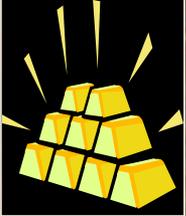


Fall

2018



THE CITY OF ORONOCO

THE GOLDEN EXPLORER

A Message from the Mayor

I think I have fully understood what 'time flies' means! Where did the summer go? The low temperatures will be in the 30's in a few days and I am not quite ready for summer to end, but I do enjoy the cool fall temperatures and leaves turning those golden colors!

You may notice some new signs of business being built in Oronoco recently and it's exciting to see the growth. One new sign that you may not have seen yet, is the new 'Welcome Oronoco' sign that is located on the Lake Shady Ave North road introducing Southbound travelers on Highway 52 to our city. It is the same design as the current Northbound 'Welcome Oronoco', but slightly bigger for viewing from the highway.



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The sign panel was made by Schad-Tracy Signs here in Oronoco. The Gold Rush committee has donated \$1,800 towards the project over the last several years. Great to have our city identified on the busy Highway 52 from both directions!

Gold Rush is behind us and the weather cooperated, except for a few sprinkles Thursday afternoon during setup time for the vendors. Overall, the event was well received by crowds and vendors! The first 5K Gold Rush had a great turnout for the first time! Participants were excited to be part of the run/walk and are looking forward to next years event.

Wastewater Project Update – In case you have not heard, the City Council has made a decision that the city will pursue a regional wastewater treatment plant that will the city will share with the Oronoco Estate Mobile Home Community on 85th Street. The regional plant location would be south of 100th Street and just North of the Mobile Home Community. The next major steps are to prepare all the documentation needed for obtaining MPCA permits for the wastewater treatment plant, preliminary designs for pre-bid documents, such that we can be ‘shovel ready’ for the 2020 legislative session for bonding bill money for the project! Lot of planning and work by the city engineering contractor Stantec Engineering and the Water & Sewer committee is ahead!

Have a great fall and please contact me if you have any questions or comments! Thank you!

Mayor Ryland Eichhorst





A message from Councilor Trish Shields

We are finally quieting down around the City after a very busy August. National Night Out was a big success, and we appreciate the wonderful donations from all the companies, including the Gold Rush Committee. We had great weather and a wonderful turn out.

Gold Rush was another amazing event. The first 5k went very well. It was so great to see so many smiling faces. Thank you to all the volunteers who spent their week prepping, helping during the event and the clean up after.

Camping is now closed for the season but please continue to enjoy our many parks with the beautiful change in season.

We have had a recent change in ordinance regarding ATV's and Golf Carts. Please look for the ordinance soon on the City website to know the new regulations..

School is back in session. Be mindful that it is getting darker earlier and to watch out for our youngest residents out playing.

Have a great Halloween!

~Trish





DOWNTOWN ORONOOCO GOLD RUSH DAYS
August 17-19, 2018



Gold Rush 2018 was a success! The vendors, food vendors and crowds enjoyed this year's Gold Rush!

The first 5K event was exciting to see a new venture happening and more importantly, runners and walkers with their yellow bibs walking around and taking in Gold Rush, as well!

The Gold Rush committee has started planning for the 2019 Gold Rush weekend, August 16, 17 & 18! If you have comments or interested in the Gold Rush committee meeting discussion, please visit our monthly meetings, the 2nd Monday of every month at 6 PM at City Hall. All are welcome!



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Now that this years Gold Rush is in the books, it's time for organizations to submit their donation requests to the Gold Rush committee for consideration. Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush Days is a non-profit organization, so after the committee has paid it's expenses, the committee will review requested donations.

The committee is asking that donation requests be received by Oct 5th, so they can be reviewed at the monthly Oct 8th Gold Rush committee meeting.

You can submit requests to the Gold Rush committee by mailing to 'Gold Rush Committee, PO Box 266, Oronoco, MN 55960', email to goldrush@bevcomm.net or dropping them off at City Hall.

