A Message from the Mayor:

Greetings!

I would like to start with a huge shout out to everyone who volunteered during each of our 3 big community events: 4th of July celebration, National Night Out, and Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush Days! None of these events would succeed without your time and dedication. THANK YOU TO ALL volunteers in our community and beyond, our world is a better place because of you.

Within a month we will have a second well, and the River Park roads and other small road repairs in town will be completed. The biggest of the repairs will take place on 2nd Ave SE where we will widen the concrete slab and road making for safer passage on this stretch of road. With the completion of this project I would like to remind everyone to watch your speed as there are driveways along with Timberline at the top of the hill.

In closing, please remember to watch for the children and school bus stops.

Enjoy the fall! For me it’s time to go fishing and watch football.

Best regards,
Mayor Kevin M. McDermott
A message from Councilor Skyler Breitenstein

Flashing lights getting closer, my heart racing faster. Did I finally get caught for going 5 over the speed limit on the highways all these years? Whew, it was a bus! Even driving the speed limit in residential areas is too fast when children are walking to/from the bus stops. It should go without saying, but please keep careful, watch for our littlest residents returning to school. Thank you!

Even though funding has been delayed from the legislature to help construct a city sewer system (we can't do it alone), the foundations have been laid and the city will continue forward pursuing funding opportunities. With council support, so many thanks go out to Sheila Craig, Brian Breider, Ryland Eichhorst, Trish Shields, the Water & Sewer Committee and many others not mentioned for their dedication to help improve our city!

Between our proximity to Rochester, the Highway 52 Corridor and our city taxes that are anticipated to continue *FLAT* yet again next year, between commercial interests and residential developers, we are seeing lots of interest in our great city.

It was great to see so many of you at Oronoco Park for the 4th of July Community Picnic and National Night Out! Spending time with friends and getting to know our neighbors is what sets Oronoco apart from bigger cities.

Another thing that sets us apart, is the ability to affect change at the local level. We have numerous committees, each of which has room for more volunteers. Regardless of your area of interest, I'm sure we have a committee that would love to have your input and be able to make change, right here at home. For more information, please contact City Hall or myself.

A new subcommittee is seeking nominations for *The Gordon Cariveau Outstanding Citizen Award*. This is a new award established in memory of Mr. Gordon Cariveau, longtime Oronoco antique business owner and resident who gave back to our community for many years. He and his wife Yvonne were in a horrible car accident and he tragically died just before Christmas 2014. In celebration of his life, this award has been established to recognize local Oronoco residents who also have given back to our community. To be nominated: the person must reside in the City of Oronoco as a resident (or lived in the City of Oronoco for the period being nominated for); the person may be alive or may be a memory and must be nominated by a current Oronoco resident. More information and nomination forms may be found on the city website. Please contact City Hall or myself for more information.

Thank you for taking the time to stay informed and have a great fall! Councilor Skyler Breitenstein
Young at Heart Exercise Group

Exercise classes are going well. If you are not self-motivated to exercise, this is a great way to get your body moving. We welcome new members any time. The group meets Wednesday mornings, 9 a.m. at the Oronoco Community Center. Sessions are not an aerobic workout so don’t feel intimidated to join. Exercises focus on improving balance, range of motion, flexibility, and building stronger bones. There are also some physical exercises for the brain. Participants work at their own ability level. It’s also a healthy way to socialize. You can call Rosemary at 367-2311 if you have any questions or just stop by and check it out. Stay healthy and keep moving.

ORONOCO SENIORS GROUP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!
CALL CAROLE WELLS @ 367-4717 or JOYCE RUCKER @ 367-4352

Join the Senior Citizens of Oronoco Seniors Group at the Oronoco Community Center. They meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. They play Bingo, 500 cards, and have a great social gathering. They have an occasional speaker on important topics to keep you informed. A catered noon meal is offered for only $4.00.
Greetings!

What a year, what a "Rush"! Though wind and rain slowed shoppers at times, this year's NON-PROFIT show was another success. Even with lineups on setup day, the north end of town was clear in less than 10 minutes, the northwest corner was clear in less than 15 minutes and the south end of town was clear in a little over 20 minutes. The committee heard from multiple vendors that even with rain delays, many of the longtime vendors had their best Friday EVER and so many shoppers arrived Sunday, that many vendors stayed open late.

