



# CITY OF ST. BONI

## WINTER NEWSLETTER

### JANUARY 2025



**Council 2023-2024**  
Robert Smestad Jr  
Carolyn Brooks  
Mayor Kerry Taylor  
Randy Ebert  
Terrill Anderson

At the December 18, 2024 Council Meeting Council member Terrill Anderson presented outgoing Mayor Taylor with a plaque thanking her for her service as Mayor.



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### Meet our City Council

On January 7, 2025 two council members for four-year terms and Mayor for a two-year term were sworn in. Council member Terrill Anderson was re-elected to his council seat. Anderson held this seat from 2003 to 2014 and currently from 2017. Thomas Schufman was also elected as a council member. He previously was an appointed council member from early 2021 thru 2022. Tim Eiler is the newly elected Mayor. He previously served on the Parks and Planning Commission.

City Council meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month. Council/Consultant/Staff meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the 1<sup>st</sup> month of each quarter. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and residents are encouraged to attend.

The City of St. Bonifacius would like to say “THANK YOU” to Robert Smestad Jr, who has served as council member from 1993 to 1998 and 2013 to 2024 and Kerry Taylor who served as Mayor from 2020 to 2024. We appreciate your service. Their last official City Council meeting was December 18, 2024.

## CITY OF ST. BONIFACIUS 2025 BUDGET SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2025 budget information concerning the City of St. Bonifacius to interested citizens. The budget is posted and published in the city newsletter and on-line in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 471.6965. The state budget report does not require enterprise funds of water/sewer/storm sewer budgets. The complete budget may be examined at the St. Bonifacius City Office located at 8535 Kennedy Memorial Drive. The City Council approved this budget on 12/04/2024.

	2024	2025		2024	2025
REVENUES	BUDGET	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	BUDGET
Property Taxes	960,935	1,036,853	General Government	446,101	564,857
Special Assessments	119,656	116,215	Public Safety	614,604	831,971
Licenses and Permits	156,078	99,330	Streets and Highways	458,370	431,500
State General Purpose Aid	428,286	428,721	Debt Service - Principal	318,346	363,346
State Categorical Aid (state aid for fire aid)	60,000	60,000	Interest and Fiscal Charges	244,491	196,222
Grants from County & Other Local Gov.	14,700	364,800	Capital Outlay	243,760	846,042
Charges for Services	381,370	411,646	Transfers to Other Funds	0	0
Fines and Forfeits	8,000	6,787			
Interest on Investments	8,000	14,000			
Transfers from Other Funds	179,503	162,540			
Proceeds from Bond Sales	0	425,000			
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>2,316,528</b>	<b>3,125,892</b>	<b>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>2,325,672</b>	<b>3,233,938</b>

2025 TAX LEVY APPROVED

The St. Bonifacius City Council on December 4, 2024, passed a resolution to approve the FINAL 2025 tax levy for \$1,036,853. This is a 7.9% increase from 2024. The last five years of levies were as follows: 2024 +10.0%, 2023 +6.4 %, 2022 +12.9%, 2021 +3.6%, 2020 +2.1%.

2025 UTILITY RATES

The City Council has adopted the 2025 Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges. These rates represent the fees charged for city services including utility services for water and sewer. The rates did not change from 2024. The following chart outlines the 2025 utility rates in comparison to the 2024 rates.

UTILITY	2024 RATE	2025 RATE	CHANGE
All stated rates are billed monthly.			
Water Rates			
Base Unit Charge per Month	\$8.40	\$8.40	No Change
Use Rate Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$7.14	\$7.14	No Change
Sewer Rates			
Base Unit Charge per Month	\$8.77	\$8.77	No Change
Use Rate Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$4.73	\$4.73	No Change
June, July, August & September based on April's water reading			
Storm Water			
Maintenance Fee	\$8.00	\$8.00	No Change
Other Fees			
Penalty/Late Payment	2%	2%	No Change
Curb Stop Turn Off or On Labor	\$26.25/visit	\$26.25/visit	No Change
Water Meter/Radio Non-compliance	\$52.50/month	\$52.50/month	No Change

LOCAL BOARD OF REVIEW IS APRIL 2

Property owners who disagree with the current property values established by the County Assessor are invited to attend the Local Board of Review meeting, to be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the City Council Chambers. You are encouraged to first call or e-mail St. Boni’s County Assessor Ryan Bauman at (612)-348-3046 or [Ryan.Bauman@hennepin.us](mailto:Ryan.Bauman@hennepin.us) as he may be able to answer your questions.

