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City Council Meetings

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 pm at the ISD 15 Center Services Center, 4115 Ambassador Boulevard NW.

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Pioneer Days

Pioneer Days, the City of St. Francis' annual community celebration, will be held June 5-7. This year marks the second year the event is organized by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce. Your support is critical to ensure a successful event. There are many ways to contribute and promote your business! Come join us for carnival rides, music, and food throughout the weekend. The Grand Parade starts at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6.

Message from Your Mayor

Warm weather greetings!

Summer is finally arriving and soon school will be in recess. Children will be playing and I want to urge all motorists to take extra care while driving to watch for our prized treasures as they enjoy their summer break. Parents, if your children must cross Highway 47, please teach them to use the crossing lights. If they do not, a motorist may not see them and I do not want to see anyone hurt.

Our fire chief, Dean Kapler, has officially retired on April 23 and I would like to take this time to thank him for a job well done. Chief Kapler will stay on for up to 60 days as we seek his replacement to aid in a smooth transition.

We have hired a new City Administrator, Joe Kohlmann, who started on May 11. When you stop by City Hall, please introduce yourself. Joe has some very good experience that will help the city attain its goals, both for long and short term. We also want to thank Paul Teicher, our Public Works Director, for the great job he did filling in as our acting City

Administrator.

When you see Paul around town, give him a big Thank You!

Here is a brief introduction to Joe:

Joe Kohlmann received his M.A. from Minnesota State University in Urban and Regional Studies. He also has a B.A. from Hamline University in Political Science. He most recently served as the City Administrator for the City of Tonka Bay since 2010. Prior to that he completed an internship with the City of South St. Paul. His professional experience includes working with joint powers agreements, utility rates, capital improvement plans, investments, zoning regulation, water and sewer utility operations, housing redevelopment, and many other municipal functions. He is a football, hockey and baseball fan. During college he worked as a Zamboni



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Water Conservation

Lawn Care

Did you know that experts estimate that in the summer, 50% of the water used outside goes to waste from evaporation, wind and runoff. When you water your lawns, make sure to water in the early mornings to prevent loss to evaporation.

You can determine if your lawn needs water by stepping on it. If it springs back, it doesn't need water.

Raise the level of your mower. Longer grass promotes deeper root growth, resulting in a more drought-resistant lawn.

Most lawns only need a total of 1 inch of water a week. You can visit the website www.todayshomeowner.com then click on "how to calculate lawn irrigation water usage and cost" to calculate how much water your lawn needs.



Leaks

Leaks account for an average of 10,000 gallons of water wasted in the home every year. If you suspect you have a leak or are questioning high water usage, check your water meter. If the red dials on the top of the meter are turning and you have no water turned on, then you most likely have a leak somewhere. There are a few places to check first.

Leaky Toilets can waste about 200 gallons of water or more a day. If you suspect you have a leaky toilet, drop food coloring in the tank. In 15 minutes or so, if there's food coloring in the bowl then you have a leaky toilet. Make sure to flush the coloring, otherwise you could stain your tank.

Showerheads that drip 10 drops per minute can waste 500 gallons a year. That's the equivalent of 60 dishwasher cycles.

Faucets that drip one drop per second can result in wasting 3,000 gallons of water a year.

Irrigation systems that have a 1/32 diameter leak waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.

Look Back Program—A break on your summer sewer billing

Summer sewer usage calculation for May through October will be based on the average usage from the January, February, and March readings of the same year with a minimum billing of 3,000 gallons but not to exceed the water usage for the month.

Watering Ban

The City of St. Francis will be enforcing an odd-even watering ban. **ODD addresses** may water on **ODD days** only. **EVEN addresses** may water on **EVEN days** only. The day **BEGINS AT MIDNIGHT** and **ENDS AT MIDNIGHT**.

You may not sprinkle between the hours of 10am and 7pm. Restrictions run through the **end of September.** New sod and seed is exempt for 30 days only. While you still need to pay for the water you use, no enforcement action will be taken upon you if you notify the Public Works Department at 763-233-5200 prior to sod/seed installation.

www.KnowTheFlow.us

Message From Your Mayor (con't)

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QUARTERLY SPOTLIGHT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Our Finance Director is Darcy Mulvilhill. Thanks to her efforts, the City of St. Francis has been awarded the Government Officers Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the budget years of 2010 - 2014. The GFOA was established in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality.

These reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting. They then recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal. We have also received the Government Finance Officers Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the years 2011-2013.

Darcy has been with the city since June of

2010. She graduated from Southwest State University and worked for the State Auditor's office out of Marshall, Minnesota for three-and-a-half years. She then worked as the Finance Director for the City of Granite Falls for 13 years before coming to St. Francis.

When you are in City Hall or see her around town, please let Darcy know "a job well done".

