

NEW LEADERSHIP AT THE PD

27 year Fargo Police Department veteran David Todd has been appointed by the City Commission to serve as interim Police Chief until a national search can be conducted in mid-2015. Todd has focused much of his time with the department in the field services division and had recently moved to the investigations division prior to being appointed as interim Chief. "I am honored to fill the role of Chief over the next several months," says Todd. "It has been a tough year for our department but we have a good group of people and will continue to be professional and provide the highest level of service for the residents of Fargo."

Moving forward

Todd says he plans on visiting with staff as he settles into the position in an effort to get feedback on the direction they feel the department should go. He will also be consulting with the ad hoc Fargo Police Department Review Committee for guidance on setting priorities within the agency. According to Commissioner Dave Piepkorn, "Chief Todd is well respected within the Police

Department and I am confident in our selection. He is a strong leader who understands how vital it is to lead by example and listen to his staff's



Interim Fargo Police Chief David Todd

perspectives." The ad hoc committee was formed to interview personnel and review department policy. When the review is complete the

committee will offer a public report on its findings. Todd says, "Because of the caliber of the 170 people we have within our organization, we already have a top-notch department. I'm excited to see where we can take things as we work together to establish a positive, healthy environment."

Todd's background

Todd was raised in Fargo where he attended Oak Grove Lutheran School. He received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Minnesota State University Moorhead and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Todd started work with the Fargo Police Department as a patrol officer in 1987. He walked the beat as the downtown resource officer and has served as a sergeant and lieutenant on various patrol shifts. Over the years Todd has overseen the K-9 team for the Fargo Police Department and served as the Red River Valley SWAT Commander, a position which oversees SWAT, the negotiator unit and the bomb squad. He and his wife of 24 years are the proud parents of two boys.

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SEASONAL PARKING

The City of Fargo's seasonal parking restrictions prohibit night parking in certain areas allowing for snow removal and critical street maintenance. Night parking restrictions prohibit parking on the street between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. Violators may be fined \$15 and/or vehicles may be impounded. Street signs noting the restrictions are located in these affected areas:

- From 19th Ave. N. to 13th Ave. S.
 - From the Red River to 25th St.
 - Any other area designated by the appropriate signs
- These restrictions apply on alternate days:
- East/west avenues: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays
 - North/south streets: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays

Extended on street parking

You'll notice some parking restriction changes in the downtown area as work on 2nd Street flood protection ramps up this winter. The first portion of the project, the construction of a lift station in the Civic Center parking lot, will eliminate 50 public parking spaces. These spaces are currently being used by library visitors, downtown business employees and City of Fargo staff. To help make up for this, on street parking time limits are being increased to 4-hours in many areas. This will provide more convenient parking for library visitors and those attending events at the Civic Center. Signs will be posted in areas with extended parking hours.



Scan with your smartphone to see the extended time zone map

25TH STREET UPDATE

The long awaited expansion of the 25th Street corridor is finally a reality. Over the past several months the North Dakota Department of Transportation and City of Fargo have been working on a \$15 million project to add several much-needed features to 25th Street between 17th Avenue and 18th Street (approximately 23rd Avenue South) including:

- Additional lane in each direction
- Wider bridge deck over I-94
- New eastbound I-94 entrance ramp
- Raised medians
- Privacy fences along 25th Street

The main portion of the project is now complete, however, some minor work such as final grading, seeding and road striping is scheduled to be finished in the spring of 2015.

The expanded corridor will help alleviate traffic congestion and reduce the number of crashes.

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Dust off your driving skills



While four-wheel drive may give you the traction to accelerate, it does not help you stop any faster than a two-wheel drive vehicle.

No matter how much experience a person has driving on snow and ice, it takes awhile to get back into the swing of things when winter returns. And, even if you are feeling comfortable driving on the snow again, many other drivers may not be, or they may be experiencing winter driving as a visitor to the area or as a newly-licensed driver. Because of these factors Fargo Police ask that residents be extra cautious during the winter months. Being careful could save a life and thousands of dollars in vehicle repair costs.

Increase your following distance: Your vehicle will take a significantly greater distance to stop on icy roads. Give yourself enough time and space to stop if the driver suddenly brakes in front of you.

Four-wheel drive does not decrease your stopping distance: While four-wheel drive may give you the traction to accelerate, it does not help you stop any faster than a two-wheel drive vehicle.

Steering with anti-lock brakes: In the event your vehicle is equipped with anti-lock brakes and you are forced to suddenly brake on ice, keep in mind you may be able to steer the vehicle away from an object to avoid a collision.

