

The City Council: The next City Council meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 at 6:15pm at City Hall.

The Caring Community Group: Would like to say “thank you” to all businesses who donated to the drawings at the community breakfast in December. A good time was had by all! Both Bethel Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church are involved in the Caring Community Group. Thanks to all who put it together, also! And thanks to the Round Lake Community Center for the awesome venue to hold our gathering and all the hard work to make it special for the kids!

Dog License: 2020 dog licenses are due! Please stop down to City Hall and pay the \$2.00 per dog to satisfy your responsibility as part of the Round Lake community. It’s in our ordinances that all dogs need to be **licensed** and on a **LEASH AT ALL TIMES!!!!** Thank you. You will need to show proof of rabies shots for all dogs that you buy a license for, I can make a copy of your info at City Hall. PLEASE remember to pick up after your dog when taking them for a walk and they do their business. Respect others in the community by taking care of your animal. Thanks! We have lots of complaints about dogs running loose, make sure they are secure!

REMINDER! Snow Season: City ordinance states “no vehicles or other items are to be parked on the street during snowfall, until **AFTER** snow removal is done”. **PLEASE** honor this ordinance! Having vehicles parked on the street makes it dangerous for the plow drivers and risks damage to your vehicles. Thank you in advance! Do **NOT** push or blow snow onto your neighbor’s property, it’s disrespectful and they don’t appreciate it. **City Ordinance states that you are not to blow snow into City streets, either.** Clear snow around mailboxes to make it easier to deliver the mail, we all need to work together to make the winter months better for all of us!

Gas Meter & Carbon Monoxide Safety: Remember to keep your gas meter clear of snow and ice for your family’s safety! See enclosed flyer for safety tips regarding carbon monoxide also!

City Hall: City Hall will be **CLOSED** for Martin Luther King, Jr Day on **Monday, January 20th, 2020!**

Round Lake American Legion: Pancake breakfast will be served on **Sunday, January 5th from 8:00am-Noon!** Show your community pride and let them cook for you. Cheapest meal around! It’s worth the drive.

Natural Gas Customers: If you are planning to install a standby generator for power outages, you **MUST CONTACT CITY HALL BEFORE YOU INSTALL IT!!!!** There are special requirements that must be met for these generators and you may need a different meter as well. Call Derek at City Hall, if you are planning to install a standby generator! 507-945-8127



If you have one of these near your house, please dig it out! Help the City keep hydrants free of snow during the winter months. In an emergency, you will be glad you did!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! HAPPY NEW YEAR! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

See the back of this page for The Greater Round Lake Community Association flyer of upcoming events!



**The Greater Round Lake
Community Association
Round Lake Community Center**

January Newsletter

**Monthly Board Meeting
January 6 – 6:00 p.m.**



WINTER BLAHS KARAOKE PARTY!!

First annual Karaoke Party hosted by Pat & Theresa Riley / Greater Round Lake Community Association
February 8th from 6:00-11:00 p.m.

Round Lake Community Center - 445 Harrison Street
Join us for a FREE karaoke fun night. Concessions will be provided by the Community Center. Free will donations are always accepted but not required!

Sign up for classes on-line now! For more information SEE X-treme Tae Kwon Do @ xtremetkd.rl or find us on Facebook! Or call 507-360-0733 if you are interested in taking a class!

Movie Matinees: FREE Movie Matinee will be held on January 18th. We will be showing HAPPY FEET! Popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase. 120" screen and surround sound with comfortable seating. Join us for the fun!

VALENTINE'S DINNER THEATER!!

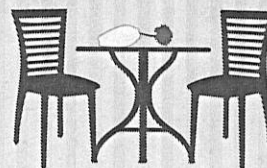
February 14th and 15th - 6:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Supper to be followed by a wonderfully lighthearted comedy that follows a series of blind dates that can't get any worse---until they do!!

Spaghetti, lettuce salad, garlic toast, and dessert. Beverages provided.

**Check
Please**

Jonathan Rand

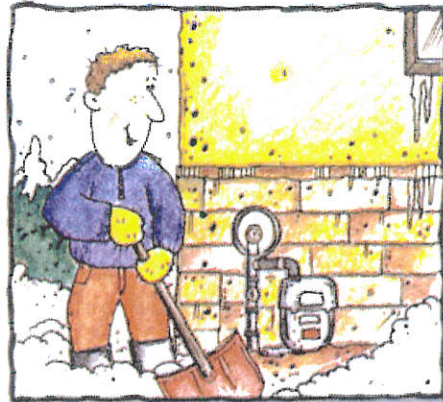


Tickets available at Hy-Vee Foods beginning on January 18th. Or call 507-360-0733.

\$18.00/ ticket.

ONLY 50 seats are available for each performance.

Keep Gas Meters and Appliance Vents Clear of Snow and Ice



Homeowners are strongly encouraged to carefully clear snow from your natural gas meter and furnace vent.

Snow build-up can cause the meter or gas appliance, like a furnace or hot water heater, to malfunction. If a vent is blocked, carbon monoxide could build up in your home. A blocked vent could also cause a furnace or hot water heater to stop working.

Customers should use a broom or their hands to remove snow from a meter. Do not use a shovel because the hard tip could break the meter.

Newer furnaces and water heaters vent out the side of a home, instead of the top. Customers need to make sure sidewall vents and the roof top vents are clear of snow and ice.

Customers should also be aware of the dangers and risks of carbon monoxide (CO). The risk of illness or death from carbon monoxide increases in the winter. Every home or business should have at least one working CO monitor inside.

Important safety tips:

- Don't pile snow on or near the meter when shoveling or using a snow blower
- Use your hands or a brush, not a shovel, to clear snow and ice from the meter
- Never bang on the meter or pipes
- Don't let dripping water or freezing rain build up on the meter. The vent can become plugged when ice and snow melt during the day and refreeze at night
- Carefully remove icicles hanging above the meter
- Check furnace and water heater exhaust pipes. If an exhaust pipe is blocked, the furnace or water heater could malfunction or stop working

Heavy snow and ice can affect natural gas meters

The City of Round Lake reminds customers not to forget about clearing snow and ice from your gas meters as well as your furnace vents and other vents around your home.

Heavy snow accumulation can cover natural gas meters. Natural gas meters have regulators and a vent to allow gas to escape. If the vent is blocked, your gas system could malfunction.

New energy-efficient furnaces and water heaters vent out the side of a home, instead of the top. If either the side wall vent or the roof top vent becomes blocked, the furnace or water heater could stop working and create a build-up of carbon monoxide

Carbon Monoxide is Deadly

Customers should also be aware of the dangers and risks of carbon monoxide. The risk of illness or death increases in the winter. Every home should have at least one working CO monitor in the home.

If the CO alarm sounds or you or family members are having symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help by dialing **911** from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel arrives.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning---dizziness, shortness of breath, headaches, confusion, nausea and fainting.

Important safety tips

- *Don't pile snow on or near the meter when shoveling or using a snow blower
- *Use your hands or a brush (not a shovel) to clear snow and ice from meter
- *Don't let dripping water or freezing rain build up on the meter. The vent can become plugged when ice and snow melt during the day and refreeze at night
- *Never bang on the meter or pipes
- *Carefully remove icicles hanging above the meter
- *Check your furnace and water heater exhaust pipes. If an exhaust pipe is blocked, the furnace or water heater could malfunction or stop working or carbon monoxide could fill your home.

**If you smell gas in or outside your home, call City Hall (507-945-8127).
Any questions, call Derek Nelson Gas Supervisor at 507-360-3096**