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New Faces for the NYM Police Dept.

The City of New York Mills is pleased to introduce three new members of its Police Department. James Van Schaick will replace former Chief of Police Jason Hoaby, who accepted a position as Chief of Police with the Perham Police Department. Full time officer Aaron Evenson has been hired to fill the vacancy left by officer Sedrick Borsgard, who left New York Mills to join the Swift County Sheriff's Department. Terry Frost is our third new member of the force, who will be working as a part-time officer. They introduce themselves here.



I am Jim Van Schaick. My wife's name is Kelly and we have three children: Charlie—Age 9, Ben—Age 7 and Holly—Age 4. My family and I are excited to join your community! I was raised in Thief River Falls and have been involved in public safety for most of my adult life. I have been a paramedic for 20 years and in law enforcement for 9 years. I have worked as a Paramedic, Ambulance Station Manager, a

911 Dispatcher, a Deputy Sheriff, and most recently spent the last 4 years as a Criminal Investigator for the Thief River Falls Police Department. I have also been on the faculty of Northland Community College's Law Enforcement Program for 7 years. Aside from my professional career, I am a family man. I enjoy camping, geocaching, playing guitar, and have been involved with my local church.

I am honored to have been chosen to serve as your Chief of Police. My family and I look forward to the many new friends we are about to meet in the community we will call our home. **Cont. Pg 3**

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Set for September 14th in NYM

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 14th from 10:00 am—2:00 pm at the New York Mills City Garage located at 102 N. Boardman Ave. The service is free of charge for Otter Tail County residents. The collection offers the opportunity for Otter Tail County residents to dispose of hazardous items such as paint, stain, varnish, household cleaners and pesticides, fuel, rechargeable batteries, aerosol products, fluorescent light bulbs (up to 10 bulbs per family), used oil, and rodent

bait, in an environmentally friendly way. Magazine recycling is also offered at these collections. Business waste is NOT accepted at these mobile collection sites. Also not acceptable are home medical waste or any type of explosives.

For a complete listing of acceptable items or for further information, you may call the Solid Waste Department for Otter Tail County at (218) 736-2161. Information is also available on the Otter Tail County website at www.co.otter-tail.mn.us/ solidwaste.

Household Hazardous Waste

Common household items that should never be thrown in the trash or poured down a drain

 Oil Based & Latex Paint	 Moth balls / Rodent Bait	 Aerosol Products
 Used Motor Oil / Antifreeze	 SOLID WASTE	 Fluorescent Light Bulbs
 Household Pesticides	 Rechargeable Batteries	 Gasoline & Fuels

Protect our air, water, & soil by properly disposing of hazardous household items through the OTC Household Hazardous Waste Program (HHW).



Do YOU Have What It Takes?

The New York Mills Fire Department is accepting applications for volunteer firefighters. For more information, contact Fire Chief Reed Jacobson at 218-639-2787 or call the City Office at 218-385-2213.

County Hwy 67 Street Project Gets Underway



Work has begun on the County Highway 67 street and utility reconstruction project in New York Mills. The City of New York Mills and Otter Tail County will be reconstructing South Main Avenue (CSAH 67) from Centennial Drive to the southern edge of the City limits, and upgrading the Burlington Railway crossing.

Quam Construction of Willmar, Minnesota was awarded the construction contract. Proposed work will include replacement of water and sanitary sewer

replacement of street, subgrade, sidewalk and driveway aprons along the project route. Additional sidewalk will be constructed on the east side of Highway 67 from Wendy Woods Lane to the southern edge of the construction project.

The majority of work is scheduled for completion by the end of October with a pavement deadline of October 15th. The final overlayment of pavement will be completed in the spring of 2011.

The project area will be closed to through traffic throughout most of the work this fall. Truck traffic will be routed around the project via County Hwy 142 and 135. Local traffic access will be maintained to the extent practical.

The railroad crossing on South Main will remain closed from the beginning of the project until early summer 2011. A four-way

stop will be set up at the intersection of Centennial Drive and Walker Avenue and speed limits will be lowered to 20 mph along Walker Avenue during the project.

Residents living back in the Hidden Trails Addition will be directed to use Nowell Street as their main crossing, with Wendy Woods lane being the alternate route when needed.

Construction activities will be limited to daylight hours (generally 7:00 am to 7:00 pm), Monday through Friday. Some Saturday work may be necessary to maintain project schedules.

Water main replacement may result in short term discoloration and/or chlorine odor. Opening multiple faucets in your home will typically resolve these issues.

