

Holiday

2018



THE CITY OF ORONOCO

THE GOLDEN EXPLORER

A Message from the Mayor

The year 2018 has almost come to a close! With Thanksgiving over, Christmas only weeks away, and 2019 almost here, I'm reminded again that time seems to go faster with each passing year!

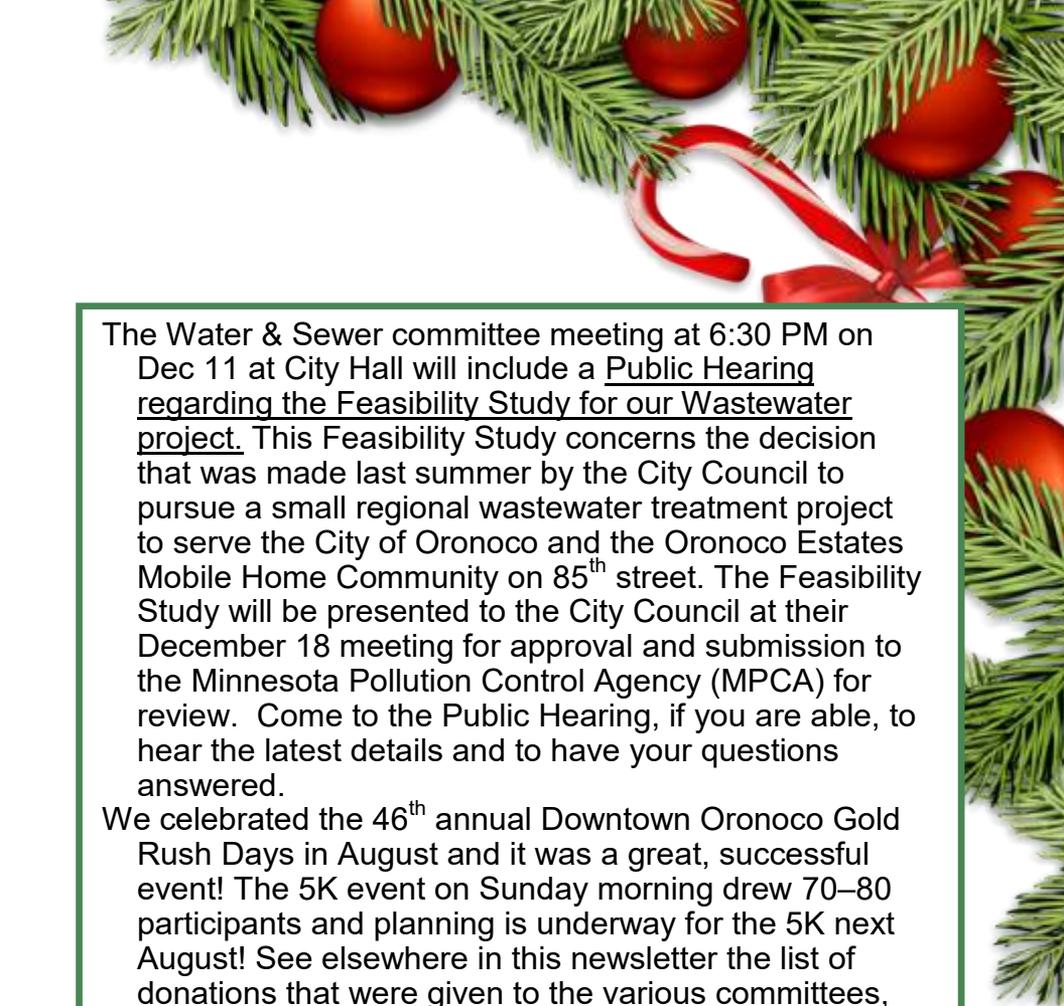
There has been a lot of activity in Oronoco in 2018 and more to come in 2019. Following are some of the highlights:

Congratulations to the newly elected city council member Lori Novak and the reelected member Trish Shields. Thank you to Beau Hanenberger for his years of service on the City Council; on the Water & Sewer, Planning & Zoning, and Gold Rush committees; and as First Responders City Council representative!

This year the City Council hired American Legal to overhaul the city ordinances that the city has used for the past 8 to 9 years. There have been many additions and corrections during that time. The ordinances needed to be renumbered and the Minnesota Statutes updated. This should be completed in early 2019, so watch for it on the City website in the near future.

