

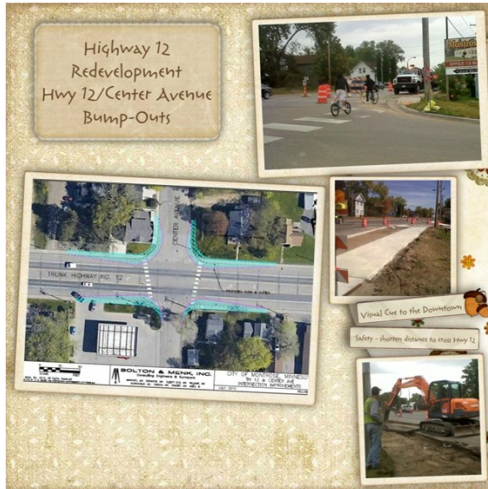
Winter 2012 Newsletter Newsletter

City of Montrose

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What is bumped-out on Highway 12?



Those driving or walking along Highway 12 in Montrose noticed changes this past fall. At the four corners of Highway 12 and Center Avenue, the sidewalks were extended to create “bump-outs”. This project was completed as a part of the implementation of the Highway 12 Redevelopment Plan which was adopted in 2009.

The primary purpose of the bump-outs is to reduce the distance pedestrians need to travel to cross Highway 12, resulting in increased safety. While the driving lanes remain the same width, the bump-outs which are located in the “safe zone” or turn lane serve to calm or slow traffic as the roadway visually appears to narrow. To further improve safety, the City worked with MnDOT who approved the installation of a pedestrian crossing light and painted crosswalk at the bumped out area. According to 2010 MnDOT traffic counts, this section of Highway 12

carries over 10,300 vehicles per day. The flashing light and reduced distance are intended to better serve those walking or biking across the arterial roadway.

A secondary objective of the bump-outs is to create a visual cue for drivers (from the west) that they are traversing from the highway commercial area and entering the downtown area. A long term goal of the Highway 12 Redevelopment Plan is to create a “downtown” setting along Highway 12 from Center Avenue to Buffalo Avenue (CR 12).

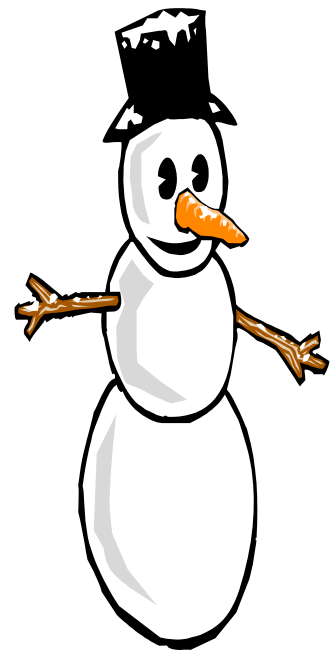
The Highway 12 Redevelopment Plan includes the phasing of various improvements over time which will improve the aesthetics along the corridor. In 2010, the first phase of the plan was completed with the painting of streetlight poles and installation of banners. The bump-outs with stamped concrete pavers and bollards, a trail along Highway 12 east by Citizen State Bank and SNAP Fitness, and a landscape project by the gas/convenience store were completed in 2011. The Highway 12 Task Force is researching iron wrought fencing, benches and flower pots for 2012.

Funding for the projects has been provided through a variety of sources. The City has been the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Initiative Foundation for the past two years. These funds have paid for planning and some engineering relating to the projects. The 2011 improvement projects, which cost approximately \$175,695 were funded with approximately \$145,000 in excess tax increment dollars which were generated by new development in an old TIF district, and \$30,695 from other city funds. Landscaping projects have been completed with grants through MnDOT’s Cooperative Landscape Grant program and volunteer labor.

For more information on the bump-outs or the Highway 12 Redevelopment Plan contact the City of Montrose. The public is also welcome to attend Highway 12 Task Force meetings which are generally held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

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City of Montrose Regular Monthly Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
1st Tuesday	Park & Recreation	7:00pm	City Hall
2nd Monday	EDA	6:00pm	Community Center
2nd Monday	City Council	7:00pm	Community Center
3rd Wednesday	Planning & Zoning	7:00pm	Community Center



Montrose Waverly Chamber of Commerce 2012 Chili Challenge \ Dinner



Test your taste buds and your culinary skills in Our Chili Challenge and fund raiser. Find out if you can pick the winning chili! There will be public judging and also a select panel of Chili judges.