Please respect all barricades, safety fencing, construction

warning signs and traffic control signs during construction activities. Keep a safe distance away from heavy machinery and construction activity. Please keep children away from all construction activity for their safety!

Construction progress meetings will be held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the City Hall. If the need arises, this schedule may be changed to weekly meetings. These meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions, concerns, or require special considerations during this construction process, you are encouraged to attend one of these meetings. To check on these meeting dates, please call the City Office at 385-2213. The City appreciates your patience and understanding while this work is completed.

Take Time for Fall Fire Safety



As summer turns to fall, it is time to fire up the fireplaces, turn on the furnace and get that space heater out of storage. This can increase the risk of residential fire, so it is a good idea to refresh your memory on fall fire safety tips. Some safety tips are the same regardless of the time of year, but many safety concerns are seasonal, particularly those that involve keeping your home warm. These types of tips are usually based around common sense.

Time Changes Mean Battery Changes. Get in the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon mon-

oxide detectors every fall and spring when changing the clocks for Daylight Savings Time. It is also a good idea to verify that all fire extinguishers are fully charged and in working order when you adjust the clocks each season.

Home Heating Tips. No matter what type of device you use to heat your home, making sure your heating devices and/or systems are in good working order is an important part of learning some fall fire safety tips. Many things can go wrong with heating equipment during the spring and summer months. Verify that everything you need to keep your home warm throughout fall and winter is in good working order before you experience the first cold snap of the season.

Central Heating System Safety Tips. Get your central heating system cleaned, inspected and serviced by a certified HVAC (heating, venting and air conditioning) contractor every year before using it. If you have a gas heater, make sure that you have sufficient

quantity of fully functioning carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.

Space Heater Safety Tips. Make sure that any space heaters are surrounded by at least three feet of empty space. Never place clothing or any other objects on a space heater to dry. Turn space heaters off when you leave the house or go to bed. Avoid storing any combustible items near heaters. Make sure your space heater has a working safety light, alarm, automatic shut-off switch and a cut-off device to prevent overheating. Never use a space heater in your bathroom. Water and electricity don't mix!

Fireplace Safety Tips. Get your chimney inspected each year to make sure that it is safe. Hire a chimney sweep to clean out your chimney every fall—creosote can build up in your chimney setting off a roof fire. Repair any cracks in fireplaces. Use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside the fireplace. Never burn charcoal in your fireplace because it gives off deadly carbon monoxide. Another

tip—don't "over build" your fire using too much paper. You could ignite soot inside your chimney, causing a chimney fire. Use only seasoned woods, and avoid soft woods like pine, etc. Overloading your hearth with wood and artificial logs can also result in fire that may be too large for the unit. Do not ever use flammable liquids to start a fire in your fireplace! Never leave a fire unattended and make sure that all combustible materials are not stored within 3 feet of your fireplace. For natural gas fireplaces, get all connections and lines inspected before use each season. Remember that outdoor fireplaces can be just as dangerous as indoor units, and observe all safety precautions when using them. Store ashes outdoors and away from the house in a metal container.

Holiday Safety Tips. Homeowners are encouraged to use battery powered lights in Halloween Jack o'lanterns to prevent accidents. Christmas tree lights should also be inspected before use and monitored carefully, especially on real trees.

New Faces, Continued .



My name is Aaron Evenson. I was born and raised in the northern suburbs of the twin cities. I obtained my Associates degree

in criminal justice in the spring of 2010. I am currently working on my Bachelors degree in criminal law, with a minor in political sciences, at Rasmussen College. My previous experience includes working within many aspects of the criminal justice system, from the U.S. Department of Justice to a small town sheriff's office. I have been married to my high

school sweetheart, Christi Evenson, for just over three years. We do not have any children at the moment, but we are greatly looking forward to the day when we decide it is our time to start a family. In my free time, I enjoy the outdoors to their fullest extent. I spend as much time trapping, hunting, and fishing as I can. I am greatly looking forward to getting to know the community of New York Mills and the people who call it home. Along with the rest of the new York Mills Police Department, I look forward to keeping the community a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.



For those of you who do not know me, my name is Terry Frost. I graduated from New York Mills High

School in 1992. I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after High School. I did artillery firing the M198 155mm and M101A1 105mm Howitzers and wrestled for the Marines. In 1996 I returned to NYM and worked for Kurt Schroer's dairy farm. I began working in 1998 for Northern Coop Services of Wadena, (now Leaf River Ag Ser-

vices) in the Agronomy Department as a commercial applicator. In 2005 I joined the MN Army National Guard and was deployed to Iraq from October 2006 to November 2007. After returning home I continued to work for Leaf River Ag Services and attended Alexandria Technical College, graduating in May, 2010 with an AAS degree in Law Enforcement.

I married Michelle (Thompson) Frost in England in 1994. We have two children, Zachary—age 12 and Annika—age 10. I am very excited to begin serving my home town, as part of the Police Department.

Library Happenings

Did You Notice landscaping work being done in front of the library? That was a Lions Project! The Library's landscaping needed to be redone because every time it rained water would pool against the building which, over time, could lead to problems with the building's foundation. Mayor Larry Hodgson spearheaded the project by lining up the New York Mills Lions to pull up all of the existing pavers, add sand and gravel to provide a better slope away from the building and then replace all of the pavers. The Lions, guided by the expertise of Tim & Rich Ericksrud of Seasons Landscaping, donated several hours of hard work to this project saving the Library approximately \$2,500.0. **Great Job NYM Lions!!**

The Library has been busy this summer! Aside from the extra attendance because of school being out and extra summer visitors to our area, we had lots of activities with our "Make a Splash" Summer Reading Program and "Art in Your Park Activities at Your Library" plus our Annual Used Book Sale. Typically around this time of year as summer winds down, we start to feel a slow down, but that will not be the case this fall! We have many activities planned throughout September and October that should keep everyone busy!

You are all probably aware that the Minnesota sales tax increased slightly after voters approved the increase in 2008. That constitutional amendment dedicated the

additional sales tax to preservation of wetlands, prairies, forests, fish, game, wildlife, lakes, rivers, streams, drinking water, parks, trails, arts and cultural heritage. The "arts and cultural heritage" part, sometimes known as "Legacy Funds", is to be spent on programs that preserve Minnesota's art, history, and cultural heritage. Regional public Libraries Systems have been working with arts and history organizations to provide that programming.

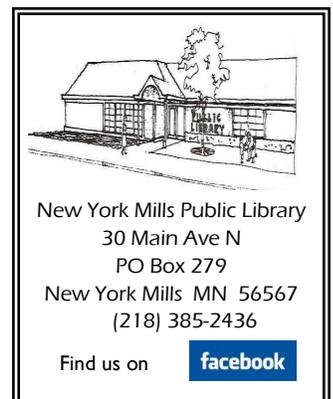
With the help of Viking Library System and Legacy Funds we are able to provide programming that we have never been able to do before! The programs we have lined up are:

*-Bus Trip to the MN Science Mu

seum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit on Saturday, Sept. 11th
 * "Golden Age of Radio" performance on Saturday, Sept. 25th
 * History Player performance "Virginia Mae Hope" on Saturday, October 9th
 * One Man Play "The Accidental Hero:" on Saturday, Oct. 23rd
 * Bus trip to the MN History Center to see the MN Greatest Generation exhibit on Saturday, October 30th

All of these events are free and open to the public. Please call the Library (385-2436) for more information or find the Library's fan page on Face Book. Please Note: The bus trips have a limited number of tickets available. All tickets for the Dead Sea

Scrolls bus trip have been spoken for, but a waiting list has been established in case anyone who does have a ticket needs to cancel. Look for additional programs to come and if you have any ideas or suggestions that the Library could provide, please contact Julie at the Library.



Four Residents File for Three City Council Seats



The filing period has closed for this year's local election which will be held on November 2nd. Four residents filed for local office. Larry Hodgson, incumbent, was the only person filing for the office of mayor.

William Warner, incumbent council member, is joined by Marsha Maki and Kenny Friese in running for two City Council seats. Dianna Wallgren, who currently occupies the other council seat, did not file for reelection.

We asked each of the candidates to tell us (and you readers) a little about themselves.

Larry Hodgson told us this: "I was born and raised on a grain/dairy farm in North Dakota. I relocated to Minnesota in 1969. I taught business education and coached various sports for 34

years, my last 30 years being in New York Mills. Needless to say, I know almost everyone that lives in the area. I am married to Glenna, who has been employed at Dean's Country Market for more than 30 years and I have two grown children; Eric lives in Juneau, Alaska while Angie lives in Fargo, North Dakota.

I have been the mayor of New York Mills for the past 2 terms (4 years) and am currently seeking your support as I once again am running for the office of Mayor."

