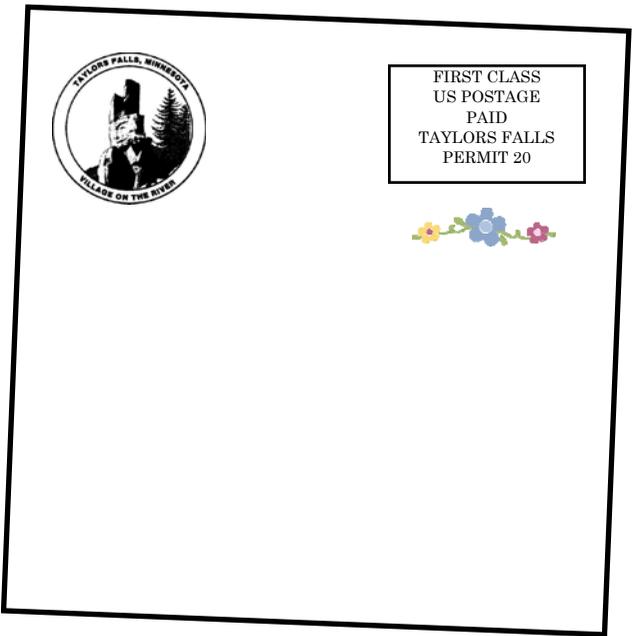


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Happy Spring



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 465-5133
 Dial these Extensions:

City Hall	1	Police Dept.	3	Mayor	5
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				PRC	7

(Mayor, EDC & PRC will be message only)



CITY REPRESENTATIVES

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

Planning Commission
 Chair - Joe Stein ('09)
 Member - Diane Sander ('10)
 Member - Robyn Spencer-Beck ('11)
 Member - Irv Stolp ('11)
 Member - Ross Rivard
 Alternate Member - Lee Casperson
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Library Board Members
 President - Melba Johnson ('09)
 Member - Barb Anderson ('09)
 Member - Dr. Bill Young ('10)
 Member - Deb Julik-Heine ('10)
 Member - Lesli Johnson ('11)
 Librarian - Diane Dedon

Park & Rec Commission
 Chair - Tana Havumaki ('10)
 Member - Bill Davids ('09)
 Member - Diane Nelson ('09)
 Member - Mary Murphy ('11)
 Member - Larry Julik-Heine
 Alternate Member - open position
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Economic Development Commission
 Chair - Wade Vitalis ('09)
 Member - Ken Moore ('09)
 Member - Jim Schoonmaker ('10)
 Member - Beth Bantarri ('10)
 Member - Clarence Nelson ('11)
 Member - open position ('11)
 Member - Zara Kinnunen
 Alternate Member - John Coffey
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio



Heritage Preservation Commission
 Chair - Barbara Nelson ('10)
 Member - Brian Pigott ('09)
 Member - Weston Herman ('09)
 Member - Julie Hildebrand ('10)
 Member - Joanne Frank ('11)
 Member - Bill Scott ('11)
 Alternate Member - John Larson
 Member - John Tangen
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

City Staff
 Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer
 Jayna Yeske, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
 Larry Phillips, ZA-Coordinator
 Bill Neska, Public Works Utility Worker
 Eric Garner, Public Works Street Worker
 Jack Kramer, Building Official
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 Dustin Swenson, Sheriff's Deputy
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ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

The annual Spring Clean-Up Day for the residents of Taylors Falls is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd. 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.

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



We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity!

2009 Price List

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

The Park and Recreation Commission will be sponsoring a city-wide clean up beginning at 9:00 a.m. Reflective wear and bags will be provided and you will be assigned to an area. Make it a family activity day by showing your children the importance of maintaining a clean and safe environment. A free lunch will be offered at the TF Memorial Community Center for all participants.

BOARD OF APPEALS TO MEET

on **Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall**

Each spring the County sends you a property tax bill. Three factors that affect your tax bill are: 1) the amount your local governments (city, county, school, etc.) spend to provide services to your community, 2) the **estimated market value** of your property, and 3) the **classification** of your property (how it is used). The assessor determines these last two factors. You may appeal these, and the time to do this is at this Board of Appeals Meeting. We have several very informational handouts at City Hall to assist you in this process. Please keep in mind that **taxes** are not the issue at this meeting. To strengthen your appeal, you should present evidence about your property's value or classification, not how much you are paying in taxes.

