



***Welcome to construction season! If you have traveled around Bertha lately, you would have found it next to impossible to get from one side to the other. The construction crews are busy and they have barricades set up in the construction zones for your safety. Please respect the severity of the construction areas and KEEP AWAY YOUR KIDS*** from the construction process, the equipment, and the huge piles of dirt. It is your safety we are interested in. Machines and people move swiftly during construction, please give them room. Thank you for your ***PATIENCE.***

The largest improvement project the City has undertaken in recent history is in full swing. It encompasses nearly the whole city. Things are going well and on schedule, and I thank everyone for their patience during this project. We are replacing most of the underground utility lines, new pond system, and water tower and surfacing some of the worst streets in the city, and the finished product will immensely enhance the affected neighborhoods and the entire City.

As you can see, the City has a lot of activity going on. So I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer what is left of it. We are all blessed to live in this great country!

### ***Mayor & Two Council Seats will be on November Ballot***

In Bertha, residents will be voting for two City Council seats and the mayor in the Tuesday, November 7, General Election. The Mayor is a two-year position, while the two council seats are a four-year term. The filing period for candidates is open and closes at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 14. For more information, stop by City Hall during regular business hours. The state primary will be held on Tuesday, August 14, with all City residents voting at the Bertha Community Center, which is located at 127 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW. If you are not

sure if you live within the City limits and want to find your polling place, please call 924-4454.

Council Members whose terms expire are those of Medley Shamp and Darrell Hoemberg. Mayor's term expiring is that of Dean Klebs.

**Any person desiring to file as a candidate for these offices, who are eligible to vote in the City of Bertha, who will be 21 years old on assuming office, is a Citizen and has been a resident of the City of Bertha for at least 30 days and has not been convicted of a felony under State or Federal law, unless his or her Civil rights have been restored, may do so by filing an affidavit of candidacy at Bertha City Hall. The filing fee is \$2.00. The election for these City Offices will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in the City of Bertha, County of Todd, State of Minnesota between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

Election –day voter registration is an option in Minnesota, but pre-registering is a very good idea, because it saves you time when you go to vote on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

State law requires Minnesotans to be registered at their current address before they are allowed to vote. Registrations remain current until voters move or change their names. Voters must also re-register if they have not voted in the last four years.

Those who register prior to the deadline will appear in the roster at their polling place and will not have to provide additional information at the polling place on Election Day. Minnesota allows eligible voters to register on Election Day as long as they provide proper proof of residence.

### ***Animal Control***

#### ***Help Keep Our City Clean***

***When you are out walking your dogs in any of our beautiful City parks, streets and land, Please remember to pick up after yourself and your pets.***



Please help keep our City amenities clean for all to enjoy.

**Reminder:** If you haven't purchased your current 2012 pet license please stop by City Clerk's Office. Animal License Renewals are due again the end of the year. Application, payment, and proof of current rabies vaccination required.

**A new website has been designed and being kept current by Mary Liemandt. The website address is [cityofbertha.com](http://cityofbertha.com). If you have any information or an upcoming event that you would like to promote on the site please contact the Bertha City Clerk's Office.**

## Coming Soon

### New Utility Billing Cycle

The City Council has amended Chapter 3, Section 3.04. Subd.4 Payments. All city residents will receive their utility bill bi-monthly starting September, 2012. At that time, the new rate increase will go into effect. The late fee has been increased to \$10.00 and will be added to your account the next day after the due date. An additional penalty charge of \$50.00 is hereby established if the City is required to turn on water service after 5:00 p.m. or during the week-end.

### **New Utility Rates**

Sewer: \$18.00 plus \$9.00/thousand  
Water: \$8.00 plus \$3.00/thousand

Users of water without meters shall be charged a minimum of \$16.00

Users of sewer only shall be charged a minimum of \$35.00

The disconnect and reconnect fee shall be set at \$20 per each utility.

### Snow Plowing on City Streets

Once roughly 2 inches of snow has fallen city snow plowing begins on primary snow emergency routes. After the main arteries in the city have been cleared, plowing begins in residential areas. Snow emergencies are declared to allow snow plow crews to clear roadways for movement of fire, health, police and emergency traffic, as well as to ensure the safety of the community. Maintaining the plow schedule is top priority of the Public Works Department during winter months. **Residents are asked to adhere to the posted no parking signs so snow removal activities can take place.**

**Todd County Public Works is responsible for the removal of snow on County Road 23 & 24.**

*City reminds residents of shoveling tips Admit it. You've probably taken time to shovel nearly the entire driveway, reached the street end and figured, "why bother, the plows haven't been by yet." Or you decide just to blast through with your car after the plows have come by.*

*By shoveling or plowing snow in the same direction as traffic and making a snow collection pocket, the snow collected by the plows will accumulate in the pocket rather than into the driveway opening.*