

Fosston CITY NEWS

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Did You Know?



Fosston Offers Housing Incentives!

Rehab Grant: Renovate a home vacant for 12+ months and get a \$2,500 grant for repairs like roofing and landscaping.

Build in Fosston: Get a \$5,000 rebate, \$500 utility credit, and free natural gas hookup, free cable for 1 year, and one year free passes for swimming, school activities, golf, and summer rec (12 & under).

Aspen Addition Bonus: \$5,000 lot discount available.

Buy in Fosston: New residents can purchase a home and enjoy a \$200 utility credit, 3 months free broadband, and one year free passes for swimming, school activities, golf, and summer rec (12 & under).

Contact Fosston City hall to learn more!

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule Protection Ends April 30th

If you are struggling to pay your utility bills this winter and have not arranged a payment plan with Fosston Municipal Utilities, your service may be disconnected on May 1st.

Assistance may be available through state or federal fuel assistance programs. To check eligibility and apply, contact: **Inter County Community Council: 218-796-5144** or **Polk County Social Services: 435-1585**. If you do not qualify for assistance, please reach out to Fosston Municipal Utilities at 435-1737 by April 26th to set up a payment plan.

Greetings from the Fosston Police Department

Spring has sprung! Now that the weather is warming up a bit, I see many of our students are now walking or riding their bicycles to school. Please be on the lookout for this and give some extra care to driving around the schools. Also, a reminder to parents of young children to please educate your child on the importance of looking both ways before crossing the streets as before and after school is a busy traffic time. They should also be sure to wear a bicycle helmet.

I have noticed around town that we have lots of people walking their dogs, which is great. Good for us and our pets to stretch our legs and get some exercise. Please make sure that you have a leash on the dog when you are off your property. Fosston ordinance requires that when the dog owner is off their property, that they have the dog controlled by leash, cord, chain or otherwise restrained or confined.

MAY IS FOSTON'S CLEAN-UP MONTH

Spring Cleaning time is here! During the month of May, the city will pick up items residents can't haul themselves. Pickup is available on Thursdays and Fridays—just call City Hall at 435-1959 to request a pickup and provide a description of your items.

PET REGISTRATION: WHY IT MATTERS

All dogs and cats six months and older living within city limits must have an up-to-date rabies vaccination and be registered with the city.

Registration is \$5.00 per pet. Stop by city hall with proof of vaccine to get pets registered.

- ◆ Registrations are good as long as vaccines are valid.
Remember: When your pet gets a rabies booster, it's time to renew their registration at City Hall!

Why is registration important?

- ✓ Helps return lost pets - *If your pet gets loose, their registration tag makes it easier to bring them home.*
- ✓ Keeps the community safe - *A registered pet means a vaccinated pet, reducing health risks for everyone.*

What happens if a pet is found unregistered and running loose?

- ✗ It will be taken to the animal boarding facility.
- ✗ Proof of rabies vaccination (or an updated shot) and city registration are required before release.
- ✗ Boarding fees will apply.

Keeping your pet under control

Warmer weather means more time outside! Please **keep your pet on a leash or contained.** If a bite or injury were to happen involving your pet, it may, after investigation, be deemed potentially dangerous or dangerous.

If this happens, the consequences may include:

- ◆ Mandatory quarantine
- ◆ Micro-chipping
- ◆ A warning sign posted in your yard
- ◆ Proof of liability insurance
- ◆ A significantly higher annual registration fee (hundreds of dollars)

Each case is taken seriously, so let's all do our part to keep pets and people safe. Register your pet today and enjoy a worry-free spring and summer!



FOSSTON CITY-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE WEEKEND IS JUNE 6-7.



To get your sale on the map contact the 13 Towns (13towns@gvtel.com or 218-435-1313) by May 16.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Fosston Police

Fosston Police Dept. is seeking a Patrol Officer, offering competitive pay & excellent benefits.

Prairie Pines Childcare Center

Lead teacher & Summer School Age Program lead teacher.

Summer Rec

Must be 15+ years old, enjoy working with kids, be responsible, and willing to take on various tasks.

See www.fosston.com/jobs for more info.

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14 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**
(City Hall) - 7PM

19 **EASTER EGG HUNT**
(Elementary school yard) Ages 0-12

26 **COMMUNITY CONCERT**
Jonny Holm Band (Ventures) 7PM

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1-30 **CLEAN UP MONTH**

CONTACT THE CITY

Police/Fire emergency: 911
Police non-emergency: 218-435-6611
General Information: 218-435-1959
City Hall Hours: 8:00-4:30 M-F

