

Le Sueur Living

Minnesota River Valley Transit (MRVT)

On January 16, 2017, Le Sueur & St. Peter Transit services are officially merging into Minnesota River Valley Transit (MRVT). This merge will provide expanded service to St. Peter and Mankato.

Transportation to St. Peter & Mankato will be available on Mondays, Thursdays and the 2nd Saturday of each month, departing from the ValleyGreen Square Mall in Le Sueur.

Mondays & Thursdays:

Departures every two hours, beginning at 8:30am (last trip at 4:30pm).

Saturdays:

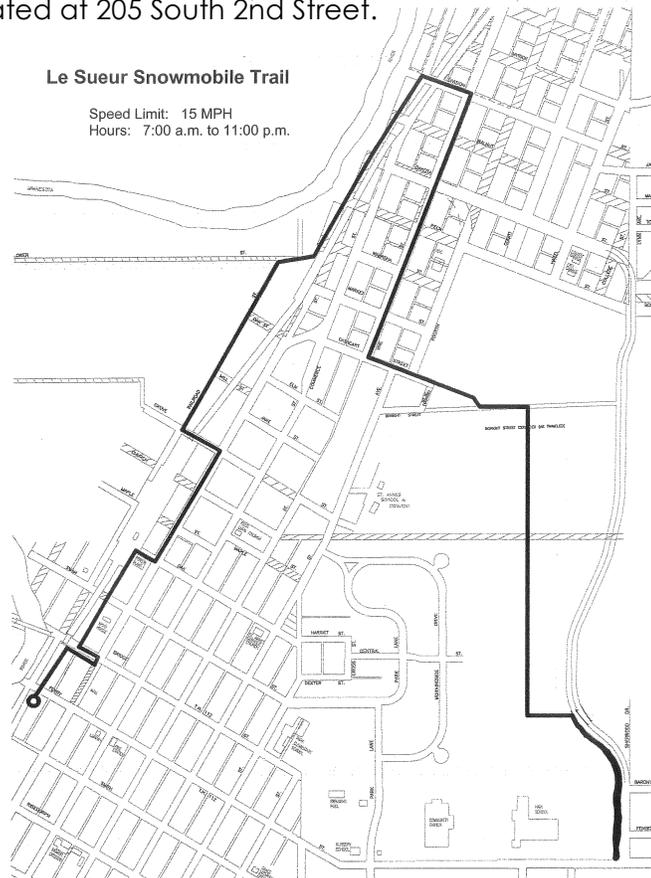
Departures every two hours, beginning at 10:30am (last trip at 4:30pm).

There will be a stop at Family Fresh Market in St. Peter and then departing again for Mankato. Mankato stops include the River Hills Mall and Mayo Clinic. Please watch our website and Facebook page for additional information including detailed ride and fare information.

Questions? Call our Transit office at (507) 665-6211.

Snowmobiling Information & Map

Snowmobiling is a fun winter activity here in Minnesota with over 17,000 miles of trails to enjoy. Many of our residents take part in this sport, so we would like to remind you of our snowmobile regulations. For snowmobiling within City limits, please stick to the designated trail (see map, below). Additional maps are available at the Le Sueur Police Station located at 205 South 2nd Street.



Calendar At-A-Glance

City Council Meeting
MONDAY, JAN. 9
 City Hall
 Council Chambers
 6:30pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
MONDAY, JAN. 16
 City Offices
 will be closed

City Council Meeting
MONDAY, JAN. 23
 City Hall
 Council Chambers
 6:30pm

2017 WASTEWATER INCREASE

When the Wastewater Treatment Facility was built in 2006, the city was required to pull a PFA (Public Facilities Authority) loan by the State of Minnesota. This type of loan is more strict and has more harsh deadlines than traditional loans so that the state can monitor our cash balance and ensure we are satisfying their requirements. Per the terms of this loan, payments began in 2011 in the amount of \$700,000/year with an increase to \$1,000,000/year over the life of the bond to incorporate more principal (as is typical with most loans). Because there were no wastewater utility rate increases from 2006-2011 to plan for these bond payments, there was not enough money being saved to offset payments for the entire life of this loan.

In 2013, the City was given three options to rectify this issue: 1) pay the entire loan amount of \$20,000,000 in full; 2) implement a rate study to give us a projection into the next 5 years; 3) ask the Public Facilities Authority to extend the bond without additional interest. We were not able to extend the loan because the City was not meeting their cash balance and reserve requirements. Therefore, our accounting firm did a rate study to determine how much rates needed to increase to cover these payments.

Due to the above circumstances a more substantial rate increase needs to be implemented over the next 5 years to offset past and future bond payments for this PFA loan, which caused a large negative cash balance. This rate increase will be for wastewater (sewer) only. This does not affect water or electric rates.

Beginning in January, you will notice a base rate increase of \$2.00 and \$1.00/1,000 gallons used. The 2018 base rate increase is projected at \$.50 and \$1.00/1,000 gallons used. There are no proposed rate increases after 2018. For additional information, please call City Hall at (507) 593-8315.

Did You Know the City of Le Sueur Electric Department Offers Rebates?

Some of the largest users of energy are the appliances we use everyday. Lighting is typically the second biggest user of electricity in American homes and installing energy-efficient lighting is one of the easiest and most affordable ways to save money and reduce your energy use. When you purchase qualifying energy-efficient products for your home, you can benefit not only from the energy savings but possible rebates too.



Our electric utility offers rebates to residential customers who purchase and install new, Energy Star® appliances and lighting. Funding for rebates is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. New rebates will be available January 9, 2017. To access our forms, visit: www.cityoflesueur.com/176/Rebates. They are also available at the Electric Department office located at 505 Boright St.

If you have any questions, please call our office at (507) 665-3338.

Youth Soccer Registration - Le Sueur Community Center

Soccer registration night will be **Thursday, January 12th from 4:00pm – 6:00pm** (you may register anytime before this deadline at the Community Center). Your Child's playing level will be determined by his/her age as of August 1, 2017. Players will need to provide a small photo for their soccer club registration card, as well as a copy of their birth certificate for proof of age. You may call ahead (507-665-3325) to see if we have your child's birth certificate on file (if they have participated in the past). This is a regulation within the Minnesota Youth Soccer Association, so there will be no exceptions to this rule. Soccer will start in spring. Teams and coaches will be assigned after registration and you will be notified of start dates and times.

Fee Summary for Rec./Rec. Plus Teams

Ages 4 – 6 \$31.50 (Includes T-Shirt)
 Ages 7 & 8 \$47.25 (Includes T-Shirt)
 Ages 9 & 10 \$73.50 (Includes 2 T-Shirts & Shorts)

Fee Summary for Competitive Teams

Ages 11 & 12 \$126.00
 Ages 13 & 14 \$126.00
 Competitive Players Extra Jersey = \$30

Late Registration Fee = \$10