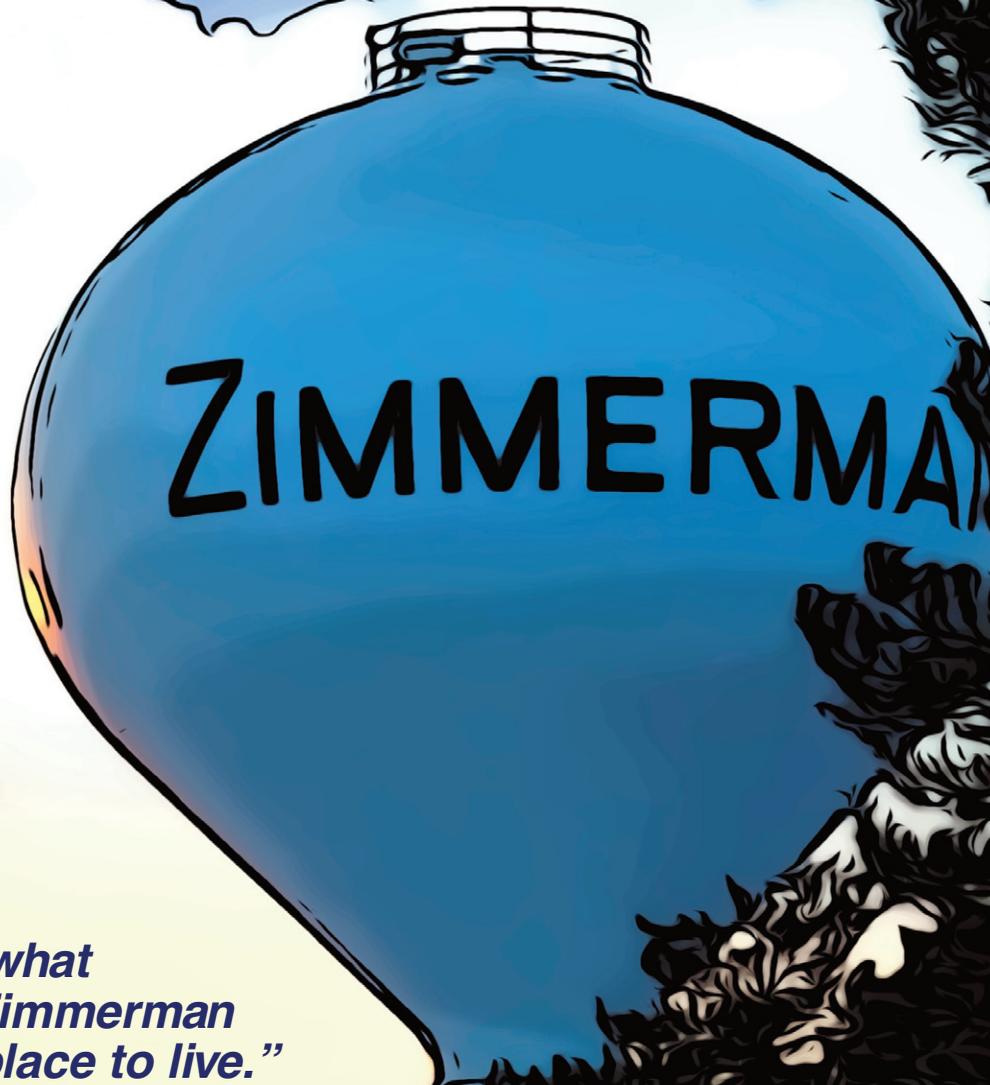


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From Where I Sit « by Mayor Nick Stay

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly changed the world since our last newsletter was published. Governor Walz issued a “Stay At Home” directive in March that likely will extend into May. Schools and several local businesses and employers are closed, churches are unable to hold in-person worship services and many of our friends and neighbors have been furloughed or lost their jobs. Please know there is support available in our community to help those in need. ISD #728 is providing lunch service to school age children at Zimmerman Elementary, and I would encourage you to use this resource if it is helpful for your family. Area churches are coordinating help to those who may be isolated by delivering food and other necessary items for daily living. Passing the Bread continues to hold monthly food distributions, with the next one scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. If you have friends or family in need, please encourage them to reach out,

as there are resources in place to help during this time.