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MAYOR'S FORUM



Our snow has melted and the temperature has started to warm up. It has been a long Winter but Spring has finally arrived.

The numbers are in and we now know that the amount of Local Government Aid received from our State will be approximately \$45,000 less than what was originally budgeted. Based on that, our City Council has been working with each department in an attempt to make the necessary reductions to make up for the shortfall. What this means is that some projects will have to be scaled back and others will stop completely. Our City employees will see no pay increases and will have a reduction in their vacation benefits. Each department has willingly sacrificed part of their budget so that we would not have to raise property taxes.

Even though we have made cuts we still need to make progress in our City. For 2009 this progress means finishing the restrooms in our Memorial Community Center basement. Besides replacing the two we had, there will be a third one which will be a Public handicapped accessible restroom located on the Northeast corner. It will be accessible only from the outside which means we will need to provide a sidewalk path leading up to it.

Even though times are tough I am comforted by the fact that we have the ability to work together to make Taylors Falls a better place for today and into the future. 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

City Staff does what they can to accommodate the residents of Taylors Falls when coming in to pay on your water and sewer account, storm water utility account, or to pay for a pet license. Please be sure to have the correct change on hand as we do NOT keep extra cash at City Hall. If you pay more than what is owed, the balance will be credited to your water/sewer account.

City Hall hours: M - Th 7:30 - 4:30 and Fridays 7:30 - 1:30

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.

TF ELEMENTARY FUNDRAISER

The Taylors Falls Elementary School is asking for donations of the following items:

- * General Mills Boxtops
- * Tyson Food Labels
- * Land O'Lakes Milk Caps
- * Kemps Milk Caps
- * Campbell's Soup Brand Labels
- * Our Family UPC Codes
- * Nestle Water Bottle Labels
- * Milk Moola Milk Caps
- * Capri Sun Drink Pouches

Items can be dropped off at Taylors Falls Elementary School or at City Hall.

STUMBLIN' DOWN MEMORY LANE

by Jack Liljenberg



Peter Trump's 1870 Cave Saloon Building

Peter Trump's Cave Saloon is perhaps the best remembered of Taylors Falls' many early saloons, and the following two newspaper items from the *Taylors Falls Reporter* refer to the construction of the building that housed it from 1870 to 1880. The Cave Saloon was located in the building's basement level, which had a small storage cave in the bluff behind the building. The building also served as the first residence of the Peter Trump family.

August 13, 1870: "An excavation is being made in the bluff at the head of First street, and we learn that a large saloon building will be erected there."

November 5, 1870: "The new saloon building at the head of First St. is now occupied. The proprietor would be a Trump if he would turn his property to better account."

The 1870 Peter Trump building still stands, although altered, on the southwest corner of First and Government Streets, next door north of the 1884 Taylors Falls Jail building. First Street used to terminate at that point, hence the newspaper references to the "head" of First Street. The building was also referred to in a lengthy December 3, 1870 newspaper article that listed the local building improvements of 1870: "Peter Trump, two-story and basement building, . . . \$1,800."

Peter Trump and his wife, Elizabeth [Delisle], were probably not strangers to Taylors Falls when their arrival was announced by the *Taylors Falls Reporter* on Saturday, June 25, 1870: "Peter Trump and family arrived here last week, and he has already got the lumber for a house which he proposes to erect at once and become a permanent resident among us." Peter's proposed "house" was the residence and saloon building noted above, which was built on land then owned by the Schottmuller Brothers, Joseph B. and Frank X., who had a brewery a short distance up the nearby ravine. In that era, building structures on land owned by non-relatives, via various arrangements, was a common practice. Peter Trump never did own the land upon which his 1870 building is still situated.

The Trump building remained the Trump family's residence until 1875, which is when Mr. Trump had a conventional house built about a block west of the Schottmuller Brothers' brewery. Meanwhile, Peter operated his Cave Saloon, rather sporadically, from November 1870 to May 1877. The Cave Saloon was then closed for two years until April 1879 when Morund Schon reopened it and operated it until its final closure in May 1880.