The Planning & Zoning committee began the process of updating the Cities Future Land Use Map (FLUP) in late 2018. Stantec, our city engineering firm will aid the committee in the development of the FLUP. The process will require input from business owners, citizens, developers, and land owners that are near Oronoco. Watch the City's Community Calendar for when those public hearings will be held in 2019. We'll appreciate your input and discussion. Updating the FLUP will take into account our future wastewater sewer project, and future growth and development areas of our city.

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The Water & Sewer committee meeting at 6:30 PM on Dec 11 at City Hall will include a Public Hearing regarding the Feasibility Study for our Wastewater project. This Feasibility Study concerns the decision that was made last summer by the City Council to pursue a small regional wastewater treatment project to serve the City of Oronoco and the Oronoco Estates Mobile Home Community on 85th street. The Feasibility Study will be presented to the City Council at their December 18 meeting for approval and submission to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for review. Come to the Public Hearing, if you are able, to hear the latest details and to have your questions answered.

We celebrated the 46th annual Downtown Oronoco Gold Rush Days in August and it was a great, successful event! The 5K event on Sunday morning drew 70–80 participants and planning is underway for the 5K next August! See elsewhere in this newsletter the list of donations that were given to the various committees, organizations, departments, and churches. The donation dollars were up by about 13% over last year! Thanks to all the committee members and citizen volunteers who helped out. Without you, this would not be possible!

These are just a few of the highlights from 2018! The city continues to grow, as evidenced by the addition of some new businesses on Lake Shady Ave North. With additional growth and planned improvements to the city, 2019 promises to be just as busy and exciting!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Safe travels when visiting family and friends over the Holidays. Please call me if you have any questions or comments at 507-993-9045.

A message from
Councilor Trish Shields

I hope your Thanksgiving was wonderful and that you have a great
Christmas and New Year!

Thank you Beau Hanenberger for your many years of service to all the
committees, departments, and Council you were apart of. I hope you stay
connected in the community and enjoy your extra time with your
wonderful family.

Welcome Lori Novak to City Council. I look forward to working with
you these next 4 years.

As the weather is getting colder and the ice and snow are here, please be
careful of our youngest residents. Don't forget that the Lion's Club will
have the ice rink up at the community center soon for you to enjoy!
Please do not take any snowmobiles through the trails for the safety of
those out walking.

Planning & Zoning

***HAPPY HOLIDAY'S
FROM OUR
FAMILY TO YOURS!***



DOWNTOWN ORONOCO GOLD RUSH DAYS **August 16-18, 2019**

2018 Donation list:

4th of July fireworks \$7,000
National Night Out \$2,500
Flowers \$200
Warming house window \$200
Oronoco Food Shelf \$1,500
Oronoco Presbyterian Church \$1,500
Grace Lutheran Church \$750
PI Area Home Service \$1,000
Oronoco VFW \$1,200
Oronoco Fire Department \$1,000
Oronoco First Responders \$1,800
Oronoco VFW Auxiliary \$1,000
Oronoco History Center \$500
Oronoco Cemetery Association \$300
Oronoco Senior Center \$600
Boy Scout Pack 69 \$600
Civil Air Patrol \$2,000
Holly Jolly Lighting \$100



