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Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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City of Hickman

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City Newsletter: February 2017

City of Hickman 2017 Youth Baseball Sign-up

Saturday,
February 11, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Hickman City Office
114 Locust Street

(Registration Forms are available at the City Office or
www.hickman.ne.gov City Parks & Recreation tab)

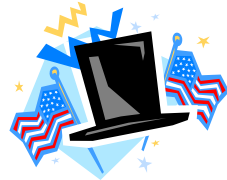
Nebraska Builders Home & Garden Show—Lincoln, NE

Hickman Area Economic Development Association will be hosting
a booth at the Nebraska Builders Home and Garden Show

**February 10-12, 2017 at the
Lancaster Event Center**

Come visit us at Booth #4109!

Admission is \$8.00 per person or \$7.00 per person if you bring a
non-perishable food item. Kids 12 and under are free.
Additional show information available at www.hbal.org.



City Office Holiday Hours

The City Office will be closed for Presidents'
Day on Monday, February 20, 2017.



Hickman Business & Services Listing



Did you know Hickman has a Business and Services
Directory located on our city website? To find this
directory, go to the city website and click on the Business
Directory link on the left side.

www.hickman.ne.gov

Please contact us to have your business added!

402.792.2212



See reverse side for an important message from Mayor Hanson
regarding Hickman's water.

Mayor's Message on Hickman's Water Quality

As Mayor, I am contacted regarding Hickman's water quality issues, and on occasion our family also experiences water discoloration problems. First, please know your water is SAFE to drink and is in compliance with all regulations. With this in mind, the following questions and responses are provided regarding the City of Hickman's water quality.

Where does my water come from?

The City of Hickman has four operational water wells located south of Hickman's city limits. There is one shallow well and one deep well on both the west and east sides of 68th Street. The shallow wells are approximately 110' deep and deep wells approximately 280' deep.

Hickman's Public Works Department rotates pumping between the four wells, while blending the water from one shallow well and one deep well. This takes place to ensure nitrate levels are as low as possible from the shallow wells and the iron and manganese levels are as low as possible from the deeper wells.

Does the City of Hickman have a water treatment plant?

Yes, a new water treatment facility was constructed in 2011 at a cost of \$1.23 Million.

What does the water treatment facility do?

The Water Treatment Plant reduces the amount of iron and manganese in your home's tap water. Iron and manganese often occur together and are more prevalent in deeper wells, because the water has been in contact with rock for longer periods of time. Iron and manganese are NOT health concerns in drinking water, however they are a nuisance. Water that includes these minerals initially appears clear, but as the water is introduced to oxygen the orange-brown or black particles become noticeable. While the Treatment Plant greatly reduces the amount of iron and manganese levels, there are always trace amounts of the minerals left in the water supply, which can discolor your water.

Why is there chlorine in my water and why does it smell stronger at certain times?

To reduce the amount of iron and manganese in your tap water the Treatment Plant adds chlorine to the well water. The chlorine causes a chemical reaction by converting the iron and manganese into the solid, oxidized form of the substances. The chlorinated water is then filtered which removes most of the iron and manganese.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) also requires chlorine to be present in our water supply. The regulations require municipalities to have a chlorine residual within specific parameters (0.2 ppm to 4.0 ppm). The chlorine level is checked daily and then adjusted appropriately based on the data.

Who regulates Hickman's water and how often is the water treated?

The City of Hickman takes all water testing very seriously to ensure the water is safe for our customers and our families. Municipal water supplies are highly regulated by DHHS and water reporting is required monthly, with more comprehensive reporting completed quarterly and every six years.

My water is discolored sometimes – why doesn't the City fix this problem permanently?

The City has received far fewer complaints since the installation of the Water Treatment Plant. As Mayor, I recognize Hickman's water is occasionally discolored and I empathize with those that experience this (hopefully rare) event. The most recent discoloration event occurred on January 18, 2017 when the City received two calls, which were quickly responded to. The City flushes the water lines on a regular basis to remove the iron and manganese buildup, however discoloration can still take place within the water infrastructure. Again, iron and manganese are not health concerns. The City strives to ensure the best possible water quality which requires the use of deep municipal wells and the associated iron and manganese. If you witness discolored tap water, please immediately contact the City of Hickman at 402-792-2212 or after hours at 402-432-1513 so the issue can be alleviated.

Please be kind and be well.

Mayor Hanson

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