

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
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

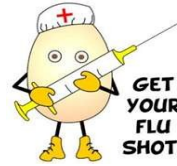
Downtown Willmar

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

Sponsored by Atwater's LAH/BNP

| 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 | | | | | | |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | |
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Go to www.atwater.revtrak.net to pay your water & sewer bill online