With bills still arriving, it is too early to say what the tentative donation amounts will be. This will be published in the next city newsletter.

The committee always strives to improve the show and this year is no different. We've received feedback (both positive, negative and constructive) and will continue to work to make the show even better. The problem is that with a show that occurs once per year, change doesn't happen fast. If you have comments, please feel free to email us at goldrush@bevcomm.net or oronocosky@gmail.com.

As a reminder, this committee is a non-profit and all the proceeds (after expenses) will be returned to our community and local organizations. We are always looking for people to share their talent (either before, during and/or after the show). For more information, feel free to contact Carol Olson, Event Organizer at 507.367.2111 or goldrush@bevcomm.net - or Skyler Breitenstein, 2016 Gold Rush Chair at 507.367.4515 or oronocosky@gmail.com.
Greetings from the Oronoco Fire Department. Did you know that the majority of firefighters in the U.S. are volunteer firefighters? Volunteer firefighting is a very rewarding and valuable way to serve your community, and we are currently looking for more people who are willing to join our team. All training is paid for, and you would receive a small amount for each call/training attended, along with a pension fund. Our meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of the month, and we use a pager/cell phone text to be notified of calls. Call the firehall at 367-4440 if you would like to contact us with any questions, and check out our website http://www.oronocofire.com and our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/oronocofire for more information. We regularly post news items and pictures on our Facebook page.

Did you know that decorations are the first thing to ignite in 900 reported home fires each year? Two of every five of these fires were started by a candle. Fall and Halloween symbols and activities can present lurking fire risks that have the potential to become truly scary. By following some simple safety precautions, you can ensure that this time of year remains festive and fun.

- Keep decorations far away from open flames and other heat sources like lightbulbs and heaters. Remember to keep all of your home's exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Try a battery-operated candle or glow stick in decorations such as jack-o'-lanterns. If you want to use real candles, be extremely careful. In this case, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter when lighting them inside jack-o'-lanterns. If there are children around, make sure they are watched at all times when candles are lit. Place the lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn, and far away from driveways, doorsteps, walkways and yards -- anyplace where trick-or-treaters may walk.
- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters whose costumes may brush up against the lighting as they walk to from your door.

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Choose costumes that don't require long-trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can clearly see where they are walking to prevent trips or falls near dangerous or flammable items.

Talk to your children and remind them to stay away from open flames, including jack-o'-lanterns with candles inside. Provide them with flashlights or glow sticks to carry for lighting as part of their costume.

If your children are going to Halloween or birthday parties at other’s homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

1st Responder’s

Happy Holidays!
Please be safe this Holiday season!
The Oronoco Food Shelf, now in its ninth year, continues to serve those in need in the community. We are hosting an average of 36 to 40 families each time we are open.

We are so grateful to the community for their support both in cash and goods donations. We have been able to supply the clients with food they need with those donations. Gardeners are also generous with surplus donations.

Our volunteers are dedicated and generous with their time. If you are interested in volunteering or donating please contact Lance at 367-4952.

Lance

Have a safe and wonderful Halloween!
~ Oronoco City Council
There are new offerings and displays at the History Center for the fall season, so if you have ever considered stopping by, now would be a good time to do so.

We have a display with photos and information on some of the original cabins built on the shores of Lake Shady by the Mayo’s and other businessmen from Rochester. There is a new display about William S. Hart, a popular silent-movie actor who starred in many western films, who spent part of his childhood in Oronoco while his father worked at the local mill. The Center has a copy of his autobiography that has many mentions of the time he lived in the area.

If you have wanted to know more about a certain aspect of Oronoco’s history, previous businesses, or buildings, there is probably a file on it at the History Center and someone available to assist in locating the information.