When: Saturday February 25th, 2012. Chili judging starts at 5:00 with a 3:30 set up time for the contestants. After the judging there will be a general public Chili Feed sponsored by the Montrose Lions. Dinner includes Chili, Salad, Bread, Crackers and Dessert.

Where: Montrose Community Center, 200 Center Ave S.

Time: Chili judging starts at 5:00, Dinner starts at 5:30

Cost: \$10 for a judging kit & dinner and a \$15 entry fee for competitors. Family Price is \$25.

Prizes: 1st Place \$125, 2nd Place \$75, 3rd place \$50, Peoples Choice \$50

Trophies for top three judged chilis and a peoples choice award will given at 7:30.

There will be Food, Door Prizes, Music, & a Cash Bar. Come see your friends and family and help us raise money for your local community.

For **additional information** please Contact Jim at 612-508-6747 or 763-675-3121.

Support your 2012 Chamber Members or to join
www.montrosewaverlychamber.com

Sponsored by the Montrose Lions

Openings and Volunteer Opportunities

Park and Recreation Committee

- 1 opening

Highway 12 Redevelopment Committee

- 2 volunteers

If you are interested in being a part of either of these committees please stop by city hall or call (763) 575-7422.

Help Keep Montrose Safe

If there is a fire hydrant located on your property please keep it clear of snow, so that in case of an emergency it will be accessible to the Fire Department.



Montrose Senior Citizens Club

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 12:00 - Noon

Where: Montrose Community Center

Cost: \$3.25

Contact: Sylvia @ (763) 675-3127

Come and Enjoy an Afternoon Out!

Meet New Friends

Play Some Cards (Euchre and 500)

And other Fun Activities!

Please Call Ahead So We Know How Many for Lunch



City Receives \$10,000 Grant from the Initiative Foundation

The City of Montrose received notice in January that the Initiative Foundation has awarded the City a grant of \$10,000 to continue economic development efforts related to the Healthy Community Partnership Program the City participated in during 2008. The program has assisted more than 80 central Minnesota communities in harnessing local assets, talents and ideas to develop a shared community vision and plan for the future.

The grant will be used to assist with the continued implementation of the Highway 12 Redevelopment Plan as well as business retention and expansion efforts. Specific projects relating to Highway 12 Redevelopment include continued landscaping along the Highway 12 corridor as well as the addition of flowerpots and/or benches. Business retention and expansion projects include surveying existing business as

well as marketing to new business prospects.

The City of Montrose has been very fortunate to receive continued support and funding from the Initiative Foundation. The City has received \$45,000 over the past four years for community development projects.



Highway 12 Resurfacing in Maple Plain



According to the Delano Herald Journal Highway 12 in Maple Plain will be under going resurfacing and upgrading this year. The project is scheduled to begin after July 4th and last approximately six to eight weeks. Short –term closures will occur between 8:00pm and 6:00am with flaggers directing traffic around the work area. Commuters will need to expect some delays during this time.

Water and Sewer Rate Increases for 2012

The city council approved the increase of water and sewer rates at the December 12, 2011 city council meeting. The new monthly rates will be reflected on the January 25th billing and are as follows:

Water: Base Rate: \$5.00
and \$5.00/1000
gallons

Sewer: Base Rate: \$3.85
and \$4.60/1000
gallons

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP): Base Rate: \$6.05
and \$5.05/1000
gallons

The increases were made in order to cover the debt payments for the city's public utilities. By law the utility funds must have a positive balance. The increases are necessary to cover the debt payments for the construction of the Waste Water Treat-

ment Plant, the 2008 Sewer replacement from US Hwy 12 to the plant and for maintenance to the Water Tower.

A copy of the 2012 fee schedule can be viewed on the city website at www.montrose-mn.com under the Document Center tab.



Garbage and Recycling Reminders

- Recycling is every other week
- Make sure to have your carts out by 7:00am on Tuesdays
- Keep garbage in bags as much as possible
- If you have more garbage bags than can fit in your cart, tags can be purchased at City Hall for \$3/each. One tag per bag.
- If your cart is damaged, or you would like to request a different size cart please contact City Hall at (763) 575-7422



2011 Recycling Report



Waste Management has released the 2011 Single Sort Recycling Report for the City of Montrose.

