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OAKPORT ANNEXATION INSIGHTS

October 2014

Information for Oakport Tract 2 Residents

Resident "To Do" List

As the City of Moorhead and Oakport Tract 2 residents prepare for annexation on January 1, 2015, here are a few action items and reminders:

☐ Trash collection/ Transition Steps:

Trash Day:

- **Tuesdays.** Regular garbage will be collected weekly on Tuesdays beginning January 6. Recycling will be collected every other Tuesday beginning January 6 (Recycling route B).

Containers:

- **Sign up by November 1** to select your container size (48, 64, or 96 gallon) www.cityofmoorhead.com/oakport. You'll receive an email confirmation within 48 hours of your submittal. If you do not sign up by November 1, you will receive a 64 gallon tote. Containers will be delivered by December 1. Exchange fees are \$20 for delivery and \$10 if exchanged at the Solid Waste Transfer Station. Questions? Call us at **218.299.5347**
- Recycling bins are \$5 prior to October 31; price increases to \$10 on November 1, 2014. Recycling is optional but encouraged.
- **Cancel** your private garbage contract to align with the City service beginning January 6, 2015.



☐ Insurance:

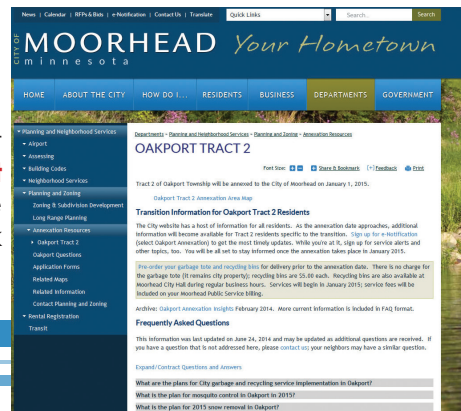
- **Inform** your insurance agent of the annexation and discuss how this may affect your policy rate. Some property owners may be eligible for a reduction in premium based on distance to the City of Moorhead Fire Station.

☐ E-Notification:

- **Register** at www.cityofmoorhead.com. E-Notification is a link at the top of the homepage. If you sign up for e-Notification, you will receive email alerts on categories you select, such as Oakport Annexation, Service Alerts, and any other topics that may interest you.

☐ CodeRED:

- **Register** at www.cityofmoorhead.com/CodeRED
This system will notify you via telephone of emergency situations, critical community alerts, severe thunderstorm warnings, flash flood warnings and tornado warnings within moments of being issued by the National Weather Service (NWS).



The Frequently Asked Questions at www.cityofmoorhead.com/oakport has been expanded. Many of these issues may be of interest to you. Check it out!

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Your Moorhead Neighborhood



Neighborhood Block Clubs:

Oakport already has a great neighborly quality. Consider registering or starting a neighborhood block club for your specific neighborhood to receive newsletters and learn about events such as the annual "Night to Unite" in August and other opportunities. There are dozens of block clubs in Moorhead, and this is one more way Moorhead communicates with residents. For more information, visit the City website or contact Community Policing Coordinator at **218.299.5143** for information.

Home Improvements:

Check out the City website for home improvement loans and programs for Moorhead residents. There's a property tax rebate for major home improvements and a number of different financing opportunities. With the exception of the property tax rebate, most of these special loan programs have household income limits. More details are available on the City website, or contact Community Development staff at **218.299.5375**.

Being Neighborly:

The City codes/regulations address many common concerns expressed by residents, including:

- Grass, weeds and mowing
- Parking on grass
- Pet control, such as barking dogs
- Recreational Fires
- Noise

For specifics, you can access the requirements at cityofmoorhead.com/citycode. If you have a neighborhood concern or question, please contact the Neighborhood Services Division at neighborhood.services@cityofmoorhead.com or **218.299.5434** for assistance.

Hunting:

The Moorhead Police Department is currently reviewing options for limited hunting within Tract 2 following annexation.

Emergency Sirens:

Two new emergency warning sirens are planned for the Tract 2 area. Final locations are under review and the sirens are anticipated to be placed in 2015.

Updates & Additional Details

Street Lights:

Following acquisition of the electric service territory, Moorhead Public Service (MPS) will hold future public input opportunities regarding street lights in the Tract 2 area. After public input, a new or revised City street light policy regarding street lights in Tract 2 may be required. Based on that policy, MPS will request Moorhead City Council approval of a streetlight plan, which will include energy efficient - LED, dark sky complaint streetlight fixtures. The cost of streetlight installation is financed by the City of Moorhead and is not directly billed to Oakport Tract 2 residents.



ATV & Snowmobile Usage:

Currently, snowmobiles and ATVs may be used on private property within the City of Moorhead, which will include the Oakport annexation area.

A draft ordinance is currently under review by the City Council which would enable the City Council to designate routes for operation of ATVs and snowmobiles on certain City property (which may include parks or right-of-way but not roadways). No routes have yet been designated.

Sign up for e-Notification Oakport Annexation for future updates.



Elections and Representation:

- Voting locations for 2014 will not change
- There are no elections in 2015
- Residents will receive mailed voting information prior to the 2016 elections
- Oakport Tract 2 residents will become part of Moorhead's First Ward on January 1, 2015. First Ward Council representatives are:
 - Nancy Otto ([218.233.2834](tel:218.233.2834)/nancy.otto@cityofmoorhead.com)
 - Mari Dailey ([218.299.5549](tel:218.299.5549)/mari.dailey@cityofmoorhead.com)
- City Council meetings may be viewed on Moorhead Community Access Media channel (channel information depends on your cable TV provider). Additional public access information and links to City meetings on-demand can be accessed on the City website - www.cityofmoorhead.com.

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