



CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS News

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Calendar

City Hall Closed

Jan. 1, 2026 in observance of
New Years Day

Council Meeting

Jan. 13, 6:00pm
Jan. 27, 6:00pm

City Hall Closed

Jan. 19 in Honor of Martin
Luther King Jr.

Planning Commission Meeting

Check City website calendar

WINTER PARKING-

During a **snow emergency** you must remove your vehicle from

ALL Pelican Rapids streets or risk tickets and towing. The snow emergencies begin when we have 2 inches of snow and continues until **all** streets have been plowed.



JANUARY 2026

NOTICE Effective Jan. 1, 2026:

Water base rate increases from \$17.81 to \$18.27 = +\$0.46.

Flow rate remains the same at \$4.50 per 1000 gallons.

Sewer base rate remains the same at \$17.00. Flow rate will increase from \$5.85 to \$6.85 per 1000 gallons = + \$1.00 per 1000 gallons.



CEDA Bulletin: Updates from Jordan

As we turn the page to a new year, Pelican Rapids is entering 2025 with strong momentum and even stronger community spirit. January is a time to reflect on where we've been and set the tone for what's ahead—and the future here is bright. The annual EDA meeting is set for January 21st over the noon hour at the library, all are welcome to hear about our success in 2025.

Over the past year, we've seen continued investment in local businesses, new entrepreneurs choosing Pelican Rapids as home, and growing interest from families and employers drawn to our quality of life, schools, and vibrant downtown. From Main Street storefronts to our industrial partners, our local economy continues to prove that small towns can do big things.

This winter, our economic development efforts are focused on business retention, downtown vitality, and land sales. We are working closely with existing businesses to identify needs, connect them to resources, and ensure Pelican Rapids remains a great place to grow. At the same time, we're continuing to recruit new businesses and homeowners that complement what we already have—strengthening our local economy while preserving the character that makes Pelican Rapids special.

Community collaboration remains at the heart of everything we do. Whether you're a business owner, a resident, or someone thinking about making Pelican Rapids your home, your voice matters. We encourage you to stay engaged, attend local events, and support our small businesses during these winter months.

Thank you for believing in Pelican Rapids. Together, we're building a strong and thriving community for generations to come.

Do you know who the members are that make up our different City Boards and Committees?

Planning Commissioners: John Waller III, Harold Holt, Rudy Martinez, Kevin Ballard, Brandie Hanson and Steve Strand

Library Board members: Judy Tabbut, Kate Martinez, Dave Ellison, Sarah Lindberg, Deb Hauge and Council Rep Shelley Gummeringer

Park Board members: Kate Martinez, Judy Engebretson, Amy King, Amber Lindberg and Adam Satterlie

Smart911 : weather warnings

To sign up for Smart911:

- Website: www.ottertailcountymn.us/smart911
- Mobile app: Search "Smart911" in your mobile app store
- Text: Text "Smart911" to 67283 to receive download link
- Call: Otter Tail County Emergency Management (218-998-8067)

Smart911 is a free, county-wide service. They provide location-based **weather related warnings and emergency alerts.**



302.02 SNOW, ICE, DIRT AND RUBBISH

Subdivision 1. Duty of Owners and Occupants. The owner and the occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep such walk safe for pedestrians. **No such owner or occupant shall allow snow, ice, dirt or rubbish to remain on the walk longer than 12 hours after its deposit thereon.**

Subdivision 2. Removal by City. The City may, at its option, remove from some or all public sidewalks the snow, ice, dirt and rubbish beginning 12 hours after any such matter has been deposited thereon or after the snow has ceased to fall. The City shall keep a record showing the cost of such removal adjacent to each separate lot and parcel, and shall keep such information at the office of the City Clerk. Please call City Hall at 218-863-7076 with any questions or concerns.

FIRE HYDRANTS

In order to provide sufficient fire protection for your home, please keep the fire hydrant near your property shoveled out.

Para proporcionar suficiente protección contra incendios para su hogar, mantenga la boca de incendios cerca de su propiedad con una pala.

Si aad u bixiso difaac dabka ku filan oo gurigaaga ah, fadlan ku hayso qalabka dabka ee agagaarka gurigaaga.



SOURCE: Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency

Todd B. Spidle/STAFF

It's time to renew your animal licenses for 2026. You may purchase one at either Pelican Rapids Animal Hospital or at City Hall. The cost of a yearly licenses is \$6.00 for a spade or neutered pet or \$24.00 for an intact pet.



A REMINDER FROM THE STREET DEPARTMENT

It is against City Ordinance for any person to plow, shovel, or blow snow onto a public street or right-of-way in the City.



IF YOUR WATER LINE FREEZES:

- Use heat tape, a space heater (don't leave it unattended) or a warm hair dryer on the pipe. Follow all safety precautions recommended by Consumer Product Safety Commission and Underwriters Laboratory.
- Watch for unintended consequences of sewer or septic backups if running water continuously.
- A contractor is needed to thaw the line. It is not the City's responsibility. Determine if the contractor is insured.

Sewer freeze up considerations:

Make sure the roof vent is not covered with snow or is otherwise blocked. Snow build up over the vent will cause the sewer drain to slow down. This prevents the warmer air in the sewer system from venting up the house line and keeping the line above freezing.