Notification of Accessibility of the Service Line Materials Inventory

Posted on: October 28, 2024

WATER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY

City of St. Bonifacius

The City of St. Bonifacius completed and submitted our service line materials inventory to the Minnesota Department of Health. The service line inventory is publicly available, and you can check the materials for your service line by visiting the Lead Inventory Tracking Tool (LITT) at <https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/> you may also contact us at 952-446-1061. To complete the service line inventory our system performed records review, community outreach, and/or visual inspections.

As of October 16, 2024, our inventory contains 1 lead, 7 galvanized requiring replacement, 569 unknown material, and 366 non-lead service lines. The 1 property containing lead and the 7 properties containing galvanized have been informed. **Homes constructed after 1985 do not have any lead in service lines and in lines in street if the developments (streets) were constructed after 1985.**

- Residents will be notified by their water system if they have a service line that needs replacement or may need replacement.
- These notifications are not an indication that there is an immediate problem with their drinking water.
- Water systems routinely test drinking water for lead and notify residents separately if there’s an issue.

SANITATION & RECYCLING CONTRACT

The city has renewed the contract with Republic Services located in Delano and formerly known as Randy’s Sanitation for 2025-2029. The city received sealed quotes from five sanitation companies. Republic Services was the lowest cost to taxpayers.

The monthly rates for collection are shown below. The rates for 2025 increased by 20% from the former 2024 contract. For years 2026-2029 the rates increase by 5% on January 1 of each year. New in 2025 is Hennepin County’s requirement to charge all residential properties for source-separated organic recycling. This charge is included in the recycling fee. Collection will continue to be on Thursdays – weekly for Solid Waste/Trash and bi-weekly for Recycling. To arrange for organic recycling please contact Republic Services at 763-972-3335. The more residents that sign up for recycling the more the city receives in grants, reducing property taxes.

Service	Monthly Rate				
	01/01/2025	01/01/2026	01/01/2027	01/01/2028	01/01/2029
35-gallon trash	\$11.40	\$11.97	\$12.57	\$13.20	\$13.86
65-gallon trash	\$12.72	\$13.36	\$14.02	\$14.72	\$15.46
95-gallon trash	\$15.38	\$16.15	\$16.96	\$17.80	\$18.69
Recycling	\$8.17	\$8.58	\$9.01	\$9.46	\$9.93

Republic Services will continue to offer Active Military and Seniors a 10% discount upon phone call to 763-972-3335.



# Hello, friends and neighbors!

## Mayor Tim Eiler

First, let me introduce myself to those of you who don't already know me.

- My family and I moved here in the last century – way back in 1997!
- My wife Elizabeth and I raised 2 great kids here.
- My education is as an Engineer – Mechanical & Industrial – and I have an MBA.
- I have been a professional project manager in technology for the past 30+ years.
- Before I was a project manager, I trained NASA astronauts how to operate spacecraft.
- On Planning Commission since 2019.
- I'm a board member of the St. Boni Historical Society.
- In the past, I've been the board president for a large, national non-profit organization.

Thanks for providing me with the honor of serving you as mayor. I'm looking forward to it. Let's plan to:

- ***Bring more business to our city.***  
Not just more businesses, but more people who can be customers for existing businesses.
- ***Bring St. Boni city government more to you.***  
For example, the new Mayor of Saint Boni wall on Facebook can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/mayorofsaintbonifaciusminnesota/>. You'll find reminders of meetings and agendas, followed by minutes, there frequently – and lots of other information that will help you connect better with your city.
- ***Concentration on the nuts-and-bolts basics of governing:***  
This includes things like:
  - Focusing tightly on the city budget.
  - Getting more return from non-essential expenditures.
  - Working to keep taxes low.
- ***Boosting community togetherness.***  
We're a small city; let's get connected – we will be working on ways to bring people together more.
- ***Watch here and elsewhere for more explanation of what's coming!***

Next, a huge thank you to the outgoing council members. Their service to our community is admired beyond measure. St. Boni, just as with any community, needs participation like that in order to stay vibrant and strong.

Finally, a reminder that winter parking rules are in effect. That's even when, like now, there's little to no snow. Your help to keep the streets open so our public works team can clear them when snow does hit is important and appreciated.

# **ST. BONI SNOW REMOVAL POLICY**

## **STREETS**

Public Works will perform snow removal during the normal work schedule hours of 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. If dangerous conditions are present during non-working hours the Public Works department will return to work upon their judgement of conditions or upon a phone call from the police department. Normally a police officer will call Public Works if over 2 inches of snow has fallen, or conditions are slippery.