Peter Trump [ca.1841-1887] was a native of Ohio and a Civil War [Union] veteran of the Third Ohio Battery. In Taylors Falls he was elected to five one-year terms as village marshal for the years of 1876 to 1880, and in 1880 he spearheaded the organization of one of the hook-and-ladder companies that preceded the 1914 Taylors Falls Fire Department. He was also a popular restaurant owner but the other buildings associated with him, including his 1875 home, have all been destroyed. Peter and Elizabeth [who was from Elk River, Minn.], had four children, one of which died as a young child. After Peter's premature death due to stomach cancer on December 19, 1887, Elizabeth remarried twice and had three more children. Peter's brief obituary, published in the *Taylors Falls Journal* of Thursday, December 22, 1887, had in part the following to say about him:

"Of a pleasant and agreeable disposition he had friends with all his acquaintances. He was liberal to a fault, and gave freely to anything and everything that came under the name of charity, or for amusement or good of the public. Probably half his earnings went this way, which amounted to a large sum, for he was always industrious, prosperous, and otherwise economical. . . . He was about forty-six years old and leaves a wife and three children to whom he was always kind and indulgent."

For nigh onto the last forty years, the 1870 Peter Trump building has been mistakenly believed by some [including the writer] to be an 1851 hotel stable that was purchased and moved to the site in 1869 by the Schottmuller Brothers and then remodeled. However, that stable/barn, located a short block north of the Trump building, was not moved in 1869 and eventually burned down in 1881 [with the loss of two horses and ten sheep]. The writer apologizes to Peter Trump for past efforts in aiding the perpetuation of that mistaken belief and hopes this belated correction gives some measure of credit where credit is justly due. It is credit long overdue to one who generously gave back to his community and as a Civil War veteran served his country in one of its hours of need.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENTS

TAYLORS FALLS RELIEF ASSOCIATION'S > ANNUAL SMELT FRY <

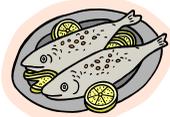
Saturday, April 25th

4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

\$10 Adults / \$5 Children

Smelt, beans, coleslaw, rolls,

pickles and beverage
COME & ENJOY!



EASTER EGG HUNT

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Saturday, April 11th

at the

South Lion's Park

Starting at

9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by TFFD



ST CROIX FALLS/TAYLORS FALLS CHAMBERS MERGE

The St Croix Falls/Taylors Falls Chambers have merged and are now called: **Falls Chamber of Commerce**. You logon to either website www.scfwi.com or www.taylorsfallschazmber.org or call 715-483-3580. The website offers an updated list of businesses and past and current newsletters for your viewing pleasure.

If you are a business and would like to share special promotions, events or general business advertisements, you can advertise in the chamber newsletter and on the website for a nominal fee. Check the website or contact the Chamber office for more details.

Chamber dollars can be purchased in \$5 increments and can be used at participating Chamber member businesses (member businesses are conveniently printed on the back side of the certificates). Consider giving a gift that supports locally owned businesses.

"The mission of the Falls Chamber of Commerce is to advocate, promote and support business members and our communities."

One of the most lasting pleasures you can experience is the feeling that comes over you when you genuinely forgive an enemy ~ whether he knows about it or not.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY



Taylors Falls United Methodist Church is celebrating its Sesquicentennial Anniversary this year. This church building is the oldest continuously used Methodist church in Minnesota. There will be a variety of special events advertised in the local newspapers and the public is encouraged to attend any Sunday for its 10 a.m. service of worship. This historic church, with its present-day vital ministry, has been an important presence in the St. Croix Valley these 150 years.

On March 27, 1859, a class of 35 was organized officially forming the congregation. The land for the building was donated by W.H.C. Folsom and his wife Mary Jane. Although officially organized in 1859 and the church building dedicated early January 1, 1862, it has its roots in the early 1850s. Circuit riders from the Sunrise Mission started holding service in homes and in the school house in 1852. In 1857 the Wisconsin Conference appointed the Reverend H.M. Nichols to hold service in Taylors Falls' Town House School.

Major construction on the church was done in 1861. Necessary monies to defray costs of building were raised from the sale of pews at \$65 to \$75 each. Total cost of erecting the structure was \$2,500.00 with donated materials and labor. The pews were built in the Greek Revival architectural style familiar to the many early settlers from New England because it reminded them of "back home". It was slow in being completed because of a major man-power shortage. When President Lincoln called for volunteers for the Civil War in 1860, recruits from the Taylors Falls area were sworn into service inside the still uncompleted church.

