

MERRILL NEWSLETTER  
SEPTEMBER 2021

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

CITY TREE DUMP IS OPEN *PENDING WEATHER* NO PLASTIC BAGS!

**COUNCIL NEWS AUGUST 16, 2021**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Council present: Norgaard, Conley, Hoyt, Pierson, Dice **Audience time:** Lisa Hoyt resigned as Treasurer citing conflict and ethics as a CPA. **Department Reports: Fire:** Fundraiser set for September 18th at 6pm **Ambulance:** Provided copy of Mutual Aid Agreement with LeMars & Hinton. Will be part of September fundraiser with Fire & Rescue. **Maintenance:** Sewer project completed. Continue to change meters & install outside meters as requested and meters available. **Police:** Patrol car experiencing issues, will check with second opinion. **Library:** Completed director certification. **EDC:** Merrill Daze discussed & 150<sup>th</sup> brainstorming begins. Date is in question as waiting for carnival availability and feasibility. Looking for more members. **Unfinished Business:** Plywood Trail – Committee formed to work on path: Dan Pierson, Bob Hoffman & EDC. **New Business:** Land lease was awarded to Bob Hoffman \$225/acre. Hoffman Estates Phase 2 approved City Services discussed. Will add to City Utility bill. **Building Permits:** None **Claims & Accounts:** Approved **July Receipts: \$110,645.24 Disb. \$77,555.63**

**2021 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Volunteer of the Year committee requests the aid of Merrill’s citizens in obtaining nominations for this year’s award. Please submit the name of your candidate with a short explanation of the nominee’s qualifications in a sealed envelope.

**Return this to City Hall by NOON Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September 6** - Labor Day – City Office Closed  
**September 14** - EDC Meets 6:30pm  
**September 18** - Fire/EMS 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic 6pm

**September 20** - Community Blood Drive 3:45-6:30  
**September 20** - City Council Meets 7pm  
**September 21** - Legion Coffee 9am  
**September 25** - Legion Members Banquet 6pm

\*Sunday Services: St John Lutheran 10:30 am  
1st United Methodist 9:30 am

\*Coffee in the Legion room for veterans, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at 9 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!

**CHECK OUT THE MERRILL WEBSITE TO GET THE LATEST INFORMATION ([merrilliowa.org](http://merrilliowa.org)) Look on the Home Page under Announcements.**

**GARBAGE PICK-UP - EVERY THURSDAY  
RECYCLE 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAYS**

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.*

**What Was Once in Merrill**

Everyone has passed by this building on their way to Casey’s. Why was this building there and what was it’s purpose??



The answer to this “mystery” will appear in next month’s newsletter.

**Quotes to Live By: Ben’s Friends**

“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.”  
“If there is no price to be paid, it is also not of value.”

-Albert Einstein



**YARD OF THE MONTH**

**Congratulations! Troy & Stacy Dempster**

Drive by **930 Northside Court** & see their beautiful yard! They will receive a Gift Certificate to Emma Rae’s Cafe. Well done and enjoy!

**Senior Meals!**

Did you know there is hot spot at Kissinger every weekday (except holidays) at 11:30? A nutritious balanced meal is served for a very nominal price. Fellowship is free! Monthly menus are displayed at the Post Office, Library and City Hall. Just call 938-2503 by 10 am the prior day to reserve your lunch. Carry-Out is available as well!

**The Fitness Center is Free for September!**

This is your opportunity to try this venue before the snow flies! Lower Level Kissinger

Hours are:

Monday – Wednesday – Friday 9 – 11am



**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire/EMS Picnic-Fundraiser**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Relax, enjoy a picnic meal at the Fire Station!

Demonstrations and displays will enhance this yearly event. Free will offering.