



# City of Hickman

# NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024



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### Brad Nelson

Public Works/Facility Maint. I

### Deputy Tim Dowhower

Lancaster County Sheriff's Office

EMERGENCIES - 911

Police & Fire Dispatch Center

402.441.6000

### CITY HALL HOURS

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

AFTER HOUR CALLS 402.792.2212

City of Hickman

115 Locust Street, PO Box 127

Hickman, NE 68372

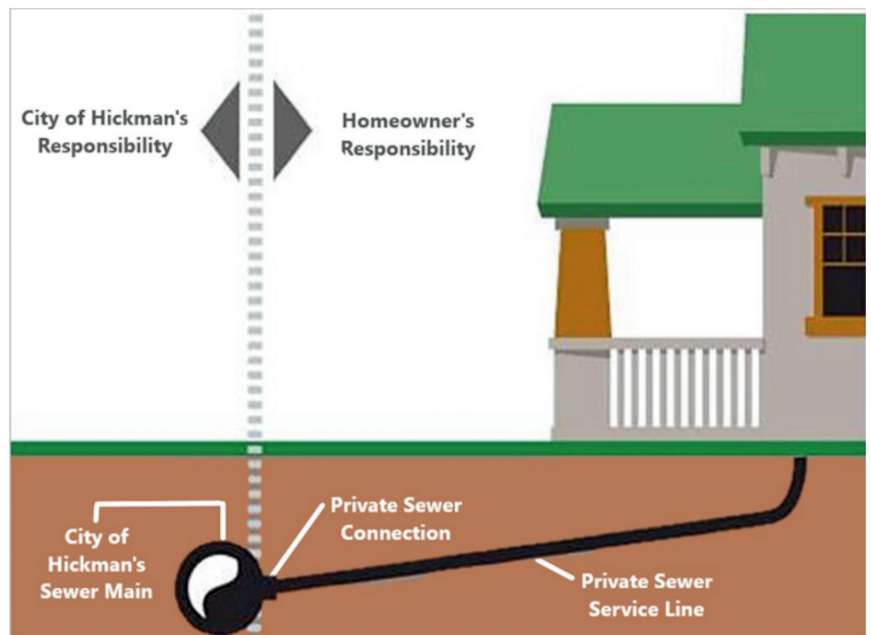
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www.hickman.ne.gov

## Public vs. Private Utility Lines

The City of Hickman staff are often asked where the homeowner's responsibility for utility lines begin and end. This month we will focus on Waste Water (sewer) and will address Drinking Water and Electrical ownership in the future newsletters.

**Sewer Ownership:** Property owners are responsible for the sewer service line that runs through the private property and connects to the main sewer line (see graphic below). Per the City of Hickman's Municipal Code, Chapter 7, Article 3, only the main sewer lines are owned and maintained by the City. Privately owned portions of the sewer system include the drains inside the home or business, the lines beneath the property to which those drains connect, and the pipe and components necessary to connect the private sewer lines to the utility-owned main in the street or alley.



### Recommendations:

**Water Backup Insurance:** It is highly recommended that you check with your homeowners insurance company to ensure water backup (sewer) coverage is included in your policy. Water backup insurance is NOT included in most standard insurance policies and the cost is fairly minimal. Backups can happen to anyone and can cause major property damage.

**Call the City First:** If you are having a water backup issue call the City Office at 402-792-2212. All afterhours calls are forwarded to an answering service and will notify the on call city official to check the City's main.

**Sewer Gas Smell:** If you smell sewer gas, pour a few glasses of water down your floor drains, the water blocking the gas commonly evaporates.

## HICKMAN CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH IN OBSERVANCE OF ARBOR DAY





**PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY - ADULTS ONLY**  
**NOW ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**  
**APRIL 2024**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD:** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH:** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH:** 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH:** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH:** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 26:** CLOSED

**HICKMAN COMMUNITY CENTER**  
 115 LOCUST STREET

*Coming Soon*

Keep an eye on the City's Facebook and website for Round Robin signups coming in April 2024!

**ALTERNATE DAY WATERING**

Beginning May 1st and ending September 30th of each year.

**KNOW YOUR DAY!**

	Addresses ending in <b>EVEN</b> number	Addresses ending in <b>ODD</b> number
MONDAY	X	X
TUESDAY	X	✓
WEDNESDAY	✓	X
THURSDAY	X	✓
FRIDAY	✓	X
SATURDAY	X	✓
SUNDAY	✓	X

**HICKMAN TREE REBATE PROGRAM**

The Hickman Tree Rebate Program is in place to encourage the planting of more trees in front yards. Contact City Hall **before** you purchase and plant the tree. The rebate is 75% off the purchase price, up to \$50.00. More information can be found on our website [www.hickman.ne.gov](http://www.hickman.ne.gov) under "Parks and Recreation".

**2024 DOG LICENSES**

**ALL DOG LICENSES EXPIRED ON MARCH 31, 2024.**

License fee of \$10 each for the first two dogs, additional dogs are \$50 each. Applications can be obtained from City Hall at 115 Locust Street or online at [www.hickman.ne.gov](http://www.hickman.ne.gov).

Please include a copy of each dog's current Rabies Certificate.



Help Us

**Continue to Grow Hickman**



**We want your ideas and thoughts**

Provide your feedback at one of the following locations:

Take our survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HickmanCompPlan>

Hard copies located at:

- Hickman City Hall (115 Locust Street)
- Reading Centre (115 Locust Street)

Please return finished hardcopies to City Hall for processing.



Scan the QR code for a connection to the survey:

Visit our website:



Visit our website to find take part in our crowdsourced map, send us photos, or just see what we have been up to.

<https://tinyurl.com/hickmancompplan>



City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at City Hall. These meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted the Friday prior to the meeting at City Hall, Hickman Post Office, U-Stop and City Website.