Thank you for your support!

Ryland Eichhorst, Gold Rush Chairperson

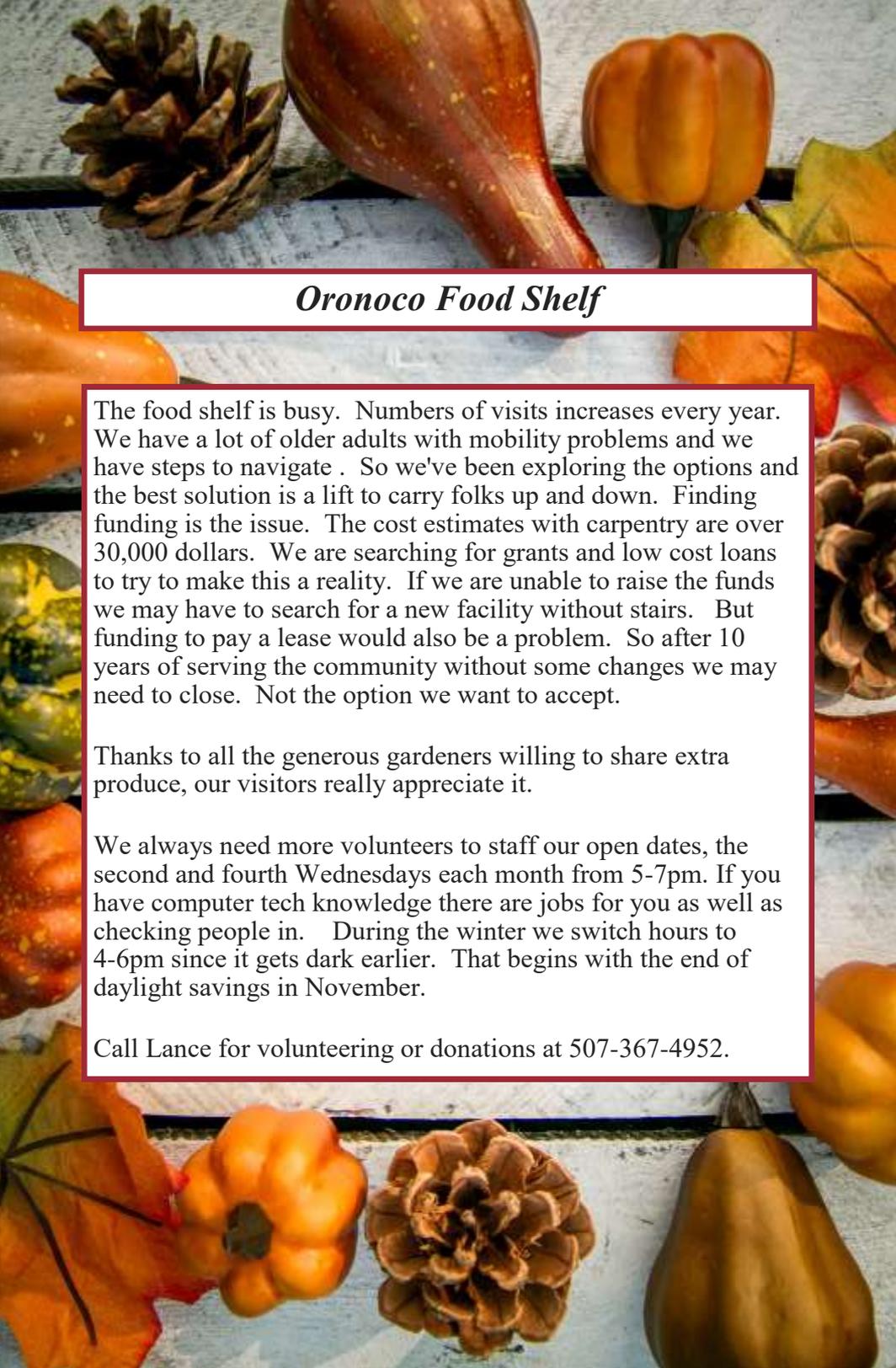
Public Works

Two (2) new hydrants have been installed in Riverwood Hills subdivision in September. This is great news for residents and our Fire Department!