Water & Sewer

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, CITY OF ORONOCO

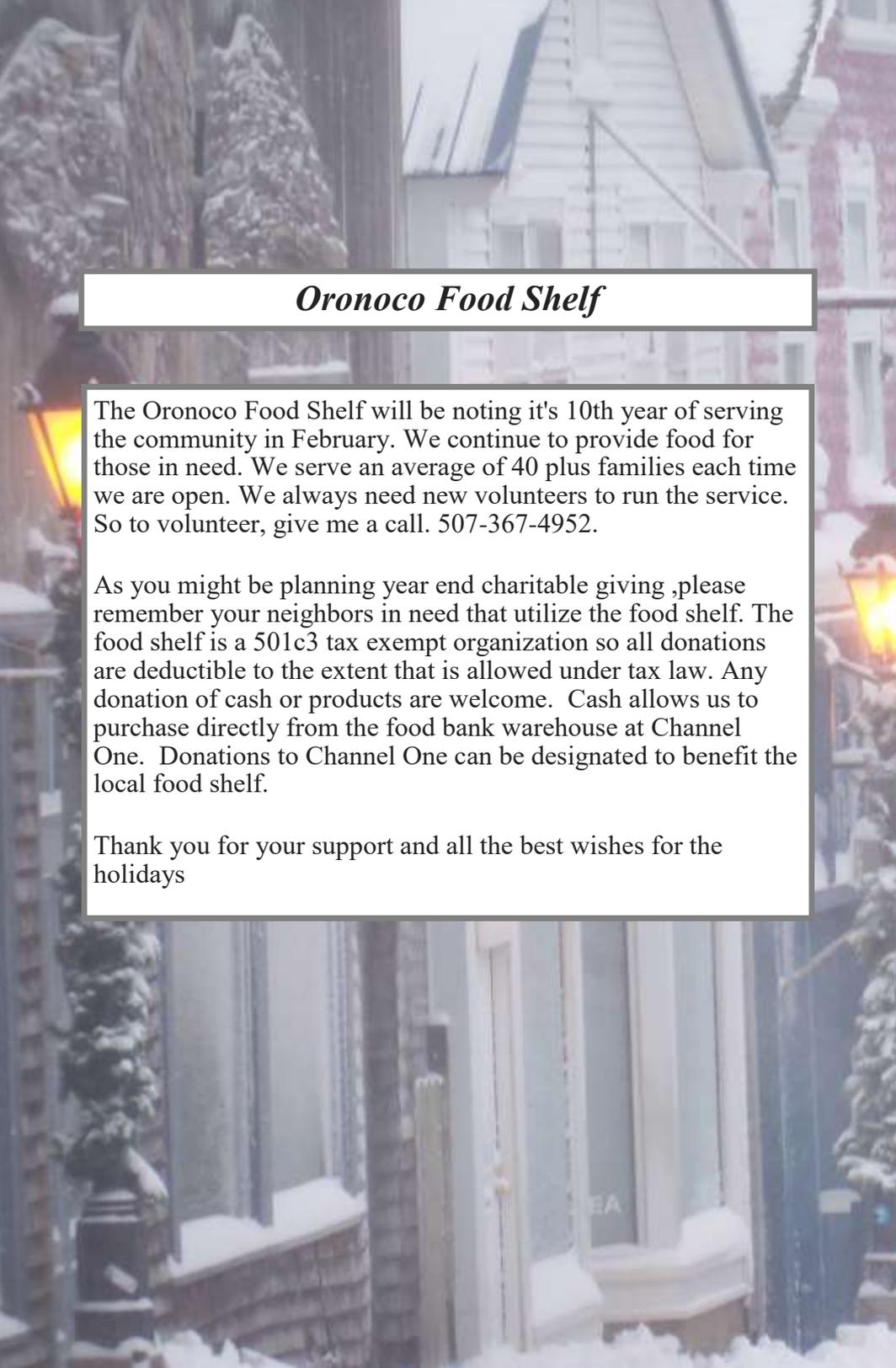
Notice is hereby given that the Oronoco Water & Sewer Committee and members of the City Council will meet at Oronoco City Hall at 115 2nd St NW, Oronoco, MN at 6:30 p.m. on December 11, 2018, to conduct a public hearing and to consider approving a wastewater collection & treatment and watermain distribution system Facilities Plan. The plan includes construction of wastewater collection and treatment facilities to serve Oronoco and surrounding areas including Oronoco Estates Mobile Home Community. In addition, the plan includes watermain distribution improvements to serve select areas of Oronoco. The City of Oronoco is proposing to fund the wastewater system and water distribution system related project costs through a combination of grants, state legislative appropriations and low-interest loans through the Public Facilities Authority. Those persons who so desire will be heard at this hearing with reference to the proposed wastewater and water distribution system improvements. Written comments may be submitted by mail to Oronoco City Hall at PO Box 195, Oronoco, MN 55960 or to oronococityhall@gmail.com by noon on December 10th, 2018.

By order of the Oronoco City Council

Parks and Trails

The Parks Committee would like to thank the Lions Club for putting up the rink boards and getting it set up for the season each year. Also a big thank you to city staff for maintaining the rink all winter. So please come out soon to have fun on the ice next to City Hall. We plan to have a warming shelter set up yet this winter as well. Parks is requesting gently used skate donations from the public . All sizes needed. Please drop them off to City Hall until the warming house is in place. At that time, skates will be left in the warming house for those who need them.

Have a safe and Happy Holidays!



Oronoco Food Shelf

The Oronoco Food Shelf will be noting it's 10th year of serving the community in February. We continue to provide food for those in need. We serve an average of 40 plus families each time we are open. We always need new volunteers to run the service. So to volunteer, give me a call. 507-367-4952.

