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Message FROM THE MAYOR

It is hard to believe, but fall is just around the corner. As a teacher, I feel rested and ready for the excitement a new school year brings. I get the chance to greet new families and students to our school, get back in the trenches with great staff, and see kids that are genuinely enthusiastic about seeing friends, teachers, and beginning the next chapter of their lives.

For many people that do not have the chance for an extended time to recharge their batteries; the changing of the seasons (especially fall), is a wonderful time to see the beauty in the crisp evenings, changing colors of the river valley, and fresh apple pie. It is also a fantastic time to reflect on a summer that goes all too fast. Take time this fall to enjoy all that North Mankato has to offer with our clean parks, designated bike trails, and the many festivals and planned activities coming up on the city calendar, including Bier on Belgrade, Party on the Prairie, and more.

I always want to give special thanks to our dedicated North Mankato city employees for their hard work put into all aspects of keeping our great city clean, well maintained, and vibrant. I would also like to give an extra big shout out to the many seasonal employees that give us the help needed in the summer to staff the pool, youth and adult recreation, Caswell soccer and softball events, streets and parks, just to name a few. Our staff is currently finishing our

5-year vision and comprehensive improvement plan for the city. The council will review the plan, ask questions, revise, and approve our staff's blueprints for the future of North Mankato. Through the hard work and dedication of the council and staff over the years, the foundation is set. Our job is to continue building and maintaining a solid foundation so that the City of North Mankato is vibrant, healthy, and ready to be a regional leader for years to come. Congratulations to Dan and Angie Bastian (owners of Angie's BOOMCHICKAPOP) for receiving the Small Business Association (SBA) 70th anniversary legacy award! They took a love of kettle corn, an idea to start a small business and grew it into a multimillion-dollar business with the help of local leaders, the SBA, and others. This highlights just one of many North Mankato businesses that have started, relocated here to expand, or have long standing roots in our community.

The City of North Mankato is uniquely positioned to make big moves in the near future to expand our housing inventory, add to our hospitality sector, and grow the industrial/manufacturing industry. We recently completed the sale of the former Norwood Inn on Hwy. 169, and the city is excited to see the developer's vision come together. This redevelopment, along with the current construction of a new mixed-use development at the former Dutler's

Bowl, will begin the transformation of a neglected Hwy. 169 gateway to the Mankato/North Mankato area.

Finally, I'd like to pass along some advice and personal encouragements to you, North Mankato residents. I have been a huge believer in mentors my entire working life, and I would like to thank all my past and current mentors for their willingness to freely share a lifetime of experiences, filled with many failures and successes. My biggest takeaways from my mentors that I would like to pass along to you include:

- Use failures as a learning tool to correct, adjust, and improve moving forward.
- Listen to everyone's thoughts on issues, take time to reflect, and make informed decisions.
- We all have weaknesses: surround yourself with people that compliment you and fill the gaps.
- A collaborative and team orientated workplace, that puts egos aside, is the most productive.

As always, please contact staff and/or council with comments, questions, and concerns. Enjoy what is left of summer and take in the beauty of the fall colors that will be here soon.

Regards,
Scott Carlson - Mayor

RENTAL PROPERTY REMINDER: AUTOMATIC WATER METERS

Please remember that lower North Mankato rentals must convert from manual read to automatic read meters by the end of 2023!

In December of 2022, the City Council adopted an ordinance requiring all properties, with or applying for a residential rental license, to obtain and install automatic read water meters for both interior and exterior meters. Lower North must finish the conversion in 2023, and upper North must finish the conversion in 2024.

Automatic water meters are still available for all residents to purchase. For costs, payment plan options, and more information about the ordinance, please visit www.northmankato.com or call 507-625-4141.



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MAYOR/COUNCIL Member Requests

If there is an event you would like the North Mankato Mayor or a Council Member to attend, please contact April Van Genderen.
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The City of North Mankato is constantly working to improve the quality of life for its citizens. This is accomplished through various planning initiatives undertaken by the Community Development Department and City Administration, often in conjunction with area planning partners. Planning initiatives are usually extensive; targeted over a specific growth location, area of commerce, or vital transportation corridor in our community, and can take several months to over a year to complete in many instances.