Hydrant flushing will continue through the month of September. If you are finding that your water is turning brown, please run your faucet until the water color returns back to normal.

Even with the ordinance change, ATV's and golf carts are still not allowed on City lands. This includes City Parks and trails.





Oronoco Food Shelf

The food shelf is busy. Numbers of visits increases every year. We have a lot of older adults with mobility problems and we have steps to navigate . So we've been exploring the options and the best solution is a lift to carry folks up and down. Finding funding is the issue. The cost estimates with carpentry are over 30,000 dollars. We are searching for grants and low cost loans to try to make this a reality. If we are unable to raise the funds we may have to search for a new facility without stairs. But funding to pay a lease would also be a problem. So after 10 years of serving the community without some changes we may need to close. Not the option we want to accept.

Thanks to all the generous gardeners willing to share extra produce, our visitors really appreciate it.

We always need more volunteers to staff our open dates, the second and fourth Wednesdays each month from 5-7pm. If you have computer tech knowledge there are jobs for you as well as checking people in. During the winter we switch hours to 4-6pm since it gets dark earlier. That begins with the end of daylight savings in November.

Call Lance for volunteering or donations at 507-367-4952.

Oronoco Area History Center

Days open: Oct. 6, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

Hours: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Winona Republican-Herald advertisement, July 21, 1950

Barn Dance Every Sunday Evening – **Boyd's Resort** on Lake Zumbro, 5 miles east of Oronoco – Music by Kuhfuss Bros. Orchestra

Winona Daily News, July 6, 1955

Auction at Carroll's White House, located in the Village of Oronoco, on July 11 at 8 PM. 1903 Columbia automobile, in very good running condition; restaurant equipment; large offering of household goods. Russell Carroll, Owner

Winona Daily News, June 24, 1968

At the stock car races at the Winona County Fair in St. Charles, Bob Saterdalen of Oronoco, in his 1964 Chevy, won both the heat and the feature in the late model category.

This summer we were able to meet existing and new **friends at both our ice cream social and two "Pie Nights" that were well attended, along with** introducing first time visitors to the History Center during our open times. We will be open three more times this year, on October 6 (a change from the usual second Saturday), November 10, and December 8, before we take a break for the winter months. On December 8, Christmas treats will be offered.

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If you have not found us on Facebook, please “like” us so you are able to see the interesting information and photos from Oronoco’s recent and past history that are posted regularly. Recent entries are a photo of Bob Koenig, a Golden Gloves heavy-weight boxer from 1955 and O.R. Ondler, a wrestler from 1920. There have been classroom photos from Oronoco School in the 1950’s and 1960’s, where we have sought the identity of unidentified students. Perhaps you can assist with that, or, better yet, add to our collection of photos!

Please stop in on one of our open days, or schedule an appointment with Mary Fuller, 507-269-1075.



1st Responder's

***We are looking for members,
applications are on our website.***

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Hello from the Oronoco Fire Department

Hello from the Oronoco Fire Department. Welcome to Mike Robinson who recently joined our department, and goodbye to Ian Malmquist who moved out of the area. As a volunteer fire department, we could always use a few more people who are willing to give a few hours each month to help keep our community safe. Download and fill out the application from our web site, or just give us a call.

It is that time of year with Fire Prevention Week (FPW) coming up October 7-13. This year's FPW campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere," is designed to educate people about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire – and how to escape safely in the event of one:

LOOK

Look for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

LISTEN

Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

LEARN

Learn two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

Our FPW open house is Wednesday, October 10th from 5-7 PM. It is a kid-friendly event with food and activities, so we hope to see you there.

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.

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: 507-995-7310



Sunday Worship 10:00a.m.

