



*City of Mountain Lake &
Mountain Lake Municipal
Utilities Newsletter*

July 2021



City Hall Hours

9AM — 4PM

Monday — Friday

24 Hour Drop Box—East Side of City Hall

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or

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**APPLY FOR REBATES
COMPLETELY ONLINE WITH
YOUR PHONE OR PC!**

Rebates for AC units, furnaces, dishwashers, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, and much more will now be completely online through your smart phone or personal computer. Visit the following link energyinsight.p3.enertrek.com to begin this process or visit our website, www.mountainlakemn.com and click on 'City' and then 'Energy Rebates.'

For any questions regarding rebates, please call or email Margit Barot at mbarot@frontierenergy.com or at 612-715-4853.



Happy 4th of July!

Due to 4th of July being on a Sunday this year, City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5th.



**ATTENTION ALL MOUNTAIN LAKE
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES CUSTOMERS**

On May 26, 2021, the Utilities Commission voted to begin applying late fees, hanger fees, disconnect fees, and re-connect fees to delinquent accounts as applicable.

Shut-offs will resume on its regular scheduled dates if no payment is made and no communication is received by our office to arrange a payment agreement plan. A partial payment request form is available on our website or at city hall if a partial payment agreement is needed to avoid being shut-off. You must communicate with our office to avoid being shut-off. A delinquent bill and no communication with our office will result in a shut-off on the scheduled shut-off date.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 507-427-2999 ext.6 or 8.



THE ONE CALL PROCESS

When you have a project that requires digging, your first step is to contact Gopher State One Call. You can do this by using GSOC's Homeowner Online Locate Request system or by calling the One Call Center.

(651)454-0002 -or- (800)252-1166
www.gsocsubmit.org

BE PREPARED

When you contact GSOC with a locate request, a series of questions will be asked.

- What is your name, address and phone number?
- What type of work will you be doing? (i.e. planting a tree, installation of fence)
- What is the dig location's address, city, county and nearest intersecting street?
- At the dig location, where will you be digging? (i.e. east side of house, within 5 ft radius of white stake.)
- When will you be digging? (i.e. 3 days, next week)

**GET YOUR UNDERGROUND
FACILITIES MARKED**

Once you have submitted your dig information it is created as a "ticket" which is sent to any utilities that may have underground facilities in the area of excavation. Those utilities will send a locator to the site to either paint or flag the area in question.

Community Festival Task Force Information and Upcoming Survey

A message from the Mountain Lake Community Celebration Taskforce Committee

History: For many years, the annual Mountain Lake Community Festival called Pow Wow has been organized and under the financial umbrella of the Mountain Lake Chamber of Commerce. In the summer of 2020, the Chamber of Commerce received letters written by concerned individuals about the name of the festival. Since 1923 the festival has been called Pow Wow. Letter writers expressed concern about trending cultural sensitivities and that some people think this is an inappropriate use of festival's name and not a part of this area's culture. Last fall, a survey of the Chamber members was conducted with most members saying they do not want the name changed. The Chamber Board formed a Task Force made up of chamber board members, letter writers, cultural advisors, and city council members to explore the issues facing the community and strive toward reconciliation between cultures.

More About the Task Force: The Community Celebration Task Force has been meeting on a regular basis since fall of 2020. Issues important to the task force are focused on education and cultural issues, ensuring that Mountain Lake has and should continue to have a strong community celebration, and we treat everyone on the task force with respect, unity, understanding in the reconciliation process. The task force strives to understand the value of tradition and trying to find a respectful way to honor and celebrate. The task force has been receiving cultural guidance from Mr. Paul LaRoche. Paul is a Lakota Native American Elder, founder and leader of Brulé, a contemporary Native American new age/worldbeat music group based in South Dakota. Paul has many years of experience in helping people and communities work on reconciliation and healing. Paul is not an activist; rather, Paul is someone within the Native American culture that understands the perspectives of many to help see us through the long haul. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/Community-Celebration-Task-Force-103819855043963> for task force updates and information.

What's Next: The Task Force believes it is imperative to receive community input on the name of the community celebration. In late June and July a short survey will be conducted through Mountain Lake Utility Newsletter and advertised on Facebook. The main question that will be asked is whether people want to keep the celebration name or change it, and why. The "why" reasoning will then be used to focus on education and understanding of either side of the issue. All Mountain Lake citizens and rural residents will be eligible to participate in the survey. For a survey to be counted, a name, city address, and age range will be required to be provided. The Task Force will use the results of the survey to make a recommendation to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors on the future name of the community celebration. Rural residents will receive information on the survey through radio and newspaper. The Task Force will work with Mr. LaRoche to inform and educate the community on cultural issues whether the Pow Wow name stays the same, or a new name is in the best interest of the community and celebration. The Task Force would like to emphasize that this is an ongoing issue in our community and decisions are still being made. The final decision may require additional passage of time. The Task Force will meet annually to review the issue and examine the well-being of the community and its celebration.

-Mountain Lake Community Celebration Task Force Committee