At a City level, we are working to continue “business as usual” although our current service model looks a bit different than “normal”. City services are still being provided to the best of our abilities. All non-essential meetings (Park Board, Planning Commission) have been cancelled until May 1, 2020. Public Works staff is working split shifts and limited hours, depending on job location and responsibilities. City Hall staff are all still working, however, City Hall is closed to the public until May 1 as well. Staff are available by phone or email Monday through Thursday with specific contact information available on our website (www.zimmerman.govoffice.com). The City Council is still meeting according to our regular meeting schedule, although – new to us – we are conducting our meetings via Zoom. Interesting and

different, but very effective! These steps were taken to ensure a continued level of city service while protecting both the public and employees from unnecessary exposure. In addition, City parks remain open, however playground equipment and “high touch areas” are closed. We encourage you to use public parks and open spaces but please practice social distancing and personal responsibility when out of your homes.

I speak for the entire Council when I say I appreciate all the community is doing to take care of each other throughout this time. You are what makes Zimmerman a great place to live. •



Nick Stay

- Mayor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2020 ELECTIONS!

The State Primary Election will be held on August 11, 2020, with the General Election scheduled for November 3, 2020. In addition to Federal and State offices on the General ballot, the City will hold a municipal election in 2020. Residents will vote to elect the Mayor and two City Council members. Filing for office begins in August. Election information is always posted on the City’s website, the cable access channel, and advertised in the Elk River Star News, the City’s Official Newspaper.

The City of Zimmerman is divided into two election precincts. Residents living north of County Road 4 (Fremont Avenue) are designated as Precinct 1 and vote at the Sheriff’s Department Public Safety Building located at 26750 – 5th Street West. Residents living south of County Road 4 (Fremont Avenue) are assigned to Precinct 2. Precinct 2 voters vote at Refuge Evangelical Free Church located at 25620 – 4th Street West.

Absentee Voting

Residents unable to vote in person on Election Day for any reasons are encouraged to vote by absentee ballot. Absentee Voting can be done by mail or in person through the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer’s Office. For more information, call the Sherburne County Election Manager at 763-765-4351.



Election Judges

Election judges play a vital role in conducting voting activities for local, state and federal elections. The City is looking for 20 persons, including 2 Head Election judges, that can help with voting in the fall Primary and General Elections. In addition to assisting at the polls on Election Day, judges are also required to attend a 2-hour election judge training through the

Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer’s Office.

All time served during state election is paid by the City. Election Judges are appointed by the City Council in June.

To be an election judge, you must be:

- Eligible to vote in the state of Minnesota
- Affiliated with a major political party
- Able to speak, read and write English
- Appointed by the City Council

Election judges cannot be the spouse, parent, child or sibling of any election judge serving in the precinct, nor can a judge be a candidate, or

the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any candidate on the ballot in the precinct in which they serve.

If you are interested in filing for office, serving as an election judge, or have general election questions, contact City Clerk/Treasurer Kary Tillmann at 763.856.4666, x. 22, or at ktillmann@cityofzimmerman.com. •



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Employee Happenings!

On March 13, 2020, Wastewater Plant Operator Mike Gwynn celebrated 20 years of service to the City of Zimmerman! Congratulations on this milestone, Mike!!! And thanks for keeping things running smoothly in the City!



Mike

Jason Stanius began working in the Public Works Department on March 16. He has lived in the area most of his life, and for the past 20 years has helped his parents run their campground on Blue Lake. Jason comes to the City from ISD #15 (St. Francis Schools) where he served for 4 years as the Lead Facility Maintenance Supervisor, maintaining school grounds and fields. When Jason has free time, he likes to spend it at his parent's campground, hunt, fish, and ride his motorcycles.



Jason



Keith

Keith Koehler, Public Works Director, celebrated 5 years of service with the City on April 6th. Keith was hired in 2015 as the Operations Coordinator in the Public Works Department and was promoted to Public Works Director in 2018 when Dave Johnson retired. Thank you for all your hard work, Keith. You are appreciated!

The month of March was a busy one in the Public Works Department with three new Maintenance Technicians starting employment with the City. Jay Stewart started on March 9th. Jay has been a resident of the Zimmerman area for over 5 years and loves the community. In his free time, Jay enjoys spending time with family and being outdoors hunting, fishing and four-wheeling. Jay is also a volunteer Firefighter for the City of Princeton and enjoys giving back to the community.



Jay



Jon

Jon Niebuhr's first day as a Maintenance Technician was March 30th. Jon was born and raised outside LaCrosse, Wisconsin. He has a background in mechanics, railroad repair and building maintenance. Jon and his wife recently built a home in Zimmerman and they are excited to establish roots in the community. In his spare time, Jon enjoys mountain biking, working in his yard and traveling. He is looking forward to learning the ins and outs of the City and being part of a team committed to making the City better.

