

Important Dates

- Jan 20..... Office Closed
- Jan 30.....Public Informational Meeting (Natural Gas) 6:30PM
- Feb 3.....Council Meeting
- Feb 17..... Office Closed
- Feb 29.....Radi Run
- Mar 2..... Council Meeting
- Mar 3.....Presidential Nomination Primary Election
- Apr 6.....Council Meeting
- Apr TBD.....Pig Roast
- May 4.....Council Meeting

City Officials

Mayor Liz Barrett (20)

Council Members

- Mitch Bakken (22)
- Mark Clauson (22)
- Laurie Anderson (20)
- Adam Wagner (20)

Clerk-Treasurer Stacy Wallace
Assistant Clerk Kara Bowen

Public Works Ken Robinson
Jeff Olson

Police Chief Mike Theis
Austin Smith

Fire Chief Josh Mailhot

Contact Information

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New Police Officer

We are excited to announce that we have added Austin Smith to our police force. Austin grew up and graduated from Fisher in 2011. He is currently residing in Crookston. He also works security at UMC.

New Part-time Assistant Clerk

Please welcome Kara Bowen. Kara has been teaching Accounting at UMC for the past 10 years. She is no stranger to Fisher, she lived in town a handful of years back. Her daughter graduated from Fisher High School in 2010. She has been extending the office hours a couple days a week. She will be in the office from 3:30-6:30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays, starting January 13, 2020.

Mailhot accepts Fire Chief Position

You may already recognize him as the Elementary School Principal, but Josh Mailhot is also the new Fire Chief. He has worked for the Brainard Fire Department and Bunyan in Washington, NC. He and his wife Candace, live in Grand Forks, but are looking for a place closer to Fisher. Please congratulate him on his promotion and wish him the best in this new role. Former Chief Quirk will remain with the fire department, but has stepped down as acting chief taking on a lesser role. Please contact Chief Mailhot at 252-377-7378 for any fire department questions or concerns

Winter Reminders

Winter Parking Ordinance. "Parking on the City Street after two or more inches of snow is prohibited. Failure to comply will result in impoundment at the vehicle owners' expense." *No parking on the street during snow removal.

Shoveling public sidewalks has to be completed within 24 hours of the precipitation stopping.

Please take the time to shovel out the hydrant in front of your house or your neighbor's. In the City of Fisher it is the responsibility of the homeowner that is closest to the hydrant to ensure that it is clear of snow.

Natural Gas is Coming to Fisher

Community Coops is excited to announce that they will be offering the residents of Fisher the opportunity to hook up to natural gas. They will be presenting an informational meeting at **6:30 pm, Thursday January 30th** in the **Fisher High School Library**. Topics covered : Explanation of the project, Benefits of hooking up to natural gas, What is the process to connect to natural gas for your home, business or church. Please come with questions and we hope to see you there.

2020 Elections & Census

MN has three Elections this year: March 3rd, August 11th, & November 3rd. All will be mail ballots. Please go to www.mnvotes.org to make sure that your mailing address is correct. The U.S. Post Office **cannot** forward ballots.

By April 1st, every home will receive the 2020 Census. You can respond online, by phone, or in the mail. When you respond to the census, you tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.

Boxes of Hope - Food Shelf Donations Needed

The Care & Share in Crookston has started a new Food Shelf Program that is available to everyone in the area. Anyone in need can contact Rachel at 218-281-2644 for more information. If you would like to donate any non-perishable items there will be a box setup in the city office.

Personal Message from Dean Smith

"I would like to thank all of citizens of Fisher for last nights gathering. Last night I was overcome with emotions and was unable to thank you appropriately. I will always remember the love I felt last night. Be safe and please continue to support the Police Officers as you did me." —Dean Smith, 11/2/2019



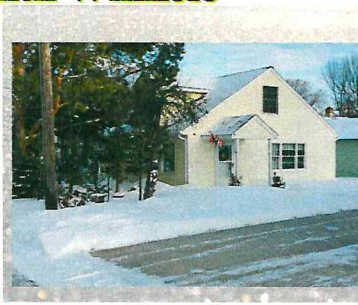
Yard of the Month Winners



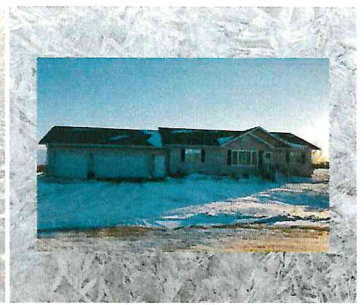
September
Gale & Darlene Gruhot



October
Andrew & Jen Dahlen



November
Phil & Joann Baird



December
Mike & Paula Lundgren

Public works department would like to remind you what is *flushable* and what is *non-flushable*.

Non-Flushable Items

- Wipes - Even "flushable" ones!
- Tissue (like Kleenex)
- Floss/Cotton Swabs or Balls
- Feminine Products - Tampons/Pads
- Diapers
- Bandages
- Cigarette Butts
- Kitty Litter - Even the flushable kind!
- Releasable ends of Toilet Brushes
- Paper Towels
- Grease/Food
- **Anything that is not on the Flushable list**

Flushable Items

- Toilet Paper
- Human Waste
- Water

That's It! Nothing else should be going into the sewer lines.



Save A Stamp! You have the option to get your utility bill emailed to you instead of in the mail.

