

City of Hayward Newsletter

FALL 2026

Dog Ordinance Reminder!

Dogs must not run at large. Owners are responsible for keeping dogs leashed or confined to their property at all times. We've received multiple complaints, including from local businesses.

When walking your dog, it must be leashed, and you must clean up and properly dispose of any feces—whether on your property, someone else's, or public grounds.

Violations are a misdemeanor and subject to a \$100 fine per incident. If a dog causes harm or fear, animal control will be notified.

City Council meetings are typically held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall. If a federal holiday falls on that Monday, the meeting will be held on **the second Tuesday** instead.

City Council Members Mayor Anthony Cox Councilmembers Darwin Dolph, Derek Lerum, Eugene Flaskerud, and Mark Bangert

Contact information for council members is available online at cityofhaywardmn.gov.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Hayward routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. One such contaminant is gross alpha. The maximum allowable contaminant level is 15.4 pCi/L. Hayward's recent testing results were 39 pCi/L.

Gross alpha is colorless, tasteless, and odorless in drinking water and testing is the only way to identify its presence in drinking water. Drinking elevated levels of gross alpha can increase the risk of adverse health effects. If you have specific health concerns, speak with your doctor about it.

Gross alpha occurs naturally within ground water. South-eastern MN, in general, has higher amounts of gross alpha. **THIS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY.** You do not need an alternate source of water, such as bottled water. The MN Department of Health requires this information to be posted. There is a posting available on the bulletin board outside the post office.

Home water treatment units are available to reduce gross alpha, including water softening, reverse osmosis, and distillation.

NOTE: As Mon. Oct. 12th is a Federal Holiday, the Hayward City Council Meeting will take place on **TUESDAY OCT. 13th—7 p.m. at the Community Hall..**

FLU SHOT CLINIC IN HAYWARD



WHEN: Oct. 13, 2025

TIME: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

WHERE: Hayward Community Center

BRING your Medicare Card, Medicare Advantage Plan, or Medical Assistance Card. Cost for High Dose/Flu Block \$80, Regular Flu vaccine \$45. See your pharmacy/provider for COVID & RSV VACCINES.

Please call for appointment (507) 377-5100.

No walk-ins. Cost is \$45. High Dose FLU Block \$85. If you have questions, call Freeborn County Public Health at 507-377-5100.

The **Second Street and Armstrong Street water-main replacement project is now underway.** This work is a critical step toward advancing the future water filtration plant.

The City is still awaiting official notification from the **Minnesota Public Facilities Authority** regarding the percentage of funding that will be awarded for the overall project. While we continue to hear encouraging updates, nothing has been finalized. In the meantime, the City is working diligently to identify ways to ease the financial impact on residents and local businesses.

Even with these efforts, a **water rate increase will be necessary beginning with your 4th Quarter statements.**

If you have questions or concerns, please attend the **City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2026**, and/or speak with any City Council

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Put on your purple on and stand up against family violence!