

Velva City Information

This newsletter contains abbreviated helpful information about Velva's policies and ordinances. A copy of this and more in-depth information is available at City Hall, 101 1st St. W, Velva, ND. Please contact the city Auditor with any questions or concerns you may have. Phone 338-2660 during normal business hours 7:30am-4:30pm, Monday - Friday or email www.deputyauditor@srt.com anytime.

For those of you just joining our community – WELCOME!

TREE DUMP/APPLIANCE DUMP: Tree dump hours are Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm and Saturday 1pm - 3pm. The tree Dump is located on Hwy 41-south, take the first right after the nursing home entrance and follow the gravel road west for approximately ½ mile. To assist with the proper disposal of your unwanted appliances the Appliance Dumpster will be open on the city lot at Central Ave next to Mouse River Oil.

DID YOU KNOW....

.....a building permit needed for fences, decks, garages, etc.

.....pets are required to have a city license and leashed.

.....properties must be free of weeds, and junk; grass cannot be taller than eight (8) inches.

.....junk, unlicensed & non-operable vehicles are not allowed to be stored on resident's property.

.....Velva's curfew is 10pm Sunday - Thursday and 1am Friday and Saturday.

.....it is illegal to discharge your sump pump into the sewer. It must discharge to an outside storm drain.

.....trees must be trimmed 12 feet up from the street and sidewalk level. If it becomes necessary for the city to hire a tree contractor to do your trimming, costs will be assessed back to the you.

.....grass clippings are not to be blown or swept into the streets.

.....48 hours is the maximum time you can park your trailer, boat or camper on a public street.

.....trailers, boats and campers shall remain attached to a tow vehicle while parked on public streets.

BONFIRES/BACKYARD FIREPITS: Backyard/patio fire pits shall only burn wood or charcoal, it is unlawful to burn garbage. No bonfires or open burning allowed within the city limits.

BUILDING PERMITS: Building permits are required for any structural changes, fences, decks, garages, remodeling, and accessory buildings. Building permit applications obtained at the city office. The city planning committee must approve the project **before** the building permit is issued. Once the application is submitted, the committee will review it and contact you with their decision. **Please submit your application in advance of starting your project! A \$100 fine will be imposed if you fail to obtain a building permit.**

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: It is the homeowner's responsibility to call North Dakota One Call for utility locations before you do any digging on your property. **1-800-795-0555 or 811.**

CITY HALL RENTAL: The City Hall is available for rent, such as weddings, showers, baby showers, parties, vendors, presentations etc. Rental Fee: 1-3 hours \$50.00; 4 or more hours \$75.00.

CITY MEETINGS: All residents invited to attend city commission meetings at City Hall. The City Commission meets at 7:00pm the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month, unless a holiday causes a conflict. When you wish to be on the agenda, you must contact City Hall before noon the Thursday before the next meeting. This allows the commissioners the proper amount of time to study and investigate your issue. This is your government – please make an effort to attend!

DOGS & CATS: Please note for the comfort of all citizens the city actively enforces its ordinance on barking dogs as well as dogs and cats running at large. If properly licensed, multiple phone attempts will be made to contact the owner before transporting. If unable to contact owner, a notice will be given at the owners

address after transportation. Any fees required by the Souris Valley Animal Shelter will be paid by the owner.

The following fees will be assessed:

- 1st offense (if not transported): Warning
- 2nd offense \$50.00
- 3rd offense \$ 150.00 and the issue will be brought before the Commission to have the animal declared a Public Nuisance. The violator will be notified by mail the date of the meeting to appeal his/her pet. Please take responsibility of your pet!

FIREWORKS: The City of Velva allows fireworks to be discharged from June 27th -July 5th 8am – 12midnight. Residents who discharge fireworks are responsible to clean up the debris in their yards, their neighbor's yards and in the streets. NO FIREWORKS SHALL BE DISCHARGED if the fire index is at or above the extreme fire hazard category, as determined by the Fire Chief or any other red flag condition exists during allowed time period.

GARBAGE & YARD WASTE DISPOSAL: Garbage day is Tuesdays. The City contracts with Circle Sanitation for garbage services. Please bag all garbage to eliminate the possibility blowing into your neighbor's yards. To insure pickup, have your garbage set out by 7am. Appliances, use the city appliance disposal location; next to Mouse River Oil. Furniture and carpet need to be broken into small pieces/cut up for easy disposal. Tree branches must be bundled with a rope and in lengths of 4 feet or less. Circle sanitation will not pick up lawn clippings, leaf debris or garden waste. For your convenience loose lawn clippings, leaf debris and garden waste the city has placed a dumpster located on Central Ave E, **PLEASE - NO PLASTIC BAGS OR BRANCHES ARE ALLOWED IN THIS DUMPSTER!** Tree branches are to be disposed of at the tree dump south of town. If you are planning a large building project, you can contact Circle Sanitation at 838-1182 for rates and services for construction material disposal.

JUNK/ABANDON VEHICLES /UNLICENSED VEHICLES AND RUBBISH: These items are unlawful in the City Limits- City Ordinance 8-401.

POLICE INFORMATION: If you have an emergency, **call 911**. If it is not an emergency, please call the McHenry County Sheriff's Department at 537-5633. If no answer, leave a message and a Deputy will contact you. Otherwise, you may contact State Radio at 1-800-472-2121.

The Velva City Commission and staff work very hard to improve our quality of life, grow our community and keep Velva attractive, safe and productive. However, the high level of success our community enjoys can only be sustained by the continued participation, assistance and cooperation all citizens.

Thank you for your efforts!

VELVA CITY OFFICIALS:

Commission President – Jennifer Soli
Cemetery Commissioner- Dave Keller
Street Commissioner- Mary Liz Davis
Water Commissioner- Ben Zietz
Police Commissioner- Tom Foley

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