Plans, studies, and other city planning initiatives require robust public involvement. City staff rely not only on area stakeholders (those property and/or business owners with potential for direct impacts) but all citizens for input to shape a vision for the future. This ensures community needs and desires are reflected in the vision. Citizens help guide:

- City Growth Planning
- Parks and Recreation Planning
- Area Development and Redevelopment Planning
- City Ordinance Development
- Transportation Improvement Planning

This list is not exhaustive. All efforts are aimed at maximizing quality of life for North Mankato residents. The following table outlines current and upcoming planning initiatives underway at the city:

| Planning Effort | Anticipated Completion* | Description |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Deer Inventory | September 2023 | City staff is evaluating the City's deer population. |
| Heritage Preservation Research | September 2023 | City staff is researching heritage preservation. |
| Mankato Transit Development Plan | Fall 2023 | North Mankato is joining the City of Mankato in updating the Transit Development Plan to evaluate area transit to identify improvements to the system. |
| ADA Transition Plan | Fall 2023 | The Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO) is currently updating the 2018 MAPO ADA Transition Plan. |
| Rental Density Ordinance Review | 2023-24 | North Mankato will re-evaluate City Code chapter § 151.18 Rental Density to gauge effectiveness and need for potential updates. |
| Parks Plan | 2025 | Community Development will be assisting Public Works with updating the 2015 Parks Plan to guide investment in the parks system. |
| Belgrade Avenue Three-Lane Conversion | 2025-26 | The City has secured funding to convert the 200 block of Belgrade Avenue from four to three lanes. The City is currently working with MnDOT to align Belgrade improvements with MnDOT's reconstruction of US Highway 169 ramp intersections with the Veteran's Memorial Bridge in 2025-26. |

*Dates are subject to change

*Dates are subject to change. If you have any questions about city planning initiatives, don't hesitate to contact Matt Lasonde, City Planner, at 507-514-6456 or matthewl@northmankato.com.

Motorized Golf Carts Notice

Those intending on operating a motorized golf cart on North Mankato City streets must adhere to the requirements in City ordinance § 73.08 Motorized Golf Carts, which include (but are not limited to) possession of a valid driver's license, operation of the motorized golf cart on designated roadways, operation within stated dates and times, etc. Interested residents must

obtain a permit from the City and have their vehicle inspected prior to operating on City streets. For more information regarding obtaining a permit, or to view a map of designated roadways, please visit www.northmankato.com/motorized-golf-carts or scan this QR code:



Greetings from the North Mankato Fire Department as we change focus from summer to fall.

It has been a busy summer with our department welcoming new members that are the lifeblood of keeping our organization dynamic. If you know them or see them at events congratulate them on their accomplishments in passing certification in Fire Fighter I, Hazardous Material Operation, and Firefighter II. Welcome our new members listed below! With the welcoming of new members, we also respectfully honor our retiring members listed below. Each retiree has at least 20 years of service to North Mankato.

New Members:

Craig Kneeland • David Bruckhoff
Eric Anderson • Kollin Rozmarynowski
Nate Achman

Retiring Members:

Carl Riese • Dennis Peterson
Jay Hewlett • Ed Hoffman
Dan Giefer

The summer concentration for training included an emphasis on vehicle extrication, with the addition of a new set of Hurst extrication tools and support struts for stabilizing vehicles. These tools will be added to trucks along with our current tools for vehicle incidents. These additions to our list of services would not be possible without our citizens' help. We will have these tools on display at our annual open house in October.

Now that Fall is upon us, our firefighters are visiting or hosting the North Mankato elementary schools, daycares, preschools, programs for adults, and many businesses to teach about fire prevention. We will also host our annual Fire Prevention Month Open House on Sunday, October 8th. Please come and join us for some community togetherness.

The North Mankato Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the

“Cooking safety starts with YOU.” A cooking fire can grow quickly. We have seen many residences damaged by fires that could easily have been prevented; last year in Minnesota, the leading cause of structure fires was cooking and caused nearly \$6 million in damage.

North Mankato Fire Department offers these key safety tips to help reduce the risk of a cooking fire.

1. Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
2. Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
3. Have a “kid and pet-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove or grill and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
4. According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths. Year after year, cooking remains the leading cause of home fires by far, accounting for half (49 percent) of all U.S. home fires.

