

# October 2012 Newsletter



## ONLINE WATER PAYMENTS—NOW AVAILABLE

The City of Atwater is now providing residents an easy & convenient way to pay Water & Sewer Billing. Residents may pay with **VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER CREDIT CARD** or **DEBIT CARD**. Residents can make payments online any time of the day or night. It only takes a few minutes to make a payment.

### TO MAKE AN ONLINE PAYMENT FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS

1. Visit City website at [www.atwater.revtrak.net](http://www.atwater.revtrak.net)
2. Select “Utilities”
3. Enter your **last name & account number**
4. Click “Buy Now”
5. When all fees are in shopping cart, click “Go to Checkout”. If a “New Customer”, select “I am a new customer”. Enter your **e-mail address & “Sign In”**. If a “Returning Customer”, select “I am a New Customer”. Enter your **e-mail address & password**. Select “Sign In”.
6. Enter **your billing & payment information**. Create a **password** if required.
7. Verify information for accuracy & select “Complete Order”.
8. **Payment will be processed & receipt** can be viewed & printed. A receipt will be sent to the e-mail address provided during account set up.
9. “Logout”.

## TRICK OR TREAT! Safety Tips!!



Remind kids not to enter a strange house.

Make sure older kids go out with friends. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult. If you live in rural area, offer all kids a ride in the car.

Set a time limit for children to treat or trick. Together, map out a safe route so you know where they'll be. Remind them not to take shortcuts through backyards, alleys or parks.

Try to get kids to trick or treat while it is still light out. If it is dark, make sure the children are carrying flashlights that work.

One way to keep trick or treaters from digging in while they're still out is to feed them a meal beforehand.

Check out all treats at home in a well lighted place.

## FALL BURN DAYS

THE ATWATER CITY COUNCIL  
HAS DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING  
DAYS

FOR CITYWIDE BURNING  
“Saturday’s Only”



October 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

**Watch downtown sign for burning ban information**  
City residents must call the city office @ 974-8760 or stop by to be placed on the City Burning Permit. Burning is **not allowed** on the city streets or alleyways. **All fires must be extinguished by 5 pm.**  
The BRUSHSITE will also be open.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



**Help save a Life!**  
**GIVE BLOOD**  
THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 25TH  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
NOON—8 PM

# Volunteers! NEEDED



## "Food for Kidz"

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH  
ATWATER COMMUNITY CENTER  
NOON—9 PM

Girl & Boy Scouts, Church Groups, 4-H Groups, Families & Neighbors  
Everyone Welcome!!

"Food for Kidz" packages highly nutritious, life saving meals for starving children, malnourished children & their families in developing countries & the United States.

### LAH/BNP & Atwater Lion's Presents their Annual Sweater & Bake Sale Homemade Soup Dinner



A "Bottomless" cup of homemade soup with sandwiches & bars. Free Will Donation  
Take-outs available.  
Lots & Lots of great homemade bake goods.  
Hundred's of "NEW" sweaters in Men's, Misses, Juniors & Women sizes available, all for \$5, \$10, \$15 or \$20. Great Christmas Gifts!!  
Everyone Welcome!!!!

Atwater Community Center

Thursday, October 18th  
4 pm to 7 pm



October  
7th—13th  
"Have 2 Ways  
Out"



### Practice your Escape Route Atwater Fire Department Spaghetti Feed

Tuesday, October 2nd

Serving begins at 5:30 pm &  
Serving until 7:30 pm. After your  
done eating spaghetti check out all the Fire  
Equipment



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH  
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
ATWATER COMMUNITY CENTER



Featuring German Foods & Desserts  
\$10 per Adult—\$5 for 5 to 12 years old—Under 5 Free

### BOY SCOUT—TROUP #3221 PANCAKE Breakfast



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
9 AM—1 PM



**ATWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**UFF DA DAYS**  
AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERN-CHURCH  
312 MAIN STREET SOUTH  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD  
9 AM—1 PM  
BAKED GOODS & LEFSE  
GRAB BAGS, CRAFTS  
MORNING COFFEE & LUNCH IS WILL ALSO BEAVAILABLE

**ATWATER'S "NO PARKING" ORDINANCE**  
The City of Atwater's "No Parking" Ordinance is in effect from:  
**November 1st—April 1st**  
The Police Department will ticket any vehicle parked on the street between the hours of 2 am to 7 am.