These are the results (in tons):

Newspaper -	85.7
Mixed Glass -	16.3
Color Sorted Glass -	2.4
Cans (Alum. & Steel) -	5.8
OCC & Mixed Paper -	20.5
Plastic -	5.0
Scrap Steel -	1.2
Total -	137.0 tons

Recycling = \$Money\$

The city does receive reimbursement from Wright County (quarterly) based on the amount of recycling that is collected. Everyone's efforts to recycle as much as possible are appreciated and result in more money received from the county. A list of recyclable materials and the complete recycling report are available on the city's website on the Utilities page.

Vehicles parked in violation of the following will be towed and stored at the owner's expense. The owner shall pay all towing and storage charges prior to the vehicle being returned to the owner. Parking Violations will be a petty misdemeanor punishable as provided by § 10.99

Winter Parking Restrictions: In Effect Thru March 30th

No parking during the period from November 1 to March 30 inclusive, for all or any part of the period of time from 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. on any day of the week.

If conditions warrant commencement of city snow/ice removal operations as regulated by the city's Snow and Ice Removal Policy(curb to curb), the city specifically reserves the right to call for towing services and the owner of the vehicle will be responsible for all costs incurred. **This restriction shall be enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from the period November 1 to March 30, inclusive.**



Pennies for Parks



In 2008 the City began offering all residents the opportunity to "round up" their utility bill each month. This is an optional program and all money collected is used only for city park development. The program works by simply rounding up your utility bill each month to the nearest whole dollar amount.

For example, if your utility bill came to \$59.45, it would then be rounded up to \$60.00 and the \$.55 would go to the park fund. The amount added to your bill will never be more than \$.99 if you decide to enroll in the program.

If you're interested in signing up please stop by city hall or send an email to: Dcarlson@montrose-mn.com

ATTENTION City of Montrose Residents... View & Pay Utility Bills Online



It's easy, fast,
secure and
GREEN!

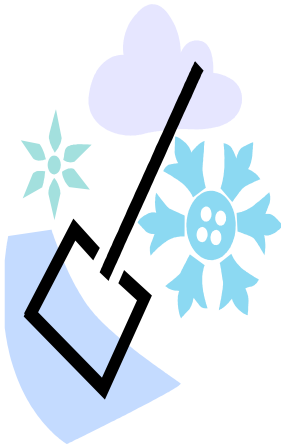


View bills & pay at www.Montrose-MN.com
Or call toll free **877-885-7968** to pay

A FREE service, courtesy of the City of Montrose.

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Payment Services Network, Inc.

Snow and Ice Removal



Sidewalk Snow Removal: § 90.01 Assessable Current Services

B) Snow, ice, dirt, and rubbish.

(1) Duty of owners and occupants.

a) The owner and the occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians.

b) No owner or occupant shall allow snow, ice, dirt or rubbish to remain on the walk longer than 24 hours after its deposit thereon. Failure to comply with this section shall constitute a violation.

Montrose Food Shelf & Stone Soup Kitchen

What: A free, hot meal is served and anyone in need can come in and select food shelf items to bring home.

When: The 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Where: Montrose Community Center, 200 Center Ave. S, Montrose, MN (next to the fire station)

How: There are no income restrictions or forms to fill out. Volunteers collect donations, cook and serve the meal.



Montrose Fire Department Dinner/Raffle

Come out and support the
Montrose Fire Department

When: Saturday February 4th,
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Montrose Community
Center

\$15.00 for Prime Rib or Shrimp
Dinner, Children's Meal Avail-
able—Corn Dog, Chips, Juice

Montrose Fire Relief Associa-
tion Raffle will be taking place,
need not be present to win.

\$2.00 / ticket

1st Prize - Ice Fishing Package

- Clam 8x6 Fish House, Vexilar FL-8, Es-
kimo 8" Auger and Mr. Buddy Heater

2nd Prize - Shotgun Shooters Package

- Trap thrower w/tripod, Case of Federal
12ga trap loads, Browning Shooters Vest
and Browning Waist Pouch

3rd Prize - \$100 Cash

Tickets are available at City Hall



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