**Mendota News**



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**The City of Mendota holds City Council Meetings at 7:30 on the second Tuesday of every month at the**

**VFW Post 6690**

**1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy.**

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**Fall 2017**

**Mendota Picnic:**

This year’s picnic was a huge success. It was so nice to see everyone out at the park and to catch up with all of you. Adeline Bruestle won the girls bike and Easton Perron won the boys bike. Kelly Wilcziek and Alicia Perron won first place in the horse shoe tournament and Tracy Wilcziek and Bobby Blaschka won second place. We had a bean bag toss, a scavenger hunt and the famous hula hoop contest for the kids.

**The Sibley House activities:**

Many of you may not know this but the Sibley house has an event called Mendota after Hours and all are invited. This month’s event will be Friday the 13th of October and the presentation is on Dakota County during the Civil War. It's titled "County Divided." and the cost is $25, or $20 for DCHS, MNHS, or Friends Members. They will have Surly beer, wine, and snacks that will be served. Also there is a Halloween event which will be on October 14th. The event is called “A Sibley Site Haunting,” and will be flashlight tours of the Faribault basement and Sibley main floor. On the tour, people will get the chance to interact with “ghosts” from the site’s past. Before or after the tour, you will be able to sit by a fire and listen to Victorian ghost stories. They are hoping to make it mildly eerie, so it will only be for ages 13 and up. Cost is $10 or $8 for members and students (with a valid student ID)

**Snow Removal**

The City of Mendota asks residents to be aware of city ordinances in regards to parking and snow removal. Please do not park in such a manner as to obstruct or interfere with snow plowing or snow removal. Also, it is unlawful for any person to deposit snow/ice into the roadway. All snow and ice should be removed from public sidewalks 12 hours after the snow has ceased to fall.

The city thanks you for your cooperation.

**Recycling everything is the way to go. Check out the recycling center in Eagan. Located at 3365 Dodd Road .**

**Autumn Leaves**

Wherever leaves fall, they decompose and restock the soil with nutrients and organic matter.

But when there is no soil to land on—such as on a street or sidewalk—the leaves and all their decomposing bits wash down the street and into the storm drain. They go directly into lakes and rivers where the nutrients will feed unwanted algae growth next summer. In addition to a major "ick" factor, this algae is a problem because when it dies and decomposes at the bottom of the lake it uses up oxygen that fish and native plants need.

Don't "leaf" it up to someone else to solve this problem! Here's what to do with your autumn leaves so that they nourish the soil and not unwanted algae.

Rake the leaves that have accumulated along your curb, sidewalk, and alley:

Several times during the fall, rake up the leaves that have accumulated along your curb and sidewalk.

Never trash or burn your leaves:

Don't add leaves to the regular trash (its illegal!) and don't burn them. Burning leaves releases large amounts of air pollution. These pollutants can cause breathing problems for sensitive groups and lead to long-term health effects for all of us.

Put leaves in your backyard compost pile:

One of the best ways to use leaves (from the street or the yard) is to compost them in your backyard. Learn how to compost in your backyard.

Tip: If your bin isn't big enough to accommodate all your leaves, put early and late season leaves in the bin, then on your main raking weekend bring the rest to a compost or yard waste drop-site. If you have room, also bag up and store some dry leaves to use a carbon source ("browns") in your compost pile during the coming year.

Use leaves to mulch your garden and lawn

Whole or shredded leaves can be used as mulch. Mulch benefits the soil and reduces weeds. On the lawn, use a mower to break apart the leaves so that they fall between the blades of grass (consider using an electric mower, since two-cycle gas lawn mowers, especially older models, produce large amounts of air pollution). Don't let the leaf layer get too thick! In garden beds, leaves provide a protective layer of insulation for perennial gardens and shrubbery, either bagged or loose.

Drop leaves off at a compost site

Another option is to drop off your leaves and sticks at a compost site near you. Depending on where you live, these may be called “yard waste” or "brush” drop sites. Contact your county for drop-off site locations, items accepted and any fees involved.

Consider curbside pick-up if you want a convenient option

Your garbage hauler may separately collect yard waste--sometimes for an additional fee--and then bring it to a commercial compost site. Contact your garbage hauler to learn about your pick-up options.