



2024 Spring/Summer Newsletter



Important Dates

May 3rd & 4th: Citywide Garage Sales – If you intend to participate, contact City Hall by April 25, 2024. Maps will be available at: City of Motley, Bricks Travel Plaza, and My Store (Arco).

May 11th: Citywide Cleanup from 7:45 am to 10:45 am (see enclosure for more info).

May 27th: Memorial Day – City Hall Offices Closed

June 12th, July 10th, and August 14th: Community Picnic Nights – Motley Free Methodist Church invites you to Community Picnics in the Park! Join them from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Converse Park for a FREE Picnic Supper! Bring your WHOLE family for food and fun. This is a great way for the community to come together and meet your neighbors!

June 15th: June Fest - Motley Fair Grounds

June 13th – 16th: Motley Fair – Contact a member of the Motley Fair Board for more information.

June 3rd – 14th Mon.-Fri. 2-3 p.m.: Summer Swimming Lessons for Motley Area.; for children 7-13 years of age and 48 in. tall; Cost is \$5.00/ child (payable on first day); Bus available from/to Motley @ Motley United Methodist Church parking lot; bus will leave at 1:45 p.m. and return at 3:15 p.m.-- **AVAILABLE to the FIRST 50 kids**; to register call the **Staples Community Center at 218-894-2553** and register for Motley Bus Lessons. For questions or if interested in volunteering for the bus ride contact Valerie Johnson (218-296-2714) or Bonnie Zimmerman (218-296-1279); *these lessons are sponsored by Motley organizations: Lions, City of Motley, United Methodist Church, Free Methodist Church, & Lincoln Business Association.

July 4th: Independence Day – City Hall Closed

September 4th: Labor Day – City Hall Closed

Regular City Council Meetings

2nd Monday of every month, 4:30 p.m., City Hall

Motley News

City of Motley's Website

The City of Motley's website is getting a new look! Look for our new and improved website coming this Spring.

Planning and Zoning New Time and Day

Planning and Zoning meetings have moved to the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 4pm at City Hall

Sign up for Autopay

To sign up visit our website, or stop in to complete your form and include a voided check or bank documentation. The City of Motley still sends your bill as usual. Your bank will deduct your payment from your 20th of each month, unless it falls on a weekend or holiday, in that case it is the next business day. You don't have to do a thing!

Mosquitos

Just a reminder, there is a form on the city website to submit when the mosquitos are bad in your area. This notifies us and we can address the situation by spraying. Spraying for mosquitos will be done right before dark or early morning when the air is heavy.

2024 Consumer Confidence Report

The 2022 Consumer Confidence Report is available. You can find a link to the report on the City website cityof-motley.com under Notices on the right side of the Homepage or find it online directly at: <https://ti-nyurl.com/5a4k6mcj> It is also available at City Hall upon request.

Lawn Clippings

We ask that you be mindful when mowing your lawns to avoid blowing your lawn clippings onto City streets. It's our city operating procedure that we blow the first three passes with the mower away from the street whenever possible and use the mower to blow any clippings that make their way to the street back into the mowed areas after we have completed mowing. Small steps like minimizing the grass, leaves, rocks, and trash that are deposited and build up in the streets, gutters, and catch basins helps to reduce City staff time and money spent on sweeping and cleaning of catch basins. It also helps to reduce mosquito population and makes the city look nice.

Community Garden

With the arrival of the Spring seed catalogs, it's never too early to think about having a garden! The Motley Area Food Shelf has 10 garden plots and 6 raised beds available, FREE to the public. They provide the water and garden hose to water your garden. All they ask is if you have any extra produce, share it with the food shelf. For more information or to reserve a plot, call Sherry Frisk at 218-352-6137

NOTICE OF MANDATORY WATER METER REPLACEMENT

The City of Motley will be replacing all water meters. Replacement of the water meter is mandatory, takes about 25-45 minutes, and is at no cost to the homeowner. The water meter is usually located in the lower level or utility room of your home or business. Either Bruce or Bryan will need to gain entry to your home or business to access the water meter.

Important notes:

- The area around your water meter must be clear and accessible.
- Your water service will be temporarily interrupted during the installation.
- It will be helpful if both valves are functional when we do the installation.
- Check the operation of both valves before and after the water meter for leaks and operability.
- To repair defective valves, you can schedule a plumber or make the repairs yourself.
- The valves and all plumbing in the home are the responsibility of the homeowner.
- The city is not liable for repairs of defective valves or plumbing.
- The property owner is responsible for all repair work to the valve or plumbing in the home.
- There is no charge for the meter installation or for water shutdowns at the curb-stop.
- We will make every effort to reinsulate meters under trailer houses or outdoors, but it will ultimately be the homeowners' responsibility to make sure that the meter is protected from freezing.

The new meters that will be installed will no longer have cheap frost bottoms to protect them from extensive damage from freezing, so moving forward the cost to replace a frozen meter will be around \$200.

Please make sure that we have current contact information on file so we can reach you regarding this meter replacement. You can email your contact info to publicworks@cityofmotley.com or leave a message at 218-352-6649. Please include your name, address and a good phone number.