William Warner

says, "I grew up on a farm in Butler township and attended New York Mills public school for k-12th grade, as did my wife, Connie. The same could be said for our two children, Willie and Macailia. I earned an AAS degree from UMC Crookston and a BS degree from MSC Moorhead. I taught business courses for NDSU Bottineau Branch at the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Indian Reservation for three years. After returning to rural New York Mills I farmed, did some substitute teaching and ran an income tax service

for over 20 years. Due to health problems I retired from farming and moved to NYM in 2005. I still operate a small income tax service from my home. I am now completing my 4th year on the NYM City Council. Previously I served on the Butler town board for over 18 years. Additional community involvement includes: NYM Senior Center board member, NYM Elders Home and Heritage Manor board Vice Chair, the NYM Regional Cultural Center Board Treasurer, and EOT Darkhouse & Angling Association Board treasurer. I am also a member of the NYM Lions and the NYM Civic & Commerce."

Marsha Maki told us; "I have lived in New York Mills for 29 years, first from 1968 to 1982 and then moved back in 1995. I wanted to raise my children here in New York Mills. I have been the business manager at the NYM Public Schools since 1996. I am married to Scott Maki and we are raising three teenagers-Allison Slieter, 19, attending Bemidji State, Jennifer Maki, senior at NYMHS and Sam Slieter, a junior

also at NYMHS. We live in/ own the home my grandparents, Ed & Esther Aho built in 1964.

Kenny Friese said "I am a 38 year resident of New York Mills. My wife Kristie and I have two children, Lindsay and William. I attended New York Mills school and went on to North Dakota State School of Science after graduation. We are proud to live in New York Mills and cannot think of a better place to live and raise a family. Having been employed at numerous businesses in Mills, including having been a partner in Lakes Area Internet Plus Inc., I would like to put my experience to work as a positive influence for our city. I would appreciate your support and look forward to visiting with you and finding out what your concerns are and what I can do to be effective on the city council. Ken has been a member of the New York Mills Park Board, a Finn Creek Museum board member, and various fraternal organizations.



Texas Hold 'Em is coming to Mills Liquors beginning Thursday, September 9th and every Thursday following at 7:00 pm. Join us and play for prizes. The Meat Raffle will resume each Friday night at 6:30 pm beginning on September 10th, hosted by the New York Mills Fire Department. Kim Hoban, manager of Mills

Texas Hold'em Coming to Mills

Liquors is excited for the new addition to its schedule. "I think this will be a great chance for people to get together and socialize."

Texas Hold 'Em is only one of the new activities to come to Mills Liquors. The new wine tasting events which began this past winter have been very popular, featuring various wines, hors d'uvres and door prizes. The next wine tasting event is planned for November. A new

dart board league is coming in February in partnership with the VFW. Line up your team members now and start practicing!

Don't forget every Wednesday is Wine Down Wednesday with 10% off all wines in off sale. Thursday nights are bucket of beer night with your choice of 5 beers in a bucket for \$10, good from 6:30 pm to close.

Mills Liquors will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6th for Labor Day.

Clip n Save

Mills Liquors

\$1.00 OFF

Giovanni's

12" Pizzas

(eat in only)

Good Monday -Thurs

thru September



Mayor's Corner

Here it is September already and we realize that summer is winding down, and what an unusual summer it has been! Early summer arrival, consistent rain at appropriate times making the lawns/crops look the best they have in many years, unusual number of severe storms, and now our end of summer heat wave. With that we have to remember that school will be starting after Labor Day and I would like at this time to remind drivers that the children will be out by the bus stops once again, so lets slow down for them and make sure that they are safe while waiting for the bus or on their way to school.

Speaking of a busy summer I need to say thanks to all the organizations and people

that made our special summer activities a reality. Our second annual Lund Mania coupled with the annual parade was once again a huge success. The participation and attendance by the people of New York Mills was fantastic, and it promises to be better each year. ROLA day's reports that they had a super event with over 500 persons attending to witness the snowmobile grass races. A lot of hard work and effort by this dedicated group really paid off. Finally, you couldn't have asked for a better evening or turnout for our free Corn Feed put on by the local Civic & Commerce. We had a constant lineup of people getting corn from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. We estimate that we handed out approximately 150 dozen ears of corn.

By the time that you read this newsletter you will surely be aware of the construction project on South Hwy 67 from the railroad tracks to the south city limits. Detours will be necessary and should be well marked. This project is sched-

uled to last until mid-October with the final overlay of blacktop being done next spring. Unfortunately the railroad crossing, once it is closed, will remain closed until next July as the railroad crews responsible for this work will not be completed with the relocation of the cross arms until that date. For those people along the construction routes that have questions or concerns you may call the city offices at 385-2213. If they can't provide you with an answer to your concern they will be able to direct you to someone who should be able to.

