

Dear Residents,

Fall seems to have come too quickly this year and summer sped by too fast. Below is some information for the coming months.

### Mark Your Calendar

On October 21, the city will have a woodchipper in the parking lot of Millner Park (Wildwood and Charing Lane) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Willernie residents. The chipper will take branches and tree limbs up to 4" to 6" in diameter. Please bring your brush stacked all in one direction to make loading the chipper easier.



### Yard Waste

Another place to get rid of yard waste: Washington County has a county-sponsored yard waste collection site in Hugo. This site is at 5527 170<sup>th</sup> St. N. in Hugo, near the intersection of 170<sup>th</sup> Street North and Fenway Ave. North. The Northern County Yard Waste site will accept leaves, grass, and brush from residents at no charge. Open Wednesday 11 am-7 pm, Friday & Saturday 8 am-4:30 pm, Sunday 12-4:30 pm.



### Taking Care of Your Whole Yard

As far as we can determine, your yard goes to the road that runs along your property and you need to maintain it, which includes mowing, weeding, trimming, etc.



### Trying to Keep the City Cleaned up

Most folks in town take great pride in our community and keep their yards well-kept and cleaned up. Now that fall has arrived, it is time to pick up those items that have been left out during the summer months and store them away for the winter. Check around your yard and house, put things away, or move on to recycle or disposal. Huge thanks to all of you who keep the city looking nice.



### New Maintenance Building Sign

The sign for the new maintenance build is now up designating the building as the Rick P. Paulson Maintenance Building. Thanks to all the folks who helped make that possible.



### Warning for Dog and Cat Owners

It has been reported that a cat was poisoned this fall. (The cat is ok.) If you own a cat or dog, please do not let it wander. There are plants that grow naturally that are poisonous to animals. Also check around your property to make sure that items such as antifreeze and other chemicals are safely stored and not leaking. In addition, check to make sure garbage and other noxious materials are safely in their proper containers.



### Feral Cat Update

Two women from our area have been working with veterinarians, shelters, foster homes, and residents to contain our feral cat population. So far, they have captured 21 cats and kittens. The cats are then seen by veterinarians to be checked for health, and to be given their shots and neutered or spayed. All but 4 of the cats have been socialized enough to be placed in shelters, foster homes, or have found forever homes. The 4 who cannot be socialized have had a notch place in an ear and returned to the area. This has been a tremendous effort and is ongoing. The folks doing the job are paying for the services for the cats out of pocket. If you would like to support them, feel free to leave a donation at City Hall.



### More Animal Issues



I appreciate that I sound like a broken record concerning cat and dog licenses, but \$3.00 for two years is not a huge amount to pay considering what getting your animal back from the "Pound" costs without a license.

**The City of Willernie ordinances state that all dogs and cats need to be contained in their own yard and are not allowed to run free in the city. Please be a courteous pet owner and contain your pet. Also, if you walk your dog, please clean up after them.**

### Leaf Vacuum

As it is now officially fall, it is time for the leaf vacuum to appear. Ken will have the leaf vacuum out from mid-October to mid-November, weather pending. Do not put leaves on the edge of the road once it snows, or we have freezing rain.

**In order to continue to have a leaf vacuum, it is important to only put leaves on the edge of the road for pick up. Please do not put yard waste, dirt, rocks, branches, and other objects in the raked-up leaves, for they can damage the leaf vacuum. Also, if you have hard landscape, please make sure it does not flow onto the street.**



### Winter Guidelines

All too soon, winter will be upon us, so it is important to remember:



- All vehicles cannot be parked on the roads when it snows to allow the roads to be plowed
- **When you shovel or snow blow your driveways, snow cannot be put back on the road or in your neighbor's yard.**
- If you park on city property such as beside a park, the cars need to be removed if it snows.

### Reflective Poles Available

Reflective poles to mark your yard along the edge of the road for the snowplow to see are available free at City Hall, and also will be available on October 21st in Millner Park during the wood chipping. Hopefully we will have a less snowy winter this year.



### Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow

If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please make sure it is shoveled out so it can be located quickly in case of fire. Remember, the house you save from fire could be your own.

### Support Local Businesses



They need your support in order to keep our downtown alive and vibrant. Please support our local businesses.



### City Hall

The Willernie City Hall will remain closed for the safety of our staff. Our city clerk can be reached by email, fax, or phone (651 429-2977) Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you need to transact business with the city inside the city hall for any reason, it is by appointment only, (or a knock on the front door). You can drop off payments and forms through the mail slot in the front door, 24/7.



Have a safe fall and winter. Please look out for your neighbors as we head into the colder months.

Sincerely,  
Barb Parent, Mayor