



CITY UPDATE

Spring/Summer 2019

Boating Etiquette

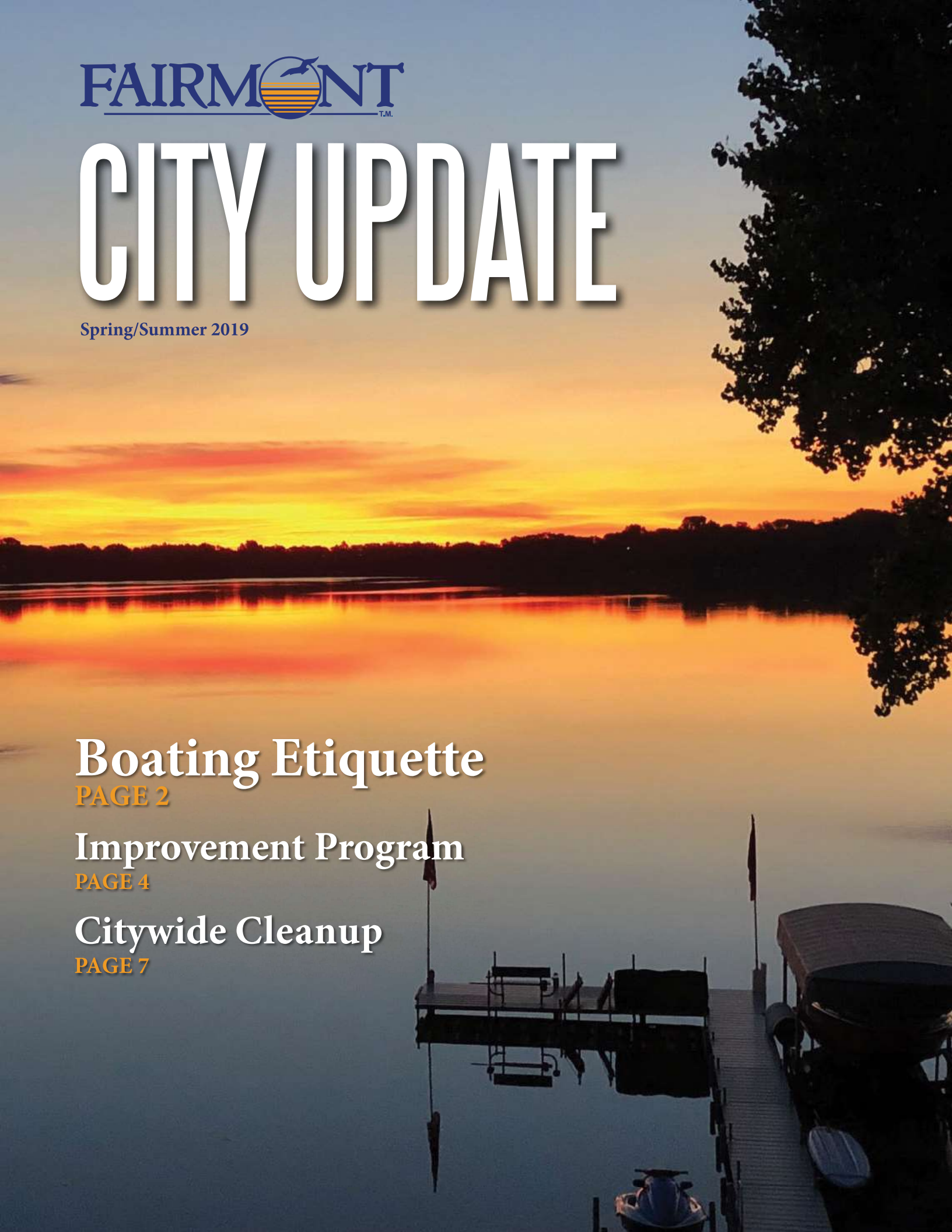
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BOATING ETIQUETTE & SAFETY



Good manners pay off on the water, but they aren't a substitute for knowing and following the rules. Keep these tips in mind while hitting the lakes this summer!

- Never throw trash in the lake. Collect and dispose of trash properly when shore-side. Pollution harms everyone: the fish, wildlife, the shoreline, and the overall ambiance of the boating experience.
- Don't just pack it — wear your jacket. A wearable life jacket is required for each person on-board a boat and **MUST** be worn by children under 10 years old. A throwable flotation device and fire extinguisher are required on-board.
- Stay sober. Booze and boating don't mix.
- Be weather aware. Don't let a storm sneak up on you.
- Clean In, Clean Out. Clean all aquatic plants and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailer and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland. Pull drain plugs before leaving water access or shoreline property. Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.
- Avoid “power loading” - using the motor to load and unload a boat on and off a trailer. Power loading can cause damage to launch ramps that may not be visible from the water's surface. Additionally, the eroded material is deposited beyond the ramp creating a mound, causing future loading/unloading issues.
- Additional Minnesota Department of Natural Resource boat and water safety information can be found on our website.

www.fairmont.org/boating



SHELTER HOUSE RENTALS

Family gatherings. Class reunions. If it's worth celebrating, make sure you have the perfect backdrop. From weddings to memorials, graduations to just-because, the City of Fairmont offers numerous reserved and first-come first-served spaces to help make your event a memorable one. Contact 507-238-9461 to make your reservation today.

www.fairmont.org/rentals

PARKS & TRAILS

With 29 parks and 6 miles of trails, there are more than enough spaces to explore this season. Visit the link below for numerous trail maps, park amenity listings and more.

www.fairmont.org/trails



FOR THE SAKE OF THE LAKE!