Avoid distractions: Keep your eyes forward and your hands on the wheel. Don't use your phone while driving and wait until you stop to search for an object or adjust the radio.

Drive defensively: Even if you are following all of the above suggestions, other drivers may not be. Be prepared for their mistakes.

Slow down: The posted speed limit is intended for perfect driving conditions. Safe driving on ice and snow requires slower speeds.



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ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE STORM

In a climate where 12 inch snow events and sub zero temps are considered normal, Fargo street crews must stay one step ahead of the game when it comes to keeping roads clear and safe for residents.

During the winter months, the Street Department uses a proactive approach known as anti-icing to prevent snow and ice from bonding to pavement surfaces. As part of anti-icing, liquids are applied directly to pavement surfaces before a storm

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event, providing a snow bonding inhibitor that prevents snow and ice from sticking

Anti-icing greatly reduces the amount of time required to restore streets to a safe and clear state. It also plays



Special trucks are used to spray the anti-ice solution. If you see one, please stay back.

a significant role in decreasing the amount of sand needed to provide grit for traction or salt to melt compacted ice.

Anti-icing liquids can be made up of a variety of different chemicals

such as calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, salt brine, agricultural based liquids and potassium acetate. By blending a combination of these chemicals together the city can provide a cost effective anti-ice inhibitor that will prevent snow from bonding to our pavements. While many products are available, the Street Department has chosen to use a blend of salt brine (23.3% salt and 76.7% water) and sugar beet by-product because it's 1/3 less corrosive than using salt alone.

Anti-icing has proven to provide a major benefit to the city's snow fighting operation by aiding in the ability to return primary roadways to good pavement driving conditions as quickly as possible following a storm event. Any questions or concerns can be directed to our department at 241-1453 or by e-mail at publicworks@cityoffargo.com. More snow removal information is available at www.cityoffargo.com/Residential.

CONCRETE & COLD WEATHER

If you or your contractor are working on a project that involves placing concrete in cold weather it is important to protect it from freezing. When cold weather conditions exist, concrete temperatures must be maintained at 50° F for at least 2 days if using high-early-strength concrete and 3 days if regular concrete is used. If the inspector determines the concrete has not been adequately protected, the inspector shall require the concrete be tested in order to ensure that required strength has been developed.

Acceptable methods of protection for temperatures 20° F to 40° F:

- Insulated blankets – double R-5.1 blankets
- Insulated forms – insulation value equal to the blanket requirements

Acceptable method of protection for temperatures below 20° F:

- Heated weather resistive enclosures enveloping the footing and/or walls. The heat provided should maintain a minimum concrete temperature of 50° F

At the end of the protection period concrete should be cooled gradually to reduce crack inducing strains between the interior and exterior of the structure.

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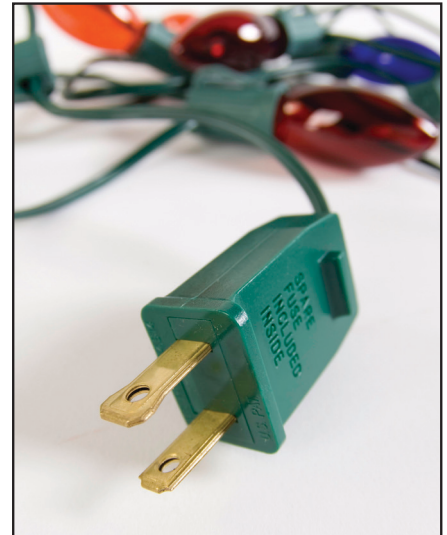
FROM THE FIREHOUSE

Last year in Fargo 19 fires occurred during the month of December. Here are some important safety reminders for the Holidays from the United States Fire Administration and the National Fire Protection Association:

- Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets.
- Connect no more than 50 bulbs for screw-in light sets.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.
- Make sure your tree and decorations are at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, and space heaters.

Last year the Fargo Fire Department responded to 22 carbon monoxide (CO) incidents. Carbon monoxide is an odorless poisonous gas produced during combustion. With heating season upon us, here are a few safety tips:

- Install a CO alarm outside of each sleeping area.
- Keep vents for dryers, furnaces, and stoves clear of snow.
- Remote car starters are convenient, but never warm a vehicle in the garage - even with the garage doors open.



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-Fire Marshal Ryan Erickson

CLEAR YOUR HYDRANT



Clear an area three feet in all directions around the fire hydrant.

As snow continues to pile up this winter, it's important to keep an eye on your neighborhood fire hydrant. Please remember that you are responsible for keeping your fire hydrant accessible; clear out an area three feet in all directions around it. This space is necessary for firefighters to connect the proper appliances and hose lines needed to combat a working fire. A buried hydrant will cause the fire department to waste precious time during a fire. A fire hydrant provides protection to the entire block so please pitch in and help elderly or disabled neighbors maintain their hydrants.

