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From the Mayor

I know it is a little early to be talking about this but by the time the next newsletter comes out it will be wintertime. This is just a reminder that when the snow starts coming and the snowplows are out moving snow to please shovel the snow at the driveway entrances to right of your driveway as you are looking toward your street. This will help to not have more snow plowed back into your driveway entrance.

As we move along during the pandemic, we are still planning on getting back to our normal holiday events. We ask you please be careful if you are attending any of these holiday events. Everything is subject to change so keep an eye out for any announcements that may affect the ability to have these events. If you aren't feeling comfortable attending events, then we recommend that you not attend. If the pandemic numbers continue to grow, then cancellations may occur.

If you feel more comfortable wearing masks, please do so. Try to not stand closer than 6 feet from others if you are in an enclosed area. We will be monitoring closely what the Steuben County Health Department will be recommending and encourage you to do the same.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer and fall and stay healthy.

Trash and Recycling

As most of you are aware the City started a new recycling and waste collection contract with Republic Services. This new contract includes some changes. **Recycling pickup is every other week.** Another change is all collection inquiries or complaints must be directly communicated with Republic Services at 800-876-9001.

From the Park & Recreation Department

Fall is in the air and it's that time of the year again for our annual Halloween Fun event! Does your Trick-or-Treater have their costume yet? Come join us at Selman Timber Frame for this FREE, fun-filled evening that will be taking place on Thursday, October 28th from 6:30PM – 8:30PM! We will have games, prizes, face painting, hayrides, pumpkin decorating, and more!

We again will offer an indoor wood working workshop with Northeast Indiana Woodworkers, and a "Parents Night Off". These events will have limited spaces! Check out our Facebook page to learn more about our upcoming events and how to sign up!

For more information on any of our events, please give us a call at the park office 260-665-1588. Check out our website at www.angolain.org

From the Street Department

The Street Department will continue to pick up yard waste on the first and third Mondays through October 22nd. Your yard waste needs to be at the street by 7:00 am.

Leaf pickup will begin on Monday, October 11th and end on December 3rd. Residents that reside south of Maumee Street will be on the Monday and Tuesday Schedule and those who reside north of Maumee Street will be on the schedule for Wednesday and Thursday. Please remember that your leaves should be raked to the curb **but NOT into the street. They should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your pickup dates and SHOULD NOT be bagged. Please avoid placing the piles near parked cars and telephone poles. For the safety of our employees, please do NOT put sticks, stones, and other foreign objects in the leaf piles.**

For more information, please give us a call at the street department office 260-665-7656.

From the Water Department

Where did the summer go? As fall begins and the leaves start to fall let's make plans for the cold months ahead.

Cold weather tips;

Insulate water pipes - Water pipes located next to an outside wall are often subjected to sub-freezing temperatures. Any plumbing located in a garage, or any other unheated building is susceptible to low temperatures. Any exposed pipes should be wrapped or insulated. There are other devices such as heat tape which can be used to keep pipes from freezing. Insulate areas that have frozen in the past.

Don't forget outside faucets Turn off valves to outside faucets and then drain any water in the faucets. If there are no valves to the outside faucets, they may be protected by insulating them and placing a plastic bag over them to protect the insulation.

Pipes in cabinets could be located against an outside wall. Even if these pipes have been insulated, you should consider leaving the cabinet doors open to allow the heat in the room to keep them from freezing.

If your house has crawl space located under it, close all air vents located in the foundation wall. This will prevent the pipes in the crawl space from being exposed to cold air.

As per city ordinance, the property owner is responsible for any water meters that freeze and cause damage. A frozen meter service call charge is \$50 plus, and cost of materials needed to report the damaged meter.

Thawing frozen pipes - Even if all precautions are taken you still might find a frozen pipe in your house The freeze-up may be eliminated by applying heat to the frozen area on the pipe using a hair dryer, heat lamp, light bulb, or space heater. Do not use a torch or open flame.

Shut-Off valve - Does your house have a private cut-off valve? Is so, know where it is located and how to shut it off in case of an emergency. It is also a good idea to open and shut the valve a couple times a year. This exercise could keep the valve from becoming stuck.

If you find yourself with an afterhours water emergency, please contact dispatch at 260-665-2121.

From the MS4 Department

Watersheds – It's All Inter-Connected

A watershed is a geographical area with a common set of streams and rivers that will drain into a single larger body of water, such as a larger river or lake. A large watershed may consist of hundreds or even thousands of "sub-watersheds", or smaller watersheds. The city of Angola is split between two primary sub-watersheds, the Fawn River watershed, and the Pigeon Creek watershed. Both of these smaller watersheds contribute to a larger watershed known as the St. Joseph River Basin. The St. Joseph River Basin encompasses the total area of land in which all water will drain into its common body of water, in this case Lake Michigan. The water in Lake Michigan eventually flows into the Illinois River which then, ultimately, flows to the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean.

As you can see, watersheds are interconnected. Their only difference is the body of water to which they ultimately drain. Everyone lives within a watershed. Waters within a watershed may be used as a source for drinking water, or it may be used for recreational activities, such as swimming, boating, and fishing. Like any other natural resource, everyone needs to ensure the activities in which they engage will not result in polluting the streams and lakes within their watershed.

Impervious, or hard, surfaces within a watershed can contribute to the pollution of our water resources through stormwater runoff. Rainwater and snow melt will pick up pollutants as they run overland and over impervious surfaces. These pollutants can include trash, fertilizer, pet waste, or oil and gas from leaking cars. We can reduce our negative impacts on streams and rivers within our watersheds through best management practices. We can reduce the amounts of impervious surfaces on our properties, install rain gardens or rain barrels to capture rainwater, and pick up after our pets. These good conservation practices, along with many others, will keep our waterways cleaner and healthier within our watersheds. And don't forget, activities that occur upstream, good, or bad, will affect those who live downstream, and all of us are pretty much downstream from some source!