

# Newfolden

## City Scene

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### WINTER WEATHER AND SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

This winter has certainly tested the limits of staff, equipment, and neighbors! We are grateful for your collaboration, cooperation, and understanding as the remnants of winter continue to wear at our patience for all things cold and white!

1. The Marshall County Highway Department plows city streets. The City performs the snow removal and does some sidewalk, alleyways, and approaches. These areas are completed systematically with County Roads and Main business thoroughfares receiving first priority. Residential streets are second followed by alleyways. Determining factors for when each particular area is completed, depends largely on weather conditions and the breadth and volume of snow in the area.
2. The City is not responsible for rows of snow that result from the passing of a snow plow. There are only so many places the snow can go and residual snow is unavoidable. If possible, waiting until the snow plow has passed your residence is the best way to avoid repeat shoveling of the residual snow deposit.
3. Residents are required to move their vehicles off road after a snow event. Snow plows cannot navigate some roadways if vehicles are parked on one or both sides; making it very difficult and sometime impossible to clean snow in trafficked areas. Please make arrangements for off-street parking during and after a snow event.
4. Snow is not to be blown onto public property, sidewalks, roadways, or other private property. Be a good neighbor, know your property lines, and work within those boundaries.



### RESERVE YOUR SPACE IN THE NEWFOLDEN COMMUNITY GARDEN!



Gardening season is almost here and plots for garden beds are available at the Newfolden Community Garden! The garden has fourteen garden plots and two raised garden beds available. The raised beds are reserved for those who are elderly or handi-capable.

Tending a plot allows you to grow your own produce while helping to create a valuable neighborhood gathering space. Water will be available. Sponsors will provide premium soil, delineate the plots, and will also till the area for seeding.

Group, family, or individual gardeners are welcome.

#### 2 New Community Garden Rules:

1. All plots will require a \$20 deposit. This should be paid when the water key is picked up and will be refunded, in full, when the water key is returned in the fall.
2. Plots not planted by June 15<sup>th</sup> will be offered to the next party on the waiting list.

Early Reservation or FMI: [newfolden@wiktel.com](mailto:newfolden@wiktel.com) \* 218-874-7135

# STATE OF MINNESOTA LEAD AND COPPER RULE

The Lead and Copper Rule is designed to protect children and families from exposure to lead in drinking water.

The State of Minnesota is working with municipalities to gather information relevant to the Lead and Copper Rule. The Lead and Copper Rule requires that community water systems test for lead in drinking water. The rule uses science-based testing protocols to help identify other potential sources of lead in drinking water.

Many homes and businesses across the United States have service lines made of lead; a toxic metal that is especially dangerous to young developing brains. The only long-term solution to protect public health is to remove these lead pipes and replace them with updated copper or plastic piping. Congress banned the use of lead pipes in 1986 but did allow those already in the ground to remain.

The new rule requires that water systems identify the locations of lead service-lines. This will help establish a trigger level to jumpstart mitigation earlier and drive more and complete lead service-line replacement programs.

To determine what your service-line is made of, homeowners can check at the location of their water meter. The line coming in from outside the home and attached to the water meter, is the service-line in question. It will be comprised of copper, plastic, or a lead/metal material. We are asking homeowners to help us inventory the service lines within the City of Newfolden. Those with lead service lines may be eligible for financial assistance.

**We are asking all property owners to complete the survey below and return to the City of Newfolden.  
The survey can be returned with your monthly utility payment.**

## WATER SERVICE LINE SURVEY

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ THE WATER SERVICE LINE AT THIS LOCATION IS (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE):

COPPER     PLASTIC     LEAD     OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF NOMINEE: **Steve Gast**

WHY IS THIS PERSON WORTHY OF RECOGNITION OR APPRECIATION:

**Steve goes above and beyond to help in any way that is requested. From snow removal assistance, to Meal-on-Wheels delivery, to stepping in to help whenever and wherever he is asked! Thank you Steve for being the person which many feel comfortable going to for a helping hand. Your neighbors and community thank you!**

SUBMITTED BY (NOT REQUIRED): **Tammy Hansen**

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All for-profit or private organizations can display a customized message, for a maximum of three weeks, at a small fee of \$10.00!

Contact the City of Newfolden to acquire more information or to request an EMB message: [newfolden@wiktel.com](mailto:newfolden@wiktel.com) or 874-7135.