We are open the second Saturday of each month and meetings are held the second Tuesday. Our next open date is Saturday, September 10 from 10AM until noon, and our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 13, at 7PM. We welcome comments, ideas and suggestions at anytime, by email through the website, oronocoareahistory.org, or contact Mary Fuller at (507) 367-4320. Please also visit our Facebook page.
It has been a wet end to the summer and you probably haven’t gone outside as much as you have wanted to. Here’s hoping for a long fall, so we can enjoy the parks of Oronoco! Here are a few things we are hoping to accomplish before the end of next year: Install fencing around the tennis courts at River Park (too keep your ball from rolling away), we hope to install a new bocce ball court at Caryl Cowden Park (We know you like playing bocce ball around your lawn. So we think it is time to learn the real game.), and finish the overhaul of the volley ball court at Memorial Park. It already has new sand, we just need to add a nice net.

I would like to thank all those who volunteered their time to coach and help out with our T-ball program this summer. We have a nice ball field and I am glad to see it get used. We had close to 70 kids that participated from Oronoco and surrounding towns. If you have a 4-6 year old keep it in mind for next summer.

The park committee is always on the look for additional members. If you are interested, or know someone that is, please join us at a future parks meeting. The parks board meets on the first Monday of every month at 7pm at City Hall.

Sincerely,
Parks and Trails Chair Eric Weis
Providing volunteer services to promote independent, home-based living for adults 65+ in the Pine Island and Oronoco area. Call 356-2999 for information. Follow us on Facebook. E-mail piahs@bevcomm.net

All events are held at the Pine Island Senior Center unless otherwise noted. Services are provided at no cost unless otherwise noted, donations are gratefully accepted.

Some of our ongoing services are as follows:

Senior Forum’s with Dr. Bruce McBeath: The 4th Thursday of the month at 12 noon, Dr. Bruce McBeath presents short talks regarding issues effecting older adults followed by informal discussions.

Coffee with a Cop (TRIAD) - Join us, local law enforcement and other seniors as we learn, develop relationships and increase our communication. Our goal is to reduce criminal victimization of seniors through informational sessions. Coffee with a Cop is held every 4th Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the PI Senior Center.

Foot Care Clinics: The 3rd Thursday of each month there is a foot care clinic. An appointment and note from your physician are required. The foot care clinic is held at the City Center, Pine Island. Cost $18.00 to the nurse

Shopping Trips: PIAHS provides trips to Walmart twice a month. Call the office to make a reservation.

Exercise Classes:
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 am - PI Senior Center
Wednesdays Gentle Yoga & Meditation - 9:30 am, St Paul Lutheran Church, Pine Island
Wednesdays 9:00 am - Oronoco Community Center

Blood Pressure Clinics:
1st & 4th Wednesday, 12:30 pm Oronoco Community Center
1st Wednesday, 11am Senior Center
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 11 am City Center

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Upcoming Events:
October 14th – Fundraiser Dinner, American Legion, 4:30 – 7:00, Sponsored by the Pine Island Bank and Wes and Carol Moreland. All proceeds benefit Pine Island Area Home Services. $12.00 per meal.

Trip: On Saturday, December 10th we will be taking a trip to the History Theater in St. Paul to attend the musical “The Orphan Train”. This stirring folk musical brings to life the struggles and joys of the orphan children who landed in Minnesota and the families who provided them with homes.

Flu Shot Clinic: Don’t miss your opportunity to take preventative action against the flu virus. The dates are to be determined. Call for further information.

Matter of Balance Classes: This is a nationally recognized Evidence-based program designed to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels among adults age 60+. The workshop includes eight hour sessions for groups of 8-15 seniors led by two trained coaches. The dates are yet to be determined.

