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Avoid Water Freeze-ups in Frigid Temperatures

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The 2013/2014 winter season has so far, proved to be a cold one for New York Mills. Because of these frigid temperatures, residents are asked to watch for signs of water freeze-ups in your homes. With the cold winter tem-

peratures, frost can cause damage to your water pipes resulting in costly repairs. Signs to look out for include:

Discoloration of your water. This is caused by ice crystals forming in your water lines, knocking particles of rust loose from the surfaces of water lines

Water temperature. If you notice your water is a colder temperature coming from the faucet--temperatures already in the upper 30's are a sign that you may

have problems.

What should you do? If you notice these symptoms, leave a faucet in the home run steadily with a lead pencil-sized stream of water. This will help alleviate freezing problems.

If you are experiencing problems such as these and need to leave your water run, please contact the city offices. An adjustment will be made to your water bill to accommodate this water usage.

Stay Informed on the Latest City News

The City of New York Mills in an effort to keep residents up to date with the latest information and events related to our City, offers several avenues to stay informed.

If you haven't already done so, take the time to visit our City's website located at www.newyorkmills.govoffice2.com. You can also access the site by googling "City of New York Mills, MN". On the City's site, you can access a variety of information from department information, city council minutes and agendas, frequently asked questions, a community calendar, a community business directory, information on community organizations and groups, or a copy

of our latest newsletter.

For facebook users, the City of New York Mills offers two pages. On your facebook page, search for Nymills, Minnesota and become a friend of our City's page, or check out the City of New York Mills fan page and become a fan. Currently, the Nymills, Minnesota page has 1,126 friends while the City of New York Mills fan page has 667 fans.

These forms of communication have proven to be valuable avenues to reach individuals, whether they are local residents or people from great distances interested in what goes on in New York Mills.

If you prefer a paper copy, watch for the latest copy of this city newsletter which is published bi-monthly and distributed to over 25 different locations in the community.

Of course, you are always welcome to call our city offices with any questions or concerns at 218-385-2213.



Pet Licenses are Due for Resident Dogs and Cats



A reminder that all dogs and cats over 6 months old in the city need to be licensed. If your dog or cat is already licensed, you will need to re-license for 2014-2015. A dog license is \$20.00 for 2 years and a

cat license is \$10 for 2 years. Applications may be filled out at the City Office. Documentation of current rabies and distemper vaccinations must be provided at time of licensing.



Make 2014 A Positive Year!

Julie Gerber, Mayor

New Years Greetings to you once again! I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season with family and friends! It is hard to believe that an entire year has flown by already! It doesn't seem like that long ago I was working on that very first article. As I look back on 2013, I can truly say it was a busy year. Here are some the great things that happened this past year:

- Several new businesses opened in town

- Large expansions of both Brunswick and IFS facilities
- New playground put up in Country view
- Completion of our Capital Improvement Plan to continue moving forward with necessary street projects
- Progressing into the new year with a 0% increase in the 2014 budget

As we begin 2014, we ourselves, can reflect on things that happened in the past year. We can, for example, be proud of what we

have accomplished, how we have treated people and ourselves. Or we can feel like maybe we made a few bad choices, said the wrong thing or just need to change things up. So whether it be personal New Year's resolutions like lose weight, exercise more or work related resolutions like working faster or smarter, the New Year gives us an opportunity to start that change.

Everyone knows that change is hard—And yes, sometimes it is. How does that saying go? It takes 21 days to make a habit? But most of the things worth having don't come easy—we have to work for them. Whether it is being

healthy and fit or just having a better attitude—it is up to us.

As we jump right into 2014 with renewed excitement and energy, hopefully you can look back at the past year and be proud of yourself and thankful for life's wonderful moments. Life goes too fast and is too precious, catch every moment.

Make it a great day and a great year!

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbor and let each New Year find you a better person.

~Benjamin Franklin



Public Works Update

Roger Salo, Public Works Superintendent

I hope everyone had a happy and blessed Christmas and your New Year is going well! Have you looked at the City of New York Mills website www.newyorkmills.gov/office2.com? It is very informative. There are bits of information about various happenings within the City of New York Mills. One of the new items is an e-magazine called Lifestyle Source. Various items including information about gas safety are included in that e-magazine.

Since we seem to have winter, remember the vents on the gas meters and regulators, the heating and water heater vents, and the sewer vents should be checked. They need to be free of snow and ice to work properly. As I mentioned many times, have your gas appliances checked by your heating specialist. It is important to have a CO tester in your home. Since it seems to snow almost every day lately, it is difficult to keep the snow and ice off the street corners. The one inch snows build up in a hurry!

We try to keep as much sand on the corners as possible, but at times it remains slippery. In other words be careful out there! We Minnesotans are used to the winter conditions, right?

Next summer we plan on tar sand sealing a portion of New York Mills again. We try to maintain the streets as much as a budget allows. The city and its engineers are studying the possibility of some more underground utility main replacement. These would include water, sewer and storm sewer replacement, curb and

gutter and sidewalk replacement. That project is planned for 2015 at the earliest.

It is good to see that IFS and the Brunswick Corporation are adding large buildings for factory space. That is great for our town and the surrounding area. The Roach Family Corporation is building another set of apartments in New York Mills.

Remember that spring is somewhere around the corner?? It seems like a long winter, but we will try to enjoy the outdoors and the school activities as much as possible.