



CITY OF ST. BONI SUMMER NEWSLETTER JULY 2023



JAMES WEILAND AMERICAN LEGION POST 597 DISBANDING

The members of the St. Boni American Legion Post 597 recently voted to disband. The post was organized on August 30th of 1946 by returning

members of the second world war. The members were made up of World War II and Vietnam veterans, who have been the core of the post. The post was named after James Weiland who lost his life in action in World War II. As years have passed many have died or gotten up there in years. Younger veterans of more recent wars have refrained from joining.

The vote to disband was held at a special meeting held on November 18, 2022, in which all members were invited. Among those that showed up, all present voted ‘yes.’

The Legion offered many services to the community throughout the years. In the early years this included supporting a Legion baseball team and lighting of the Boniface Field ballfield in 1947. In recent years it included the Missile Park Veterans’ Memorial pavers, Memorial Day services, Turkey bingo and the Memorial shelter.

Thank you to all veterans for your service and the many years you gave to St. Bonifacius.

HELLO FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS – MAYOR KERRY TAYLOR!



Happy summer neighbors.

There are so many exciting things happening in St. Boni: the dugouts at Missile Park are done, baseball field lights will be installed around the field before baseball season next year, and a scoreboard and back stop are next.

Thank you to the St. Boni Saints, Crown College, Westonka Jaycees, Jared Klahsen family, Waconia Lions club and the St. Boni Lions club for their generous donations to make these upgrades possible.

Two big construction projects begin this summer too. The Glacier Road and Partridge Road neighborhoods are first and then the Industrial Park will get a complete redo including water and sewer.

Council members recognized Ass’t Clerk Kristine DeBoer for five years of excellence.

Respectfully,
Kerry Taylor



ST. BONIFACIUS NEEDS COMMISSIONERS

The Parks/Planning Commission is an advisory group made up of volunteers appointed for two-year terms by the City Council. The commission meets the second and last Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 pm, as needed. Members receive \$20 per meeting.

The objective of the Commission is to make recommendations to the City Council, which will guide the planning and management of city parks and related services and research, review and make recommendations on issues related to land use and development for the City. The group held 13 meetings in 2022.

Interested candidates should write a brief request to the City Council, expressing their interest. You can also attend a Parks/Planning Commission meeting to see if serving on this commission is right for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

National Night Out – August 1



Sponsored by Old National Bank. National Night Out will be held at Missile Park, August 1st from 6 – 7:30 pm – please see flyer for further information.

Tour de Tonka – August 5

The annual Tour de Tonka bike ride has become a staple of the west metro community, growing from 819 riders in 2006 to nearly 3,500 riders annually.

Tour de Tonka is sponsored by Minnetonka Community Education. A portion of each rider's registration fee is donated to the local ICA Food Shelf. Please visit www.tourdetonka.org or call 952-401-6800 to learn more about Tour de Tonka to register or to volunteer.



Garage Sales will be held in conjunction with Spass-Tagen. Contact Fred Keller at 612-419-5932 or <https://www.stboni-spasp-tagen.com/garage-sale-signup.html> to sign up.!



Missile Park - St. Bonifacius, MN

The annual Spass-Tagen Festival will be held on **Saturday, September 9th** at Missile Park from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Events include food, live music, kids' activities, bean bag toss tournament, car and bike show, raffle and much more! Check the website at <https://www.stboni-spasp-tagen.com/>.

Know the Code – Recreational Fires



- Recreational fires may only be used for recreational, ceremonial, food preparation or social purposes.
- Fires cannot be more than three feet in diameter.
- Fire must be at least 25 feet from any structure (house, shed, garage)
- Fire must be constantly attended by a responsible adult
- A means of extinguishing the fire (garden hose or fire extinguisher) shall be present

Roasted Zucchini & Tomatoes

This is such an easy summer side dish!

INGREDIENTS

- 4 medium zucchini, quartered lengthwise and sliced
 - 2 cups baby tomatoes (grape or cherry tomatoes)
 - 1 - 1½ tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
 - ½ teaspoon salt (or, to taste)
 - ½ teaspoon pepper (or, to taste)
- (feel free to add 1 diced onion, 2 cloves garlic - minced, 1 bell pepper or 8 oz halved button mushrooms (or any combination!) to the mixture

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large bowl, toss zucchini and tomatoes with a drizzle of olive oil and stir to coat. Stir in balsamic vinegar and add a generous sprinkle of salt and pepper.
2. Spread veggie mixture out onto a baking sheet. Roast at 375° F for 30-45 minutes, or until you have reached desired doneness (30 minutes will give you a more crisp-tender texture, while 45 minutes will give you some caramelization on the tomatoes)

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Why do we care about stormwater?

By being careful about what goes down our storm drains, we can keep our lakes and rivers clean.



Our cities and towns have lots of paved surfaces that carry rain and pollution to storm sewers.

Storm sewers deliver rain and pollution directly to our lakes and rivers.



We want clean water for fishing, boating & swimming.

Healthy ecosystems need clean water.

SAFETY TIPS CARBON MONOXIDE



PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Carbon monoxide, also known as CO, is called the "Invisible Killer" because it is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. More

than 150 people in the United States die every year from accidental non-fire related CO poisoning associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces.

