

MAYOR'S FORUM



Spring arrived early this year and even though it was a gentle winter, I am ready for some warm weather! We will once again be surrounded by construction this summer, which means congestion, noise and some inconveniences. Please do your best to be patient, understanding and careful while passing through these areas.

Since our last Tidbits letter, we have a new City Clerk/Treasurer. Mary Tomnitz started working for our City last summer and is a great addition. If you have yet to meet her, I recommend stopping by to introduce yourself and take a moment to get to know her. She is a hard working individual with a pleasant personality. Welcome Mary!!

We have finally attracted a business to the Taylors Falls Business Park. The “HayChix” are moving here from WI, building the first building in our Park and bringing jobs to our community. They are constructing a 10,000 square foot building where they will manufacture zero loss hay feeders, which are used by any animal that eats hay. Being patient has finally paid off, as this will be a classy looking building which sets a high standard for future businesses. I wish them the best of luck and hope they succeed big time!!

Remember – 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.

Business Park

Taylors Falls Welcomes First Business

The company is known as “Hay Chix,” owned and operated by Erin Olson and Kris Jacobsen. Their primary products consist of nets to be used in feeding hay. The nets are designed to reduce farmers’ hay waste when horses are grazing from the bales. For more information, visit www.haychix.com. If you are interested in locating in the Taylors Falls Business Park email City Coordinator Adam Berklund at tfzoningad-min@frontiernet.net, or 651-465-5133 ext. 22.

SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS!



Together with Friends Summer Day Camp is set to begin its 20th annual FUN for KIDS program. One of the goals of Together with Friends is for kids to have fun in a safe and positive environment. We’ve been very successful in meeting that goal. Look for a variety of special events to celebrate our 20th anniversary beginning with a VERY SPECIAL KICK OFF ON Thursday June 16th at the Baptist church. Kids it’s going to be fun and you won’t want to miss it. Then, Together with Friends meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting June 28th through Tuesday July 28th. Each day kids enjoy songs, a skit, a Bible lesson, crafts, an active outside game time, a snack and spending time with friends new and old. All kids entering grades 2-6 in the fall are welcome to attend. Kids can attend any or all of the sessions throughout the summer as their schedule allows. We have a great Jr. Staff of kids entering 7-12th grades and Adult staff to add to the fun and friends! Together with Friends is a cooperative effort of the First Baptist, First Evangelical Lutheran and United Methodist churches of Taylors Falls. Registration material and information will be available from any of the participating churches, **by mail (PO Box 255) or by calling Together with Friends director, Pastor Kevin, at 651-465-6792.** Funding for Together with Friends is supplemented by a variety of community support for which we are grateful. Don’t miss the fun of Together with Friends this summer.

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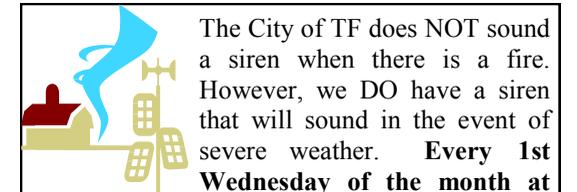
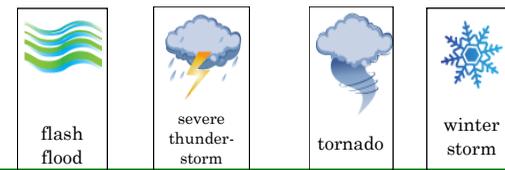
SEVERE WEATHER ALERT

Keeping citizens informed.

Raising the bar in public safety, CodeRED Weather Warning is a unique service that automatically notifies citizens in the path of severe weather just moments after a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. This limited CodeRED Weather Warning subscription is available to you at no direct cost from the Chisago County Sheriff’s Department. You will need to go to their website at: <http://www.co.chisago.mn.us/>

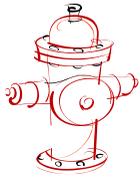
to fill in the information so that you can be notified by the local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Examples include: evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports.

Depending upon your setting, you will be notified by phone, text or e-mail, or by all three.



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. **Every 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. there is a county-wide civil defense test when all sirens will sound.** Because of our close proximity to St. Croix Falls, you can, on some days, hear more than one 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 is considered a fall-out shelter in case of tornados and bad weather for those residents who are without a basement, & for tourists. For more information, please contact anyone at City Hall or the Fire Department.

