

MERRILL NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021

CITY HALL PHONE # 938-2514 CITY HALL HOURS 8 AM –Noon

CITY TREE DUMP IS OPEN PENDING WEATHER NO PLASTIC BAGS!

COUNCIL NEWS APRIL 19, 2021

Council present: Norgaard, Conley, Dice, Hoyt
Audience time: B. Hoffman reported a sublease of city ground to Brad Schindel. **City Clerk:** Election papers available at City Hall. Museum asking for annual donation \$250 Discussed newsletter mailing to decrease as it could go online for most. **Department Reports:**
Fire: 15 Members, looking for more volunteers. 3 controlled burns 7 calls **Ambulance:** 9 calls
Maintenance: DNR report went well, Alarm & Fire as well. **Police:** Computer ordered & will not need to replace docking station. **Library:** New Board Member Sara Labrune-Jongeling **EDC:** More Merrill Daze planning, Downtown Flowers coming soon. **Unfinished Business:** OC Sanitation Toters delivering next week. Recycle will be 2nd & 4th **Fridays** with **May 14th** 1st pick up. Asking residents to not put away new Toters til 5pm as to not miss any. **New Business:** Hoffman Estates approved Ambulance CD request discussed & under review. Old School property discussed & will work with City Attorney. Renewed Casey's Tobacco permit DOT 5-year agreement for municipal road maintenance. **Building Permits:** 3, all approved **Claims & Accounts:** Approved Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm.
March Receipts: \$94,846.89 Disb. \$72,814.46

MERRILL HISTORY SEARCH

A new segment to our monthly newsletter begins. We will showcase What Was Once In Merrill. Look below; here's your clue: This was once in Merrill and there is but one left. Can you identify it and what it's use was? The answer will appear in next month's newsletter with some good ole history.



BALLFIELD NEWS!

The ballfield has been restored! There are leagues booked in advance throughout the season with practices and tourneys. The field is available to the public although please call City Hall to be certain there are no activities scheduled. Events are posted at City Hall & the Post Office & website merrilliowa.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1 - May Day!
May 9 – Mother's Day
May 11 - EDC Meets 6:30 pm
May 17 – Blood Drive 3 – 6:30 pm
May 17 – City Council Meeting 7pm
May 18 - Legion Coffee 10 am
May 31 – Memorial Day Flag Ceremony 10am
June 3,4,5 – City-Wide Rummages!
June 12 - City-Wide Clean Up!
June 13 - Ambulance Picnic/Fundraiser

CHECK OUT THE MERRILL WEBSITE TO GET THE LATEST INFORMATION (merrilliowa.org) Look on the Home Page under Announcements.

*Coffee in the Legion room for veterans, 3rd Tuesday each month at 10 am.
*Walkers are welcome! Come in & enjoy your walk! 8 - 12 Mon – Fri Sat 9 - 12
*The Fitness Center is also available. Mon-Wed-Fri 9 – 11 \$10 per month!
*Sunday Services: St John Lutheran 10:30 am
1st United Methodist 9:30 am

GARBAGE PICK-UP - EVERY THURSDAY
RECYCLE 2ND & 4TH FRIDAY STARTS MAY 14TH

Credit and debit cards are now being accepted for payments at City Hall. A 3% convenience fee is added to transactions.

There is a “rescue” food bank in Merrill sponsored by the churches of Merrill. Persons or families in need should call 712-938-2548 to schedule assistance. All persons will be helped if possible.

The City Tree Dump is open (weather permitting) to Merrill residents only. Contractors will need city approval.

CITY WIDE RUMMAGE JUNE 3,4,5

Jennifer Vleck has volunteered to head Merrill's CityWide Rummage! Dates are June 3,4, & 5. June 3rd 4 – 7pm 4th Noon – 7pm 5th 8 - Noon
For more information: 712/259-4532 Jennifer

2021 MERRILL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS

Merrill Public Library – Garden Beds - \$350

Merrill Shooting Range – Targets - \$350

1. We are a local organization with deep roots in the community seeking to make positive changes in the community.
2. Merrill Community Foundation's funds help people invest in the causes they care most about.

MERRILL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

George Kale
Glenda Donlin
Morrie Blum
Bev Fagan
Sara Jane Hauff

MERRILL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to develop, enhance, and support the artistic, cultural, recreational, historic and social resources for the benefit of the citizens of Merrill. To accomplish these ends, the Foundation promotes endowed giving, provides grants, and encourages organizational collaboration and leadership.

Stop by City Hall & pick up a brochure with more information on how you as a member of the community can donate and support.

American Legion Post 125 Oleson-Halweg Memorial Day Flag Ceremony will be held at 10 am Monday, May 31st at the Veteran's Memorial. Lunch will follow at the Kissinger Center.



NEW TOTES HAVE ARRIVED!

New totes have arrived! Please be sure to use these new totes going forward. Recycle days will change to the 2nd & 4th **FRIDAYS beginning May 14th**. A few reminders to insure a smooth transition:

....Any additional garbage must be tagged with the lime green tag you will purchase for \$1. These tags are available at City Hall.

....Place totes away from the curb and free from any obstacles.

....Do not overfill, lid should be closed. Do not stack items on top of tote.

....Totes must be at the curb before 7am Thursday, your scheduled service day.

Contained trash is orderly trash!

Reminder: School will be out soon. Please watch out for increased "kid traffic".



YARD OF THE MONTH IS BACK!!

Congratulations to Gordon & Pat Parker!

Drive by **601 3rd Street** & see their beautiful yard! They will receive a Gift Certificate to Emma Rae's. Well Done!

GRASS CLIPPINGS

A reminder, all grass clippings need to remain off the street in order to maintain a healthy sewer system.