- Do not blow grass clippings into the street
- State law prohibits phosphorous fertilizer
- Preserve ground cover to promote erosion control
- Avoid using chemicals and soaps on driveways
- Keep leaves, grass and dirt off streets and sidewalks
- Pick up after your pet

RECREATIONAL FIRES

Recreational fires are allowed without a permit in the City of Fairmont. Please follow these provisions:

- Maximum size of 2' high x 3' in diameter
- Must be 25' from all buildings or combustible materials, such as wood, paper and plastics
- Must be attended until extinguished or completely burnt out
- Materials permitted to burn include wood from trees, small branches, brush, or charcoal

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

There will be a lot of activity this summer; several streets will be under construction and detours will be in place. For everyone's safety, please use caution when driving around or near construction zones.

Project areas for 2019 include:

- Winnebago Avenue from Highway 15 to the east
- 4th Street from Prairie Avenue to Highway 15
- Old Pioneer Bridge replacement between Lake Sisseton and George
- City parking lot F (south of Human Services building)
- Day Farm recreation trail
- Burton Lane from South Perimeter to North Perimeter Drive
- Albion Avenue from Interlaken Road to Lake Aires Road
- Lynn Street from E Interlaken Road to dead end
- Cedar Creek Park trail loop

Additionally, there will be several small projects taking place in the City Parks and the City Street Department will be patching streets and filling cracks prior to the late summer seal coating projects. Construction can be an inconvenience; thank you in advance for your patience.



DON'T BLOW GRASS IN THE STREET!

Please keep yard debris off the sidewalks and streets to:

- Prevent yard debris from entering the City's storm sewer system, which prevents debris from entering the lakes
- Alleviate drainage and flooding issues in our neighborhoods
- Improve the water quality in our lakes, minimizing the growth of algae

What to do?

- When mowing, blow grass away from the street for the first 2 or 3 passes
- If grass/debris ends up in the street, blow or sweep it back onto your yard
- Compost your clippings by taking them to the Leaf/Brush Dump (Travel west on Lair Road, crossing over County Road 39. Continue on 100th Street for 1 mile. The dump is on the north side of the road)
- Leave clippings on the lawn to naturally break down (this is like free fertilizer)

"It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit in any street or any other public place any solid waste including nails, dirt, glass, tin cans, metal scraps, garbage, shreds or rubbish, grass clippings, or to empty any water containing salt or other injurious chemical thereon." *Fairmont City Code Section 22-21.*

GRASS & WEEDS

Grass or weeds allowed to grow to a height greater than **6 inches** is a violation of Fairmont City Code.

Continuing in 2019, Administrative Citations (a fine of \$50) will be issued for properties found to be in violation. In addition, the City will make mowing arrangements and assess the charges to the property owner for non-compliance.

**For additional information, call
507-238-3933**

DISPOSAL OF BIODEGRADABLE VEGETATION

With spring in full swing and summer just around the corner, many of us have begun cleaning up our yards. Please dispose of brush and other biodegradable vegetation at the leaf/brush dump.

Leaf/Brush Dump: Travel west on Lair Road, crossing over County Road 39. Continue on 100th Street for 1 mile. The dump is on the north side of the road.

Availability:

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Disposal Instructions:

- Place leaves/biodegradable plants in the compost area (west pile)
- Branches, sticks and tree limbs should be placed in the tree area (east pile)
- Please do not box or bag your vegetation nor dump garbage at the site. Abuse of the site may result in closure.



PETS & PARKS

Here are a few simple rules to ensure that you, your pet and other visitors enjoy the City of Fairmont Parks.

Pets must be:

Kept on a leash | Cleaned up after
Under physical control of the owner



ENERGY EFFICIENT REBATES

Buy with energy efficiency in mind! Residents who purchase ENERGY STAR® LED bulbs and fixtures, clothes washers, dishwashers, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners are encouraged to apply for rebates. Get paid to save energy!

www.fairmont.org/rebates

Fairmont Area CALENDAR

CITYWIDE CLEANUP

Get rid of unwanted, unused appliances, electronics and tires at the upcoming cleanup events. Fairmont Cleanup Coupons will be accepted, and additional items can be disposed of for a nominal fee.

June 11: 9am - 3pm • June 15: 9am - Noon • September 10: 9am - 1pm • September 14: 9am - Noon

Martin County Highway Department: 1200 Marcus Street, Fairmont

Can't make the cleanup events or have a question on disposal? Contact Prairieland Solid Waste 507-776-3232

fairmont.org/solidwaste

FAIRMONT NIGHT OUT

The Fairmont Police Department will be hosting their annual "Fairmont Night Out" on **August 6, 2019**.

Visit fairmontpolice.org for more details.

SATURDAY MORNINGS WITH THE CITY

Engage with the City Council, City Staff and community residents in casual, meaningful conversations aimed at strengthening relationships between the community and local government at the quarterly "Saturday Mornings with the City" events.

Date	Location	Featured Topic
August 10	Ward Park Shelter House	The Role of the City Clerk
November 16	Southern Minnesota Educational Campus	City of Fairmont's Budget

Find daily happenings throughout Fairmont and the surrounding communities at fairmontareacalendar.com

City Council

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

Debbie Foster	236-8322	Mayor
Tom Hawkins	238-3678	Council Member At-Large
Bruce Peters	238-4507	Ward 1
Ruth Cyphers	236-2710	Ward 2
Randy Lubenow	236-3862	Ward 3
Wayne Hasek	399-9292	Ward 4

City Hall

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

Mike Humpal	238-3936	City Administrator
Paul Hoyer	238-3934	Finance Director
Patty Monsen	238-3935	City Clerk
Troy Nemmers	238-3942	Public Works Director/City Engineer
Michael Hunter	238-3178	Police Chief

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