Volunteers Needed:
Many volunteer opportunities are available including help with transportation requests, Meals on Wheels delivery, friendly visits or phone calls, and working at our fundraising events. Time commitment is as little or as much as you are willing to commit to. This is a great opportunity to meet our community seniors and help them to remain healthy and safe in their homes. Feel free to call our office for more information.
2016 Mayor:
Kevin McDermott (367-2696)

2016 Council Members:
Skyler Breitenstein (367-4515)
Trish Shields (367-2525)
Beau Hanenberger (367-2223)
Ryland Eichhorst (367-2235)

City Clerk / Treasurer:
Sandy Jessen (367-4405)
Assistant Clerk:
Rebecca McGuire (367-4405)

Maintenance:
Cain Dolan (367-2281)
Ricky Hanson (367-2281)

Fire Department:
Dan Sundt (367-2132)

Emergency Medical Responders:
Jeff Allhiser (367-2123)

Emergency Operations Center:
Pat McGovern (367-2277)

Planning & Zoning:
Brian Breider: bbreider@yahoo.com

Water & Sewer Committee:
Carol Olson (367-2111)

Lake Shady Committee:
John Tilford (507) 273-1661

Cemetery Association:
John Tilford (507) 273-1661

Oronoco Township:
Judy Haglund (367-4787)

City Council:
3rd Tuesday each month @ 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning:
2nd Thursday each month @ 7:00 pm

Emergency Medical Responders:
1st Monday each month @ 6:30 pm

Fire Department:
2nd Monday of each month @ 6:00 pm

Parks Committee:
1st Monday each month @ 7:00 pm

Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush:
2nd Monday each month @ 7:00 pm

Lake Shady Committee:
Meets as needed.
Please remember that *all* dogs and cats must be current on shots and licensed with Oronoco per City Ordinance. License are $5.00 a year per pet. Please renew your license every December at City Hall with a copy of your animals vaccination record.

Thank you!

Please visit our website for notices, events, applications, permits, meeting minutes, and more.

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Need A Document Notarized?
If you need a document notarized, contact City Hall. Your City Clerk, is a Notary of the Public. This is a service provided FREE by the City.

WATER TEST KITS
Available at City Hall. It tests for coli form, bacteria, nitrate, chloride, sulfate, nitrite and fluoride.

COMMUNITY CENTER AND CITY PARK RENTALS
CC Room Rental: $75 - $150
Meeting Room Rental: $25
Chairs: $35
Picnic Tables: $50
Camp Sites: $10
City Shelter: $30

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Presbyterian Church of Oronoco  
20 -3rd Street S.W., P.O. 118  
Phone 507-367-4711  
website: www.oronocochurch.org  
Pastor: Lisa Johnson  
Email: pastorlisaj@gmail.com  
Phone: 507-696-8753  

Sunday Worship Calendar  
January 11:00am  
February 9:00am  
March 11:00am  
April 9:00am  
May 11:00am  
June 9:00am  
July 11:00am  
August 9:00am  
September 11:00am  
October 9:00am  
November 11:00am  
December 9:00am

Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month and all are welcome to participate.

The Food Shelf is housed at and sponsored by our church together with Channel One.  
The food shelf is open the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 5-7:00 p.m.

Special September 11 Worship  
This year is the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on 9/11, and Sept. 11 happens to be a Sunday. We’re going to commemorate this day with a special worship service – a time of prayer, of reflection, of silence, and of communion. All are welcome to join us.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day services  
Christmas Eve service time - 7:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day - no service

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The Chocolate Affaire
It’s BACK!! And ONCE AGAIN, it will be a fun-filled night of great live entertainment and delicious chocolate.

WHAT: The evening will be a chance to come, sample a wide variety of dishes (plus coffee, sparkling cider, and, of course, milk) and enjoy some live music. Free will donations will be accepted at the door, and small boxes can be purchased to take some of your favorite goodies home with you! Children are welcome as well! There will be a “Decorate your own brownie” station for the kids.

WHEN: Fri., Oct. 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

October Luncheon
The Presbyterian Church luncheons are back!
Wed., Oct. 19, 2016 - 11:30-1:00 p.m.
Serving casseroles, salads and desserts.

Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming luncheons:
Wed., Jan. 18, 2017 - 11:30-1:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 15, 2017 - 11:30-1:00 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 15, 2017 - 11:30-1:00 p.m.
Free will donations accepted at the door.

Canvas & Coffee
Everyone loves a little time to nurture their creativity, unwind, and just spend some great time with friends. We want to provide some of that time for you! So we're hosting a painting evening complete with a fantastic coffee bar and treats.

