

City of Hayward Newsletter

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Hayward is evaluating the feasibility of important utility upgrades on Second Street and Armstrong Street to address aging and undersized infrastructure. The potential project would include replacing the watermain, updating water services, and fully reconstructing the street surface on Second Street (from 810th Avenue to Armstrong Street) and on Armstrong Street (from Front Street to Second Street). Additional work would include water service replacements on the west side of 810th Street and select valve replacements throughout the project area.

These improvements align with the city's broader effort to modernize its water system, including plans for a future water filtration facility. Hayward is currently well-positioned on the state's funding priority list, and the City Council continues to work with ISG Engineering and the Minnesota Rural Water Association to explore financing options and understand potential impacts on water rates. To move forward responsibly, the City has authorized ISG to begin preliminary tasks such as site investigations, design work, permitting, and preparation for the bidding process. While the city is optimistic about grant opportunities, affordability remains a key consideration as we plan this necessary investment in Hayward's infrastructure.



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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 pCi/L. Hayward's recent testing results were 39 pCi/L. Which is well within the allowable level.

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. Southeastern 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.

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Winter 2026

2025 was a busy and productive year for the City of Hayward!

The City purchased the former Hayward School property, and—thanks to the incredibly generous support of the Hayward Boosters Club—the old school building was demolished and the site cleared. Before disbanding, the Booster Club also set aside funds dedicated specifically to future city beautification efforts and new park equipment. Their long history of service made a lasting impact on our community, and while it is bittersweet to see the group conclude its work, the memories and contributions they leave behind will continue to benefit Hayward for years to come. **Many thanks to all the Booster Club members—all of whom were community volunteers—for all you've done for Hayward!**

City Council Community Liaisons:

Mayor Anthony Cox: Water & Sewer, Park & Rec; Fire Dept. & Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees



City Council Members:

Mark Bangert: Animal Control, Public Health & Safety

Derek Lerum: Ordinance Enforcement; Fire Dept. & Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees

Darwin Dolph: Fire Dept. & Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees

Gene Flaskerud: Street Dept.

We ask that you please do your part by moving your vehicle(s) off the streets during snow plowing occurrences. After 2 inches or more of snow have accumulated, motor vehicles need to be removed if parked on any street or public way so Travis can clear the snow on both sides of the street. Also, **REMEMBER** all snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow or ice occurrence.

Thank You!



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!