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Fall/Winter 2012 Newsletter

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# City of New Richland

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We are sending this news letter to keep you up to date on information regarding snow removal, cold weather rules, and elections. We hope you find the information informative and useful.

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## It's an Election Year!

Two 4-Year Terms for City Council and one 2-Year Term for Mayor will be voted on at the November 6 General Election. Running for a spot on the City Council are John Hullopeter, Sandy Neumann and Incumbent Tony Martens. Mayoral Candidates are Christine Gislason and Jacob Papinski.

Polls are open from 7am – 8pm. You may register to vote on Election Day with a valid proof of residency. For more information visit the Secretary of State website at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us>.



## Upcoming Events

### November 6

Elections

### 2nd and 4th Monday- 6:30pm

Council Meeting

## Important Notice

Winter water disconnection fees go in effect November 15. Fee will increase to \$50 disconnect, \$50 reconnect.

## More Important News

### Snow Removal Notice

**PARKING:** City ordinance prohibits parking on city streets following a two (2) inch or more snowfall until the snow has been plowed by the city. If you currently park on city streets, please make arrangements to find alternative parking during the winter months. Violators will be subject to an administrative fine of no less than \$25 per occurrence.

**SIDEWALKS:** The owner or occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians. Generally this means within 24 hours of a significant snow-fall the walk must be cleaned. The ordinance allows for City maintenance to remove the snow and ice after 24 hours and bill the owner (minimum rate \$40.00 per occurrence).

### Cold Weather Rule

Bills can pile up just like snow. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills in winter. The rule applies from October 15 to April 15. The rule, established by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, means that your utility provider cannot disconnect your residential utility service during the winter if the customer meets the following requirement:

- 1) Utility disconnection would affect the customer's primary heat source;
- 2) The customer has declared inability to pay on forms provided by the utility.
- 3) The household income of the customer is less than 50 percent of the state median income level, as documented by the customer to the utility, and
- 4) The customer enters into and makes timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

If you have trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance. The State Department of Human Services recommends that you call Waseca County Health and Human Services at 507-835-0560 for additional information.

If you know you're going to have trouble paying your water and sewer bill, please contact Corrine at 507-465-3514 to work out a payment schedule.



## Water Facts and Tips

- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- If your shower fills a one gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model. They are inexpensive, easy to install and can save up to 750 gallons a month.
- When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of your load.
- Know where your master shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home and avoid costly bills.

For more water conservation tips visit:

<http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/>