WHEN: Fri., Dec. 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
COST: $35 per person
This is a great opportunity to make a Christmas present for someone you love or make a great holiday-themed painting to add to your own decorations. Pre-registration is required, so check our church website (http://www.oronocochurch.org) for more information.
4th of July with Oronoco!

A special thank you to all of you who make this event possible and a big Thank You to Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush!
Water & Sewer Committee

This is a note to bring all up-to-date on the status of the sewer project. The Minnesota Legislature did not reconvene this summer and so no further action was taken on the bonding bill and thus no planning money for the Oronoco sewer project. The Committee will continue to study and be prepared should there be any bonding bill in 2017. Typically, the governor makes that decision in January 2017.
If you are interested in holding an event at the Community Center or Oronoco Park Shelter, please contact Oronoco City Hall.

Oronoco Park Campground is now closed for the camping season.

City Hall will be closed November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving.

Have a great Holiday week!
Come join us at our 75th Anniversary:
When: September 18, 2016
10:00 a.m. Church Service
11:30 a.m. Group Picture
12:00 p.m. Catered Lunch

Please RSVP by September 1, 2016
by calling 507-367-2536 or 507-367-4507
or sending an e-mail to dkk1213@bevcomm.net

Sundays:
8:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Catechism
10:00 a.m. – Worship
Adult Bible class will follow worship
National Night Out

NNO would not be possible without the help and donations from the following businesses, volunteers, good neighbors, and friends.

Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush
Oronoco Fire Department
Oronoco First Responder’s
Olmsted Sheriff’s Department
People’s Co-Op
Zumbrota Dairy Queen
Deer Creek Speedway
Casey’s General Store
Northland Buildings
Ottman Excavating
Tilly’s Bar and Grill
Stantec
Schad Tracy
Bevcomm
Oronoco Auto Salvage
Pine Island Bank
Custom Alarm
Newts
Arborists of Rochester
Borgy Boyz Pizzeria
Sargent's Gardens
Carlos O'Kelly’s
Oronoco Gas 'n Go
THANK YOU!
National Night Out

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Gold Rush
Red Lobster
Greenwood Plants
NAPA Auto Rochester
MotoProz
Culver's of Rochester
Buy RV Sell RV
Boulder Dam Canoe & Kayak Rental
Lance Sorensen
Cold Stone Creamery
Target
Texas Roadhouse
Bowlcity
Lake Zumbro Fundraising Committee
Haircut Hill
Squash Blossom Farm
Animal House Boarding

THANK YOU!!
~ P&Z ~

P&Z is looking for new committee members if you have any interest. Contact Brian Breider at bbreider@yahoo.com.
2017 City Candidacies'

Running for 2017 Mayor
This is a 2 year candidacy

1) Ryland Eichhorst
2) John Tilford
3) Danny Ondler

Running for two 2017 City Council positions
Both are a 4 year candidacy

Carl Krause & Nancy Quimby

If you still wish to run for any of these positions, you may do so by campaigning as a “write in” candidate

The Election is on Tuesday, November 8th, 2016
Upcoming Meetings & Events

September 12 - 6pm - DOGR
September 12 - 6:30pm - Fire Department
September 13 - 6:30pm - Water & Sewer
September 14 - Noon - Seniors
September 19 - 7pm - OPAC
September 20 - 7pm - Reg. City Council Meeting
September 22 - 1pm - Economic Design, Open to Public
September 26 - 6:30pm - FD training
September 28 - Noon - Seniors
September 30 - Last day for Outstanding Citizen nomination
October 3 - 6:30pm - EMR
October 3 - 7pm - Parks
October 3 - 7pm - Township
October 9 - Fire Prevention Week
October 10 - 6pm - DOGR
October 10 - 6:30pm - Fire Department
October 11 - 6:30pm - Water & Sewer
October 12 - Noon - Seniors
October 13 - 7pm - P&Z
October 18 - 7pm - Reg. City Council
October 24 - 6:30pm - Fire Department
October 26 - Noon - Seniors

* Every Wednesday from 9am to 10am - Seniors Exercise Class
* Water Bills due on the 28th of every month

Thank you to everyone who makes this newsletter possible!