



CITY OF REMSEN

008 W 2nd SREET | 712-786-2136 | www.remseniowa.org

MAYOR: Joel Fisch

CITY COUNCIL: Jeff Cluck, Ann Cole-Nelson, Josh Hill,
Mindy Klein, Kendra Rensink

Board meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers

2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

New Year's Observed

Jan.. 2nd
City Offices Closed

Presidents Day

February 20th
City Offices Closed

Good Friday

April 7th
City Offices
Close at noon

Memorial Day

May 29th
City Offices Closed

Kids Days

June 9th & 10th

Independence Day

July 4th
City Offices Closed

Remsen Market Days

July 22nd

National Night Out

August 1st

Labor Day

Sept. 4th
City Offices Closed

October 28

Oktoberfest

October 31

Trick or Treating

November 23 & 24

Thanksgiving
City Offices Closed

Christmas

City Offices Closed on
December 25th & 26th

New Year's Eve

Observed on Dec. 29th
City Offices Close @
noon

USEFUL INFORMATION:

- **GET INFORMED** Check out www.remseniowa.org for News, Public Announcements, Notices, Local Events, Forms/Applications and Contact information. Like "City of Remsen, Iowa" on Facebook and turn to WesTel Channel 16 to see reminders and announcements. Emergency Alerts and weather-related information are relayed through Facebook and Daily Sentinel text alerts ("Closings/Delays/ Alerts - City of Remsen" & "Remsen Swimming Pool"). Minutes, Legals and Notices are published in the Remsen Bell Enterprise as required.
- **WINTER PARKING** November 1 — April 1 Parking is Prohibited on any Residential public street, alley, or City owned off-street parking area between the hours of 12am-6am. Parking is Prohibited on any Business public street, alley or City owned off-street parking area between the hours of 2am- 6am. Fines are \$25 plus towing charges. Make sure to notify out of town visitors of this Ordinance!
- **SNOW REMOVAL** Property owners are liable to pedestrians for injuries due to failure to keep sidewalks clear of snow/ice. You are required to remove both snow and ice within 24 hours of accumulation. Businesses are also reminded to clear snow around their dumpsters so they can be accessed and emptied.
- **RESPECT PROPERTY** It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place any ICE or SNOW from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, impeded the passage of vehicles, or create a hazardous condition. It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street or alley any LITTER, LEAVES, GRASS or any other debris likely to be washed into the storm sewer. Remember this when mowing and raking!
- **GARBAGE/RECYCLING** 2023 Residential Waste Collection Magnets were included in the annual newsletter mailing. It's also available on the website under City of Remsen/ Garbage/Recycle Schedule. Remember if an observed holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, residential collection will be delayed one day. The collection route may change slightly so have containers curbside on the night before your designated day, lids closed, and the lid opening facing out towards the street. Only trash inside containers will be picked up, not materials put next to or on them. You may bring your paper and cardboard to the recycle building on Marion Street the first Saturday of the month, 8:00-11:00am and also on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30am. A key can be checked out from City Hall if these times are not convenient for you.
- **OXYGEN** If you or anyone in your household is dependent on full or supplemental oxygen; please contact City Hall. City Hall will try their best to contact you if there is a scheduled electrical outage in your area.
- **PERMITS REQUIRED** If you are changing the outside dimensions of any structure on your property (including decks, fences, sheds) or doing any cement work a building permit needs to be issued by the Zoning Administrator and approved by the City Council PRIOR to beginning any construction! Forms are available on the website. You must also call Iowa One Call 800-292-8989. The service is FREE and it's the LAW! You must call 48 hours prior to disturbing the earth to protect yourself and avoid damaging underground utilities.
- **ANIMAL PROTECTION/ CONTROL** It shall be the duty of every person owning an animal to clean up their deposits on public property (parks, sidewalks, streets & right-of-ways) and the property of another person. Fines can be \$10-\$100! All dog owners shall have the Remsen Veterinary Clinic verify the breed of the dog, has proper immunizations shots and if not to administer them, and have a chip placed; all at the owner's expense.
- **MAIN STREET SIGN** can be rented for up-coming events or news. Call City Hall with your information one week prior to the displaying start date. Reimbursements are available through the Remsen Chamber for their members. Rent is \$25.00/week or \$4.00/ day.