**Time to fall back**  
Turn your clocks back one hour to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday.  
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH @ 2 AM**

**FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING**  
The Maintenance Department will be flushing fire hydrants sometime this fall. Please watch the Community Bulletin Board for more details.



# Election Day

Tuesday, November 6th  
Atwater Community Center



**POLLS WILL OPEN PROMPTLY AT 7 AM & WILL CLOSE AT 8 PM**

All residents are reminded to bring a photo ID or a Utility Bill as proof of residency. If you are going to absent from the city on Election Day, PLEASE call the Kandiyohi County Auditor's Office @ for an absentee ballot application. The application needs to be filled out & mailed back to the Kandiyohi County in plenty of time to receive your ballot. There are NO absentee ballots at the City Office, all absentee voting is done through Kandiyohi County Auditor's Office in Willmar.

**LOCAL ELECTIONS:** The following are running for Atwater Mayor— Mark Olson  
Running for 2 open City Council Seats Shane Hagstrom, Jerry Spencer, Dale Tagtow, Reed Schmidt & Mary Schmidt.

## SNOW REMOVAL

WINTER is COMING!!! Please keep your sidewalks free of ice & snow, residents have 12 hours after a snowfall to clear the sidewalks. If a Fire Hydrant is located on or near your property is keep the hydrant free of snow.

**THANK YOU!!!**



## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 3rd  
November 7th  
December 5th  
Meetings begin at 7 pm @ City Office Building



## Holiday Parade

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**

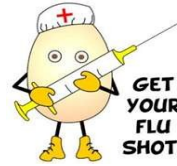
**Downtown Willmar**

Starting @ 3 pm—Parade @ 6:30 pm

After parade Live Music, Hot Chocolate, Cookies, Vendors, S'mores, Firepits, Chili, Petting Zoo, Sleigh Rides, Cookiemaking & Holiday Stories, Santa & much, much more.



WATCH THE COMMUNITY BOARD FOR DETAILS ABOUT SANTA CLAUS COMING TO TOWN ON THE "SANTA SEMI"



## FLU SHOT CLINIC

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH**

**COMMUNITY CENTER**

**4 PM—5 PM**

Homeland Health provides vaccinations to patients ages 6 month & up. Please bring health insurance card. We are in network provider for Medica, BCBS, Health Partners, Preferred One, UCare, America's PPO, PrimeWest, South Country Health Care Alliance & Medicare. We will bill your health plan if you are not covered by one of these insurance companies, you may purchase a vaccination with cash.

**COST IF UNINSURED—6 months to 18 years—\$10 each**

**COST IF UNINSURED—Over 18 years old—\$25 each**

**CASH ONLY, NO CHECKS PLEASE**

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CITY OF ATWATER	2011 Final	2012 Final	2013 Final	REVENUES & EXPENSES	2011 Final	2012 Final	2013 Final
General Fund	\$ 149,445	\$ 171,266	\$ 208,208	General Fund (Less Capital)	\$ 719,197	\$ 704,643	\$ 736,733
Equipment Fund	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	—	Debt Service	\$ 189,415	\$ 237,319	\$ 174,500
PD Car Service	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	—	Storm Water	\$ 1,000	\$ 700	\$ 700
Future Street IMP	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000	Water Fund	\$ 99,000	\$ 123,300	\$ 178,642
G.O. Fund Bonds	\$ 113,000	\$ 106,000	\$ 105,000	Sewer Fund	\$ 74,650	\$ 89,650	\$ 91,651
Total Certified Levy	\$ 367,945	\$ 382,766	\$ 393,208	Grand Total	\$ 1,084,062	\$ 1,155,612	\$ 1,182,226

## A T W A T E R C I T Y B U D G E T

The Atwater City Council has decided to set the 2013 City Budget at \$1,182,226. A public hearing is set for Wednesday, December 5th during the regular city council meeting. If you are unable to attend you may send your comments to the Atwater City Office, PO Box 59.



## "Recycle Schedule"

October 2012							November 2012							December 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat	Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	Sat
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