



SPRING/SUMMER CONNECTION - 2023

2023 Capital Improvement Project

The General Contractor for the project is Breitbach Construction Company, who was also the contractor on the 2021-2022 improvement project. Activities are set to begin in early May starting with flagging of trees and tree removal. Xcel Energy crews will also be onsite replacing old power poles. Work will likely be starting on the west end of Forest Avenue and will continue moving east. Construction activities are expected to extend through August, with final working being completed in June of 2024.

Jeremy Mathiasen & Sam Butler are available to answer any questions you may have. Sam will be on site working with the contractors, so feel free to wave him over if there's a question about your property or the project.



**Jeremy – City Engineer
320-266-5232**



**Sam – Field Representative
952-334-0880**

**A message from:
Albany's
Public Works
Department**

The state of Minnesota is starting to focus on chloride in water softener discharge. Much of Minnesota has hard water, prompting people to use water softeners. These softeners require salt to operate. These softeners discharge to the municipal wastewater treatment plant. These plants are not designed to remove chloride in the wastewater, and it ends up discharging to the receiving water.

Chloride in water is a tough problem to solve. It takes only a small amount - 1 teaspoon per 5 gallons of water - to pollute water permanently. But there's no easy and affordable way to remove chloride in wastewater. It would require reverse osmosis, the same process used to produce water for laboratory use, which is technically difficult as well as costly.

In an effort to help the City of Albany to control this, we are asking that residents keep an eye on their water softeners. Please make sure they do not regenerate more than needed!



Albany Fire Department - Gary Winkels, Fire Chief

E-mail: albanyfire@albanytel.com or call 845-4040

The 25 members department had over 4,300 hours in calls, meetings, and training, and responded to 269 calls for service in the year 2022.

Steve Frericks retired from the department on May 2nd with just over 20 years of service including serving as the department's Treasurer. We want to wish Steve the best of luck in his future endeavors and thank him for his service.



 **FIRE SAFETAY REMINDERS** 

- *Change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxied alarms*
- *If an alarm is more than 10 years old, it is time to replace with a new alarm.*
- *Call Fopher State One or 811 before you dig!*
- *Please make sure your home or building has a proper building number attached so we can easily observe for the street and respond to calls in a timely manner.*



The Albany Chamber of Commerce is organized to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the Albany Area so its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper.

To become a member, call the Chamber office at 320-845-7777

City Residents Only!
If you have small branches and brush to dispose of, the City of Albany has a brush site located on the east side of town on Quaker Road. Pick up key for the site at City Hall.

ONLY BRUSH & BRANCHES! No leaves, stumps, or garbage are allowed!



Diameter of 6" or less only!

F.Y.I.

It shall be unlawful to burn any garbage, brush, trees, yard waste, refuse, hides, feathers, tires, oil, grease, or other organic matter which will cause any bad or objectionable odor or soot.

City of Albany Ordinance 70, Section 70.04



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-UPCOMING EVENTS-

Albany Heritage Days
Saturday, August 5th

Albany Pioneer Days
September 14 - 17

Shelter Rental Info

Jaycee's Shelter – North Park
(Enclosed shelter with electric, kitchen, & bathroom facilities)

City Resident: \$107.13
Non-resident: \$214.25



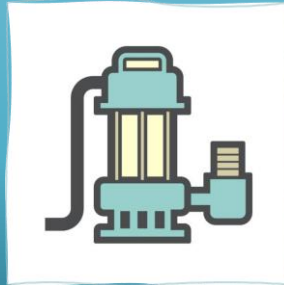
Lion's Shelter – North Park
(Gazebo style)

City Resident: \$53.56
Non-resident: \$107.13



~REMINDER~

A reminder to City of Albany Resident that sump pumps MUST be discharged outside of your home. It is unlawful for a sump pump to discharge "clear water" into the city's sanitary sewer being it ends up overloading and overworking the system. If you have any questions regarding your sump pump, please contact:
Joe Mergen, Public Works Supervisor at (320) 980-2990



PHONE SCAM AWARENESS

Phone scamming is on the rise, with an estimate of over 70 million Americans losing money to phone scams in 2022. In the United States, it is estimated more than one in three calls from a non-contact is from an unwanted caller.

COMMON SIGNS OF SCAM INCLUDE:

- A phone call asking for money or personal information.
- A request to buy gift cards to pay for a debt or to send money to someone you know.
 - An unauthorized charge on your credit or debit card.
- A phone call stating you've won the lottery or a sweepstakes.

TIPS TO HELP YOU AVOID SCAMS:

- Register your number on the national Do Not Call list at no cost by calling 1-888-382-1222
 - Don't answer unknown callers.
 - Block unwanted callers and text messages.
- Do not EVER give your personal or financial information out.

If you've lost money to a phone scam or have information about the company or scammer who called you, report it at

[ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/identity-theft/identity-theft-scams/prevention)

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Sources: CNBC, AARP

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