

# City of Minburn Newsletter

**DECEMBER  
2020**

## **CITY HALL HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
8:00 – Noon & 1:00 – 5:00  
Closed Wednesdays

## **CONTACT NUMBERS**

**City Hall** 677-2245  
**City Clerk – Wendy Mercial**  
**Mayor – Travis Connick** 240-4873  
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## **CITY COUNCIL**

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Joe Stuetelberg (Sewer) joe.minburncc@gmail.com  
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Charlotte White (Streets) minburncouncilady@gmail.com  
Phyllis Moss 677-2733  
(Garbage/Recycling, Cemetery)

## **FOR FUTURE PLANNING:**

Trash pickup:  
Every Wednesday

Recycling pickup:  
The 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month

**CITY HALL WILL BE  
CLOSED Dec. 24 & 25 for the  
Christmas Holiday**

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

Regular Council meetings are normally held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.  
Special Council meetings are held as needed at 6:30 pm.

## **Next Regular City Council Meeting – December 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

If you want to be put on the agenda, please let the clerk know by Tuesday, Dec. 8. The meeting will be held via conference call or at City Hall. Please see the agenda for information.

Please see agenda to join the next council meeting if you have any questions or concerns you wish to discuss with the council.



**Please see other side for Notices, Announcements & Upcoming Events**

## Required Disclosure

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# NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING EVENTS

## Reminder of the City's snow ordinances :

**Sidewalks-Removal of snow, ice and accumulations.** It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as the property tax.

**Streets**—No person shall park, abandon or leave an unattended vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during snow removal operations unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall.

**Garbage Cans**—Please return garbage cans as soon as you can during these winter months to help with clearing our streets.

**Remember flu shots** are still available at Medicap Pharmacy in Dallas Center and other surrounding area Medicap Pharmacies.

**THANK YOU**—to all who participated in the Trunk & Treat. Was so fun to see all the kids out with their great costumes!

**Please stop by Meek Park to see the nativity scene and lights! It's quite spectacular!**



## Are you 60 or older? Would you like to try Meals on Wheels for a week at no cost to you?

- Meals are prepared by chefs at Peral Valley Rehab and Nursing in Perry using approved Meals on Wheels menus.
- Meals are delivered to your door around 11:00 a.m. every weekday in the Minburn area (including Dallas Center) by volunteers.
- You can choose how many days a week you could use a meal (e.g. Monday through Friday, or MWF, or every day except Tuesday).
- Meals are billed once a month on a sliding scale based on your income but payments are donations and you can skip payments in months that the budget is really tight.
- For more information to see menus, or to request trial meals, call Bob King at 515/344-2074.

**Reminder Pet Registrations** are due in January. Per City Code, all dogs and cats over the age of 6 months need to be registered. The first year's registration fee is \$5. Yearly renewal after that is \$1.

## December Health Department Message

Dallas County Health Department is encouraging everyone to stay home for the holidays. Connect with non-household family and friends virtually this season. Cases of COVID-19 are commonly occurring in social settings where we let our guard down. Protect your loved ones by wearing your mask, watching your distance, washing your hands, and staying home when ill. Together we can keep Dallas County Healthy.

We have seen a sharp rise in cases across the county this last month. As we head into the holiday season we are reminding our residents to take precautions to keep Dallas County healthy. We have a shared google drive with many communications resources that you are welcome to use as you encourage your residents to stay safe. You can access it at

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cGamvw\\_gMwUyQC\\_Eq\\_HuKhIYEH7sONyB?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cGamvw_gMwUyQC_Eq_HuKhIYEH7sONyB?usp=sharing).

Also our Dallas County COVID-19 Dashboard has recently been updated to show trends by zip code over time. You can look at your community's data here: <https://geodallas.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/ec90a4617b034212a998fc0860aa0c3a>

It has been a year since we started providing the DCHD Monthly Message. After our needs assessment indicated that more regular communications directly with cities was desired, the DCHD Monthly Message was planned to provide a short snippet of health information that could be shared with communities each month. Please take a minute or two to provide me feedback on how you think it went: <https://forms.gle/hTTcjt5HjR5ibfNHA>

**Do you have a vehicle you need to get rid of? Here are a few options for you.**

**Teen Challenge of the Midlands Vehicle Donation Program**—will arrange for the removal of your vehicle (free of charge) and issue you a tax-deductible receipt. The minimum tax deduction is \$500. You may contact them at 888-344-4673.

**Wheels for Wishes**—a car donation program benefiting Make-A-Wish Iowa. They offer a free and easy way to recycle or donate unwanted vehicles, by turning them into a wish for a local child. To donate, you can call 1-855-278-9474 or fill out their vehicle donation form at <http://iowa.wheelsforwishes.org>. They will contact you within 24 hours to schedule your free vehicle pick-up.

**IMPORTANT:** If your grinder alarm goes off, please follow this procedure. There is a button on the bottom of the electrical box (the one with the red light on top), press that switch to silence the alarm. It should clear within the hour. If it doesn't clear, contact City Hall. If it is after hours, please leave a message and we will respond back the following day.