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Tidbits from Taylors Falls

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General Election Results
Congratulations
 Mayor
 Mike Buchite
 Council
 Larry Julik-Heine
 John Tangen

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 The EDC is looking for 4 members and 1 alternate to join their team. The mission is to help promote economic development within the city. If you are interested email City Coordinator Adam Berklund at tfzoningadmin@frontiernet.net, or 651-465-5133 ext. 22.

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To Call City Hall—651-465-5133 and dial these extensions:
 City Clerk 21, Zoning Administrator 22, Public Works 25, Fire Department 27, PRC 33 (message only), Business Park 24

CITY REPRESENTATIVES

City Council
 Mayor - Mike Buchite - '18
 Council - Ross Rivard - '18
 Council - John Tangen - '20
 Council - Larry Julik-Heine - '20
 Council - Mary Murphy - '18

Planning Commission
 Chair - Gene Andersen
 Member - Brian Oman
 Member - Fred Bechtold
 Member - Lyle Johnson
 Alternate - Irv Stolp
 Member - Ross Rivard
 Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Park & Rec Commission
 Chair - Tana Havumaki
 Member - Don Hobson
 Member - Leo Nelson
 Member - Rick Stafford
 Member - Larry Julik-Heine
 Mayor Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Heritage Preservation Commission
 Chair - Troy Aanonsen
 Member - Annie Bent
 Member - Susan Heaven
 Member - Lesli Johnson
 Member - Seth Matters
 Member - JoAnn Kuntemier
 Alternate- Brian Pigott
 Alternate Joanne Frank
 Member - John Tangen
 Emeritus - John Larson
 Emeritus - Bill Scott
 Mayor Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Economic Development Commission
 Chair - Open Position
 Member - Open Position
 Member - Wade Vitalis
 Member - Kelly Jorgensen
 Member - Open Position
 Member - Open Position
 Alternate - Open Position

Member - Mary Murphy
 Mayor Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

Library Board Members
 President - Barb Anderson
 Member - Gerald Platzer
 Member - Melba Johnson
 Member - Lori Stolp
 Member - Marlys Breeden
 Librarian - Diane Dedon

City Staff
 Mary Tomnitz, Clerk-Treasurer
 Adam Berklund, Coordinator-Zoning Admin
 Jack Kramer, Building Official
 Mike Kriz, PW Superintendent
 Bill Neska, PW Maintenance Worker
 Shaila Johnson, Custodian
 Mike Erding, Fire Chief
 Jake Reed, Assistant Chief
 Kyle Rivard, Assistant Chief
 Shane Carroll, County Sheriff's Sergeant

CCR Report

The 2016 Consumer Confidence Report is available on the Cities website <http://www.ci.taylors-falls.mn.us/> or on the bulletin board at City Hall for review . You may also request a copy of the report during normal business hours

Business Park

If you are interested in locating in the Taylors Falls Business Park email City Coordinator Adam Berklund at tfzoningadmin@frontiernet.net, or 651-465-5133 ext. 22.



No burning without a Permit
 Contact the City office during normal business hours. No permit required for residential fires not exceeding 3x3.

MAYOR'S FORUM



Wannigan Days is what seems to be the subject people are talking about. Due to some safety concerns, the parade will start and end in Taylors Falls as it did many years ago. If you are interested in participating in our parade please let Adam or Mary know. They will be more than willing to assign you a spot. There will be other activities happening Friday evening and throughout the day on Saturday, so make sure to take time to enjoy the fun! Contact City Hall for events and locations or watch for our posters which will list them.

Road construction has finally been completed in our City, with the exception of some minor touch up, so life in Taylors Falls should be back to normal this year! As I have said last fall, I am thankful for everyone's understanding during this inconvenience.

We have requested some crosswalks along 1st street, in an attempt to connect some of our neighborhoods and make it safer for walking. A crosswalk at City Hall will connect walkers to the existing sidewalk on the north side. This will allow residents to walk up the hill to City Hall or trail users (hopefully to be completed in the future) to connect to our businesses downtown!

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.

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)

SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS!



Together with Friends Summer Day Camp is set to begin its 21st 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. Together with Friends will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings June 20th through August 1st. 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 supporters for which we are grateful.

2017 Severe Weather Week

April 17th through the 21

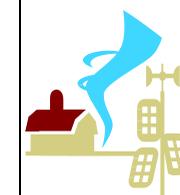
Lightning Safety Tips and Resources

Lightning strikes the United States about 25 million times a year. Although most lightning occurs in the summer, people can be struck at any time of year. Lightning kills an average of 49 people in the United States each year, and hundreds more are severely injured. More Information can be found at: www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/

Severe Thunderstorm Safety

Severe thunderstorms are officially defined as storms that are capable of producing hail that is an inch or larger or wind gusts over 58 mph. Hail this size can damage property such as plants, roofs and vehicles. Wind this strong is able to break off large branches, knock over trees or cause structural damage to trees. Some severe thunderstorms can produce hail larger than softballs or winds over 100 mph, so please pay attention to the weather so you know when severe storms are possible. More information can be found at: www.nws.noaa.gov/om/thunderstorm/

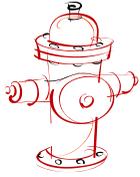
SEVERE WEATHER ALERT



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 - check out the CodeRED Weather Warning subscription on the County website at: <http://www.co.chisago.mn.us/>. **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

Hydrant flushing has begun. 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



The PW Dept has begun sewer cleaning. Rodding 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 usually done twice yearly.