As you might be planning year end charitable giving ,please remember your neighbors in need that utilize the food shelf. The food shelf is a 501c3 tax exempt organization so all donations are deductible to the extent that is allowed under tax law. Any donation of cash or products are welcome. Cash allows us to purchase directly from the food bank warehouse at Channel One. Donations to Channel One can be designated to benefit the local food shelf.

Thank you for your support and all the best wishes for the holidays

Hello from the Oronoco Fire Department

Happy Holidays from the Oronoco Fire Department. Welcome to Bryan Day who recently joined our department. We had a few people recently resign due to other commitments, thus as “your” 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 our recent significant snowfall, so if you have a fire hydrant on your property, please take a few minutes to clear it of snow and ice and also the area around the hydrant for easier access. In an emergency every second matters. Fire hydrants that are blocked, concealed or difficult to access due to snow or ice can impede emergency fire response.

We would also like to repeat some useful information related to smoke and CO alarms. Smoke alarms should be located inside every bedroom, and one in a common area on every level. There are two main types of smoke detection technologies: ionization and photoelectric. Ionization smoke alarms are generally more responsive to flaming fires and photoelectric smoke alarms are generally more responsive to fires that begin with a long period of smoldering. Since you can't predict the type of fire you may have in your home or when it will occur, we would recommend using both types of smoke alarm technologies, or purchase combination alarms that include both technologies in a single device.

CO alarms should be located within ten feet of every sleeping room, but not in furnace rooms, kitchens, or garages. Replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms yearly and test them using the built-in test buttons. It is often mentioned to check your alarms during daylight savings time each year, or maybe alongside another yearly event such as a birthday or anniversary.

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A key thing to remember is to check the age of your smoke and CO alarms since they don't last forever. Smoke alarms are generally good for up to ten years, and CO alarms are generally good for between five and ten years. The manufacture date is typically on the back of the unit, so anything over ten years old should be replaced.

The fire department recently got a donation of 9V batteries from Energizer, so let us know if you need some new batteries for your fire and CO alarms, or if you need any help checking your alarms or replacing batteries.

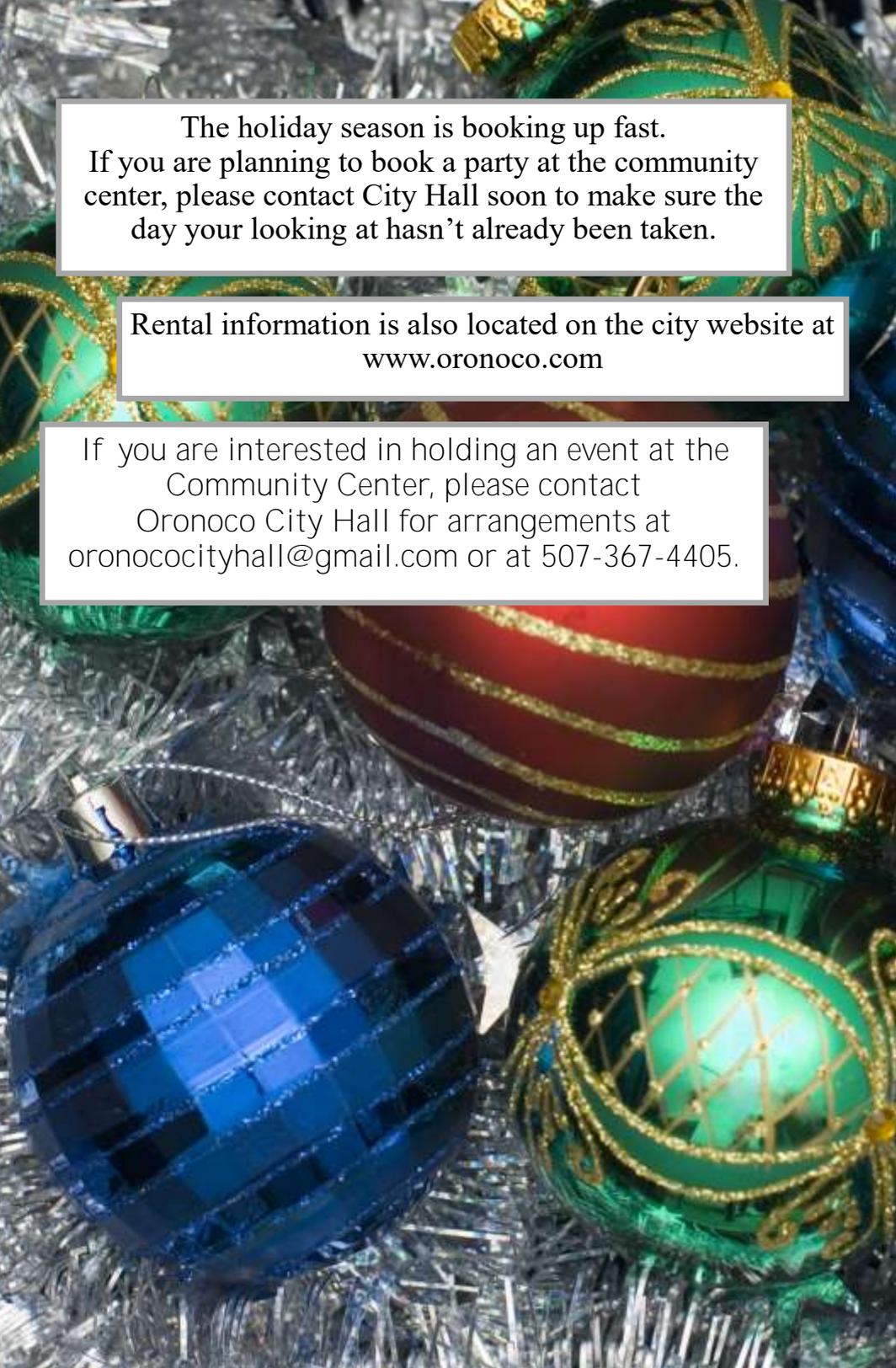
Call the firehall at 367-4440 if you would like to contact us with any questions, and check out our website <http://www.oronocofire.com> and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/oronocofire> for more information.