**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.**

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open from 4-6:00 p.m.**





Notice:
2019 Pet Tags
will be ready
November 1st
for purchase.

2018 tags
Expire Dec. 31st

Please call City Hall
with any questions
you may have.

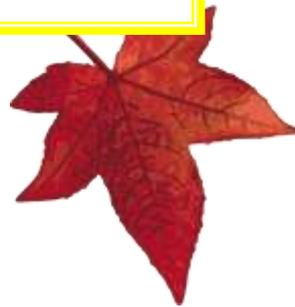
***Book Exchange
at
Oronoco City
Hall***

We now have
**MORE
BOOK
SHELVES!**

Please feel free to
bring books in
or
take books
out!

We have great
reads for all!

There is something
for everyone!



CITY OF ORONOCO MEETINGS

City Council:

3rd Tuesday each month @ 7:00 pm

Planning & Zoning:

2nd Thursday each month @ 7:00 pm

1st Responders:

1st Monday each month @ 6:30pm

Fire Department:

2nd Monday of each month @ 6:30pm

4th Monday of each month @ 6:30pm

Parks & Trail Committee:

1st Monday of each month @ 6:30 pm

Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush:

2nd Monday each month @ 6:00 pm

Water & Sewer Committee :

2nd Tuesday each month @ 6:30 pm

CITY CONTACTS

2018 Mayor:

Ryland Eichhorst (993-9045)

2018 Council Members:

Trish Shields (367-2525)

Beau Hanenberger (367-2223)

Carl Krause (358-5330)

Nancy Quimby (319-4328)

City Clerk / Treasurer:

Sandy Jessen (367-4405)

Assistant Clerk:

Rebecca McGuire (367-4405)

Maintenance:

Dan Howard (367-2281)

Jim Ackman (367-2281)

Fire Department:

Dan Sundt (367-4440)

Emergency Medical Responders:

Jeff Allhiser (367-4440)

Emergency Operations Center:

Pat McGovern (367-2277)

Planning & Zoning:

Paul Jannetto

Gold Rush Committee:

Carol Olson (367-2111)

Park Committee:

Katie Dudley (367-2744)

Cemetery Association:

John Tilford (507)273-1661

Oronoco Township:

Lucy Shonyo (367-2665)

CITY HALL INFORMATION

Monday - Thursday

9AM-3:30PM

Friday

9-1pm

(507) 367-4405

oronococityhall@gmail.com

www.oronoco.com

**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.

WWW.ORNOCO.COM



LIKE us on Facebook!



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





Young at Heart Exercise Group

As summer winds down perhaps you have a spare hour in the week to join the Young at Heart Exercise Group. We meet Wednesday mornings, 9 am at the Oronoco Community Center.

We have started using 6 inch balls in our routine. They have become a hit with those attending and a fun way of exercising. Come and see what it is all about. No fees and no fuss to find parking.

Keep those muscles and joints in shape for the fall outdoor work. Stay healthy and keep moving.

Rosemary Van Houten



Pine Island Area Home Services A Living at Home/Block Nurse Program

Web site: www.pineislandareahomeservices.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/pineislandareahomeservices

Office hours: Monday through Thursday from 9:00-1:00

Pine Island Area Home Services provides volunteer services to promote independent, home-based living for adults 65 and older in the Pine Island and Oronoco area.

Transportation, handyman services, light housekeeping, friendly visits and other services are available to help elders remain safe and comfortable in their home. Home visits are available to adults 65 and older who would like more information or need assistance.

Current and Upcoming Services are as follows:

Transportation



Transportation services are provided by our volunteer drivers. Please call the PIAHS office (356-2999) to request transportation. If you are interested in volunteering as a driver, we would welcome your help. We are always in need of more volunteer drivers!

Exercise Classes



One-hour exercise classes are held at the Pine Island Senior Citizen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30a.m. Oronoco holds an exercise class at 9:00 on Wednesdays at the City Hall. The exercise classes incorporate weights into the regular exercise program to improve strength and balance. This class is designated to prevent or reverse bone loss. This class is recommended especially to those concerned about osteoporosis prevention or reversal.