STREET SWEEPING HAS BEGUN



Depending upon the weather, street sweeping has begin and will continue throughout the summer.

**** HELP WANTED ****



The City of Taylors Falls is accepting applications for the position of Seasonal Public Works Employee for the 2017 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.



2017 Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility

Located at 39649 Grand Avenue - North Branch (651) 213-8923

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

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



Taylors Falls CERT Program has been in existence for 4 years. Today it is comprised of 15 persons, 9 of which have been certified by FEMA for Citizen's Emergency Response. Currently we also have 6 new members who have also begun the 20 hour training

sequence. This team is NOT designed to be primary responders to disaster scenes, but rather to assist those agencies in their duties. It is a volunteer opportunity for local citizens to assist their community in times of need. Mobilization of this group is something we all hope never occurs, however we stand ready to assist should that need arise.

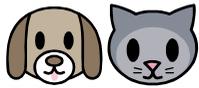
This group meets the 3rd Monday of every month in the basement conference room at Taylors Falls City Hall for training. We would welcome any able bodied citizen of this community who may be interested in joining our group. For more information, please contact Adam Berklund at TF City hall 651-465- 5133 ext 22 or tfzoningadmin@frontiernet.net. All members are given a complete background check before being trained.

If you are interested in joining the CERT team, contact Team Leader Gene Andersen at 651-465-3001.

This year our mission has been enhanced with the addition of a trailer to help mobilize this group if the need should arise. The trailer was supplied to the group by the Chisago County Sheriff's Department.

PET LICENSING

If you haven't licensed your dog and/or cat for the '17 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

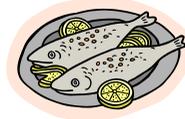
Saturdays: 9:30 - 12:30 pm

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!

TF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Folsom House opens for the season on Friday, May 26th. Hours are 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays through the 2nd week of October.

EVENTS: Folsom After Dark event will be held the second Saturday, of each month. Times vary. For more information check out the Folsom House Facebook page or give them a call at 651-465-3125

TAYLORS FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT**73rd Annual Smelt Fry**

Saturday, May 6th 4:00 - 7:30pm

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

**Smelt, hot dogs, beans, coleslaw, rolls,
pickles & beverage**

COME AND ENJOY!

**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! 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.

Congress Comes to You

Rick Olseen from Congressman Rick Nolan's Office will be at City Hall on June 8th from 1-2pm.

STUMBLIN' DOWN MEMORY LANE

by Jack Liljenberg

Before the end of this month, April 2017, the *Yarn Bank* at 406 Bench Street will be closing for good. The timing of the closing is rather an unusual coincidence. It was 150 years ago, in late April 1867, that ground was broken for the construction of the *Yarn Bank's* building – the 1867 Silas Humphrey building.

That building was built to house Silas Humphrey's mercantile business, *S. Humphrey & Co.*, which previously had been situated elsewhere in downtown Taylors Falls. Silas' new building was under construction for five months, and he opened for business in his new building on Monday, September 30, 1867.

Silas was a native of Goshen, Connecticut, which is where he was born on February 17, 1827. In September 1867, Silas and his wife, Mary, and their daughter, Eva (12), lived in downtown Taylors Falls, at what is now 190 Second Street, in the 1854 Munch-Roos house that is now the home of John Larson. The Humphreys had another daughter, Mary Frances who died in Ohio before the family moved to Taylors Falls in early 1861. In 1874, the family moved to Stillman Valley, Illinois, which is where Silas died on December 2, 1899, at the age of 72 years.

In 1867, Silas did not own the property (Block 12, lot 25) on which his building was constructed. The property was then owned by Erasmus D. Whiting but was eventually sold to Silas on September 1, 1869. In February 1869, Robert M. Gwynne became a partner in Silas' store, and in August 1869, Mr. Gwynne became the sole proprietor. The store's name was then changed from *S. Humphrey & Co.* to simply *R. M. Gwynne*. Mr. Gwynne dealt mainly in groceries and dry goods, but he was in business only until September 1870.

In the many decades that have followed, the Humphrey building has been structurally altered several times, and it has housed a wide variety of nearly thirty enterprises. From June 1895 to January 1901, the building, in part, housed the local post office. At that time, the local postmaster was Wyman X. Folsom, with Albert S. Knight serving as assistant postmaster. Most of the post office business was handled by Mr. Knight who at that time was operating his store in the building. Mr. Knight's store offered confectionery, tobacco, sundries, notions and novelties.