1st Responder's

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

***Have a safe and happy Holiday
Season!***



The holiday season is booking up fast.
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 been taken.

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

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.



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.**

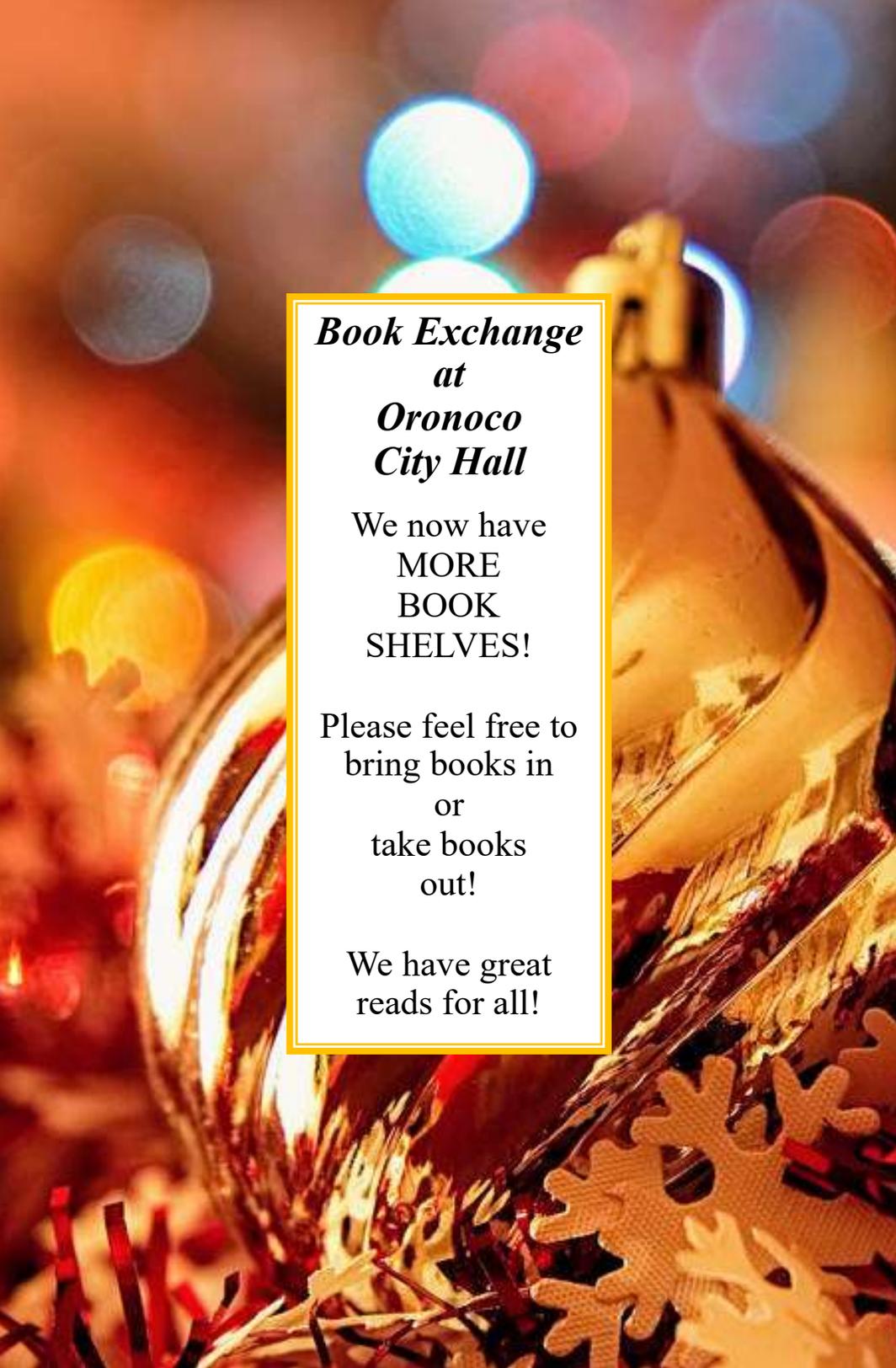
**During the winter months the food shelf will be
open from 4-6:00 p.m.**