An additional area that is getting a lot of attention recently is the issue of Lithium battery fires. The increased possibility of incidents with rechargeable items is due to many popular items powered from these batteries including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode. Some of the cautions include:

- Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions.

- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

One of the most basic fire protection devices that you never want to neglect is the basic smoke detector. New smoke detectors are available as 10-year life units that only need testing monthly. Homes that have installed hardwired detectors have a backup battery system that needs to be changed regularly- at a minimum, once a year. Detectors that are reaching the 10-year mark give an end-of-life signal, usually a chirp every 30 seconds. If you hear chirping, check the back for dates and replace the detector.

The North Mankato Fire Department calendars are in the development process and will be delivered to residences before October. Dad’s Belgian Waffle Feed is October 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to noon, both dining and take-out options will be available. Tickets for children are \$8.00 and adults are \$10.00. Cash, check, or cards will be taken.

As always, if you have fire safety related questions, or suggestions for what you’d like to see in subsequent articles, please leave a message for me at Fire Station #2 at 625-5378. If you have an emergency dial 911 and we’ll respond as quickly as possible. Take care and be safe!

North Mankato POLICE DEPARTMENT

ROSS GULLICKSON
Chief of Police, City of North Mankato



JOIN THE POLICE RESERVE!

The Police Department is accepting applications for volunteer North Mankato Police Reserve officer positions. Consider giving back to the community by making it safer – and have fun working alongside law enforcement officers. Becoming a police reserve is an opportunity to learn new skills and build new professional contacts.

HOWARD DR/LOR RAY DR ROUNDABOUT

For those students who attend DMMS, I want to specifically mention the new roundabout at the intersection of Howard Dr and Lor Ray Dr. This intersection will be staffed with a crossing guard to help middle schoolers cross the road, but parents should teach their children how to properly and safely cross roundabouts as they (like all of us) have been used to the 4-way stop at this intersection which has been in place for decades.

Here are some good tips provided by the MN Dept of Transportation relating to navigating roundabouts.

PEDESTRIANS

- Cross only at crosswalks, and always stay on the designated walkways.
- Never cross to the central island.
- Cross the roundabout one approach at a time. Use the median island as a halfway point where you can check for approaching traffic.
- Children on bicycles should use the available crosswalks and not ride within the traffic lanes.

DRIVERS

- Slow down when approaching a roundabout. For multi-lane roundabouts, as with any intersection, get into the appropriate lane.
- Yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout. Merge into the traffic flow when it is safe.
- Continue through the roundabout until you reach your exit. Do not stop or pass in a roundabout.
- Exit the roundabout immediately if an emergency vehicle approaches, and then pull over. Do not stop in the roundabout.

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT!

If you are able, please adopt a fire hydrant!

Our volunteer fire department strives to provide great service to the community by protecting our citizens and fighting fires. Please help them out by adopting a fire hydrant! Keeping fire hydrants clear of snow saves the fire department precious time as they fight fires. Every second counts when fighting a fire.

- Give large trucks extra space in a roundabout. Large trucks may straddle both lanes while driving through a multi-lane roundabout.

Domestic Abuse Awareness Month

October is domestic abuse awareness month. It is a time to raise awareness of domestic violence and the impact this epidemic has had on individuals, families, and communities.

Are you abused? Does the person you love...

- Demand to know where you are at all times?
- Discourage or prohibit relationships with family or friends?
- Prevent you from working, attending school, or social events?
- Threaten to hurt, or has hurt you or children?
- Anger easily when drinking or using other drugs?
- Blame you for how they feel or act?

Do you...

- Sometimes feel scared of how your partner will act?
- Constantly make excuses to other people for your partner’s behavior?
- Try not to do anything that would cause conflict or make your partner angry?
- Always do what your partner wants you to do instead of what you want?

If you are saying “yes” to any of these, you can get help.

There are no easy answers, but there are things you can do to protect yourself. Abuse escalates and may become life-threatening.

- Call the police department. Assault, even by family members, is a crime.
- CADA - 24-Hour Helpline: 1-800-477-0466. You may also text an advocate at: 507-223-4200, or email an advocate at advocacy@cadamn.org
- CADA can provide services to families. Their services are confidential and without cost to the client. They can provide safe housing and meals, intervention services, help with legal issues, support groups and transitional housing.