City ordinances online

The City of Fargo is making it easier for you to find and search through the Fargo Municipal Code. By visiting www.cityoffargo.com/ordinances you can see all City Ordinances, including those recently added and amended, and you can search for topics within the Municipal Code by keyword and date. The goal of this new program is to make information more transparent and easier to find for residents.



Engage Fargo

Your vision matters

If you have thoughts and opinions about the future of Fargo, you can now share them directly with city leaders and fellow residents! Starting in December, city leaders will be reaching out to you via an online platform called "Engage Fargo" in an effort to gather your input on projects and ideas that impact the implementation of the city's comprehensive plan, also known as Go2030. Check it out for yourself at www.EngageFargo.com or watch for more information on the city website, Twitter and FaceBook.

FLIP THE SWITCH ON CRIME



Prevent crime by leaving your exterior light on. Lighting plays an important role in raising the comfort level of those using the streets and public places in our city. Lighting helps people observe their surroundings and respond to potential threats. The benefits of proper lighting include less criminal activity, improvement in quality of life and increased property values. Please remember to leave a light on in the front and back yard.

Leaving town for winter?

Thieves target homes and properties where the residents appear to have been gone for an extended period of time. Whether you are leaving for a week long vacation or heading south for the winter, please take a few extra steps in protecting your property and helping us reduce crime:

1. Have the post office forward or hold your mail
2. Have your neighbors collect any flyers or hand outs that collect on your front door
3. Arrange for snow removal for your driveway and sidewalks
4. Don't announce on your answering machine that you are away
5. Secure all windows and exterior doors with working locks

For more crime prevention tips, visit www.FargoPolice.com.

ACCESS CHANNELS MOVING TO 56 & 68

Starting in late January, the City of Fargo-operated community access channels will be moved to Cable ONE channels 56 (community channel) and 68 (government channel). In the meantime, some viewers will continue to receive community access TV programming on 12 and 99 while others will receive it on 56 and 68. The change was made by Cable ONE as part of its digital conversion.

Garbage/recycling

Christmas Day Dec. 25 – Week of Dec. 22: All collection days will run on schedule except for Thursday which will be collected on Friday. The Sanitary Landfill will be closed on Christmas Day.

New Year's Day Jan. 1 – Week of Dec. 29: All collection days will run on schedule except for Thursday which will be collected on Friday. The Sanitary Landfill will be closed on New Year's Day.

Christmas Tree Pickup:

- Week of Jan. 5, 2015
- Trees are collected on your garbage day
- Please do not deposit on snow banks
- Remove lights, plastic bags, wood and metal stands
- Tree should be five feet away from garbage cart

President's Day Feb. 16 – Week of Feb. 16: Garbage and recycling collections on schedule. The Sanitary Landfill will be open on Monday, February 16.

***Please place garbage carts and recycling carts on a ground surface, not a snow bank.**

Winter Landfill hours:

- Saturdays: 7:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Monday through Friday: 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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On Jan. 16, 2015, the long anticipated Flood Insurance Study that FEMA has been updating within Fargo will be taking effect. Flood insurance will become mandatory on this date for properties within the Special Flood Hazard Area that carry a mortgage. It is expected mortgage lenders will be communicating with affected property owners and notifying them of the requirement to carry flood insurance by Jan. 16. However, all potentially affected residents are encouraged to contact their insurance agents now to learn more about their options on purchasing flood insurance before the actual adoption date. The new maps can be viewed online at www.FargoFloodInsurance.com.



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HELP TO QUIT

The holiday season and new year could mean a fresh start for those wanting to quit tobacco products. Besides patches and gum, there are additional forms of treatment available. Currently, the FDA has seven approved medications for treatment of tobacco dependence. Five are nicotine based and include the nicotine patch, gum, lozenge, inhaler and nasal spray. Two are non-nicotine medications, Bupropion and Varenicline. The FDA has not approved the use of e-cigarettes for use in treating tobacco dependence.

NDQuits offers several FREE options to help quit tobacco. All NDQuits services include free counseling, advice and support and free nicotine replacement products for those who qualify. For more information go to www.NDHealth.gov/ndquits or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

Don't forget your flu shot

As the flu season ramps up, you still have time to get your flu vaccination. This year's vaccine fights four strains of influenza and is available at local public health units, health care providers and pharmacies in both shot and FluMist forms. For more information about the flu vaccines, prevention and treatment, go to www.CDC.gov/flu.