Your Mayor, Steve Kane
skane@stfrancismn.org

Building Permits

Permits are required for siding, roofing, windows, plumbing, mechanical, on-site septic system projects, new buildings, and certain remodeling projects such as a basement finish. In most cases, non-structural repairs can be done without a city permit. Before beginning a project, always check with City Hall to see if a permit is needed for the work.

Preparation is key when it comes to any work on your home or business. Make sure permit applications are filled out completely with all required information before submitting. When it comes to decks, pools, fences, and driveways start with a site plan so the location can be clearly indicated to verify setbacks and the size of the structure.

As questions arise, a quick phone call can be very beneficial and save both time and money; avoiding costly revisions.

Contact the Building Official at 763-235-2317 or aschreder@stfrancismn.org.

Grass Clippings

Just a reminder to residents that when mowing your lawn to please keep the grass clippings from blowing into the street and/or the gutter. These clippings can accumulate in the storm water grates and structures, clogging the storm sewer lines which increases maintenance costs and could result in property damage to you or your neighbors.

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2014 General Fund Operations			
	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
Revenue	\$ 4,037,329	\$ 4,333,205	\$ 295,876
Expenditures	3,735,329	3,700,520	34,809
Excess of revenues over expenditures	302,000	632,685	330,685
Other Financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in	60,000	66,685	6,685
Sale of capital assets	28,000	30,521	2,521
Transfers out	(390,000)	(390,000)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(302,000)	(292,794)	9,206
Net change in fund balances	-	339,891	339,891
Fund balances, January 1	2,249,166	2,249,166	-
Fund balances, December 31	\$ 2,249,166	\$ 2,589,057	\$ 339,891

Fire Safety Tips

As our days warm up, here are a couple of reminders about fire safety that can make your summer both an enjoyable one while also being safe.

Cooking- Nothing like a meal made on the grill! Remember to keep a distance between that hot grill and combustibles. Don't use the grill indoors or in the garage. For charcoal, please only use recommended charcoal lighter fluid, never gasoline. Remember that cooking has been the single highest cause of fires in Minnesota for several years.

Fueling lawnmowers- Always fill lawnmowers prior to use or let the engine cool down before refueling. Gasoline produces vapors that are explosive. If these vapors come in contact with a heat source, such as a hot engine, it could produce an explosion and fire.

Fireworks

We at the Police Department understand the desire to show your patriotism through the use of fireworks. Please remember, consumer fireworks may not be used on public property (i.e. parks, roads, alleys, schools, government property, etc.). Purchasers of consumer fireworks must be at least 18 years old. Explosive and aerial fireworks are prohibited for public sale, possession and use. Prohibited fireworks include firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, roman candles, mortars and shells. There are several violations that can be enforced in regards to possessing or displaying unlawful fireworks. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the police department.

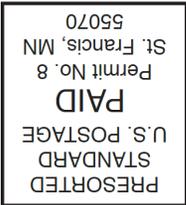


Prescription Drug Take Back Program

The St. Francis Police Department is participating in the **Prescription Drug Take Back Program**. The *Prescription Drug Take Back* will accept unwanted prescription drugs from non-commercial, residential users only. No syringes, needles, or other hazardous materials will be accepted. Participation in the *Prescription Drug Take Back* is free and anonymous; all prescriptions will be disposed of with "no questions asked." A drop box is conveniently located in the Police Department lobby. Lobby hours are Monday – Friday 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Buckle Up:
Seat belts are a priority!

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Summer 2015 Newsletter

Summer 2015 Calendar of Events

June Events

- June 1: City Council Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 6PM
- June 5-7: St. Francis Pioneer Days—Check St. Francis Chamber for schedule of events
- June 15: City Council Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 6PM
- June 17: Planning Commission Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 7PM
- June 19: Movies in the Park (Lego Movie) @ Community Park—Starts at dusk

July Events

- July 6: City Council Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 6PM
- July 15: Planning Commission Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 7PM
- July 17: Movies in the Park @ Community Park—Starts at dusk (Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters)
- July 20: City Council Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 6PM
- July 29: SFHS Football Round Up @ SFHS 6:30PM

August Events

- August 3: City Council Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 6PM
- August 3: SFHS Fall Sports Round Up @ SFHS 6:30PM
- August 4: Night to Unite @ Community Park 6PM
- August 17: City Council Meeting @ ISD #15 Central Services Center 6PM
- August 21: Movies in the Park @ Community Park—Starts at dusk (Mr. Peabody and Sherman)

*Friday Nite Rally Car Show @ SF City Centre Mall 5 - dusk every Friday through September 11.

Eddie Eagle

The Police Department will be hosting another Eddie Eagle Gun Safety night for children sometime this summer. Please keep an eye on the city web site for dates.

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