NOTES FROM PUBLIC WORKS



HYDRANT FLUSHING TO BEGIN

Hydrant flushing will begin soon on Fridays. You may experience low water pressure & your water may be cloudy, rusty or have other noticeable discoloration for a short time.

~YOUR WATER IS STILL SAFE TO DRINK ~



SEWER JETTING/RODDING TO BEGIN

The PW Dept will begin sewer cleaning on May 2nd which will take about 2 weeks. Jetting is done on sewer lines made of clay (like a roto-rooter) and jetting is done on sewer lines made of PVC (using pressurized water) This is done twice yearly.



STREET SWEEPING HAS BEGUN

Depending upon the weather, street sweeping will begin mid-April and continue throughout the summer.



** HELP WANTED **

The City of Taylors Falls is accepting applications for the position of Seasonal Public Works Employee for the 2016 summer/fall. Primary duties will be mowing, landscaping, flowers and park maintenance. Preference will be given to City residents and students 15-17 years old, however, all ages are encouraged to apply. Applications can be obtained by calling City Hall or on-line.



WEEDS

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.

If you are unsure as to what the weeds look like or the mowing requirements, please contact the PW Dept at 465-5133 ext. 32.

MAY 14th ANNUAL CLEANUP DAY

The annual Spring Clean-Up Day for the residents of Taylors Falls is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th. Evergreen Recycling will be available in the lower parking lot at City Hall from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. They will accept appliance recycling, miscellaneous garbage, construction material & tires for a nominal fee. The Compost Site will also be open that day during cleanup hours for brush & leaves.



2016 Price List

Carpet	\$1.50/yd	Pick-up/Large Trailer	\$30.00
Stuffed Chairs	\$15.00	Oversize Load	\$40.00 & ↑
Couches	\$20.00	Tires	\$1.00/\$2.00
Mattresses	\$10.00	TV's	\$15.00/\$20.00
Carload	\$10.00	Electronics	\$7.00-\$20.00
Small Trailer	\$25.00	Appliances	\$15.00/\$20.00

Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility

Located at 39649 Grand Avenue - North Branch (651) 213-8923 is available for those items that cannot be taken at the annual Spring Clean-Up Day (Hazardous Materials)

From intersection of County Rd 30 & Hwy 95 go 1/2 mile north to Ash Street, Turn right & go 3/10 mile east to Grand Ave - Turn left, 3rd building on the right

Look for the Chisago County HHW sign

YOU MUST HAVE A TAYLORS FALLS ADDRESS TO QUALIFY FOR THESE PRICES.

TAYLORS FALLS COMPOST SITE POLICY

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

Accepts: Grass, leaves, garden materials, tree branches & logs no longer than 8' long & 30" in diameter. No tree stumps!

Location: From City Hall go west approximately 1 mile. Turn right into the wastewater facility access driveway. Please stay on the gravel road and drive carefully.

Use: This site is available to the residents of Taylors Falls only.

All bags must be emptied and returned to the user for disposal. You will have to empty your own bags and they are not to be left at the site.

NOTE: If the weather has been wet the compost site may not be open as regularly scheduled. Contact PW Superintendent Mike Kriz to request access at any other time. (651.783.6344)

PET LICENSING

If you haven't licensed your dog and/or cat for the '16 year, effective April 30th the license fee(s) double to \$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.



LIBRARY NEWS



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

Take a break from your spring cleaning and read a book! Mysteries, fiction and New York Best Sellers are at the library waiting for you to check them out!

The Library will be closed from May 7 through May 16 tentatively for interior work.

Thank you for your patients

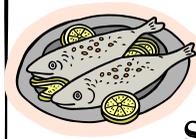
TF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Folsom House opens for the season on Friday, May 27th. Hours are 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays through the 2nd week of October.

EVENTS: Folsom After Dark event on Saturday, May 14th at 9:00pm. We still have a few reservation spaces left, so check our Facebook page or call to make reservations.



TAYLORS FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT



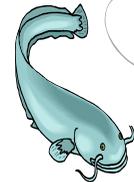
72nd Annual Smelt Fry
Saturday, May 7th
4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

\$12 Adults - \$6 Children (7-12)
6 and under Free

Smelt, Hot dogs, beans, coleslaw, rolls, pickles & beverage

COME AND ENJOY!