Christmas Eve worship
(candle light service)
at 5:30 p.m.
on Christmas Eve.

Painting Fundraiser
Saturday, February 9th
from 1-4 p.m.

*Kids are welcome! Ages 8+. All kids must be accompanied by
an adult. RSVP through artonthegorocheater.com*



***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!

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 HALL INFORMATION

Monday - Thursday

9AM-3:30PM

Friday

9-1pm

(507) 367-4405

oronococityhall@gmail.com

www.oronoco.com

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)

**Please remember that
all dogs and cats
must be current on shots
and licensed per Oronoco
City Code 503. Tags are
\$5.00 for the year per pet
and must be renewed by
January of the new year.
2018 tags expire December
31st. Contact City Hall if
you are unable to make it in
during business hours.**



*Happy
Holidays*

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.



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

WWW.ORNOCO.COM



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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





Grace Lutheran Church

45 1ST Ave. NE
Oronoco, MN 55960
See us on Facebook
www.gracelutheranoronoco.com

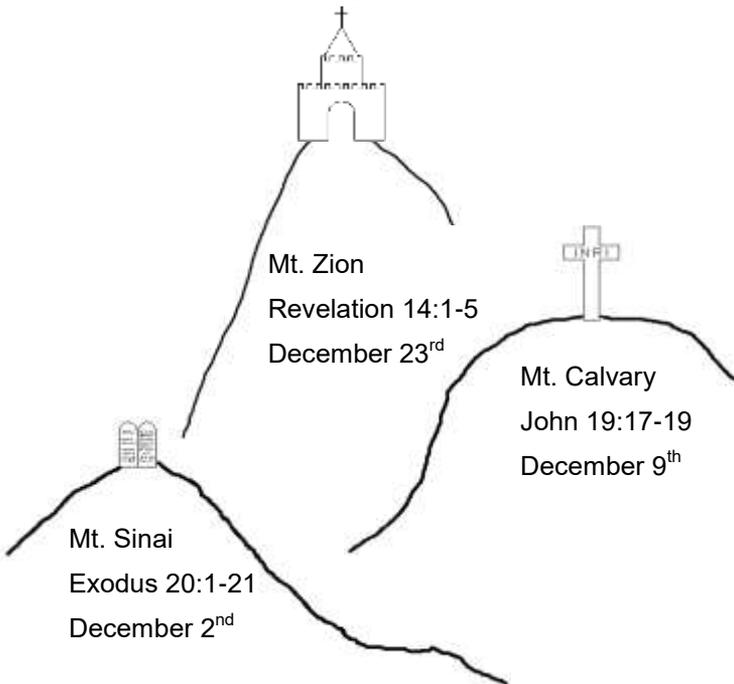
Sundays:

8:45 a.m. – Sunday School and Catechism

10:00 a.m. – Worship

Following - Fellowship and Bible Study

Enjoy the mountain-top experience of Advent.