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

It’s that time of year! The city is once again offering its fall leaf collection program free of charge for North Mankato residents. City crews will begin collection in early October and will continue until leaves are picked up or the weather prevents collection. Please check the city’s website to view a map and schedule of when trucks will be in your area.

- Rake your leaves onto the boulevard. (The City will not pick up bagged leaves, they need to be brought to the compost site.)
- Bring pumpkins, brush, twigs, and branches to the Compost Site at 600 Webster Avenue.
- Do NOT rake leaves into the gutter.
- Do NOT put sticks and brush on the boulevard.
- Please do not commingle leaves with brush.

DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE HIGH WATER USAGE???

Culprits of unexplained high consumption

A running/leaky toilet | Water softener
Outdoor watering

Don't let your toilet waste water.

A silent leak in your toilet can waste several thousand gallons of high-quality water each year and place unnecessary demands on your sewer system or septic tank.

Follow these easy steps to discover if your toilet leaks.

1. Lift off the lid from your toilet tank.
2. Place 3 or 4 drops of ordinary food coloring into the toilet tank (note- do not use dye – it could stain).
3. Do not flush the toilet for 2 hours or longer.
4. If the color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak.

You can check for leaks by watching your water meter.

This can be done either overnight or during the day when you know there will be no water used.

1. Read your meter before going to bed or before leaving for the day.
2. Reread it when you first get up or get home.
3. There should be NO change. If there is, you have a leak.

You may need a plumber.



CITY ANNOUNCEMENT WATER MAIN FLUSHING OCTOBER 2nd - 20th

The North Mankato Water Department will be flushing water mains for both the valley and hilltop areas.

Flushing will begin for both the valley and the hilltop on October 2nd, 2023, and the valley will finish on October 6th and the hilltop will finish on October 20th.

Water main flushing is done twice a year to remove sediment and minerals that may have accumulated in the water mains. You may notice some discoloration of the water during the period we are working in your area.

The water is safe to drink; however, we suggest that you refrain from laundering clothes for several hours until the water has had a chance to settle out, as the water may stain.

When the Water Department is actively flushing a hydrant, do not drive through the water. The water leaves the hydrant at a high rate of speed and can cause damage to your vehicle.

QUESTIONS? CALL 507-625-4141

North Mankato Water Service Inventory Notification

Did you know you may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job? Encountering lead can cause serious health problems, as there is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source but can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. North Mankato is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water but cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

In an effort to determine and monitor service lines for lead exposure, the Minnesota Department of Health has required all community water

systems (CWSs) and non-transient non-community water systems (NTNCWSs) to prepare an inventory of ALL service lines (including those not in use) connected to the distribution system by October 16, 2024.

The City of North Mankato, along with Bolton and Menk, will begin this audit throughout the next year. Many of your homes have been inspected at some time, and we already have the necessary inventory information. For the homes and businesses we do not have information on, we will be contacting you to schedule an appointment to complete a brief observation to determine the size and material composition of your water service where it enters the building. This is not an inspection,

and we will only be looking for the specific information we need for the mandated inventory. If you are scheduled to receive an automatic water meter in the next year, the information will be recorded at that time. If you are already familiar with the size and material of your water service, you may contact the Water Department and self-report the information. A letter will be sent in the future when we are ready to begin the inventory that will provide specific information on how to self-report if you choose that option.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we continue to provide high-quality drinking water for all residents of North Mankato.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! | QUESTIONS? CALL 507-625-4141

A FREE NORTH MANKATO CITY SERVICE EVENT

2023 FALL DROP-OFF

October 5-7, 2023 - 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
October 8, 2023 - 7:00 a.m. - noon

Public Works Building - 610 Webster Ave.