Once again, watch for children going to school, be aware of the detours, and be alert for new stop signs due to increased traffic at some locations. If you have any comments as to the contents of this newsletter or if you would like to offer suggestions for upcoming issues please call Cheri Kopveiler at the City Office.

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Country View Offers Incentives to New Home Buyers

If you are looking for a place to call home, Country View Addition offers you great opportunity! Nestled back on the edge of our community, Country View offers the best of both worlds....picturesque winding streets with city services, easy access to all that New York Mills has to offer, combined with the quiet beauty of the country, right outside your window.

Qualifying buyers can purchase a lot for as little as \$2,900 (not including assessments). A TIF (tax increment financing) deduction is available

to income qualifying buyers which offers \$7,500 off the price of your lot when you build a home. In addition, local businesses are participating in an incentive program which totals over \$3,700 in special offers! How about \$1,000 off the lot price sponsored by the New York Mills Economic Development Authority? Other examples of these incentives range from a \$500 credit toward your natural gas bill or a free fitness center pass and family activity pass for the New York Mills Schools, to certificates for items such as free pizza, milk, oil changes and movies! To help you

settle in, how about a free mailbox, a custom grill or air conditioner cover or free paint? Maybe a free massage or complimentary bottle of champagne entices you.

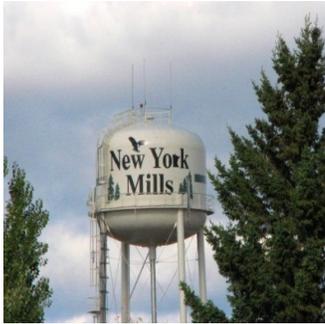
Plans are in the works for a playground area to be added to the development as well as the addition of trees to the lots.

For more information on how you can have the home of your dreams right here in New York Mills, contact the City of New York Mills, PO Box H, New York Mills, Minnesota 56567 or all the City Offices at 218-385-2213.



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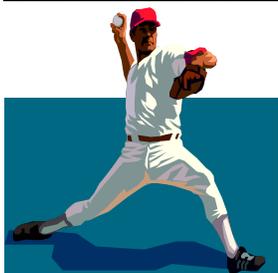
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**CAN'T MAKE IT
INTO PAY YOUR
BILL DURING
OFFICE HOURS?**

You can now pay your monthly utility bill by automatic withdrawal from your bank account! For more information, contact Jenny at the City of New York Mills!

We're on the Web! Visit us at
www.newyorkmills.govoffice2.com

Community Calendar



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| <p>Sept 1 "Sense of Place" Gallery Show at Cultural Center runs Sept 1 through October 9th</p> <p>Sept 3 Anais Mitchell concert at the Cultural Center at 7:30 pm</p> <p>Sept 4 French Toast Breakfast Fundraiser at Sr Center 8-10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Sept 7 First Day of School-Please drive carefully!</p> <p>Sept 7 City Council Meeting 4:30 pm</p> <p>Sept 14 Hazardous Waste Collection Day at City Public Works Garage 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sept 24 Krauka Viking Band at the Cultural Center-at 7:30 pm /Viking dinner @ Eagles Café @ 5:30 pm</p> <p>Sept 25 NYM Public Library –Minnesota's Greatest Generation-Golden Age of Radio Shor at James Mann Auditorium 7 pm</p> <p>Sept 25 Master Music Workshop-make bone flutes with Krauka Viking Band at Cultural Center 11:00 am.-1 pm</p> | <p>Oct 2 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Sr. Center 8:00 am-10:00 am</p> <p>Oct 9 NYM Public Library-Minnesota's Greatest Generation-MN Historical Society History Player "Virginia Mae Hope" at Cultural Center 7:00 pm</p> <p>Oct 12 City Council Meeting 4:30 pm</p> <p>Oct 23 NYM Public Library-Minnesota's Greatest Generation-MN Historical Society One-Man Play "The Accidental Hero" at the Cultural Center at 7:00 pm</p> <p>Oct 29 Halloween Party at Cultural Center- 5-7 pm for 0-11 year olds on main floor, 6-8 pm on second floor for 12-16 yr olds</p> <p>Oct 30 NYM Public Library –Bus Trip to the Minnesota's Greatest Generation Exhibit at the Minnesota History Center-Free transportation and admission ticket-limited to 55 participants0contact the NYM Public Library to register.</p> <p>Oct 30 Patty Kakac concert at the Cultural Center at 7:30 pm</p> |
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