“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD...He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths.” - Isaiah 2:3



***Advent & Christmas Schedule
Grace, Oronoco – 2018***

Sunday, December 2
10am - 1st Sunday in Advent “Mt. Sinai”

Sunday, December 9
10am - 2nd Sunday in Advent “Mt. Calvary”

Sunday, December 16
10:00am Children's Christmas Service

Sunday, December 23
10am - 3rd Sunday in Advent “Mt. Zion”

Monday, December 24
7:00pm Candlelight Worship

Tuesday, December 25
9:00am Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 30
10am - 1st Sunday after Christmas

Please join us in worshipping our coming King.
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wisconsin Synod (WELS) - wels.net
45 First Avenue NE, PO Box 238
Oronoco, Minnesota 55960
Office: (507) 367-4329
gracelutheranoronoco.com - - follow us on Facebook

Pastor Roger Riedel – Cell: (507) 601-8541
riedels.1999@gmail.com



ORONOCO SENIORS GROUP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Join the Senior Citizens of Oronoco Seniors Group at the Oronoco Community Center located at 115 2nd St NW, Oronoco on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. Enjoy Bingo, cards, a great social gathering, and a catered noon meal is offered for only \$5.00 on the 4th Wednesday. Please call Carole at 367-4717 or Evelyn at 367-4462 for any questions. All are welcome!

Oronoco Seniors Holiday Extravaganza Party (all seniors 55+ are welcome!)

Grand Buffet: catered by Tilly's.
December 12th, 2018 - Cost is \$5.
Please contact Evelyn at 367-4462 to RSVP for the meal.

This is our last get together until Spring of 2019.
For any questions, please call Carole at 367-4717

Young at Heart Exercise Group

Exercise helps us feel healthier and just a little bit younger with increased flexibility, balance and range of motion. After all age is just a number. Join the group and feel more energized to get all those Christmas preparations completed. The social aspect of getting together is also a benefit for those who are no longer out in the general workforce.

Winter weather can make it more difficult to get out. Having the opportunity to meet at the Oronoco Community Center has the benefit without the hassle of going to a fitness center in Rochester. Join the Young at Heart Exercise Group on Wednesday mornings at 9 am in the Oronoco Community Center and make a resolution to do what you can to stay more mobile.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year
Rosemary Van Houten



Pine Island Area Home Services

A Living at Home/Block Nurse Program



Web site: www.pineislandareahomeservices.org

Facebook: 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.
- 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.



Volunteers Needed

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

**PIAHS wishes everyone a
blessed holiday season and a
safe and healthy winter!**



2018 City of Oronoco Election Results

General

Registered voters by Election Day: 1008

Registered voters on Election Day: 48

Total Voters: 817

Candidate

MAYOR:

Ryland Eichhorst: 537

Write-In Candidates: 63

COUNCIL:

