



City Parks open May 14th!

With spring and the re-opening of the parks fast approaching, the City of Fairmont would like to encourage everyone to take advantage of the great park system the City has to offer. The City maintains 29 parks that feature a wide array of recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Below are some park etiquette reminders to review prior to your next trip to a park.

- **Open-air shelters are available on a first-come first-serve basis.** The enclosed shelters at Cedar Creek, Sylvania and Lincoln Park require reservations. Please contact City Hall regarding availability at 238-9461.
- **Parks close at 11 pm.** As consideration to the neighbors around the parks; no gatherings or shelter usage is allowed during the hours of 11 pm - 7 am.
- **Pets must be on a leash.** Many residents utilize the parks for exercising their pets. All pets must be on a leash and under the control of the owner when using the City parks. The exception to this is the City's new off-leash dog park for use during daylight hours.
- **Please clean-up after yourself and your pets.** The City provides nearly 100 trash containers at sites across the City to properly dispose of trash and pet waste. These trash containers are not for residential dumping. It is a violation of City Code to dump your residential trash in public containers.
- **Park boats and trailers in the designated areas.** The lakes get a lot of use in the summer, so please follow the signage regarding parking to allow for everyone to best utilize our lakes.
- **Be safe.** The Sheriff's Department patrols the lakes in the summer to promote safety. State laws regulate appropriate operation of boats on these waters. Please be educated about boating and be considerate of other boaters as well as the property owners that live on the lake.
- **Please respect the facilities and equipment.** Defacing or damaging public property is a violation of City Code. If you notice any damage, please contact City staff as soon as possible so repairs can be completed.
- **Be courteous to everyone using the parks.** Park areas are provided and maintained for the benefit and pleasure of all citizens and visitors. Treat everyone with respect and kindness.

Please enjoy the City of Fairmont park system and have a great summer!
For a listing of the City parks and amenities at each location, visit
<http://fairmont.org/parks-and-recreation>.



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WHAT IS STORMWATER & WHERE DOES IT GO?

Stormwater is the runoff from rainfall and snow melt. As snow melts and rain hits the ground, it mixes with ground contaminants, i.e. fertilizers and pesticides from lawns; oil, grease and coolants from leaking vehicles; pet waste; and whatever else is on the ground. The polluted runoff then rushes to the storm drains, which do not go to wastewater treatment plants, thus flowing untreated into lakes, rivers and streams.

WHY IS STORM WATER A PROBLEM?

Unmanaged stormwater runoff can cause adverse effects to plants, fish, wildlife, water and people.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Help keep our waters safe, clean and not **GREEN!** For more information on why polluted stormwater is a concern and how to reduce stormwater pollution, visit the Public Works Stormwater Management webpage on the City of Fairmont website.



The 2016 cleanup dates have been set.

An informative flyer and disposal coupons will be mailed out in May.*

* Utility customers that are charged the monthly \$2.00 citywide clean-up fee will receive this information.

June 14
June 18
September 13
September 17

Congratulations on your accomplishment James!



Marty Meixell, Line Department Supervisor, presented a Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry Journey Line Worker Certificate to James Bohlsen for completing the necessary requirements to become a journeyman lineman in Minnesota.

James completed the Northwest Lineman College distance learning 4-year program for electric distribution lineman, earning an "A" letter grade. He also completed 8000 hours of on-the-job training and 144 hours of safety training required by the State.

"James has been and continues to be another great asset for the City of Fairmont and its customers" states Meixell.

City Council

Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays at 5:30 pm
City Hall Council Chambers

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Jim Zarling	238-9303	Ward 3
Terry Anderson	236-4653	Ward 4
Wes Clerc	238-2979	Member-at-Large

City Hall

Office hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont

Mike Humpal	238-3936	City Administrator
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Paul Hoyer	238-3934	Finance Director
Patty Monsen	238-3935	City Clerk
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