

# newsletter

January, 2026

## **Increase in garbage cost**

The council would like to inform you of a rate change effective in February. The current garbage rate, billed every other month, is \$33.60. This amount is no longer sufficient to cover the costs. The council voted unanimously to approve the increase to \$39.14.

## **Hall Rentals**

The council also voted to make changes to rental fees, deposits, and terms when renting City Hall. The changes can be found on the [cityofskyline.com](http://cityofskyline.com) website under Community/City Hall Rental Information. Costs for resident changed from \$60/day to \$75/day and non-residents from \$100/day to \$150/day. The will help fund necessary upkeep at the hall and cover cleaning costs.

## **Water bill auto pay**

Did you know that you can set up auto pay for your water and garbage bills? You can find the form on the [City of Skyline website](#), and feel free to reach out via email if you have any questions.

## **Important parking reminder**

Please be aware that there is no parking available at Skyline City Hall, except for those using or renting the facility. Thank you for your understanding. Additionally, remember that street parking is not permitted during the winter months.



**Salt pollutes.**  
When snow and ice melt, the chloride-containing salt goes with it, washing into our lakes, streams, wetlands, and groundwater. Once in the water, there is no way to remove the chloride.

**Less is more.**  
It takes only one teaspoon of deicing salt to permanently pollute five gallons of water. High concentrations of chloride are toxic to the fish and plant life in our waters.

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### Protect our clean water

There are many ways to reduce salt use while maintaining high safety standards.



**Shovel.** The more snow and ice you shovel or blow, the less salt you will need to use and the more effective it can be. Start early and keep up with the storm. You may even decide that salt isn't needed.



**Select the right product.** Most salts stop working at 15 degrees. Use sand instead for traction (but note that sand does not melt ice).



**Scatter.** More salt does not melt ice faster. Use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet (an average parking space is about 150 square feet). One pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12-ounce coffee mug. These products take time to work.



**Sweep up extra.** If you see salt or sand on dry pavement, it is no longer working. Save this salt or sand to use somewhere else.

 Get MPCA Smart Salting certified by attending trainings for winter maintenance crews or property management. [www.pca.state.mn.us/smartsalting](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/smartsalting)

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## New Facebook Page

The City of Skyline has launched an official Facebook page titled “City of Skyline” to share news and updates, complementing our existing website, [cityofskyline.com](http://cityofskyline.com). City staff and council members will share city updates on the City of Skyline Facebook Page. Additionally, the Facebook neighborhood Skyline Community page will remain active, allowing residents to share important information. The community-run Facebook group has been a good resource for neighbors to share information. Join both if you have not already!

## 2026 City Council meeting dates

January 13 <sup>th</sup>	July 14 <sup>th</sup>
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	August 11 <sup>th</sup>
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	September 8 <sup>th</sup>
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	October 13 <sup>th</sup>
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	November 10 <sup>th</sup>
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	December 8 <sup>th</sup>

## Water Service Line

Remember to email a picture of your service line to [skylineclerk@gmail.com](mailto:skylineclerk@gmail.com) or email with questions.

## Contacts

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