Yoga Class

Gentle Yoga classes are held in Pine Island on Wednesdays at 9:30. The sessions are held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Foot Care Clinic

A foot care clinic is provided on the 3rd Thursday each month. An \$18 fee is paid directly to the nurse. Call Pine Island Area Home Services at 356-2999 for appointments. In-home appointments are available for elders having difficulty leaving home.



Blood Pressure Clinics (open to anyone)

You are welcome to have a blood pressure check at 11:00 a.m. on the following dates and locations:

- 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at the City Center.
- 1st Wednesday each month at the Pine Island Senior Citizen Center
- **4th Wednesday each month at 11:30 at the Oronoco Community Center** (Not held January thru March)

In-home blood pressure monitoring is available for elders having difficulty leaving home -



Shopping Trips

Twice a month you may take our bus to Walmart for your shopping needs. Call for dates and time.

Volunteer Needed

We are always looking for new volunteers to assist our seniors. We especially need volunteer drivers. Please contact us if you are interested.





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

Zumbrota Dairy Queen

Custom Alarm

Tilly's

Ottman Excavating

Animal House Boarding

Pine Island Bank

Northland Buildings

Domino's

Target

Deer Creek Speedway

Bowlocity

Stantec

People's Co-Op

Arborists of Rochester

Schad Tracy

Carlos O'Kellys

Texas Roadhouse

Culvers

Haircut Hill

Thank you so much!!!!

2018 Election

November 6th, 2018

7 am to 8 pm

Oronoco City Hall

115 2nd St NW

City Offices	
Mayor City of Oronoco Vote for One	
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Council Member City of Oronoco Vote for Up to Two	
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Water & Sewer

Our next meeting date has been scheduled for October 2nd, 6:30pm at City Hall.

Parks and Trails

We will not be having an October meeting. Our next meeting date is November 5th.

Planning & Zoning

Happy Holiday season!

*Happy
Thanksgiving*





Grace Lutheran Church

45 1ST Ave. NE
Oronoco, MN 55960
See us on Facebook
[www:gracelutheranoronoco.com](http://www.gracelutheranoronoco.com)

Sundays:

8:45 a.m. – Sunday School, Adult Bible Study,
and Catechism

10:00 a.m. – Worship



If you are interested in holding an event at the
Community Center, please contact
Oronoco City Hall for arrangements at
oronococityhall@gmail.com or at 507-367-4405.

Rental information is also located on the city website at
www.oronoco.com

The holiday season is starting to get booked up.
If you are planning to book a party at the community
center, please contact City Hall soon to make sure the
day your looking at hasn't already taken.

Coloring Corner





Halloween Word Search



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CANDY CORN
JACK O LANTERN
SCARY
BATS
SPIDERS
MONSTERS
HAUNTED
OCTOBER



City of Oronoco ~ 2018 Calendar

October 1 - 6:30pm - 1st Responders

October 1 - 7pm - Oronoco Township

October 2 - 6:30pm - Water & Sewer

October 8 - 6pm - DOGR

October 8 - 6:30pm - Fire Department

October 10 - Noon - Seniors

October 11 - 7pm - Planning & Zoning

October 11 - 7:05 pm - Public Hearing (CUP)

October 16 - 7pm - Reg. City Meeting

October 22 - 6:30pm - FD training

October 24 - Noon - Seniors

October 28 - 11 am - Water Bills Due

October 31 - Halloween

November 5 - 6:30pm - Parks

November 5 - 6:30pm - 1st Responders

November 5 - 7pm - Oronoco Township

November 6 - Election Day

*Seniors Exercise Class - Every Wednesday Morning,

9am at Oronoco City Hall

*More than 2 City Council Members may attend committee meetings creating a quorum.

Thank you to everyone who makes this newsletter possible!