- This service is only for North Mankato residents. Materials brought in from outside North Mankato may result in loss of this service to the affected residents.
- A waiting line will be setup along the North side of Webster Avenue, please approach the waiting line from Lake Street. Signage will be posted during the event. A gate attendant will monitor the number of entrants into the site, please be prepared to show proof of North Mankato residency. The gate attendant and posted signage will direct citizens where to dump respective items.
- Residents are asked to unload their own items and exit to allow for the next citizen to enter. There will be no curbside appliance pick-up.
- A free paper shredding event will be on-site on Saturday, October 7th from 8:00 a.m. until the truck is full (in previous events, the truck has been full by noon). Please limit your shredding to five boxes.
- **Mattresses and box springs will not be accepted at this event.**

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- Mattresses & Box Springs
- Motor Oil
- Batteries
- Hazardous Waste
- Aerosols
- Cooking Oil & Grease
- Brush
- Tires
- Non-electric/gas refrigerators
- The following construction & renovation items: rock, cement, cement block, asphalt shingles, treated lumber, paint, drywall, insulation, sealants or oils
- Items too large to fit in the back of a truck

BRUSH DISPOSAL

The compost site is open for North Mankato residents at the Recycling Center, 600 Webster Avenue. Please bring your brush to the compost site. Several times a year the brush is ground up and recycled for wood chips.

The compost site will close in late fall and reopen in the Spring of 2024





FALL LAWN CARE TIP SHEET

Don't leave lawn care 'til spring!

Fall is the best time of year to fertilize your lawn and control weeds. In fact, healthy lawns help area lakes and streams. Thick grass prevents soil erosion and absorbs rainwater. By soaking up rainwater, lawns decrease the amount of stormwater runoff funneling pollutants into lakes and streams.

Here's how to keep your lawn healthy in the fall:

- Mow.** Mow your grass at a height of two to three inches.
- Water.** Even though it is cooler in the fall, lawns still need regular watering to maintain plant health and survive winter conditions. Water until the ground begins to freeze.
- Fertilize.** Fall is the best time of year to fertilize your lawn. Fertilizer provides grass with nutrients for spring growth. Water for one to two hours after fertilizer application.
- Soil test.** Find out what is needed: Test the soil. A soil test is a good idea, especially when concerned that a lawn may need phosphorus.
- Control weeds.** September is the best time of year to treat dandelions, plantain, clover and creeping charley. Limited numbers of weeds should be removed by hand or spot-treated with herbicide.
- Sweep-up.** Sweep up and reuse lawn care products that fall on streets, sidewalks and driveways

Here's how to recycle your leaves:

- Compost.** Composting recycles nutrients and helps keep leaves out of streets and storm sewers
- Mulch.** You can use leaves, whole or shredded by a power mower, as winter or spring mulch.
- Mow.** If you have less than two inches of leaves covering your lawn, you can leave them in place and make several passes over them with a power mower. By shredding them into a fine, thin layer, you will provide your grass with valuable nutrients and end up with a lawn that looks like it was just raked. Gradually reduce mowing height to two inches to prevent winter turf damage.
- Curbside Pickup** The City of North Mankato will be providing curbside leaf pickup service. The City of North Mankato will notify residents concerning collection times.

RAVINE CARE

Properly caring for ravines and bluffs helps protect the integrity of the City's drainage system, preserves the special character of our neighborhoods, and helps maintain and enhance the value of individual properties. Ravines, bluffs, and hillsides are an important ecosystem, but they are subject to erosion when buildings, roads, or the dense shade of crowded trees disturb the native plant community and alter the natural water flow. Erosion can be a dangerous problem.

TIPS TO CARE FOR YOUR RAVINES:

- ✓ Thin non-native trees to allow sunlight to reach the woodland floor and promote ground-cover. Divert water from draining over the edge if possible.
- ✓ Consider adding check dams to the ravine. Check dams decrease the speed of the flow of water and as a result, reduce erosion in channel bottoms.
- ✓ Plant and maintain vegetation on the slope of the ravine.
- ✓ Do not throw brush, leaves, or grass clippings into the ravine. If gutters/footing tile is draining to the ravine, make sure it is piped to the bottom to eliminate erosion.
- ✓ Install gutters and downspouts to properly direct rainwater to minimize erosion.

Please keep in mind that according to City Code Chapter 155.50, The filling, altering, diverting, stripping of vegetation, topping of trees or otherwise changing the drainage or other environmental characteristics of any public or private hillsides, ravines, or slopes of bluff land are prohibited. Alterations of any kind made to dedicated public lands of the character described above are prohibited except by the city for purposes of stabilization, erosion control and stormwater management.

City staff have reviewed portions of the ravine system in North Mankato. Staff discovered a variety of erosion issues including areas of erosion due to drainage lines not being piped to the bottom of the ravines. Please make sure your foundation drainage sump pump follows City Code Chapter 156.035 with the discharge line located at the bottom of the ravine.