The order of maintenance will be as follows:

- 1. Approaches to Highway 7 and County Rd 92**
- 2. Fire Station Parking Lot**
- 3. City Streets**
- 4. Alleys**
- 5. Public Building Parking Lots and Building Walkways**
- 6. Fire Hydrants**
- 7. Windrow of the Block from 4000 to 4100 Main Street**
- 8. Trails and Sidewalks adjacent to city property**
- 9. Cul de sac Snow Piles / Glacier Road barricade as needed**

## **SIDEWALKS**

Property owners on Main Street are required to remove snow and or apply salt/sand on sidewalks adjacent to their property. Sweeping of sand and debris removal must be conducted by the property owners upon snow melting.

The following ordinance applies to all properties adjacent to a walkway. Specifically, Tower Street, Meadowview Terrace, Woodland Curve, Partridge Road, and Main Street:

**Persons or firms occupying any structure adjacent to a public walk shall be responsible for the upkeep and repair of such walkway and all costs shall be incurred by such persons or firms. Upkeep includes keeping such walkways clear of obstructions and free from ice and snow. If it becomes necessary for the City to upkeep such walkways, the City shall assess all costs of repair, replacement, or maintenance against the taxes of such person or firms.**

**Accumulation of snow in excess of one inch shall be removed within 24 hours of its deposit onto walkways. If it becomes necessary for the City or its contractor to remove snow it may be conducted without notice to the property owner. The city shall assess the property owner's charges as specified in the annual fee schedule. Assessment of costs shall be pursuant to the provisions of Minn.Stat.§429.101.**

## **OTHER**

Property owners may mark their lawn adjacent to the curb with markers available at the city office.

**REMINDER**  
**NO PARKING ON CITY STREETS**  
**NOVEMBER 1 THRU APRIL 1**  
**3:00 A.M. – 7:00 A.M.**



## Reduce Salt Use to Protect Water

The danger of ice and snow on roads and sidewalks is a fact of life in Minnesota, and salt and sand can help reduce ice and add traction. When that snow inevitably melts, however, most of that salt and sand wash directly into nearby waters.

Currently, salt use is not regulated, but it poses a real threat to clean water. The chloride contained in one teaspoon of road salt can permanently pollute five gallons of water. Chloride upsets aquatic environments and can kill birds and some plants.

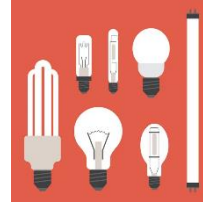
Many people use more salt than they need. But using more salt does not melt more ice or melt it faster. In reality, salt only works when there is enough snow or ice for it to react with and excess crystals will eventually become a pollutant. It's best to use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet. One pound of salt fills up a 12-ounce coffee mug.

Want to protect your local lake or stream from chloride pollution?

Here are some easy ways you can help:

- \* Shovel! When you remove snow and ice manually the more effective salt can be. If possible, keep up with any major storms by doing a little at a time. Shovel more! Break up ice and decide if application of a de-icer or sand is necessary to maintain traction.
- \* Use salt sparingly. As a general rule, use no more than a pound of salt -- approximately a 12-ounce coffee mug worth -- per 250 square feet (an average parking space is about 150 square feet).
- \* Don't use salt when temperatures fall below 15 degrees (Fahrenheit). Salt stops working around this temperature. For traction, use sand. Some de-icers do work in colder temperatures. Check the product's "practical melting point" not the "eutectic temperature."
- \* Sweep up extra. If salt is visible on dry pavement, it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. Use this salt somewhere else.

## Fluorescent Light Bulb Disposal



Fluorescent lights must be recycled because they contain mercury. As of 12/2024 the Mound True Value does accept fluorescent bulbs for a small fee. Please call 952-472-1819 for more information.

Fluorescent bulbs can also be brought to the Hennepin County locations located in Bloomington and Brooklyn Park. See the website page <https://www.hennepin.us/green-disposal-guide/items/light-bulbs-fluorescent> for more information.

You can also drop fluorescent bulbs off at the city-wide clean up day scheduled for May 3, 2025.

## CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP – MAY 3



When you begin your spring cleaning this year, keep May 3<sup>rd</sup> City-Wide Clean-Up Day in mind. The event will be held from 8 a.m. to noon. Watch for details in the next newsletter



