

City of Atwater April 2015 Newsletter



READ TO THE RHYTHM—ATWATER LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

“READ TO THE RHYTHM” is the theme for the Summer Reading Program at the Atwater Public Library.
COME FIND YOUR RHYTHM IN A GOOD BOOK!!

READ TO THE RHYTHM!



**KICK-OFF IS JUNE 8TH AT 2 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Jack Pearson will have a family fun experience of Music & Stories that focuses on books & the love of reading.

SUMMER REC

COMING SOON—WATCH YOUR CHILDS BACKPACK FOR SUMMER REC BROCHURE

2015 Summer Rec is fast approaching. Summer Rec brochures will be sent home with ACGC Students.



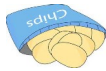
Please fill out one (1) registration for each child. Remember to fill out the registration completely. We need emergency information & township information.

BASEBALL ASSOCIATION SPRING DINNER

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH
ATWATER COMMUNITY CENTER
5:30 PM—8 PM**

**HOT DOGS, BRATS,
HAMBURGERS, BEANS & CHIPS**

**Silent Auction
FREE WILL DONATION**
Proceeds Benefiting
Local Baseball



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st Wednesday of
each month, 7 pm at
Hotel Atwater



**APRIL 1ST
MAY 6TH
JUNE 3RD**

SPRING BURN DAYS

Residents are allowed to burn yard waste, such as, leaves, branches & garden waste. Fires **MUST** be attended to at all times. Fires are to be extinguished by 5 pm. Residents will need to call (974-8760) or stop into the City Office to have your name & address placed on the burn permit list.



**REMEMBER ON SATURDAY'S ONLY. WATCH THE
COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD FOR THE BURN
DATES.**

Make A Payment

**ELECTRONIC TRANSFER
PAYMENT IS NOW
AVAILABLE FOR YOUR
WATER & SEWER BILL
OR YOUR MAY PAY
ONLINE.**

To pay by EFT you need to come into the City Office to fill out the proper form. To pay online go onto atwaterchamber.com go to Utilities & follow directions.

2015 PET LICENSE

Pet License are now available at the City Office or at Animal Health. The cost of each license is \$15.

Also remember the weather is getting warmer. When taking your dog for a walk **PLEASE** clean up after your pet.
THANK YOU!!!



BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review Meeting will be held at the Atwater City Office 322 Atlantic Avenue West In the Council Chambers on **THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH
6 PM**

This meeting gives homeowners the opportunity to discuss any disagreements about their property

COME ONE—COME ALL!!!

**Atwater Lions
Atwater Fire Department
Fireworks French Toast &
Sausage Breakfast
Sunday, April 19th
9 am—1 pm
Community Center**

Fundraiser for Festival
Days Fireworks



MAY DAY celebration

Musical Entertainment
Angel Food Cake
Served with Strawberries



Friday, May 1st
2 pm—4 pm

Community Center

Sponsored by the Atwater Help for Seniors

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH HOG ROAST

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH
11 AM—1 PM
COMMUNITY CENTER**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME
FUNDRAISER FOR THE CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL

YARD CLEAN-UP

Now that Spring & Summer are approaching, it will be soon time to go outside to do some Yardwork. **ALONG WITH BURN DAYS**, the **BRUSHSITE** will also be open., days & hours are **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY'S—9 AM TO DUSK.** **PLEASE**, let's be proud of our city & remove things that are considered unsafe or a nuisance.



ATWATER FESTIVAL DAYS

June 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th

CHECK THE FESTIVAL DAYS FLIER FOR ALL THE DETAILS!!

City Wide Garage Sales, Turtle Races, Pet Show, Kiddie Tractor Pull, Medallion Hunt, Firemen's Barbecue's & Root Beer Floats, Pinewood Derby, Bingo, Kiddie Parade, Grande Day Parade, Community Dinner, Good Neighbor Award, MN Mini-Rods, Street Dance & Fireworks



CITY OF ATWATER'S WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM

The City of Atwater recently amended a wellhead protection plan in order to protect the groundwater which supplies the needs of our community. The goal of this plan is to: Promote public health, economic development and community infrastructure by maintaining a potable public drinking water supply for the community. It is important that each one of us recognize that we can have a direct influence on the quality of the groundwater which Atwater uses.

WHAT IS WELLHEAD PROTECTION?

Wellhead protection is, simply stated, protecting the land area surrounding a well in order to prevent contamination of the groundwater that is likely to be drawn into the well during pumping.

Wellhead protection plans are encouraged by agencies such as the Minnesota Department of Health, Department of Natural Resources, Pollution Control Agency and the Kandiyohi County Water Planning.

These agencies are responsible for setting safe drinking water standards and for protecting natural resources, such as groundwater.

WHAT IS GROUNDWATER??

Many people think of groundwater as an underground river or lake, but actually it occurs wherever water fills the tiny spaces in between grains of any earth material (rock or soil). Earth materials that can transmit large quantities of water through these "pore" spaces are called AQUIFERS. Sand and gravel typically are good aquifers, while materials such as clay and shale (a type of rock) are not.

Groundwater occurs beneath the land surface in Minnesota. In many places it lies just a few feet underground. However, in some aquifers the groundwater lies several hundred feet beneath the surface.

Groundwater usually begins as rain and melted snow which falls across the land and then seeps into the ground. Because this water was once at the surface, human activities can affect the quality of the groundwater. We need to be aware that the things we do at the earth's surface can affect the quality of the water we cook with, wash with and of course, drink.

WHY PROTECT GROUNDWATER?

First of all, polluted groundwater can pose health hazards to those who drink it. Second, once it is contaminated, groundwater is very difficult to clean (if it can be cleaned at all). If the groundwater near Atwater were to become contaminated, the city would likely be required to install filters to purify the water, or be forced to find an alternative source of water for its citizens. This can be very expensive.

When it comes to protecting groundwater, the old saying, "An ounce of protection is worth a pound of cure" applies. Fortunately, the city wells of Atwater do not have a contamination problem at this point. The wellhead protection plan address's potential contamination sources in the Drinking Water Supply Management Area to help assure that Atwater maintains the quality of its groundwater. Proper management of potential contamination sources will assist in the assurance of safe quality drinking water for decades to come.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Goldie Smith or Steve Bomstad with the City of Atwater @ 320-974-8760.

Recycling Schedule

| APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|-------|------|------|
| 1st | 13th | 10th |
| 15th | 27th | 24th |
| 29th | | |

FREE CURBSIDE RECYCLING IN ATWATER is on WEDNESDAY, EVERY OTHER WEEK

Place on curbside by 8 am.
Recycling Bins are available at

NO CHARGE!!

For more information call
231-3587 or Atwater City Office at 974-8760.

Help Wanted

**THE CITY OF ATWATER IS
NOW TAKING
APPLICATIONS FOR A
SEASONAL PART-TIME
PARKS MOWER**

Must be 16 years old or older. Position starts on June 1st & ends on August 31st. 30 hours per week. Pick up an application at the City Office.