



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

October 2023



City Hall Hours

Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
24 Hour Drop Box

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**Mountain Lake EDA
Happenings**

- Congratulations to Herrig & Hiebert Properties LLC. TIF approval and partial purchase of Block 1 Lot 4 in the commercial park. Watch for construction of new storage units.
- The city council and county have approved a Tax Abatement for the Hotel Project on Block 2 Lot 3 in the commercial park. The Hotel will be a great addition to Mountain Lake. Stay tuned for updates.
- Congratulations to Mountain Lake Christian School on the purchase of 1616 Prince Street. MLC will be remodeling the building and opening a daycare center in the near future.
- Congratulations to Mobility Worldwide on the purchase of the retired Casey's property. Volunteers are welcomed to join their team.
- Congratulations and Thank You to Just Us Fitness/Travis & Jamie Smith for purchasing the fitness center and keeping it open for our community. Make sure to check out the new upgraded equipment. Watch for exciting news on future classes/trainings.



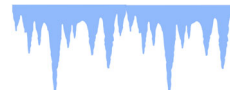
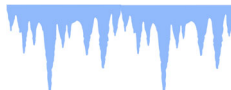
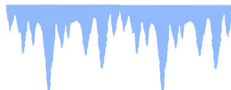
Annual Notice to All Customers – Minnesota Cold Weather Rule

The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills in winter. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from October 15 to April 15. The rule, established by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, means that Mountain Lake Municipal Utilities cannot disconnect a customer's residential electric service during the winter IF THE CUSTOMER MEETS THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Utility disconnection would affect the customer's primary heat source;
2. The customer has declared an inability to pay on forms provided by the utility. (Note: Customers receiving any form of public assistance including energy assistance are deemed to have qualified for Inability to pay status);
3. The household income of the customer is less than 50 percent of the state median income level as documented by the customer to the utility; and
4. The customer enters into and makes reasonably timed payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

If you have trouble paying your utility bills, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance. The MN Department of Human Services recommends contacting Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services, 1-507-831-1891 or United Community Action Partnership 1-800-992-1710.

If you know you are going to have trouble paying your utility bills, please visit city hall or contact Mountain Lake Municipal Utilities at 507-427-2999 Ext. 8 before a bill is due to complete a partial payment request form. For more information visit: <https://mn.gov/puc/consumers/help/shut-off-protection/>



Winterization Tips & Ways to Trim Your Heating Bill

Colder weather and winter are on its way. Here are some winterization tips to winterize your home and lower your heating bill:

Change your furnace filters. If the filters are dirty, your furnace has to work harder. In most homes, filters should be changed monthly in the heating season. You should also have your furnace serviced periodically to make sure it is working properly.

Get a programmable thermostat. The newest thermostats can learn your family's habits and set themselves to keep the house cooler when no one is there and warmer when the home is occupied. You can also purchase a more basic programmable thermostat. Prices vary considerably, depending on how sophisticated you want your thermostat to be.

Replace weatherstripping around doors. If you can see light around the edges of your doors, you need new weatherstripping. Weatherstripping can cost you five or six dollars, and it can save you hundreds of dollars in electrical bills.

Caulk around windows. Warm air can escape and cold air can enter your house if the area around your windows has cracks. Caulking needs to be replaced periodically, and you should check every fall for holes that need to be patched, as well as holes anywhere outside your house.

Leaf burning is allowed from September 15th until December 1st.

Make sure you are present when the leaves are burning and there is little or no wind. It makes your neighbors happy!

Happy Halloween!



Paying Bills, Permits, & Fees at City Hall.

If you are paying your utilities bill, please write the check out to **Mountain Lake Municipal Utilities.**

If you are paying for a building permit, shingle permit, siding permit, golf cart permit, dog license, etc., please write the check out to **City of Mountain Lake.**



City Burn Site—Open Until Winter

Banned Materials

- Dimensional Lumber
- Old Windows
- Old lumber
- Roof materials
- Plastics
- Masonry or concrete
- Metals
- Pressed wood
- Garbage bags & recycling

Allowed Materials

- Trees
- Tree Branches
- Brush
- Grass Clippings

Mountain Lake Meetings & Events

Dates and times subject to change. Visit our website or call City Hall for up-to-date information. All meetings are held at City Hall unless noted otherwise.

- October 2 — 6:30PM City Council Meeting
- October 10 — 4:00PM Library Board Meeting (at library)
- October 10 — 6:30PM Lake Commission Meeting
- October 10 — 7:30PM Tree Commission Meeting
- October 12 — 7:00AM Utilities Commission Meeting
- October 16 — 12:00PM EDA Board Meeting
- October 16 — 6:30PM City Council Meeting
- October 18 — 6:30PM Active Living Committee Meeting
- October 26 — 7:00AM Utilities Commission Meeting

