



# City of Moran



<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>
9th Annual Christmas Parade @ 1:00pm	1st- City Hall CLOSED	5th- Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
22nd & 25th City Hall CLOSED	2nd- Council Meeting @ 7:00pm	7th- Vol. Fire Meeting @ 7:00pm
Marmaton Valley Winter Break December 15th - January 3rd	3rd- Vol. Fire Meeting @ 7:00pm	14th- Valentine's Day

### Burn Permits

The City of Moran regulates open burns within the City Limits through a permit process. Residents may apply for a free burn permit Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at Moran City Hall. Applications are approved by the Moran Fire Chief. This is a simple process and helps us ensure the safety of our residents.

**Please take note residents who fail to follow the burn permit process will be subject to the following fines as well as court fees: 1st offense \$25.00, 2nd offense \$50.00, 3rd offense \$75.00.**

### Outdoor Patio Burning

As of Monday, December 4, 2023 if you live within the City Limits of Moran you are now **ONLY** allowed to burn Charcoal and Unprocessed Wood in your "fire pit". The following that fall under this category are: Fire Pits, Fire Rings, Chimineas or any other type of outdoor fire place. **You are NOT allowed to burn in a barrel per City Code.**

### Utility Bill Calendar

Bill Date	Penalty Date 10:00 AM	Shut Off Date 10:00 AM
1/10/2024	1/26/2024	1/31/2024
2/10/2024	2/27/2024	3/1/2024
3/10/2024	3/26/2024	4/2/2024
4/10/2024	4/26/2024	5/1/2024
5/10/2024	5/28/2024	5/31/2024
6/10/2024	6/26/2024	7/2/2024
7/10/2024	7/26/2024	7/31/2024
8/10/2024	8/27/2024	9/3/2024
9/10/2024	9/26/2024	10/01/2024
10/10/2024	10/28/2024	10/31/2024
11/10/2024	11/26/2024	12/3/2024
12/10/2024	12/27/2024	12/31/2024

### **DISCONNECT & RECONNECT CHARGES**

If a utility bill has not been paid on or before the 25th of each month, as provided by Moran City Code, a penalty for non-payment shall be assessed as stated on the utility bill. The amount due, plus penalty shall be due by the 30th of each month, except for February when the amount shall be due by the last day of the month, unless the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, in which event the customer has until the close of the next business day in which to pay the charges due.

**The Moran United Methodist Church would like to invite everyone to come to join in their Community Christmas Program on December 17th at 6:00pm and their Candlelight Service on December 24th at 5:00pm.**

## Code Corner:

### Residential Sewer Rates

The City of Moran uses a winter water based sewer rate to establish your annual sewer rate. Your sewer rate is established based on the average amount of water used at your property during the winter months (December 1<sup>st</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>). The average use is calculated and applied to your utility bill beginning on March 10, 2024. Your monthly sewer bill will remain set until March of the following year. The amount of your current water usage does not affect your current sewer bill. To help reduce your sewer rates, limit water usage during monitoring months.

The winter water usage billing method is designed to more fairly distribute the costs of operating the sewer system. Studies show that the water consumed during the wettest months of the year (December through February) approximates average sewer flows. This is because outdoor water use should be at a minimum and most water consumed is returned to the sewer. If you have questions regarding your sewer bill and the City utility rates please contact City Hall at (620) 237-4271.



### Happy Holidays

Mayor

Jerry D. Wallis

### Council Members

Warren Johnson   Ken Kale   Corky Lynes

Jim Muller   Kris Smith

### City Employees

Taeler Carr   Lori Evans   Jerad Maley

Craig Miller   Shane Smith   Michael Stodgell

### WINTER WEATHER SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS

It's a common belief that dogs and cats are more resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but it's untrue. Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia. The following tips are to help prevent your four-legged friends from getting sick this winter season!

- 1.) Keep Pets Inside**—Longer-haired and thick coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other dogs bred for colder climates, are more tolerant of cold weather; but no pet should be left outside for long periods of time in below-freezing temperatures.
- 2.) Provide Choices**—Just like you, pets prefer comfortable sleeping places and may change their location based on their need for more or less warmth. Give them some safe options to allow them to vary their sleeping place to adjust to their needs.
- 3.) Make some NOISE**—A warm vehicle engine can be an appealing heat source for outdoor and feral cats, but it can be deadly. Check underneath your car, bang on the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine to encourage feline hitchhikers to abandon their comfy spot under the your hood.
- 4.) Play Dress Up**—If your dog has a short coat or seems bothered by the cold, consider a sweater or dog coat. Have several on hand so you can use a dry sweater or coat each time your dog goes outside.

### Moran Public Library News!

We would like to welcome our New Librarian Teresa Smith. We are excited for this adventure with her! Please stop in and say Hello or check out what all we have to offer during our new hours:



**Sunday-CLOSED**

**Monday- 3:00pm - 6:00pm**

**Tuesday- 3:00pm - 6:30pm**

**Wednesday-3:00pm - 6:00pm**

**Thursday-3:00pm - 6:30pm**

**Friday- CLOSED**

**Saturday- CLOSED**

For updates you may follow us on Facebook or call us at 620-237-4334.

### Dog Tags On Sale

2024 Dog tags will be available for purchase beginning January 3rd. Tags for spayed or neutered pets are \$2.00 each, all others are \$4.00 each. To register your pet and purchase tags you must provide proof of current rabies vaccination. All dogs 6 months of age or older residing within the city limits are required to be tagged with the city. Kennel licenses may be purchased at \$10.00 each and are required for pet owner registering 3 or more dogs. The City will hold our annual dog tag/vaccination clinic again in March, details to be out in March 2024!



Failure to purchase dog tags CAN result in court fees and fines.