PARTY ON THE PRAIRIE

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 7th 2-6pm
Benson Park, North Mankato

Join us in Benson Park for this free community event including a corn pit, scarecrow walk, face painting, bounce house, hayrides, fall food, drinks and more!

For more info, contact Katie at 507-345-5120 or at <https://www.facebook.com/NMPartyonthePrairie/>.

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4:30-6PM STACY K.

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Snow Safety Reminders

HELP US, HELP YOU!



North Mankato City Code requires owners or occupants of private property to clear public sidewalks of accumulated snow within 48 hours after it stops snowing. You are also responsible for removing ice from public sidewalks.

- If possible, please park cars in driveways off the street.
- Do not leave vehicles parked on city streets longer than 48 hours. If your vehicle is parked on the street and blocked in by snow, please move it so crews can clean the street curb to curb. Cars parked on city streets longer than 48 hours, or during a declared snow emergency, are subject to ticket and tow.
- If you are able, please adopt a fire hydrant and keep it clear of snow.
- Keep a safe distance between plow trucks and other vehicles. If you cannot see their mirrors, they cannot see you!
- Sign up to receive snow emergency alerts by texting 56003 to 888777 or online at www.northmankato.com/emergency-information.

Questions? Call 507-625-4141.



Garbage & Recycling Reminders



Heavy snow accumulation, icy roads, and poor visibility create difficult conditions for snowplows to avoid garbage carts placed in the street. Please follow these tips to ensure efficient plowing of our streets.

- When removing snow from your property, be sure to dig out a spot for your garbage and recycling carts.
- Place carts at least 3 to 5 feet from the street onto your driveway or yard, out of the way of the snowplow. Most garbage trucks are equipped with a hydraulic extending arm that allows them to reach out and grasp carts.
- DO NOT place carts on top of snow piles. This may cause your cart to tip over and litter garbage along the street. It is also difficult for garbage trucks to set the cart back down on snow piles.
- After your carts have been serviced, please remove them as soon as you are able. Empty carts are vulnerable to wind and snow removal operations, and could cause a hazard if knocked into the roadway.

Thank you for your cooperation, and for making snow removal and garbage & recycling collection safer and easier for our drivers.

Questions? Call West Central Sanitation at 1-800-246-7630.

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www.backtowellnessclinic.com

Safety Tips for Motorists on Halloween

Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs.

Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.

north Mankato FARMERS' MARKET

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MONDAYS
(THROUGH OCTOBER 16TH)
3:00-6:00PM
1920 LEE BLVD.
SOUTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

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2023-2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

OCTOBER

PARTY ON THE PRAIRIE

Saturday, October 7th
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Benson Park

NORTH MANKATO FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 8th
10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Fire Station #2 (1825 Howard Dr. W.)

CELEBRATION OF HARVEST AT THE NORTH MANKATO FARMERS' MARKET

Monday, October 9th
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
South Central College (1920 Lee Blvd.)

GRAND FINALE OF THE NORTH MANKATO FARMERS' MARKET

Monday, October 16th
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
South Central College (1920 Lee Blvd.)

JACK-O-LANTERN WALK

Saturday, October 21st
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Bluff Park

TRUNK OR TREAT

Tuesday, October 31st
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
North Mankato Taylor Library

NOVEMBER

SHOP SMALL

Saturday, November 25th

CYBER MONDAY - SWIM PASS ONLINE SALE

Monday, November 27th
www.swimnorthmankato.com

DECEMBER

BELLS ON BELGRADE

Saturday, December 2nd
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
200 block of Belgrade Ave.

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

December 4th - 29th
REGISTRATION CLOSING DECEMBER 1ST

JANUARY

ADULT SPELLING BEE

Friday, January 26th
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Mankato Brewery (1119 Center St.)

ANTHONY FORD POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 27th - Sunday, January 28th
Spring Lake Park

2024 SWIM FACILITY SEASON PASS PRICE INCREASE

January 31st

MARCH

EDIBLE BOOK FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 2nd
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
North Mankato Taylor Library

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY

Tuesday, March 5th
7:00 am - 8:00 pm

SWIM LESSONS & YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION OPENS

Check out www.caswellsports.com/youthsports
for more information in March!