

Bertha News



UPDATE

Breaking News

Bertha Council set fall cleanup for November 1st (8:00 until 4:00) and November 2nd (8:00 until noon). Residents must prepay prior to taking items to the dumpster that will be located at the maintenance shop. Furniture-\$5.00, Brown items-No Charge, Computer monitors - \$10.00 each, White goods – No charge, passenger tires - \$2.00 without rim, demolition estimate by public works per yard. Free items includes brush, leaves, grass clippings, auto batteries & scrap irons.

Please don't dump leaves or grass clippings on or near the road. When mowing your lawn, make sure the first two passes next to the street and driveway go back onto the lawn....and not onto the paved surface.

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: Your current pet license are only good to December 31, 2013. New license for 2014 will be available December 15, 2013. Application, payment, and proof of current rabies vaccination required. All dogs and cats over six months of age must be licensed.

After considerable discussion, councilmembers agreed some action needs to be taken about the number of stray cats in the city. City of Bertha has a cat trap to humanely catch the stray cats to use free of charge. A

deposit fee will be collected and returned upon the return of the trap. To use the trap please call or stop by the City Office.

A new website has been designed and being kept current by Mary Liemandt. The website address is 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.

New Utility Billing Cycle

The bi-monthly utility billing is working out. Residents are encouraged to make monthly payment. A late fee of \$10.00 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. ***Coming soon*** residents will be able to receive their utility bill by e-mail. If interested please call or stop by the city office to fill out a form.

Water Payments - Utility payments may be dropped off in the box on the south side of the City Hall building.

Current Utility Rates

Sewer: \$18.00 plus \$9.00/thousand
Water: \$8.00 plus \$3.00/thousand
The disconnect and reconnect fee shall be set at \$20 per each utility.

"Flushable" Bathroom Wipes are clogging some sewer systems. Popular bathroom wipes-pre-moistened towelettes that are often advertised as flushable—are being blamed for

Bertha News



UPDATE

creating clogs and backups in the nation's sewer systems. Please place them in the trash instead of flushing them down the toilet. Wipes aren't the only things clogging sewer systems: fats, oils, grease, rags, and paper are the top five things that should not be put down the drain.

If you feel your usage is high please check for leaks:

10% of home have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more water per day.

The most common types of leaks found in the home include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets and leaking showerheads.

A good method to check for leaks is to check your water meter before and after a two hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.

One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop or two of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 20 minutes without flushing, you have a leak.

Fixing these leaks can save the average homeowners up to 10 percent on their water bills.

Winter Parking and Snow Plowing Request.

As winter approaches, we are asking for your help. Please do not park your cars on the street between 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m during November thru the end of March. The parking ban is automatically extended during and after snow storms until all streets are fully plowed. Cars left on the street are especially hazardous to plow operators, and can significantly slow down the time it takes to clear the streets. They also make it very difficult for emergency vehicle as they respond to emergencies. For these reasons,

vehicles parked on streets overnight or during plowing operations could be tagged and towed at the owner's expense.

Please do not plow or shovel any snow from private or business property onto City streets once they are plowed. This snow can create icy ridges, especially hazardous after the City has cleared a street.

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

Is Your House Number Visible

The City is requesting that you display a house and/or building number at each site. The numbers should be not less than three inches in height in a contrasting color to the structure and placed to be easily and clearly seen from the street when approached by an emergency vehicle from either direction.

Opening Soon

Maslow Health & Research Center is a fitness center designed with rural residents in mind. The fitness center will be easily accessible, secure, respectful of our busy lives and offer something for all fitness levels. This center is for men, women and their families in our area. This fitness center will be dedicated to improving the health of the communities we serve.

Fitness and nutrition education will be available for everyone.

The facility will be available to use anytime, respectful of our busy lives and non-traditional schedules and family structures. The facility will be secure.

Bertha News



UPDATE

The old Bertha Medical Clinic is in the process of being remodeled. In November and December, is set for recruiting members/fitness memberships.