

August 2020 City News

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Construction Progress Report

The 2020 Street & Utility Improvement project included sewer and watermain reconstruction with road reconstruction on Eaton Avenue North between 4th St NE and 8th St NE. The project also includes several spot repairs throughout the city slated for completion this Fall.

Hagen Construction, Inc was awarded the low bid for the project in the amount of \$631,024.54, approximately \$119,000 below engineers estimate. Crews began work on May 26th and are making good progress. The project is anticipated to be complete ahead of the October 31st deadline.

In April the City issued a General Obligation Improvement bond for \$853,000, series 2020A to pay for the construction and associated engineering costs of the project.



3rd Annual Chalk Walk

Saturday, September 12th

10:00 a.m.

Kingo Lutheran Church Parking Lot—220 Johnson Ave North

4 age categories will be judged

Fosston bucks to 1st -3rd place winners

Sponsored by the Fosston Star Committee

Coming Events

- ✓ City Council—
Monday, August 10, 7p.m.
- ✓ Labor Day—
Monday, September 7—City Departments Closed.
- ✓ Yard of the week continues through August 10th.
- ✓ Chalk Walk—
Saturday, September 12 10a.m.
- ✓ Light up the Night—Friday, November 20th.



Bicycle Safety

Bicycles

- Follow the law - obey all traffic signs and signals. Ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Be predictable - maintain a straight course and avoid weaving between parked cars.
- Communicate your intent - look, yield to traffic and signal before turning or changing lanes.
- Use extreme caution near commercial vehicles - pass only on the left and recognize drivers' blind spots.
- See and be seen - wear bright colors, reflective gear and use head and tail lights.
- Protect yourself - wear a helmet.
- Stick to roads and trails - sidewalk riding puts you at risk for crashes at driveways and intersections. Always yield to pedestrians.
- Avoid distracted bicycling - put away mobile devices and headphones.



Motorists

- Be patient when passing a bicyclist - slow down and pass only when it's safe. Allow clearance of at least three feet.
- Look before you merge - check mirrors and blind spots before changing lanes.
- Be on the lookout - watch for and yield to bicyclists before making a turn.
- Use extra caution around young bicyclists - children's movements can be unpredictable.
- Be respectful - don't speed past a bicyclist to make an upcoming right turn. It's easy to misjudge how fast bicyclists are traveling.
- Exit your vehicle safely - look for bicyclists before opening your car door.
- Think before you honk - honking may startle a bicyclist and cause a crash.
- Stay alert and avoid distracted driving - put away mobile devices, food and makeup.

*Courtesy of Minnesota Department of Health

NATURAL GAS SERVICE LINE INSTALLATIONS

If you are interested in converting your home heating or appliances to natural gas, the City of Fosston will be installing natural gas service lines this fall. The cost for installation of a natural gas service line in the City will be \$200. Please contact the Fosston Municipal Utilities office at 435-1737 by September 11th or stop by City Hall and complete a natural gas service agreement.