On March 2, the City Council recognized Finance Technician Teri Grote for 15 years of service to the City. If you've ever called City Hall with a question about your water bill, you've talked to Teri. Teri handles our utility billing process from start to finish and provides excellent support for all other functions at City Hall. Thank you, Teri, for all you do -- we're glad you're here! •



Teri

Calendar Parking Restriction Lifted

City Code prohibits on-street parking between 12:01 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. from November 1st through May 1st. However, in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, many residents likely have more licensed drivers in their homes considering schools are closed and college and university students may have been forced to return home. In response to COVID-19 and Governor Walz's "Stay Home" directive, the City Council has suspended calendar parking restrictions effective immediately through May 1. Please use caution if parking on streets and do not block driveway entrances, fire hydrants or intersections. •



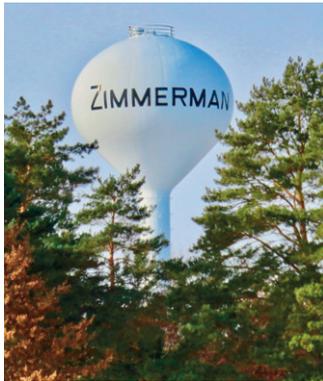
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TUESDAY - THURSDAY
7:00AM - 5:30PM

FRIDAY - CLOSED

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APRIL

City Council Meeting	April 6	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
COW Meeting	April 13	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Severe Weather Awareness Week	April 13-17		
Local Board of Appeal & Equalization	April 13	9:00 a.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	April 20	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	April 25	9-11 a.m.	UMA Bldg

MAY

City Council Meeting	May 4	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	May 5	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
Zimmerman Community Garage Sale	May 9		City Wide
COW Meeting	May 11	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	May 11	3-6:00 p.m.	County Public Works
City Council Meeting	May 18	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Memorial Day	May 25		City Offices Closed
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	May 30	9-11 a.m.	UMA Bldg

JUNE

City Council Meeting	June 1	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	June 2	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Fire Department Golf Tournament	June TBD	12:00 Noon	Fairway Shores Course
COW Meeting	June 8	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	June 15	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Passing the Bread Food Distribution	June 27	9-11 a.m.	UMA Bldg
Chamber Golf Tournament	June TBD	12:00 Noon	Princeton Golf Course

Ballfield Advertising Opportunity

Take advantage of this inexpensive opportunity to display your company name and message on a Softball Field Backboard. Local sports participants will be sure to remember you and support your business. You can provide your own 4'X8' sign or one can be custom designed for approximately \$275.00. The yearly fee to display your advertisement is only \$100.00 and the funds collected help defray the cost of maintaining the park.

For more information on how you can get your sign installed before the scheduled baseball season begins, contact Sara at 763-856-4666 ext. 21 or email: zimmermancityhall@cityofzimmerman.com. There are still a few prime spots available on our main field, don't delay—call NOW! •



Census Workers Still Needed!

The U.S. Census Bureau continues to accept applications for temporary part-time positions with the 2020 Census. According to the U.S. Census Bureau the state will need to fill a total of 7,500