Lori Novak: 417

Patricia Shields: 239

Richard Swartwood: 228

Kevin Copple: 190

Beau Hanenberger: 189

Write-In Candidates: 13

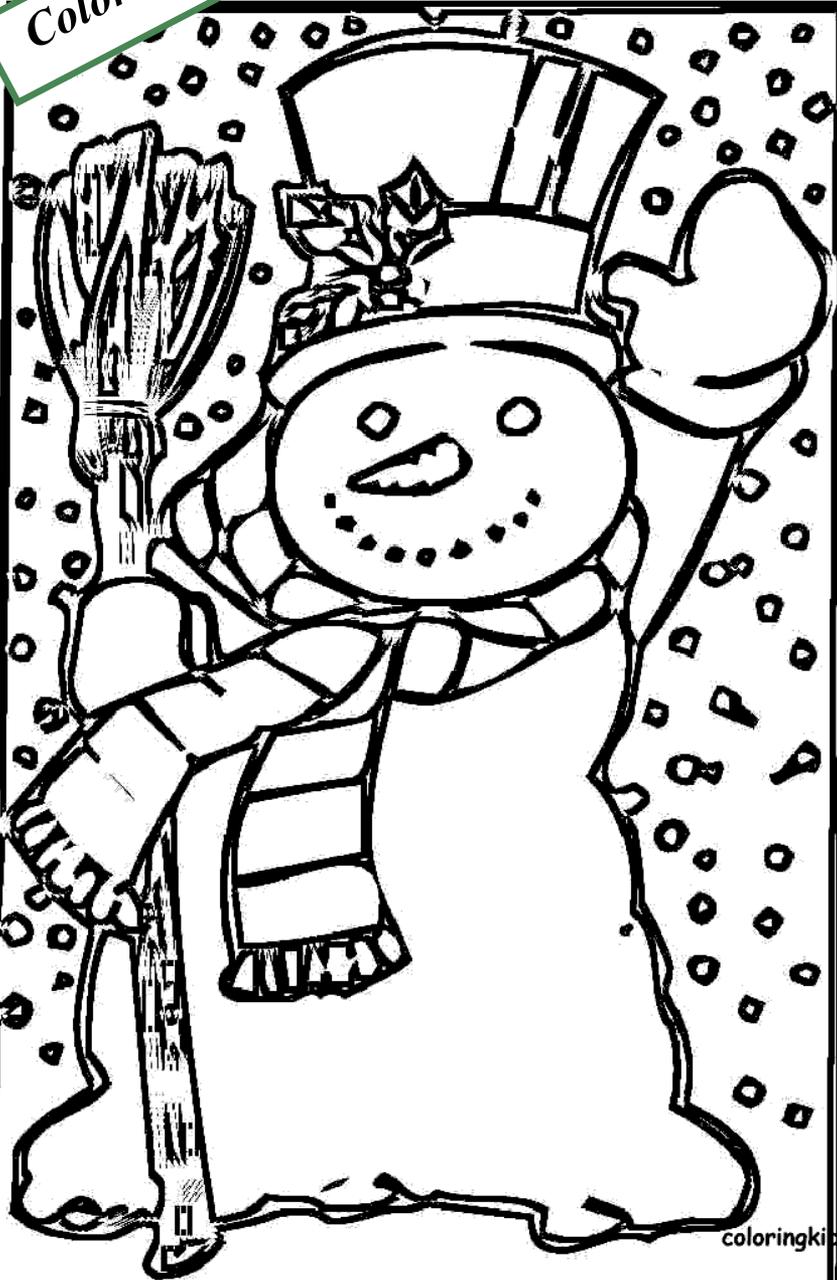
Each ballot is gone through by hand for write-in candidates, tabulated, and recorded by the City. Once the information has been dropped off, County verifies all the records and records the final results.

Thank you Election Judges for your time and dedication each Election year!

2018 Election Write In's

City Council	Brian Kabat - 1 Cain Dolan - 1 Charlie Blum - 1 Dan Ondler - 1 James Ackman - 1 John Tilford - 1 Kent Johnson - 1 Kieth Kautz - 1 Matthew Thompson - 1 Nate Guyse - 1 Scott Speer - 1 Tom Lovett - 1 Tom Moore - 1
Mayor	Adam Schaefer - 1 Alex Davis - 1 Andy Sell - 1 Annie Johnson - 1 Anybody but - 1 Anyone else - 2 Austin Ryan - 1 Beau Hanenber - 2 Beau Hanenberger - 1 Cain Dolan - 1 Carl Krause - 3 Craig Stock - 1 Dan Bocchi - 1 Dan Sundt - 1 Dana Bergner - 2 Doug Gillard - 1 Erin Nystrom - 7 Jim Richards - 1 John Stolp - 1 John Tiford - 6 Joseph Carlson - 1 Josh Petron - 1 Kevin McDermott - 1 Kylian Kirkham - 1 Laura Quest - 1 Lori Novak - 1 Luke Wittlief - 1 Matt Bloxham - 1 Me - 1 Mickey Mouse - 4 Nathan Hartung - 1 Nolan Cualdron - 1 Richard Smartwood - 1 Richard Swartward - 1 Ryan Johnson - 1 Scott Speer - 1 Someone better - 1 Stephen Zins - 1 Tom Moore - 1 Travis Drucker - 2

Coloring Corner





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JOY
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City of Oronoco ~ 2018 / 19 Calendar

December 3 - 6:30pm - Parks

December 3 - 6:30pm - 1st Responders

December 3 - 7pm - Oronoco Township

December 4 - 6pm - Special DOGR

December 10 - 6:30pm - Fire Department

December 11 - 6:30pm - Public Water & Sewer mtg

December 12 - Noon - Seniors

December 13 - 7pm - Planning & Zoning

December 18 - 7 pm - TNT

December 18- 7pm - Reg. City Meeting

December 24 - City Hall Closed

December 25 - City Hall Closed

December 28 - 11 am - Water Bills Due

December 31 - City Hall Closed

January 1 - City Hall Closed

January 7 - 6:30pm - Parks

January 7 - 6:30pm - 1st Responders

January 7 - 7pm - Oronoco Township

**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!