

# Le Sueur Living

Volume 3, Issue 2

## Update from Mayor Bob Broeder

### Mayor's Coffee Break

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 a.m.

Le Sueur Public Library  
118 Ferry St.

Come enjoy a cup of coffee and share your ideas on how we can make Le Sueur an even better place to call home!

## Electric Rebates

Residential and Commercial Electric Utility Rebates are available through the City of Le Sueur and the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA). For more information and to take advantage of these rebates, please visit our website: <http://www.cityoflesueur.com/city-departments/electric/rebates/>.

## Happy St. Patrick's Day Tuesday, March 17th



## Building Permit Reminders

Spring is just around the corner! With spring comes warmer temperatures and of course many household projects. According to the 2015 Minnesota State Building Code (1300.0120 PERMITS, Subpart 1) the following requires a building permit: an owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any gas, mechanical, electrical, plumbing system, or other equipment, the installation of which is regulated by the code; or cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

Clear as mud, right? Investing money to increase the value and equity of a home is stressful enough, let alone trying to read and interpret building codes. Here are the most common type of projects that require a permit:

- Installing siding
- Window replacement
- Reroofing
- Constructing a deck (plans required for review)
- Egress window
- Remodeling
- Removing a wall or making an opening in a wall larger
- Fences over 7 feet in height (site plan required)
- Sheds over 200 square feet (plans required for review)

Here are some common projects that **do not** require a building permit:

- Interior or exterior painting
- Floor tiling, carpeting, wood floors and similar finishes
- Kitchen or bath cabinets, countertops
- Sidewalks or driveway replacement (may require a zoning permit)
- Swings and other playground equipment

As we enter into the building season please be safe! For more information, please visit: <http://www.cityoflesueur.com/city-departments/building-safety-building-inspector/>. And don't forget to "Call Before You Dig" - it's the law! More information available at: <http://gopherstateonecall.org>.

## Calendar At-A-Glance

City Council Meeting  
**Monday, March 9**  
City Hall  
Council Chambers  
6:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting  
**Monday, March 23**  
City Hall  
Council Chambers  
6:30 p.m.

Le Sueur Retail & Business Expo  
**Thursday, March 26**  
ValleyGreen Square Mall  
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

## Maud Hart Lovelace Performance

Monday, March 9th • 10:00 a.m.  
Le Sueur Public Library • 118 Ferry St.

A Minnesota Historical Society History Player will portray Mankato author, Maud Hart Lovelace. She will bring history alive by dramatically embodying the author, covering Lovelace's childhood growing up in Minnesota 100 years ago, how she pursued her dream of being a writer and how technology changed everyday life at the turn of the last Century. FREE and open to the public. Refreshments provided.

## Refuse Reminders from Waste Management

### On Your Service Day

For the protection of your personal property and the safety of our driver, we are providing you with the use of a wheeled cart at no extra charge. The wheeled cart is provided for you based on the current level of service you have selected.

- Place the wheeled cart at the curb (street) or alley no less than 3 feet from mailboxes, trees, shrubs, vehicles or other obstructions.
- The front of the cart (opposite handles) should face the street.



## UTILITY UPDATES

### 2015 Utility Rates

Effective January 1, 2015, sewer rates went from \$9.00/1,000 gallons used to \$11.00/1,000 gallons used and the monthly service charge went from \$13.00 to \$15.00. Sewer gallons used is based on water gallons used (ex. if a resident is being billed for using 3,000 gallons of water then that resident will also be billed for 3,000 gallons of sewage). Electric and water rates did not change for 2015. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at (507) 665-6401.

### Electric & Water Meter Replacements

We began the process of replacing electric and water meters for customers in Route 2 last month. New meters will allow us to expedite the meter-reading process by using a drive-by system (no more meter readers walking the routes manually reading each meter). Meters are city-owned equipment that are located in your home or on your property. **There is no fee for meter replacements.**

Please watch your mailbox for information on the next route to be changed out. Thank you to everyone in Route 2 for your help - replacements have gone very well.

## March Madness Cardio Challenge

Back by Popular Demand and FREE for all Le Sueur Community Center Members!

For the month of March, we have added extra Lap Swim Time and Bikes

You can participate by running or walking on the Treadmills or Ellipticals, Swimming or Biking

Members can choose; Marathon (1 exercise), Duathlon (2 exercises), or Triathlon (3 exercises)

### Choose Your Division

#### Novice:

Running/Walking/Elliptical – 26.2 miles

Biking - 100 miles

Swimming - 6.2 miles

(6.2 miles = 223 times down & back)

#### Expert:

Running/Walking/Elliptical – 39.3 miles

Biking – 150 miles

Swimming – 9.3 miles

(9.3 miles = 335 times down & back)

Prizes awarded  
for each completed:

Marathon

Duathlon

Triathlon

Stop by the office, or call us at (507) 665-3325 to register and let us know which of the exercise(s) you want to participate in. You can pick any one, two or all three exercises. You have 1 month to hit these distances. Exercise must be completed at the Le Sueur Community Center. Keep track of your distance and turn into the Office, or put in on one of the drop boxes. Mileage reported is strictly on the honor system.