

MERRILL NEWSLETTER
JULY 2021

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

CITY TREE DUMP IS OPEN PENDING WEATHER NO PLASTIC BAGS!

COUNCIL NEWS June 21, 2021

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Council present: Norgaard, Conley, Hoyt, Pierson **Audience time:** D. Wankum expressed concern of weeds & trees at both Merrill signs. Will be addressed. B. Langley/McClure presented & explained plans for bridge & asked mayor for signature of DOT right of way for such. Will also attend next meeting to further discuss Plywood Trail. **City Clerk:** Clerk read DOT thank you letter sent on behalf of Chief Lich performance during 2day traffic project. Discussion of ARP funds coming to the city (COVID \$). Discussed with council fireworks section of newsletter. Requested gift card for Main St. Coffee for Luschen Yard of Month **Department Reports: Fire:** Membership is increasing, hope to remain steady. **Ambulance:** Working on advanced certification. **Maintenance:** Dedication of ballfield scheduled for noon July 25th & sign to display such. Several residents interested in sewer hookups. Will be looking for mowing person for next year. DT sidewalk issue discussed. **Police:** 266 Citations, primary speeding. **Library:** Director training for state certification is halfway completed. **EDC:** Nothing to report, ongoing planning for Merrill Daze. **Unfinished Business:** Newsletter update, will publish July issue & August will be mailed to those requested & available at merrilliowa.org. **New Business:** G. McInnis explained further the audit & suggestions. Formed committee to address the 6 issues: Conley, Gray & Lich with McInnis as lead. Mowing issues discussed & P. Murphy will assist in this process. **Building Permits:** Barkley 2bedroom house, J Christensen Deck **Claims & Accounts:** Approved Adjourned 8:15 pm. Vicky Hemmelman/City Clerk **May Receipts: \$59,700.14 Disb. \$38,577.16**

City Fireworks

Please be conscious of your neighbors and pets during the upcoming 4th of July celebrating. Pets are very affected by fireworks as are many veterans and residents. **Be mindful of the dry weather & fire risk! Be a good neighbor and citizen!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 – Independence Day!
July 13 - EDC Meets 6:30pm
July 19 – City Council Meets 7pm
July 20 – Legion Coffee 9am!
July 24 & 25 MERRILL DAZE!
July 26 – Blood Drive 3:30 – 6:30pm

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 FRIDAYS**

THE NEWSLETTER IS NOT GOING AWAY!

In order to save dollars, the newsletter will be online for those that have that capability. **A hard copy mailed newsletter will be sent to anyone requesting one. Please call City Hall (938-2514) to request a mailing. The newsletter is not going away! Please call in your request asap. Look for the latest edition here: merrilliowa.org**

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.



YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Pete & Erica Luschen!!

Drive by **401 Hill Street** & see their beautiful yard! They will receive a Gift Certificate to Main Street Coffee. Well done and thanks for the gorgeous scenery!!

GRASS CLIPPINGS

A reminder, all grass clippings need to remain off the street in order to maintain a healthy sewer system. This is also a safety issue for motorcycle and bicycle riders. These clippings create a potential slick surface for the rider.



What Was Once In Merrill

Can you identify this part of Merrill manufacturing?



Merrill Daze Events

Saturday, July 24th

9am – 2pm Craft Fair Shopping Event
Lower Level Kissinger 608 Main Street

10 am – Saddle Club Fun Day
Horse Arena West of City Park

12pm – 6pm Cornhole Fundraiser
Merrill Fire Station – 500 Roosevelt Street

11 am Bike Parade – Meet at Delutri Park
By 10:45am

1pm – 5pm Car Show & Shine
Downtown Merrill

7pm – 10 pm Street Dance – Strait to the Island
Downtown Merrill \$10 Admission

Sunday, July 25th

8am – 8pm – Adult Baseball Tournament
12 noon – Dedication of Ballfield

BICYCLE PARADE!

Meet at Delutri Park (north of the bank) Saturday July 24th at 10:30ish to join a bike parade that starts at 11 am. Decorate your bicycle and yourself! The group will ride to Old Town Square (old school). Prizes will be awarded for the 3 best showings! Escort provided by Chief Dave Lich, our Merrill Police Officer.



Quotes to live by-Ben's Friends

It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong.

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Merrill – Hinton Lions Club has dissolved. Should anyone be in need of hearing aids or eyeglasses please contact the other local chapters: Akron, Remsen & Sioux City