Thank You,
Bruce Brotherton – Public Works Director

Motley Fair Schedule of Events

Thursday June 13th, 2024

10 am Entries open

8 pm Entries close

Friday June 14th, 2024

9 am Horse Show

12 pm Hatching Chicks 4-H building donated by Olsons Feed

12 pm All Exhibits in place

12 pm-8 pm Commercial/ Vendor building open

12 pm-10 pm Ninja Anywhere Free obstacle course donated by Motley Lions

12 pm-8 pm Food Vendors & Carnival games

12 pm Lions Eatery building opens

1pm-4 pm 4-H Conference/Static Judging

1pm-5pm Petting Zoo

3 pm Poultry Judging

5:30 pm Rabbit Judging

6 pm Judging; G-O, Boy Scouts S-School, Girl Scouts in exhibit building

Saturday June 15th, 2024

9 am Cattle Judging

9 am Hatching Chicks 4-H barn donated by Olson's Feed

9 am-4 pm Wood Carving Demonstrations

10 am Goat, Sheep, Swine judging

10 am-5 pm Petting Zoo

10 am Lions Eatery building opens

12 pm-6 pm Paul Bunyan Lumberjack; learn about Lumberjack Heritage around fairgrounds

12 pm-4 pm Balloon Artist

12 pm – 2 pm Magician Kristofer Olson around fairgrounds

12 pm- 8 pm Commercial/Vendor building open

12 pm- 8 pm Food vendors & carnival games open

12 pm- 8 pm Ninja Anywhere Free obstacle course donated by M.C.E.O.

12 pm-12 am M.C.E.O. Beer Garden

12 pm- 5 pm DJ Starts- donated by M.C.E.O.

12:30 pm Bean bag registration open M.C.E.O. event

1 pm- 3 pm Strolling Magician

1:30 pm Build a candy machine in front of 4-H building

supplies donated by Central Building Supply & Cheryl Paklonsky's Daycare

1 pm Mud Volleyball starts M.C.E.O. Event

1:30 pm Bean bag tournament starts

3 pm Magic Show Kristofer Olson on Stage

3 pm Rib/Wing fest ticket sales open -M.C.E.O. event

4 pm Rib/Wing fest starts serving to public

5 pm Demo Derby Presented by Full Arena

At Derby Wood carving raffle drawing

5:30 pm Rib/Wing fest winner announced

8:30 pm-12 am Shirts & Skins Band- Donated by M.C.E.O.

Dusk Fireworks -Donated by Motley Lions

Sunday June 16th, 2024

8 am – 10 am Exhibits released

8 am - 11am Pancake Breakfast

11 am Community Worship Service

1 pm – 4 pm Wild Card Pulling- Lawn Tractor Show

*MCEO- Motley Community Events Organization (June Fest/Fall Fest)



June 15, 2023 - at the Motley Fair Grounds

Brought to you by the Motley Community Events Organization

Bring your family and friends and come enjoy the festivities!

Returning events include:

- 1 mile walk/ 4-mile run
- Parade
- Kid's Activities
- Car Show
- Mud Volleyball
- Rib/Wing Fest
- Live Music
- Fireworks.

If you would like to participate in any event contact Amy Brichacek from the June Fest Committee at 612-910-6595.

If interested in becoming a vendor contact: Dana Fischer email: rondana@brainerd.net or 218-296-0970

Registration and vendor forms are available on the City of Motley website.

The June Fest Committee will be selling raffle tickets again this year. Prizes for the raffle will be 25%, 15%, and 10% of the money made from selling tickets. You can purchase tickets from any June Fest Committee member or at City Hall.

Be sure to check the city website, Facebook page, and the Motley Community Events Organization Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066739141288>) for more information in the coming months. We hope to see you there!

Citywide Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 11th, 2024

Please haul your items on May 11th to the City maintenance garage at 196 Eledredge St W. from 7:45-10:45 a.m. Please only bring items that are listed as acceptable below. **Items on the Not Accepted list will be turned away.**

If you would like to arrange pickup, please contact City Hall at 218-352-6200 or stop in with your completed slip (below). Cost for pickup is \$15 (or \$5 for senior citizens and disabled residents). Charges include *one load only* – additional trips will require an additional charge. Pickup charges must be paid in advance at City Hall. **No refunds will be issued after a pickup is paid for.**

**Note for commercial properties: please be courteous and limit the number of items you drop off. We would like to keep this service as cheap as possible for our residents.*

ACCEPTED FREE:

- Small appliances
- Home appliances (stoves, fridges/freezers, dishwashers, microwaves, washers/dryers, air conditioners, etc.)
- Computer towers, routers, cell phones, & laptops
- Scrap iron
- Rubbish, chairs, storm doors, etc.
- 3 car tires (without rims) per household

ACCEPTED WITH CHARGE:

Televisions & computer monitors	\$20
Printers, copiers, fax machines, scanners, VCRs	\$10
Fluorescent bulbs	\$1
Car tires (up to 20"), additional	\$4
Car tires (up to 20"), on rims	\$6
Tires R17 thru 01920	\$9
Semi-truck tires	\$13
Tractor tires	\$22
Couches, loveseats, mattresses, box springs, 2" thick mattress topper, toilets, recliners	\$2
Sulfur dioxide or ammonia gas (RV) refrigerators	\$75

NOT ACCEPTED:

paint, construction/demolition materials (including carpet), hazardous waste.

ACCEPTED FREE ANYTIME (at compost site, located at end of Main Street East):

Leaves (leaves being picked up must be bagged), branches less than 4" in diameter, branches larger than 4" in diameter must be de-limbed and cut in 4' – 6' lengths. Must be separated as follows: Pile 1 – grass, leaves & garden waste, Pile 2 – brush and branches with diameter of 4" or less, and Pile 3 – branches larger than 4" in diameter.

**Volunteers are needed with trucks, pickups, and/or trailers. For more information call
City Hall at 352-6200 or the Public Works Department at 352-6649.**

YOU MUST BE A CITY RESIDENT IN CITY LIMITS TO UTILIZE CITYWIDE CLEANUP.

 *Cut here and bring with you on May 11th* 

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please list chargeable items from your load here:

Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity