

City Scene



2023 UTILITY RATES

ELECTRIC-No Change

\$16.00 Fixed

\$0.0925/kwh—126-1000 kwh

\$0.0850/kwh— Over 1000 kwh

WATER-\$1.00 Increase

\$28.35 Fixed—0-2000 Gallons

\$7.83 per 1,000 gallons thereafter

SEWER- \$1.00 Increase

Residential: \$27.25 per Month

Industrial: \$50.00 per Month

REFUSE-No Change

Residential: \$20.75 per Month

Senior: \$19.75 per Month

CI FEE-No Change

\$4.00 Per Month

Mosquito Fee—No Change

\$6.50 per Spray

Newfolden Utility Rates in 2023

The Newfolden City Council is committed to maintaining stable utility rates, service fees, and property taxes whenever it is possible. Annually, the council reviews goals and related expenses and then prioritizes these against the predictable revenue streams. Additionally the council conducted a local rate study to ensure our operating rates are aligned with area averages. Happily, we can say that we fall in the low to median range on the local scale.

The council voted to increase the water consumption rate and the sewer base rates by \$1.00. This allows each utility to maintain a 2% operating fund balance. The small increase will prepare for future infrastructure expansion and upgrades.

The balance between providing stable service, system upgrades, and planned growth, while maintaining low rates remains one of the council's highest priority.

3 Acres of Woodland Gifted to the City of Newfolden

On June 20, 1925, Henry Engelsrud purchased approximately 3 acres of land from Lewis and Clara Ekman. This beautiful parcel (54-0010-000) is nestled just East of the Middle River and North of Minnesota Avenue. It abuts along the South edge of property owned by the City of Newfolden and slated for the future River's Edge housing development.

Descendants of Henry recently gifted this woodland to the City of Newfolden, in memory of Henry Engelsrud. The donation requires that the land be maintained as woodland and a source of non-motorized recreation and education for residents and visitors of Newfolden. The council is excited to share this news with you and welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have for its future. We are deeply appreciative to Cheryl Hoium and John Valen for this generous donation. We look forward to honoring the legacy of Henry Engelsrud.



DIGI-BUCKS in Newfolden!

A holiday reminder that Digi-Bucks are accepted at all Newfolden retailers.

You can use your Digi-Bucks to support Newfolden businesses!

Happy Holidays and remember:

KEEP IT LOCAL!

Sanitary Sewer Ordinance—Are You Illegal Discharging into the Sanitary Sewer?

Residents are asked to evaluate their current practice of managing your home's sump pump discharge or other discharge. If you are discharging into the sanitary sewer system, you are asked to discontinue this practice. City statute states that:

1. *No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged unpolluted water such as storm water, ground water, roof runoff, surface drainage, or non-contact cooling water into the sanitary sewer.*
2. *Upon request, the City of Newfolden, or authorized representative shall be authorized to inspect any real property within City limits to determine compliance with this ordinance.*
3. *Any person found in violation, shall be served written notice and provided 60 days for satisfactory correction thereof. Any person violating this ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of \$200.00 immediately plus \$100.00 per month that the violation continues.*

SHOW AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE! NOMINATE A KIND WORD OR DEED!

NAME OF NOMINEE: **Dave and Deeann Bennett**

WHY IS THIS PERSON WORTHY OF RECOGNITION OR APPRECIATION: **I would like to nominate Dave and Deanne Bennett for their support and kindness as well as helping with the driveways and sidewalks in the neighborhood! It absolutely melted my heart to see him doing a path for me thinking I had to go to work after a heavy snow fall! We are sincerely grateful. Thank you! Happy Holidays!**

SUBMITTED BY (NOT REQUIRED): **Danielle Vondal and Shane Timm**