Come see many of the original artifacts. The church is located at 290 W Government Street next to the 1855 Folsom House Museum in the Angel Hill District of Taylors Falls. Call 651-465-6635 for additional information.



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)**

Compost Site Hours of Operation: 9 - 12 noon the 1st & 3rd Saturdays from April—November (weather permitting) * **OPENS OFFICIALLY ON APRIL 4TH**

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!

COMPOST SITE

TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS DAY CAMP

This summer will mark the 13th annual Together with Friends Summer Day Camp. All Children who have completed 1st grade-5th grade are welcome to attend, which meets Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 9-12 from mid June thru July. Together with Friends is a cooperative effort of the First Baptist, First Evangelical Lutheran & United Methodist Churches. The theme this year is *Wonderful News*. Each morning kids enjoy songs, crafts, Bible story lessons, active games, a snack & have LOTS OF FUN with friends. If you spot a group of kids & adults in colorful T-shirts & hear the sounds of laughter & excitement, you've undoubtedly come across Together with Friends. We welcome your support & encouragement in this community venture. Financial support can be sent to PO Box 255 in Taylors Falls. Registration material is available at any of the participating churches or by calling Pastor Kevin at 465-6792.

PET LICENSING

If you haven't licensed your dog and/or cat for the '09 year, effective April 1st the license fee(s) are now \$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.



BURNING PERMITS

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. 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. ANYONE WHO DOES NOT OBTAIN A PERMIT SUBJECTS THEMSELVES TO A POSSIBLE FINE & THE COST OF A EMERGENCY CALL-OUT. A PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR A RECREATIONAL FIRE AS LONG AS IT IS CONTAINED IN A 3' X 3' FIRE PIT RING.



CHERRY HILL PARK FUNDRAISER

Are you holding onto old cell phones, ink cartridges, laptops and/or notebook computers? Don't know what to do with them? In correlation with the city-wide spring clean-up day, the Park and Recreation Commission is hosting a "cell phone/ink cartridge drop" fundraising event, sponsored by



Proceeds will go to the beautification of Cherry Hill Park.

A few facts:

- Over 65 million cell phones are stockpiled in U.S. households creating 30,000 tons of potentially hazardous waste.
- Cell phones contain a number of toxic substances such as arsenic, antimony, cadmium and lead, which can affect ground water if disposed of through landfills and which can form highly toxic dioxins and furans if incinerated.
- The cadmium from just one cell phone is capable of polluting 158,200 gallons of water.
- Over 300 minion cartridges are thrown out annually. The production of a single ink jet cartridge requires 2 1/2 ounces of oil.



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES



Memorial Day services will be conducted in TF on **MONDAY, MAY 25** 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.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NEWS

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrant flushing will begin April 3rd. 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** 💧

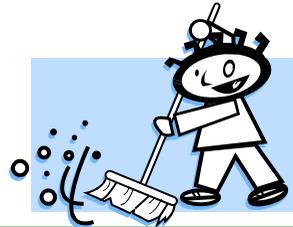
Pond Discharging & Sewer Rodding

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

Call B/4 U Dig

Call 8-1-1 two (2) days or 48 hours before digging.

Street Sweeping to begin in April



LET'S KEEP THE STREETS CLEAN!

Be sure to keep trash cans and play equipment out of the City's right-of-way (ROW). If you have any question as to your property ROW and what is the City's or the County's ROW, please feel contact either Bill, Eric or Larry (ZA-Coordinator) for assistance.



SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ARE IN PLACE ON ALL CITY STREETS 5 TONS PER AXLE

TF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Program Meeting to be held on Thursday, May 7th at the TF Memorial Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Speaker will be Ward Moberg who will entertain with "Uncle Elwood's Stories from Both Sides of the River". Refreshments will be served after the meeting. For more information contact Sally at 257-4773 or sally - barott@aol.com.



The Library has a great selection of reading materials. New books arrive each month. Magazines are available for check out also. The following subscriptions are at the library: MN Conservation Volunteer, People, Good Housekeeping, Family Circle, Better Homes and Gardens, Midwest Home, MN Monthly, Midwest Living, American Heritage, Consumer Report, and National Geographic. Visit your Library and check out what there is to read. Remember that the Library also has a computer for public use. Give us a call at 465-4605. Library hours are Wednesday from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. & Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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