TAYLORS FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT
33rd ANNUAL CATFISH CONTEST



Saturday, July 23rd 7:30 p.m. to
 Sunday, July 24th 7:30 a.m.

On the Upper St. Croix River

1st Place Cash & Trophy
2nd & 3rd Place Cash & Trophies
Largest Fish Trophy
Prizes to 10th Place

FREE BREAKFAST FOR PARTICIPANTS SERVED AT

THE LIONS' PARK ON SUNDAY MORNING

\$80.00 per Boat

(based on 70 boats w/ 2 people)

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.

STUMBLIN' DOWN MEMORY LANE

by Jack Liljenberg

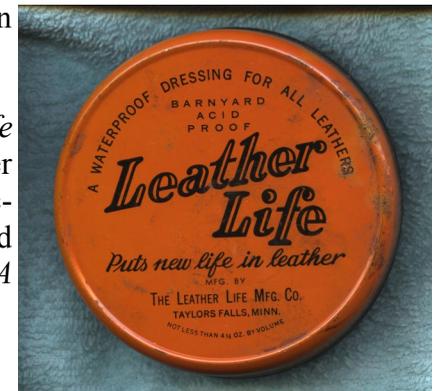
This year's tourist season promises to be a challenging one, due to the local highway projects. Yet, people who want to get to Taylors Falls, will, if the incentives are strong enough. In the mid-twentieth-century, the Stolbergs' smörgåsbord was enough incentive for many people to head to Taylors Falls.

Nan M. Stolberg (1888-1955) and her brother, Theodore J. "Ted" Stolberg (1884-1972), operated a Swedish-style smörgåsbord in downtown Taylors Falls for seventeen tourist seasons, from 1938 through 1954. In 1938 that popular enterprise was known as the *Stolberg House*, and from 1939 through 1954 it was known as *A Bit of Sweden*. It was located in Nan and Ted's home, the 1872 James H. McCourt house, which still stands at 643 Bench Street and is the third house south of the north end of Bench Street.

The smörgåsbord was originally open mainly on weekends and holidays but the days, hours and price changed several times over the years. For the 1940 season, the price was 50¢, which in today's dollars would be about \$8.50. Even though the price gradually when up over the years, the already good value became better. For the 1954 season, the price was \$1.65, comparable to today's \$4.43. Good food in a pleasant atmosphere at a reasonable price was the recipe for the success of the Stolbergs' *A Bit of Sweden*.

Ted and Nan were originally from Harris, Chisago County and both remained unmarried. Their parents, John and Mathilda (Thorson) Stolberg, were Swedish immigrants who also had two sons who died in infancy. For many years prior to 1938, Ted and Nan had operated a general mercantile/grocery store in Shafer Village.

Local lore has it that Ted also was *The Leather Life Mfg. Co.* of Taylors Falls. He produced a leather dressing called *Leather Life* that was sold in the pictured, circa-1940, orange and black, 3 1/2" x 1 1/4" round tin. It is presumed *Leather Life* was not served at *A Bit of Sweden*.





**STEWARDSHIP AWARD
Presented to the
Kevin P. Schumann**

This year's Stewardship recipient Kevin Schumann is deserving of the 2015 Stewardship award for many reasons other than being pastor at the First Baptist Church in Taylors Falls. Kevin was instrumental in speaking out against the vandalism that began on West Street in 2002 and continued for several years. He invited the community to meet at the Baptist Church on a regular basis for as long as needed to find the best way to overcome the problems we were facing. He helped form the Crime Watch Group by reaching out to the Sheriff's Department, Community Partnership with Youth and Families, and other organizations, and he made himself available 24 hours a day to anyone who was impacted by these problems. Kevin volunteers his time to unlock the school playground each morning and lock it up each evening so it will be available to local families and their children.

Many years ago Kevin approached the Taylors Falls Elementary School principal and asked if they would allow him to provide an appreciation luncheon for educational staff to thank them for everything they do for our children. The result is an annual luncheon held on a day in February when there are no classes so everyone who works at the school can attend, and it's held at the Baptist Church so school staff can just walk across the street. It has been hosted by members of the four churches in town for the past 17 years, with each church providing a portion of the meal on a rotating basis. Tables are decorated, volunteers from the four churches serve the meal, and school administration, teachers and staff are treated as guests.