Some readers will recall Mrs. Anna Charlesworth who operated her ladies' apparel shop, *Charlesworth's*, in the Humphrey building from April 1955 to April 1965. Mrs. Charlesworth was succeeded in the ladies' apparel business by Mrs. Beatrice Wagner who used the building from April 1965 to July 1968. Some readers will also recall Mrs. Marilyn Roberts operated her beauty salon, *Marilyn's Salon*, in the building from March 1970 to September 1977. Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Wagner, like Mr. Knight, also operated their enterprises at other downtown locations..

No doubt many readers, if not most, will well recall the Humphrey building served as a branch bank from 1978 through 2006, under three names: *Farmers State Bank* (January 1978 – June 1992); *Town and Country Bank* (July 1992 – July 2000) and *S&C Bank* (July 2000 – December 2006).

The 1867 Silas Humphrey building is a small, nondescript building but, oh, what stories and secrets it probably could tell from its 150-year existence.

2016 ST. CROIX RIVER VALLEY STEWARDSHIP AWARD



Taylors Falls is a quaint small town nestled on the banks of the St. Croix River, rich in its scenic beauty and historic charm. While no one person can claim ownership in the creation of the unique and exceptional viewscape we enjoy, there are several members of the community which have significantly contributed in promoting the historic charm of the city. Dr. Bill and Barb Young moved to Taylors Falls in the early 1970's as they were familiar with the town since it was the hometown of Dr. Young's mother, Amy (Faulk) Young. They soon became and have remained the staunchest supporters of the Taylors Falls United Methodist Church. They are a faithful couple who have a strong belief in God and serve him in all that they do. Their leadership in the United Methodist Church has included all aspects of the workings of the church, from teaching the children, sharing their faith and keeping the church warm, to their work with Together With Friends.

In 1978, they were charter members of the Taylors Falls Historical Society, of which Barb subsequently served many years as secretary of the Board of Directors. They have always been active participants in and often organizers of the many community events and activities. Barb was especially involved in organizing the community's many historic building tours, of which the most notable was the "Wind Chill Factor House Tour" of 1989. In 1985, Barb was one of the organizers of what is now known as the Lighting Festival, in 1989 Barb was selected as the first "Royal Lady of the Village." Dr. Young began his career at the St. Croix Regional Medical Center in 1972 and practiced for 30 years. He has served as Mayor and as the official Health Officer Taylors Falls. He also served on the Library Board for years, holding the title of President for many of them.

We believe Dr. William and Barb Young have earned the right to be selected and honored as the Taylors Falls 2016 Stewardship Award recipients. 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 29th 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.

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.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



America's Night Out Against Crime

The 13th annual Taylors Falls National Night Out Celebration will be held on Tuesday, August 1st, 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 9th, at 6:30pm, in the TF Elementary School history room.

MNDOT Transportation Plan

Do you ride a bus?

Do you want more public transportation in Chisago County?

We want to know how you like your ride! Will you share your thoughts and ideas? Please join us May 11 at 1pm at the Community Center in Taylors Falls to share your opinion. Everyone is welcome.

MN-DOT is developing a statewide 5-year transportation plan, and wants your input. The event's host is the East Central Regional Development Commission.

Refreshments will be served.

2017 WANNIGAN DAYS

Friday June 9th - Saturday June 10th

Presented by the Friends of TF Parks & Recreation

FRIDAY, June 9th

6:30 p.m.

**at the Taylors Falls
Memorial Community Center**

BINGO For Bucks!

Sponsored by the TF Historical Society

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



St. Joe's Eats

St. Joseph Catholic Church will be sponsoring a food & drink social event

Saturday, June 10th 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

Taylors Falls Classic Car & Motorcycle Cruise Night



Cars 1978 & Older
Motorcycles Welcome
Located off Pine
Street by the Drive-In

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

Other Events

Taylors Falls Art Festival
Saturday June 10, 2017
9-5pm

Artists and Vendors



Citywide Garage Sale, Friday
Saturday and Sunday. No
Charge. Contact the City to be
on the list.



FUN FOR KIDS AT WANNIGAN DAYS

KIDDIE PARADE - this year's Kiddie Parade will be held on Friday, June 9th. 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. The winner of the Kiddy parade will be in the TF Parade on Saturday June 10th at 7pm.

Saturday June 10th

This year additional fun events for the Kids include a Kids Carnival, Pageant, Petting Zoo and a Bouncy House to name a few.

2017 WANNIGAN DAYS

Friday June 9th & Saturday June 10th

Wannigan Days Parades

Saturday, June 10th
7:00pm. Taylors Falls will be having their own parade this year.
6:00pm. St. Croix Falls



FIREWORKS

Saturday June 10th
at dusk
Shot off in St. Croix
Falls
Viewable
in Taylors Falls

River City Cloggers

Will be performing outdoors at the Memorial Community Center Front Lawn on Saturday, June 10th from 1-2pm



weather permitting

Wannigan Days Annual Street Dance "Sell Out Stereo"



Sponsored by

ROMAYNE'S BAR & GRILL

Saturday,
June 10th
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 10th
3 pm - 6 pm



weather permitting