Also available is auto pay. Payments are withdrawn from your account on the 25th of each month, unless it falls on a holiday or weekend, then it will be deducted the next business day.

If interested in either or both offers, please contact Stacy at the City Office, 218-891-2207

Utility Billing Rate Changes

As of January 6th, 2020 there was an increase in rate changes for the following categories:

- State Fee: \$0.97 from \$0.67
- Street Light Utility Fee: \$3.00 from \$2.00
- Late fee: \$15.00 from \$10.00

Did you know that the City has a website?

At www.CityOfFisherMN.com you will find:
 *Contact Information *Office Hours *Meeting Minutes *Elected Officials *Important Dates *Recycling Dates (NEW) *Building Permit Applications *Businesses *Newsletters (NEW) *Utility Bill Payments * & MORE

Services offered by the City:

Notary—Free of charge, **Back & White Copies** \$0.10/page, **Colored Copies** \$0.25/page **Fax:** \$1.00

It's the Law! All dogs and cats have to be licensed in the City of Fisher. There is a \$10 license fee that is good for 3 years and it is non-transferable.

You will receive a tag to attach to your furry family member's collar. There are two different sizes to choose from.



This will ensure that your animal will get back home safely, if it were to escape. We do have some escape artists in town. Contact the City Office to Register Your Pet Today!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Now Available in Fisher!

The Imagination Library provides all registered children ages birth to five a free high-quality age-appropriate book in the mail each month. If you would like to register your child or would like more information, please contact us at wmsmemorialfoundation@gmail.com or register online at ImaginationLibrary.com. The Imagination Library in Fisher is coordinated by the William Michael Stromsodt Memorial Foundation, a locally run nonprofit 501 (c)(3) company. Thank you to all who have donated to help bring books to the young children in our community!



1st Responders/Volunteer Fire Department:

- ◇ Are you looking to become a 1st Responder? Contact Tracy Cameron at 218-289-4049 for more information or stop in the City Office for an application. Training will be starting in January!
- ◇ If you are looking to become a Volunteer Fire Fighter contact Chief Josh Mailhot at 252-377-7378 for more information or stop in the City Office for an application.
- ◇ Pig Roast: Date TBD, held in the School Cafeteria, watch the city's Facebook page for the date.

10th Annual BigBirds Radical Radi Fun Run

When: February 29, 2020, 8am-5:30pm

Where: Fisher to Mentor and back



Fun Run stops: Fisher American Legion, One N'Only (Euclid), I.C. Muggs, Irishman's Shanty, Drafts (all of Crookston), Snow Sled Inn (Gentilly), Lakeview Resort (Mentor), Joe DiMaggios (RLF), The Other Place (Fertile) & The Corner Bar (Climax). The ride is in memory of Todd Radi. Watch for the posters around town for more information!



To stay up to date with the happenings around Fisher. Please "Like" our **NEW** Facebook page, we no longer have access to the old page. Search "City of Fisher - Minnesota" or search @CityofFisherMN. Let us know if there are events that you would like for us to announce on our page for you., we would be happy to do so.

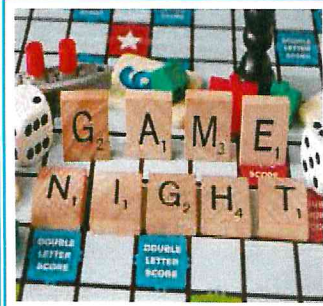


FISHER

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

small town - big hearts

The mission of the Fisher Chamber of Commerce is to improve the quality of life in the community and encourage economic development within the City of Fisher. We have plans to continue to bring you family friendly events and fun activities that everyone can enjoy this year. Stay up to date by following us on Facebook or if you prefer we can email you a schedule of events. Just contact us at FisherChamberOfCommerce@gmail.com for more information.



Come out to beat the winter blues and join us for GAME NIGHT at the American Legion. Get your family, friends and/or your neighbors together for a little evening fun. Games provided or bring your own from home!

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm



Marilyn Haggerty stops by at the Pie Social

Memberships:

Individual \$15

Family \$25

Business \$50



Events to watch for in 2020:

- Bunny BINGO (MAR/APR) - Date TBD
- City Wide Rummage Sale - June 6th
- Clothing Swap - June 7th
- Block Party - June 19th
- Farmers & Artist Market - Wednesdays, July 29th - Sept 2nd
- Community Picnic at the School - September 1st
- Turkey BINGO - Date TBD
- Celebrate the Season - Dec 6th
- And MORE...



Welcome to the Neighborhood!

This past year we have seen over a dozen new families move to town. We love seeing new faces and watching our community grow. If you have new neighbors invite them to an event, share this newsletter, or tell them about our Facebook page.

Are you new to town? We have a welcome basket for you with all kinds of local goodies and information. You can pick yours up at the city office which is located right inside the school.

Welcome home to Fisher, Minnesota

Chamber Meeting Dates

April 2nd
 May 14th
 June 11th,
 July 9th
 August 13th
 September 10th
 October 8th
 November 12th
 December 10th

7 pm in the back room at the Legion.

Chili Cook-Off Contest Winners



We try to keep our event costs low or even free so that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy being a part of our community. Dues and Donations are our main source of income for these events. Please consider becoming a member of the Fisher Chamber of Commerce by sending a payment/donation to P.O. Box 111, Fisher, MN 56723. For more information or business rates please contact us at (218)891-2126 or FisherChamberOfCommerce@gmail.com