Kevin also brought together the churches in town to form the ecumenical group Together with Friends Summer Day Camp for children entering grades 2-6, which has met each summer for 19 years at Taylors Falls' churches on a rotating basis. Kevin serves as the director, and many of these young people learn leadership skills and become junior leaders over time. All children are welcome, and no child is turned away due to inability to pay.

"I have always found Kevin to be caring, pleasant and helpful and supportive of our community, and believe Taylors Falls is a better place because he lives here" complimented Barb Anderson, a friend and former recipient of this award. It is true; his sense of pride is apparent as one looks at his many contributions over the years, which have helped improve the quality of life in Taylors Falls.

We believe Kevin Schumann has earned the right to be selected and honored as the Taylors Falls 2015 Stewardship Award recipient. On behalf of the citizens of the City of Taylors Falls, we offer to you, our humble and heartfelt appreciation for all that you have done and continue to do to make Taylors Falls a better place to live.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES



Memorial Day services will be conducted in TF on MONDAY, MAY 30th at the Kahbakong Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. The service will be remembering Veterans from the Civil War to Desert Storm to Operation Freedom to the Global War on Terrorism. 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.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

America's Night Out Against Crime

The 12th annual Taylors Falls National Night Out Celebration will be held on Tuesday, August 2nd, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the TF Elementary School Gym. Many community organizations are putting together a great evening of activities for children, parents and community members. Hot dogs, chips and lemonade will be provided. Bring a dessert to share and lawn chairs to sit outdoors. Please come to enjoy and learn. For more information, to contribute, or to volunteer, contact Community Partnership at 651.674.4085 or Barb Anderson at 651.465.5272.

The first planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17th, at 6:30pm, in the TF Elementary

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS!



We urgently need Veterans from any U.S. conflict to assist with Memorial Day Services. Please contact Leland Rivard at 465-6745.



FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN PLACE

The DNR has implemented a fire ban, which will continue until weather conditions warrant it removed. Be aware of your surroundings. **No burning without a permit.**

TAYLORS FALLS LOG

JAM JAMMERS

If you like music ~ if you like conversation ~ if you like relaxation ~ then come and listen (or join) the Taylors Falls Log Jam Jam! This is a group of musicians who meet at 6:00 pm every Monday night at the Memorial Community Center to "jam". Come watch the musical show! It is free to the public! A beverage & snack just might be available to complement the overall experience.

2016 WANNIGAN DAYS

Friday June 10th - Sunday June 12th

Presented by the Friends of TF Parks & Recreation

FRIDAY, June 10th

6:30 p.m.

at the Taylors Falls

Memorial Community Center

BINGO For Bucks!

Sponsored by the TF Lions Club

Come early for a grilled hot dog meal & homemade goodies!



Taylors Falls Classic Car & Motorcycle Cruise Night



Cars 1978 & Older
Motorcycles Welcome

Located off Pine
Street by the Drive-In

Friday, June 10th
5 pm - 9 pm
food available on site



FUN FOR KIDS AT WANNIGAN DAYS

KIDDIE PARADE -

this year's Kiddie Parade will be held on Friday, June 10th. Kids should be in costume to register and lineup at 5:45 pm on River Street near the Catholic Church. We will march beginning at 6:00 pm and travel north on River Street to Pine Street, stopping across from the Drive-In, where refreshments will be served.

FIREWORKS



Saturday,

June 11th

at dusk

Shot off in

St. Croix Falls

Viewable in

Taylors Falls

2016 WANNIGAN DAYS

Friday June 10th - Sunday June 12th

Wannigan Day Parade



Saturday, June 11th beginning at 6:00 pm in SCF and arriving in TF approximately 6:20 pm

Wannigan Days Annual Street Dance



Sponsored by

ROMAYNE'S BAR & GRILL

Saturday,
June 11th

7:00 pm to 1:00 am

The Taylors Falls Log Jam
Jammers will perform
Outdoors at the
Memorial Community Center
Front Lawn on
Saturday, June 11th
1 pm - 4 pm

weather
permitting



fun! fun!

fun!