## City Council Recap

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

- Approved the hiring of snow removal seasonal part-time on-call snow removal employees James Vanderlinde and Jason Menzel.
- Approved the purchase of unit heaters for the Fire Station from Abel Heating & Cooling for \$14,800.
- Approved architectural charges of up to \$7500 for the design of restrooms at Missile Park to make ADA compliant.
- Approved quote from Bergen Inc for \$2,925 to patch 9 manholes - asphalt around manholes that have risen so snowplow will not hit.
- Approved use of the last 3 years money from Hennepin County Aid to Municipalities, approximately \$20,000, to pay for the replay application on the roads adjacent to the county road.
- Approved the Prosecuting Attorney Agreement between St. Bonifacius and Campbell Knutson effective 1/1/2025. Former prosecuting attorney Kenneth Potts retired after 20 years of service to St. Bonifacius.
- Approved quote from Pride Construction for \$1,650 to clean out storm outlet on Meadow Lane.
- Approved quote for landscaping from Superior Lawn and Landscape for \$2,110 at the Glacier Road median.
- Approved Resolution 2024-29; Summary Statement of Votes for Municipal General Election City of St. Bonifacius:  
MAYOR – Tim Eiler (595), Kerry Taylor (559), Write-ins (15)  
COUNCIL – 2 Seats Vacant – Robert I Smestad Jr (481), Thomas Schufman (597), Terrill Anderson (551), Write-ins (31)
- Hired Paul Bird and Brandon Strozzyk as firefighters.
- Approved quote from Construction Results Corporation for \$31,056 for maintenance on library. Hennepin County agreed to reimburse for half of the cost of repairs of \$15,528.
- Approved liquor licenses for Holiday, Kwik Trip and St. Boni Lions.
- Approved Resolution 2024-40 supporting the formation of a Fire Joint Power Agreement between the cities of Minnetrista, Mound, St. Bonifacius, Shorewood and Spring Park. This is the first steps to consider the formation. More steps to follow.

*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. Please call Brenda at the City office if you would like to learn more about specific agenda items.*

Or Current Resident

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## CITY CALENDAR

- Feb. 5 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 15 ..... Utility Bills Due
- Feb. 17 ..... City Office Closed - President’s Day
- Feb. 19 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 5 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 15 ..... Utility Bills Due
- Mar. 19 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 2 ..... Local Board of Review 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 2 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 10 ..... Council/Consult/Staff Quarterly Workshop 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 14 ..... Fire Relief Meeting (Fire Station) 6:00 p.m.
- Apr. 15 ..... Utility Bills Due
- Apr. 16 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 3 ..... City Cleanup Day 8:00 am til noon
- May 7 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 21 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 15 ..... Fire Dept. Advisory Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 26 ..... City Office Closed for Memorial Day

## MEETING SCHEDULES

<u>City Council</u>	<u>Parks/Planning Commission</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays	2 <sup>nd</sup> and last Tuesday
7:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. (if there is an agenda)

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



### Check Out the City Website!

[www.ci.st-bonifacius.mn.us](http://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.



<https://www.facebook.com/cityofstboni/>

## 2025-2026 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](http://www.lmcc-tv.org).

## CONTACT CITY HALL

8535 Kennedy Memorial Drive  
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Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Public Works On-Call: 952-446-8193

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Pete Hilgers

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Assistant Clerk

Secretary/Receptionist

Parks/Streets Supervisor

Public Utilities Supervisor

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



## Gillespie Center Upcoming Events

2590 Commerce Blvd, Mound, MN

952-472-6501

- February 5<sup>th</sup>**      **Lunch with Scotty B.** at 12:00 PM. Scotty is serving his famous Chili with all the fixings, accompanied by grilled cheese or cornbread. **\$10**
- February 20<sup>th</sup>**      **Cupcakes & Kindness.** Seminar to celebrate National Kindness Month & Enjoy Cupcakes! 1:00 PM. Presented by CareBuilders at Home. **FREE**
- February 26<sup>th</sup>**      **Seminar on Fall Prevention** at 1:00 PM. Presented by the Ridgeview Medical Physical and Occupational Therapy teams. **FREE**
- March 19<sup>th</sup>**      **Seminar on Estate Planning,** presented by Legacy Assurance at 1:00 PM. **FREE**
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **Bingo!** 2:00 – 5:00 PM. Snacks and beverages are available for sale.  
**\$20 Bingo games for \$20, Coverall \$2**
- April 5<sup>th</sup>**      **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.** Bob Dillan Cover, Music by Jeremy Berg. Dinner from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Music 6:00 – 9:00 PM.  
**\$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, Kids 5-12 \$5, Kids under 5 years are FREE**
- April 6<sup>th</sup>**      **Bingo!** 2:00 – 5:00 PM. Snacks and beverages are available for sale.  
**\$20 Bingo games for \$20, Coverall \$2**
- April 9<sup>th</sup>**      **Seminar on "What are your Signature Strengths and How do you use them to create Resilience",** at 1:00 PM. Presented by CareBuilders at Home. **FREE**
- April 9<sup>th</sup>**      **Paint & Sip Event.** Create your own work of art on canvas! 6:00 PM. **\$40**

*Call us to sign up at 952-472-6501*