NOVEMBER 2025



Calendar

- **Daylight Savings Time** Ends Nov. 2
- City Hall Closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day
- **Council Meeting** Nov. 25, 6:00 pm
- **EDA** meeting Nov. 19, 4:00 pm
- Park Board Check City website
- **Planning Commission** Check City website
- Thanksgiving Nov. 27, City Hall Closed

In honor of Veteran's Day, City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 11.



City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 27, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS News

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What do our active duty Military Service men and women do during the big Holidays? Major holidays such as Thanksgiving can be difficult times when you are alone, away from family or living in difficult circumstances. Nowhere is that situation more prevalent than in the military for the active-duty serviceman or woman – and his or her family.

If you've ever wondered what Thanksgiving can look like for one of our troops, there are several common scenarios (however, this is not an exhaustive list). Deployed troops may have holiday meals in their mess hall while their family has dinner back home without them. Or single servicemen and women stationed away from their families and loved ones stateside may experience the holidays alone or participate in a base-coordinated gathering. How can you help, you may wonder? Well, help, assistance and support for our troops during the holidays can look like many different things. Writing letters, sending care packages, donating your time, money or opening to your home to American service members for a home cooked meal and a little piece of home. Here are some organizations that can help you can support our American military during Thanksgiving and the holiday season.

- SoldiersAngels.org
- ForgottenSoldiers.org
- AmericasAdoptASoldier.org
- AnySoldier.com





























Are you ready for winter? Here are 10 things you can do to get your home ready for winter:

- 1. Protect indoor pipes to prevent burst pipes and costly repairs.
- 2. Insulate your attic or crawl space to keep your home warm.
- 3. Service your furnace and chimney for safety and efficiency.
- 4. Swap in storm windows to keep the cold out.
- 5. Repair loose roofing shingles to prevent leaks.
- 6. Clean and inspect gutters to avoid water damage.
- 7. Repair patios and pavers to prevent tripping hazards.
- 8. Look for ailing tree limbs that could fall during winter storms.
- 9. Check your home's heating and air conditioning system.
- 10. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

CEDA Bulletin: Updates from Jordan

Join the Pelican Rapids Planning Commission Board!

Are you passionate about shaping the future of Pelican Rapids? The city is seeking engaged residents to serve on the Planning Commission Board—a vital subcommittee of the City Council. The Planning Commission reviews and recommends decisions on zoning, land use, and variance requests, ensuring that development in our community aligns with our vision and needs. Zoning determines how properties can be used—residential, commercial, or industrial—while land use planning looks at the broader picture of how spaces fit together for a thriving, livable city. When unique situations arise, variance requests allow for thoughtful exceptions to existing rules.

Additionally, the board is entrusted with setting and implementing Pelican Rapids' comprehensive plan—a blueprint that guides the city's long-term growth, housing, transportation, and community amenities. By joining the Planning Commission Board, you have an opportunity to directly influence the decisions that will shape our city for future generations. If you care about smart growth and sustainable development, I encourage you to apply and help us build a vibrant future for Pelican Rapids!

Reach out if you'd like to learn more. Happy fall!

Did you know......You can sign up for these services:

~receive an alert when items are posted on the City website.

Here's how: Go online to our website: www.pelicanrapids.com; go to the COMMUNITY tab; go to SUBSCRIBE TO UPDATES; fill in the required information and check the boxes that you want alerts for; click the SUBMIT A REQUEST.

***text notifications feature from PSN** (our 3rd party utility billing payment service).

This will give payers instant access to billing info and a fast, convenient way to pay directly from a link attached to a text notification. Starting Oct. 29th, your account will be automatically activated, but not enrolled, for this feature. You will need to go on your account and activate this feature.

~Code Red alerts.

Code Red alerts cover the emergency/weather warnings. Go online to our website: www.pelicanrapids.com; go to the COMMUNITY tab; go to SUBSCRIBE TO UPDATES; click on the OTTERTAILCOUNTYMN.US/CONTECT-PAGE/SMART911/ link and follow the directions to subscribe. *Alerts like letting you know a snow emergency is coming, which warns you of forecasted snow of 2" or more, which = move vehicles off the street so the plows can get through unhindered= no tickets or possible towing!

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We are considering moving our newsletter to online only, due to the program we use to create our newsletters will be closing down and no longer available. We may continue to print a select few copies, based on request numbers. So please give us your thoughts~