May 2019

City of Casselton Annual Information Update

2018 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT, also called the Consumer Confidence Report or CCR, IS NOW AVAILABLE!

The report includes information about regulated contaminants in the drinking water, where the city water comes from, tips on how to conserve water, and how to protect your water.

In 2018, the City of Casselton detected 13 regulated contaminants in the drinking water. However, these contaminants were at allowable levels and no health-based violations were reported.

Please go to **https://tinyurl.com/casselton-2018-water-quality** to view your 2018 annual water quality report. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water.

For a translation of the water quality report or to speak with someone about the report, please call (701) 347-4861. If you would like a paper copy of the 2018 CCR mailed to your home, please call (701) 347-4861.

WATER RESTRICTION POLICY

Pursuant to Ordinance #231, the City of Casselton hereby sets its water restriction policy as follows:

> ***Every year beginning April 15****, each residence with an even house number can water lawns and gardens on even-numbered days, and each residence with an odd house number can water lawns and gardens on odd-numbered days. The only exception to this rule is newly planted or sodded lawns, which can be watered daily for the first two weeks after planting or sodding. This restriction* ***will end October 31 of each year****.*

This policy will be enforced by the Sheriff's Department and the Public Works Department. Residents not complying with the policy above will first be given one verbal or written warning, after which if there is still a violation of this policy then the Public Works Department may disconnect water service to the user. Violators may also be subject to a fine not to exceed $1,000 and imprisonment not to exceed 30 days in jail or both fine and imprisonment.

SUMP PUMPS

Sump Pumps *must be* discharged to the outside storm drains, between April 1 and October 31, NOT into the sanitary sewer (in the house).

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Please make sure when mowing your property that **grass clippings and leaves do not get blown into the street.** This creates a major problem by clogging the city's street sweeper, as well as the city's storm sewer system.

Also, note that grass clippings and leaves can be taken to the city landfill. **DO NOT** dump clippings on private undeveloped property, dikes or diversions.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

The City of Casselton provides mosquito control inside city limits. A larvicide is used for control of hatching mosquitoes and an adulticide is used for adult mosquito control.

Breeding sites for mosquitoes are standing water areas. Because mosquitoes hatch within three (3) days, it's important that residents help control mosquitoes by doing the following:

- **Eliminate standing water**
- Empty water out of kids toys after a rainfall
- Keep fresh water in bird baths and swimming pools

FIREWORKS

Firework displays are **only** allowed on July 3 – 5 from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm and until midnight on the 4th. Any other date or time requires a permit approved by city council which meets the 1st Monday of every month.

OPEN FIRES PROHIBITED

NO burning of yard waste (ex. leaves and garden waste) or rubbish is allowed in city limits. A small recreational fire within a pit or ring is allowed.

DOG & CAT LICENSES

City of Casselton requires dogs and cats be licensed yearly. This licensing is in addition to any vaccinations done at the local vet clinics.

Licenses for the year 2019 are available at the Auditor's Office for $4.00 and at Casselton Vet Clinic for $5.00 per license per animal. Proof of rabies vaccination is required.

No resident shall have more than three (3) dogs or cats.

Failure to license a cat or dog annually is punishable by a fine of at least $100. The complete ordinance can be read at https://www.casselton.com/policies-ordinances.

EMERALD ASH BORER AWARENESS WEEK MAY 18 – 25, 2019

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive insect, initially brought over from Asia, probably in wood packing material. The adult beetle is metallic green and about ½" long. The larvae feed under the bark, disrupting the movement of water and nutrients and kill the tree within several years.

Indicators that a tree is infected include D-shaped exit holes in the bark when the adults emerge in the spring and increased woodpecker activity.

Although EAB is not yet in North Dakota the threat is dangerously close in South Dakota, Minnesota and Winnipeg. To help slow the spread of EAB:

- Don't move firewood
- Diversify tree plantings to reduce vulnerability
- Become aware of the symptoms of EAB and report possible sightings to the Forestry Department

Learn about the signs and symptoms of EAB infestation. This information can be found at the EAB website at www.emeraldashborer.info.

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) is a motor-driven, off road recreational vehicle not designed for use on a highway. These include, (but are not limited to), ATV's, UTV's, go-karts, mo-peds & scooters.

OHV's are prohibited from operating within city limits *unless* they meet State requirements:

- Register the vehicle with NDDOT and display the decal on the vehicle.
- Valid driver's license if over 16 yrs.
- Street legal vehicle; one headlamp, one horn, one taillamp, speedometer, one brake light, odometer, one mirror and motor with a minimum of 350cc's.
- No person under the age of 18 may ride without a safety helmet.

It is also unlawful for any person to drive or operate any off-road motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle, or any other vehicle **on city dikes**, **city parks, the golf course or boulevard property**. The complete ordinance can be read at https://www.casselton.com/policies-ordinances

For more information on highway rules for off-road vehicles go to www.parkrec.nd.gov or www.dot.nd.gov.

GOLF CARTS

Golf carts may be operated on city streets in the City of Casselton **only** under the following conditions and subject to the following restrictions:

- Golf carts may be operated only by persons with valid driver's licenses during daytime travel between the owner's place of residence and the golf course
- Golf cart operators must obey and are subject to all state and local traffic laws that motor vehicles are subject to Golf carts may not be operated on Langer Avenue or 5th Street N, except for the perpendicular crossing of these streets.

FLUSHABLE vs. BIODEGRADABLE

In recent months, the Public Works department has had numerous issues with the lift stations becoming inoperable because of foreign materials clogging the pump.

There have been lots of crazy items found in the lift station. A few examples are rugs, drinking straws twisted in a ball, pet hair, and dead critters. But there have also been a few items like disposable dog pads, rags with nylon mesh, and wet wipes. These items are perceived to be acceptable because they say "flushable" on the label. Please note, ONLY items that are labeled as "biodegradable" should be flushed.

NEW: DOOR TO DOOR SALESMAN NOW ALLOWED IN CASSELTON

Per City Ordinance, door-to-door salesmen will be allowed to solicit for business in the City of Casselton ONLY with a permit from the Auditor's Office.

There will be rigid requirements in the application process and a waiting period to review application, do background checks and receive approval from the City Council.

If a solicitor comes to your door, please verify they have a Casselton Door-to-Door Sales/Solicitation Permit card on a lanyard with a valid signature. The public will be notified when a valid permit is issued. If there are any concerns about the salesman or the validity of their permit, please contact the city office at 701-347-4861 ext. 10.

CITY WIDE EVENTS

City-Wide Rummage Sale: June 1, 2019
(contact Cass County Reporter)

Summerfest: July 25-28, 2019

WATER HUMOR

What did the North Water Tower say to the South Water Tower?

"Water you doing down there?"

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. - I gave him a glass of water.

Why do sharks swim in salt water?

Because pepper water makes them sneeze.

Where do you get 30% of your Agua…? From AGUAfers

Why don't the Amish water ski?

The horses would drown.

MUCH MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:

CITY WEBSITE: www.casselton.com

CITY FACEBOOK PAGE: City of Casselton

CITY EMAILS BY CONTACTING THE CITY AUDITOR AT: cassaudit@casselton.org

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