

Automatic Withdrawal

Why worry if you remembered to pay your water bill this month? Instead, set-up up an automatic deduction with the City of Fulton. Stop by City Hall and sign-up for a monthly automatic withdrawal from your checking/savings account. This is a secure and easy way to save yourself some time and hassle. Simply bring in a voided check and leave the rest up to us. For your records, you will still receive a copy of your water bill each month. Automatic deductions are processed the 20th of each month.

City Elections

Elections for the Fulton City Council are on Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

Seats up for election include:

- Mayor (4 years)
- City Clerk (4 years)
- 1st Ward Alderperson (4 years)
- 2nd Ward Alderperson (4 years)
- 2nd Ward Alderperson (2 years - unexpired term)
- 3rd Ward Alderperson (4 years)
- 4th Ward Alderperson (4 years)

Nomination papers can be picked up at Fulton City Hall, Monday through Friday. Filing dates are December 17-24, 2012. Filing requirements: statement of candidacy, completed nomination petition to be signed by the candidate before a notary, loyalty oath, and stamped "filed" receipt of statement of economic interest.



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From the Mayor's Desk....

FUTURE OPERATION OF THE FULTON MARINA

Another era for the Fulton Marina appears to have dawned. Our City Council has wrestled over the future of the marina while considering its impact on our budget, our local economy and overall image as an historic city on the Mississippi River.

Faced last year with the prospect of having to subsidize the previous marina operator's venture, your Council wisely chose to revisit the entire contract. In the end, the agreement with the previous operator was terminated on mutually agreed terms.

Taking the lead from neighboring marinas in Savanna, Rock Island and others, our Council has decided to operate the marina for at least the first year to get a true picture of revenues, costs and future prospects. The initial business plan looks very encouraging with the likelihood of reinvesting upwards to \$30,000 per year into marina upgrades with no subsidy from City funds.

As Mayor, I fully support their decision. Their insistence on removal of junk boats has already improved the outer appearance along 4th Street. Improvements at the leased building to resident marine mechanic, D & K Marine, can help assure continued success for this viable employer and taxpayer in Fulton.

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Because of the need for emergency dredging and needed equipment, a \$120,000 loan will be required to be paid back out of marina revenue.

To monitor progress, the Council has agreed to proposed duties and membership for a Marina Oversight Committee consisting of boaters and non-boaters to monitor marina policies, income and expenses and to report back with periodic findings and recommendations. Public Works Director, Dan Clark, will chair this Oversight Committee.

I would be remiss in not thanking volunteers who worked on the previous Marina Study Committee which worked to improve the appearance and develop a plan of action for the marina. This Study Committee was chaired by local boater Pat Pollard with inputs from council members Randy Boonstra and Warren Juist, local business owner Mike Ottens and former Fire Chief and fellow boater Don Damhoff along with advise from our own Dan Clark and City Administrator Balk.

Mayor Larry Russell

City Yard Waste Pick Up

City yard waste pickup will end on November 30, 2012. Yard waste has been picked up twice weekly during the month of November on Tuesdays and Fridays. The service will resume the first Tuesday in April 2013.

The **Fulton Police Department** will utilize a new communications service, effective immediately that allows us to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology.

The Nixle Community Information Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's web site at www.nixle.com.

Messages may include severe weather bulletins, bridge closings, closed streets, missing persons info, school lockdowns, as well as other relevant safety and community event information.

"This system allows us to alert the residents of Fulton with important or emergency information in a timely fashion. All at no cost." Lt. Donnie Pridemore.

The service is secure, reliable and easy to use for our group. The messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a ¼ mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text message, or over the web.

Nixle builds on the foundations of other public-to-public communication services, such as Twitter, Facebook, and MySpace, but adds a key component: security. When citizens receive information from our agency via Nixle, they know it can be trusted.

Residents of Fulton and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at www.nixle.com.

Fulton Christmas Walk
"Oh Christmas Tree"
Friday, December 7, 2012
5:00pm—7:30pm Downtown Fulton

Display & Silent Auction for 30+ decorated trees @ Masonic Lodge

Arts & Crafts Show @ River Bend Senior Center (RBSC)

Holiday Shopping @ Fulton Merchants

Ice Carving Demo - 11th Av. & 4th St.

Santa & Mrs. Claus @ Masonic Lodge

The Grinch & Gingy from Shrek

Live Nativity w/ animals by Second Reformed Church & Immaculate Conception Church – 12th Av. & 4th St.

Refreshments by Community State Bank @ Masonic Lodge

Children's Activity & Refreshments by Central Bank @ Fulton Journal Office

Puppet Show @ State Farm Agency

Children's Nativity @ Words of Wisdom

Gymnastics Performances @ Great River Gymnastics Studio

Train Rides @ River Bend Senior Center Parking Lot

Olde World Photo Display of Christkindlmarkt @ 1115 4th St.

Party Town Mobile DJ - outdoors

Riverside Brass Quartet - outdoors 5:30pm-7pm

2 Mile Run/Walk, 6:30pm @ Manny's Too

Illuminated Dike by Fulton Boy Scouts

Warming Fire Pit @ 11th Ave. & 4th St.

FOOD

Soup Supper by Fulton Boy Scouts @ RBSC

Kettle Corn by Granny's Sugar Shack

Bake Sale by Harbor Crest @ Fulton Township Building

Downtown Restaurants (3)

Breakfast With Santa
Saturday, December 1, 2012
Fulton Fire Station
7:30am - 10:30am

Children's Story Hour
Saturday, December 1, 2012
Schmalig Memorial Library
10:30am

Christmas @ Heritage Canyon
Saturday, December 1, 2012
10am to 4pm

Illuminated Walk @ Heritage Canyon
6pm-8pm

Free Shuttle Service to Heritage Canyon will be provided on December 1, 2012. More details about the shuttle service will be announced in the local newspapers and on the city website.

To stay updated on all Fulton events and activities be sure to visit the **NEW** city website at www.cityoffulton.us.

Wild Winter Wednesdays

Every Wednesday in January, February & March at the Windmill Cultural Center from 9am to 11am.

Free and Refreshments Provided.

Variety of program speakers and topics!
For a complete listing of programs, stop by City Hall for a flier or visit the city website at www.cityoffulton.us

City Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm. On the 20th of each month, City Hall closes at 3pm.

Fulton Public Works Department

- The City of Fulton Public Works Department is now in charge of marina operations. A letter to all boaters will be sent soon with an announcement on an upcoming informational meeting.
- The City has performed maintenance dredging at the marina to allow for winter boat removal and slip access. Many boats have been removed from the marina for winter storage. If boaters have any questions, please contact Fulton City Hall at 815-589-2616. The 2012 winter and 2013 summer rates will remain the same.
- The water main at Rose Lane has been installed and will go online at the end of this year.
- The dedicated water line from the filter plant at 14th Avenue will be connected next month.
- The new filter plant at 16th Avenue and 11th Street is under construction. Drilling for new well #5 at 16th Avenue and 11th Street has been completed at a depth of 1,852 feet. The well will be tested soon.
- Sewer cleaning and inspections will continue over the next several weeks from 13th Avenue to the south.

The Community Christmas Dinner will be held on December 25, 2012, from 11am to 2pm at the Fulton Fire Department. All are welcome.