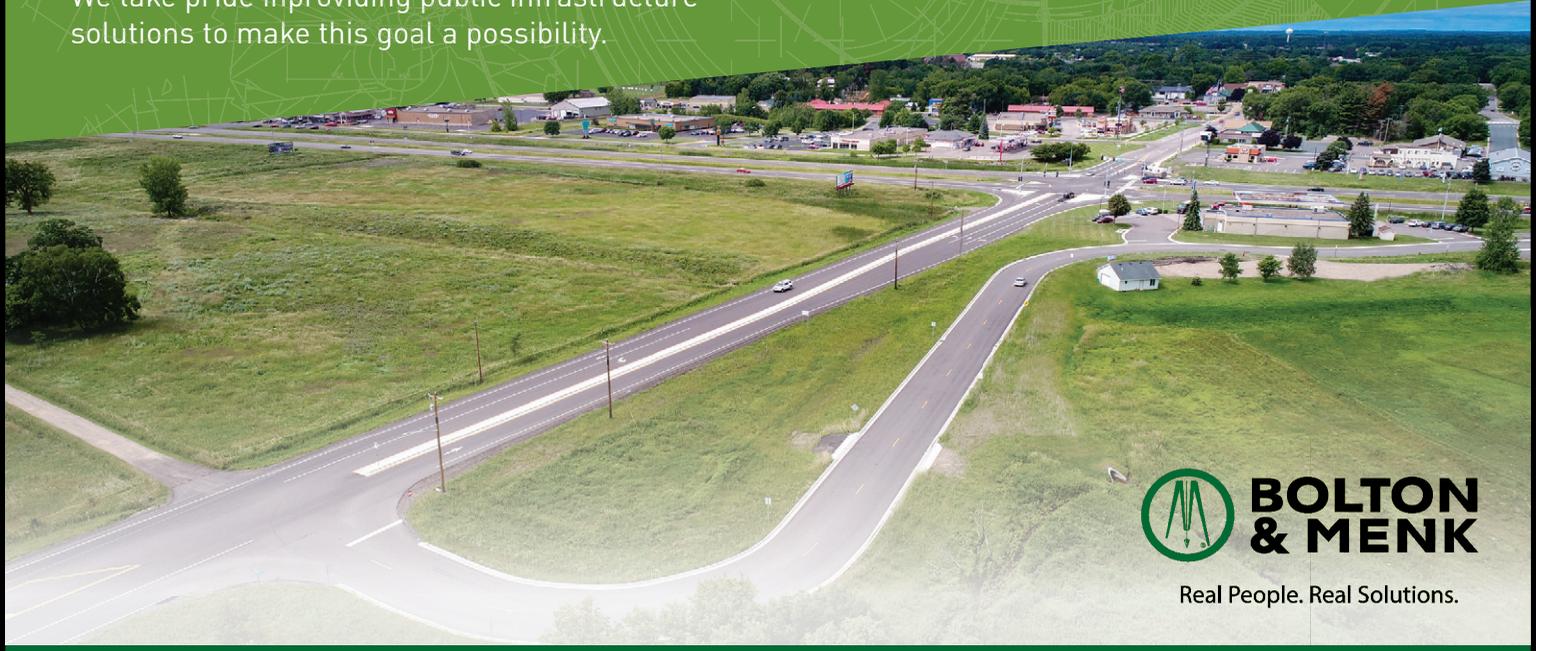


census worker positions to complete the 2020 Census.

A complete and accurate count of our area will ultimately rely on making sure there are enough census workers in our community. The Census Bureau is hiring for a range of temporary, flexible jobs that make a difference in every community. The 2020 Census determines how more than a trillion dollars are spent locally for schools, roads, hospitals and much more. That means you could earn extra income while shaping your community's future. Pay starts at \$22/hour in Sherburne County. Learn more and apply at 2020census.gov/jobs. •

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Message about Wild West Days from the Zimmerman Community Club

Dear Zimmerman Wild West Days community,

This is a heartbreaking letter to sit down and try to put together. With all the Covid-19 upset, the Zimmerman Community Club has made the hard decision to cancel Wild West Days this year. It was better to make this decision sooner than later. Our vendors, attendees and volunteers health are our main focus and of course not to spread this fast spreading illness. We feel with the response from the community that canceling



Zimmerman Community Club

and coming back next year with a bigger event then ever would be beneficial for everyone involved.

Our community is so great and we know with some great ideas and help we can have some

smaller events to make this unsettling time pass by. I know there are a ton of people who look forward to Wild West Days every year. With that being said, we would love to try and host a classic car and bike run from Zimmerman into the surrounding areas, try a movie in the park, and still try to put on the AMAZING display of fireworks over the Memorial Weekend.

We will be hosting future events later in the year, make sure to follow us on Facebook for updates!

Thank you for your time and support of Wild West Days! We can't wait to see you all next year!

Kind regards,
The Zimmerman Community Club



Passing The Bread Continues Serving Area Residents

Greetings Everyone from Passing The Bread.

We are happy to announce we will be able to continue to serve the Zimmerman and Princeton communities with food distributions. Passing The Bread is going to make these changes to future distributions.

Please note, only authorized personnel will be allowed in the distribution center, our doors will be locked, and no clients



will be allowed inside. Food will be prepackaged and clients arriving Saturday mornings will be instructed to line up on 5th Street West, not enter the parking lot, and not get out of their cars. A volunteer will meet clients at their vehicles and will fill out the application for them. Clients don't need to touch the applications and will not be asked to sign them.

When the clients' number comes up, they will be instructed to drive up to the big door and a volunteer will load their food.

To make a monetary donation or to view the needs list go to www.passingthebread.com/donate

Faith Pantry Continues Serving Area Residents



Faith Pantry serves area residents every Thursday at 9am at Faith Community Lutheran Church at 12266 255th Avenue. No income or residency requirements. When you come, stay in your car. Pull up to entrance and volunteer will place box of pre-selected food in your back seat or trunk. See www.faithclc.com for specific details.