- Never use portable generators inside homes or garages, even if doors and windows are open. Many people do not realize that one portable generator can produce the same amount of carbon monoxide as hundreds of cars. Use generators outside only, far away from the home.
- Install battery-operated CO alarms or CO alarms with battery backup on every level of the home and outside sleeping areas. Interconnected CO alarms are best; when one sounds, they all sound.
- Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, sleepiness, and confusion. If you suspect CO poisoning, get outside to fresh air immediately, and then call 911.

WATER WISELY

In general, lawns need about one inch of water per week, including rainfall, to stay green.

Overwatering uses our limited fresh water and carries pollutants to nearby waters. Save money and protect lakes and rivers by adopting these water saving tips. Water early in the morning when it is cooler, to minimize evaporation losses. In summer, water deep and infrequently (rather than shallow and more frequent) to promote deeper roots. Make sure sprinklers are directed onto the lawn and not the street and sidewalk. Water less when it rains; install a rain sensor to shut off automated sprinkler systems during rainy weather. Reposition downspouts from hard surfaces onto vegetation. Add a rain barrel to a downspout to collect and store water that can be used during dry periods.



Twins COMMUNITY FUND



The City of St. Boni would like to sincerely thank the Minnesota Twins Community fund for awarding a \$7,000 matching grant to be used for fencing at the Missile Park baseball field.

In 2016 the Twins Community Fund also played a large part in renovating Townsedge Park on Kennedy Memorial Drive. This grass Little League infield is one of very few in the state.

The City of St. Bonifacius and the Community value these parks and are thankful and proud!

City Council Recap

The City Council meets twice a month. Highlighted are items the City Council has acted on over the past three months:

- Received \$5,000 from St. Boni Lions for Missile Park Renovations.
- Received \$8,000 donation from Mohawk Jaycees gambling proceeds for Missile Park Lights.
- Approved Kwik Trip building addition site plan with stipulation that they provide a plat.
- Accepted \$7,000 grant from Twins Fields for the Missile Park to use for reconstruction of the fencing and sod.
- Hired Jason Menzel as the seasonal Public Works employee at \$18.00/hour, 24 hours/week May 1st through September 1st.
- Hired Phil Kranz as the seasonal Parks employee at \$18.00/hour on an as needed basis at the Missile Park April 6th through November 1st.
- Approved Fire Relief Assoc. request to serve liquor at the Fire Station for the events held on June 12, August 27, September 11, and December 11.
- Approved Brush Dental sign application followed by a welcome to St. Boni.
- Approved plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids for the 2023 Street & Utility Improvements project.
- Approved pothole repair quote from WM Mueller in the amount of \$80,740.
- Approved crack repair and sealcoating trails quote from Bargan in the amount of \$23,386.
- Appointed Andy Harvala for a 2-year appointment to the Parks/Planning Commission.
- Liquor Licenses were approved for Grumpy's on Main, Crossbar, Klocek's Liquor, and the St. Boni Bistro.
- Approved the amendment to the City Personnel Policy to include Juneteenth (June 19) as a paid holiday.
- Awarded SM Hentges contract for 2023 Street & Utility Improvements project for \$3,164,744.52.
- Received additional \$8,000 from Fields for Kids grant – to be used toward final improvements including seeding, grading and storm sewer work
- Council expressed their appreciation of Kristine DeBoer's five years as Assistant Clerk.

City Council meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public. You are encouraged to attend the meetings or watch them on LMCC Channel 8 or from LMCC website which is available on the city website. All meeting minutes and council packets are also available on the city website.

Or Current Resident

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CITY CALENDAR

Aug 1 National Night Out (Missile Park 6:00pm)
 Aug 2 City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Aug 15 Utility Bills Due
 Aug 16 City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Sep 4 City Office Closed for Labor Day
 Sep 6 City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Sep 9 Spass-Tagen (Missile Park 10am-11pm)
 Sep 15 Utility Bills Due
 Sep 20 City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Oct 1 City resident's free fall compost begins
 Oct 12 Council/Consult/Staff Quarterly Workshop 7:00 p.m.
 Oct 15 Utility Bills Due
 Oct 18 City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MEETING SCHEDULES

<u>City Council</u>	<u>Parks/Planning Commission</u>
1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays	2 nd and last Tuesday
7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m. (if there is an agenda)

Contact City Hall at least 4 business days before a council or planning commission meeting if you have an item for the agenda.



Check Out the City Website!

www.ci.st-bonifacius.mn.us

The City website provides information about your local government, answers to frequently asked questions, and links to frequently used city forms including building permits and licenses. The City also posts Council meeting packets, Council meeting videos, public notices, ordinance changes, policies in effect, and current events.

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NO ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD IN ST. BONI IN 2023.

New voters in St. Boni can register for the 2024 elections now online at

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections->

[voting/register-to-vote/](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/) or stop in at city hall for a voter registration application.

2023-2024 ST. BONI CITY COUNCIL

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Watch the City Council Meetings:
Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) broadcasts meetings on Mediacom Cable, Ch. 8, and also on their website at www.lmcc-tv.org.

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For after hours Public Works emergencies, please contact the Minnetrista Police Department at 952-446-1131.