NOTICE: The information contained in this annual newsletter is subject to change at any time

Full-Time City Employees

City Administrator: Rachel Keffeler
Deputy Clerk: Alicia Hoffman

Public Works Superintendent: Mike Wurth
Streets: Phil Staab
Sewer Operator: Christopher Loutsch

Police Chief: Scott Allen
Police: Colton Dennison
Library Director: Janeene Klein



REMSEN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

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BOARD TRUSTEES: Dee Bohnenkamp, Lee Galles, Dick Sievers

Board meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers

USEFUL INFORMATION:

- Bills are due the 20th of every month, your payment is considered late and will be penalized the 21st of the month and your account will enter the disconnection process when it is deemed late.
- **NEVER BE LATE...** RMU offers two dates to have your account automatically debited to pay your utility bill; the 5th or 18th of each month. Forms to sign up for this service can be found on the City of Remsen web site: www.remseniowa.org on the Utilities page under the forms link or can be picked up at City Hall.
- Debit and Credit Cards are accepted as forms of payment for your utility bill! A transaction fee of \$1.50 plus 2.35% of your total is charged in addition to your bill if you choose to pay this way.
- Remsen Municipal Utilities, partners with Missouri River Energy Services to offer rebate incentives to our electric and gas customers who purchase energy efficient appliances. These programs provide rebates that are applied directly to your utility bill. To get a list of rebate eligible appliances and applications stop at City Hall or visit www.brightenergysolutions.com.
- If you plan to build, remodel, plant a tree or begin any project that requires digging, you must call 811 to request underground utility locates **BEFORE** doing any digging. Iowa One Call will notify all necessary utilities before you dig, which helps you avoid potential injury or death. Call 811 from a landline or 800-292-8989 **at least 48 hours before you plan to dig** and utilities will be located free of charge.
- How to file a complaint pertaining to utility related issues: If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy, and Remsen Municipal Utilities does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board by calling (515) 725-7321, or toll-free 1-877-565-4450, by writing to 1375 E. Court Ave., Room 69, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069, or by e-mail to customer@iub.iowa.gov.
- **In the event of an after-hours emergency, you may call 712-786-2136 to obtain a phone number of the on-call employee.**

| <u>Electric Rates</u> <i>As of 7/15/2022</i> | | <u>Water Rates</u> <i>As of 2/28/2022</i> | |
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| Residential: | | Residential: | Commercial: |
| Customer Charge: \$14.50/month | | First 1,000 gallons: \$13.00 | First 1,000 gallons: \$14.00 |
| Energy Charge (all kWh): \$.096/kWh (June, July, August) | Energy Charge (all kWh): \$.084/kWh (September-May) | Over 1,000 gallons: \$8.71/1,000 gal. | Over 1,000 gallons: \$8.71/1,000 gal. |
| | | Maintenance Fee: \$11.00 | Maintenance Fee: \$11.00 |
| | | Minimum Bill: \$24.00 | Minimum Bill: \$25.00 |
| Small Commercial: | | <u>Gas Rates</u> <i>As of 03/15/2021</i> | |
| Customer Charge: \$17.00/month single phase users | | Maintenance Fee: | |
| Customer Charge: \$22.00/month three phase users | | Residential: \$10.00 | Large Commercial: \$15.00 Interruptible: \$40.00 |
| Energy Charge (all kWh): \$.107 (June, July, August) | Energy Charge (all kWh): \$.092/kWh (September-May) | Commercial: \$12.00 | Industrial: \$20.00 |
| | | All CF's will be billed at a variable rate per MCF based upon \$3.50 plus market and transportation costs. | |
| Large Commercial: | | <u>Garbage Rates</u> <i>As of 11/16/2022</i> | |
| Customer Charge: \$36.00/month | Demand Charge: (all kWh): \$12.50/kWh (June, July, August) | Residential: | |
| Energy Charge (all kWh): \$.042/kWh (all months) | Demand Charge: (all kWh): \$.90/kWh (September-May) | 1 person: \$10.00/month | |
| | | 2 persons: \$14.00/month | |
| | | 3 or more persons: \$16.50/month | |
| | | Tonnage charge for commercial will be added to the pickup charge as determined by Van's sanitation once service is established. | |
| <u>Sewer Rates</u> <i>As of 4/15/2020</i> | | Commercial: | |
| Residential: | Commercial: | \$34.92 per each tote per month | |
| 1-2 people: \$34.00/month | \$36.00/month base rate | \$33.35: 2 yard dumpster | |
| 3 or more people: \$38.00/month | plus 50% of water bill | \$48.40: 3 yard dumpster | |
| Storm Sewer: \$2.00/month | | | |

Full-Time

City Administrator: Rachel Keffeler
Deputy Clerk: Alicia Hoffman

Public Works Superintendent: Mike Wurth
Gas Operator: Terry Maass
Lineman: Shawn Archer

Journeyman: Craig Reiter
Water Operator: Tim Bolton