NEW HEALTH VIDEO

Find out more about the reproductive health services available at the Fargo Cass Public Health Clinic by watching its new video at www.FargoCassPublicHealth.com and click on Family Planning.

REFUGEE HEALTH COORDINATOR

To help with North Dakota's growing diverse population, the North Department of Health has added the position of Refugee Health Coordinator. Alicia Helion, whose office is located at Fargo Cass Public Health, is responsible for administering the refugee health screening program through communication with all those involved in the healthcare screening process, analyzing/interpreting refugee health data, ensuring relevant health-related materials are available for refugees and providers, and engaging in any activities that help providers meet health needs of refugees. For more information on the program call 298-6935.

TODDLER STORYTIME

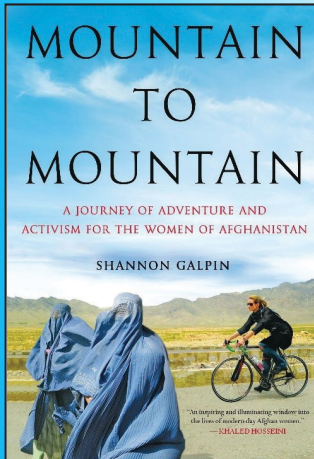
The Fargo Public Library is pleased to announce the addition of Toddler Storytime to the Winter Storytime lineup at the Northport branch. Winter Storytime starts Monday, Jan. 12, 2015, and runs for 14 weeks. The Northport branch will host Toddler Storytime on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in addition to Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays. Toddler Storytime is for children ages 18 months through 3 years and features stories, songs, and a focus on early literacy skills. This joins the Fargo Public Library's regularly scheduled storytimes at the Main and Dr. James Carlson Libraries. Registration is required for weekly Winter Storytime, please call 241-1495 to register. For details, visit www.FargoLibrary.org/childrens.

Fargo Fact:

The Fargo Public Works Department maintains approximately 26 miles of sidewalks along-side public property.

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Shannon Galpin visit



The Fargo Public Library is pleased to welcome North Dakota native and author Shannon Galpin to the downtown Main Library for a presentation and book signing set for Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. Galpin, National Geographic's 2013 Adventurer of the Year, will discuss her book, *Mountain to Mountain*, a memoir in which she recounts being the first person to

mountain bike in Afghanistan, a country where the culture does not allow women to ride bikes. She will also discuss leaving her career and selling her house to launch her nonprofit, Mountain2Mountain, which works to create opportunities for women in regions of conflict. All ages are welcome; books will be available for purchase. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Librarian Beth Postema at 241-1492 or visit www.FargoLibrary.org. This program is supported by the North Dakota Humanities Council.

Library2Go for kids

If you've got kids who use e-books, the Fargo Public Library is pleased to announce Library2Go for Kids, an e-book collection dedicated to children's e-books and e-audiobooks. The site features a child friendly layout that highlights a variety of collections for kids, as well as tools for parents to search by reading and interest level. The Children's Reading Room supports the same devices and apps as the Library's standard e-book collection and requires a library card. Visit the Kid's Reading Room at www.FargoLibrary.org and click on 'Downloads'.

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MATBUS wants you to enjoy the holiday season without any unnecessary stress. Give one of our Dispatch Team members a call at 232-7500 or check us out online at www.mMATBUS.com, and we'll help plan your trip. Season's greetings and happy holidays from MATBUS administration, operators and technicians!

WEATHER AWARENESS

During winter weather conditions, MATBUS passengers are reminded to dress for the cold temperatures and high winds. Also, be aware that MATBUS vehicles may operate behind schedule due to deteriorating road conditions. In the event of adverse weather and impassable road conditions, MATBUS may elect to implement its snow detours. Snow detours for each route can be found on www.MATBUS.com. During the winter, stay tuned to KFGO (790 AM), call 232-7500 or visit www.MATBUS.com for information on potential MATBUS service disruptions.

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Fargo Public Schools boundary changes



In June 2014, the Fargo Board of Education approved boundary changes for Fargo Public Schools' elementary schools effective in the fall of 2015. These changes set an attendance area for the newly constructed Ed Clapp Elementary School and allow for future enrollment growth at elementary schools as the city of Fargo grows southward. Schools affected by the new attendance boundaries

are: Bennett, Centennial, Kennedy, Lewis & Clark, and Lincoln Elementary Schools. FPS boundary maps and resources are available online at www.fargo.k12.nd.us/boundarymaps, including a look-up tool to determine which school your address is assigned. Any middle and high school boundary adjustments were postponed until the Board has developed the school district's next long range strategic plan.

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