 with safety concerns or questions.

HELPFUL HOUSEHOLD HINTS...

1. Reheat Pizza - Heat up leftover pizza in an uncovered, nonstick skillet on top of the stove. Set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy.
2. Easy Deviled Eggs - Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal and mash until they are all broken up. Add remaining ingredients; reseal, keep mashing. Cut a corner of the baggy and squeeze mixture into eggs. Discard bag when done.
3. Expanding Frosting - When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double its volume. You get to frost more cake/cup-cakes with the same amount purchased and you also eat less sugar and calories per serving.
4. Newspaper Weeds Away - Place Wet newspapers in layers around your plants overlapping as you go. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic but not through wet newspapers.
5. No More Mosquitoes - Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.
6. Squirrel Away - Sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper.
7. Flexible Vacuum - Attach an empty paper towel roll to your vacuum hose. It can be flattened to get in narrow openings.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Well #4 update...the electrical components are being completed and the siding is now being installed. Site grading will take place in the very near future.
- The Marmon Parkway is proposed to be paved before the Wannigan Days celebration.
- Sewer replacements are proposed at Maple Street, between Folsom & West Street AND at West Street, between Maple & Oak Streets. During these replacements you may experience road closings ~ the Public Works Department will keep you informed as the time draws near.



KIDS CORNER - HELPFUL HINTS

1. **KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN**...if you see trash on the ground, toss it in the trash can.
2. **RECYCLE** cans, bottles and paper. Save them at home and school and help your parents recycle theirs. **GLASS ~ PAPER ~ CANS ~ PLASTIC**
3. **HELP KEEP THE AIR CLEAN**...ride your bike to school. Too many cars equals lots of air pollution.
4. **SAVE PAPER**...use both sides of your paper at school and at home.
5. **HELP SAVE WATER**...don't leave the water running while you brush your teeth.
6. **HELP SAVE ENERGY**...turn off lights when you leave the room. Always turn off the TV when you are finished.
7. Wash fruits and vegetables before you eat them.

Pond Discharging & Sewer Rodding

Discharging of the ponds and rodding of the sewer lines will begin soon.

Public Works Street Worker Eric Garner (L)
Public Works Utility Worker Bill Neska (R)



Just a reminder that there is an aluminum can recycling cage located in the City parking lot behind Riverview gas station. All proceeds go towards the purchase of Fire Department equipment.

**HELP SUPPORT YOUR
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

