

September 2025

## CALENDAR

**Labor Day**-City Hall Closed

Sept 1

**1st day of School**

Sept 2

**City Council Meetings**

Sept 9, 6:00pm

Sept 30, 6:00pm

**Hydrant Flushing dates**

Sept 28, 7am-3pm or

Oct 5, 7am-3pm

**EDA meeting**

See City Calendar online

**Park Board Meeting**

See City Calendar online

**Planning Commission**

**Meeting**

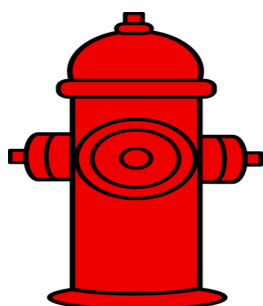
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## HYDRANT FLUSHING

The city will be flushing hydrants on Sept 28, from 7:00am - 3:00pm.

The alternate date will be Oct 5, from 7:00am - 3:00pm.

This may result in loss of water pressure for a short time and could result in a discoloration of the water. If this occurs let your water run until it clears.



# CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS News

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**A job well done! A special thanks to our Summer Parks crew: Ian, Brody and Irvin!!**

**The pool is closed for the season as of Saturday Aug. 23rd. A shout out to our Pool crew: Allison (Pool Manager), Sarah (Swim Lesson Instructor), and lifeguards: Grace, Faith, Kazlyn, Brendan, Aubry, Zoelle, Kendall, Easton, Cory, Brooklyn and Addison.**

## CEDA Bulletin: Updates from Jordan

### E-Bikes Coming Soon to the Pelican Rapids Library!

The City of Pelican Rapids is excited to announce an innovative addition to our library services: e-bikes will soon be available for rent at the Pelican Rapids Public Library! This new program makes it easier than ever for residents and visitors to explore our beautiful community, enjoy eco-friendly transportation, and experience the freedom of biking—without breaking a sweat.

#### What Are E-Bikes?

E-bikes, or electric bicycles, are bikes equipped with a small electric motor that assists with pedaling. They offer a fun, accessible way to get around, whether you're commuting to work, running errands, or enjoying the area's scenic parks and trails. E-bikes make biking enjoyable for people of all ages and fitness levels.

#### How Will It Work?

The e-bikes will be available for checkout at the library, just like borrowing a book! Patrons can check out an e-bike for a designated period and return it when they're done. Helmets are recommended and will be available for use. Library staff will guide you through the process, including a quick overview of basic operation and safety tips.

#### Why E-Bikes?

The program aims to promote sustainable, healthy transportation alternatives in Pelican Rapids. By offering e-bike rentals, the city encourages residents to leave their cars at home, reduce their carbon footprint, and discover everything our vibrant community has to offer—from local shops to the beautiful new trail system.

#### What Do You Need to Know?

A waiver is required before you ride (forms are available at the library).

Users must follow all Minnesota e-bike laws and city regulations.

Riders are responsible for the care and return of the e-bike.

Helmets are strongly encouraged for your safety.

#### Who Can Rent an E-Bike?

The program is open to adults and teens (age 15 or older).



# Have you had discolored water in your home?

## Please read this for possible fixes before calling the City:

Have you turned on the kitchen sink and there is an undesirable smell, usually a rotten egg odor (Hydrogen Sulfide) or trying to do a load of laundry or fill a bathtub and the water coming out was a reddish brown or even slightly black color. The question is what causes these problems within the residence, and more importantly, how they can be fixed. It's possible that the issue is on the homeowners end. The three most common homeowner water quality issues are aging plumbing within the home, internal filtration systems, and water heaters.

Some aging homes have never had any internal plumbing done since the day it was built. Over time, sediment will build up within the home and can cause discoloration to the homeowner's water as well as present little particles of iron that may break free and show up in the sink or a glass of water. A common issue is that the coffee has a murky film to it.

There may be internal filter issues in the home. When was the last time you checked or cleaned your internal filter? Often the response is, "I don't know". When the filter is pulled out and it's black or brown from build-up over time, that filter should have been cleaned a long time ago. The filter is doing its job but understand that the filter needs to be cleaned and checked often to maintain clean water.

Lastly let's discuss water heaters and the problems they can potentially cause for a homeowner. Water heaters can cause discolored and smelly water. This can happen in older homes and brand-new homes, it doesn't matter, it all depends on the water chemistry coming into the home along with the type of water heater. If the water smells like rotten eggs, it may not be a water issue but an anode issue from the water heater. So, what is the anode? The anode is a metal rod made of metals such as magnesium, aluminum, or zinc and is designed to protect the tank of the water heater by attracting corrosive elements in the water, essentially sacrificing itself. Over time a corroded aluminum or magnesium anode can cause the water to smell like rotten eggs. Soft water can make the anode corrode and deteriorate three times faster than hard water. Water can be discolored if the anode rod is corroded along with buildup and sediment at the bottom of the tank. If an anode issue continues to present itself in the same household, it may be a good idea for the homeowner to discuss with a plumber to have the anode removed. Having the anode removed may help with the water issues but with it being removed, it will make your tank more susceptible to rust and the water heaters warranty will be cancelled. Discolored water and hydrogen sulfide odors are unpleasant but can easily be fixed. Knowing what the issues are and how to get it fixed is the first step.

If you, the homeowner, are presenting an issue with old plumbing, build up in a filtration system, or a water heater issue, the best thing to do is contact a licensed plumber to help resolve the internal problem. If it's an issue you have never seen before or would like technical assistance with, please call Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) as we are all here to help! (218-685-5197.)

Information from [MRWA Small Systems Bulletin July 2025.](#)

**Is the rental unit you are renting, licensed? Do you know, as a landlord, that you MUST have a rental license in order to charge rent? Please read up on the City's ordinances regarding rental units.**

**CITY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 10: 1002.09 LICENSING OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS**

Chapter Ten, Page 15. Go to the City website, and click on Ordinances, then City Codes.