Need to apply for Financial or Health Care Assistance?

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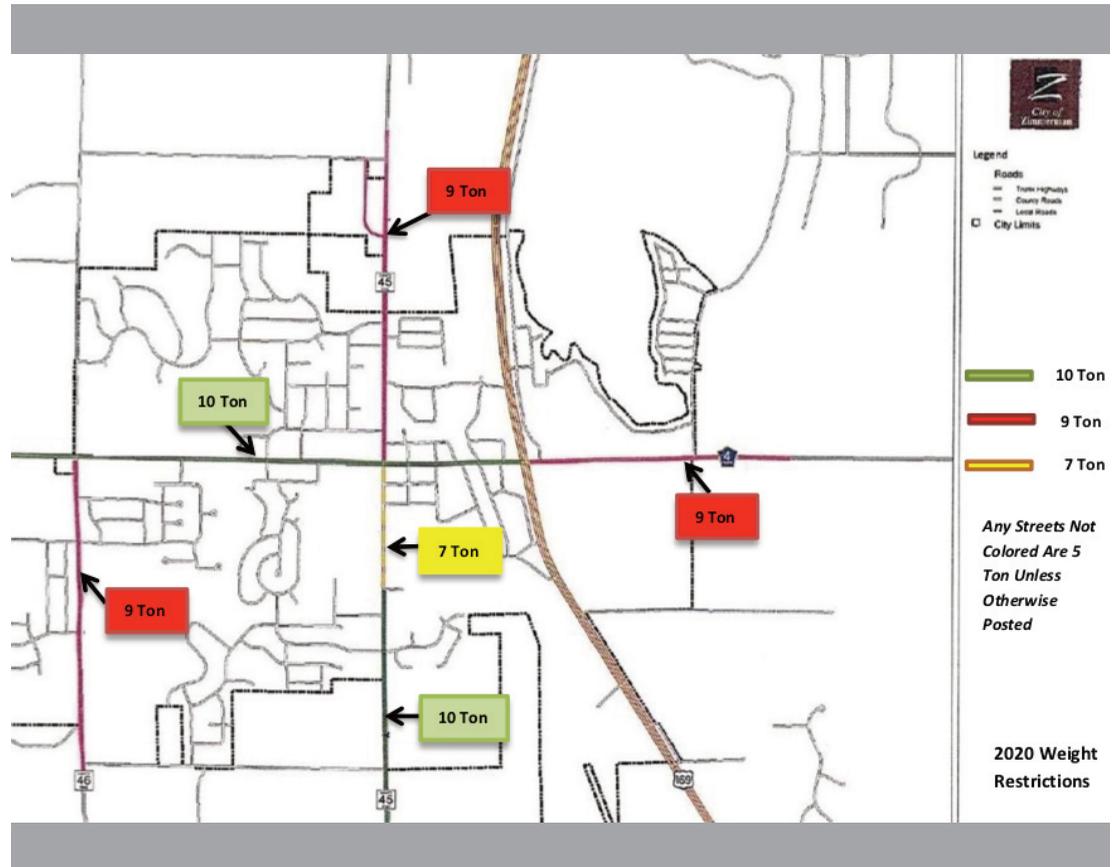
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Spring Seasonal Weight Restrictions

The City of Zimmerman has established seasonal weight restrictions for commercial vehicles on city streets effective March 9th at 12:01 am. The restrictions are enacted in cooperation as part of a statewide effort to protect roadways during the vulnerable spring months. Seasonal load limits will likely remain in effect for eight weeks depending on the direction from the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The two primary causes for premature deterioration of asphalt streets are weather and traffic. As the frost is leaving the ground during the spring thaw, the gravel under the street has high moisture content which affects the load carrying capacity of the asphalt pavement. In order to prolong the service life of the streets and highways axle weight restrictions are imposed.

Exceptions to the seasonal load limits in Zimmerman are emergency vehicles and school buses. All other vehicles, including but not limited to garbage trucks and general construction vehicles and equipment, must follow the posted weight limits. •



Questions on seasonal weight restrictions, call City Hall 763-856-4666, ext. 21.

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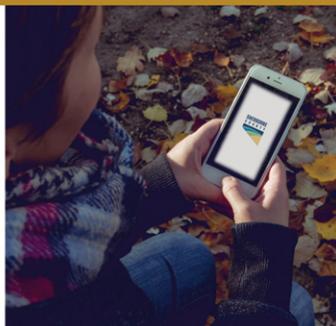
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