



CITY OF BALATON

SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

LOCAL NEWS

- Community Center Rent: **\$75/Daily**
- Community Center Rent: **\$25 Kitchen Only**
- Community Center Rent: Wedding **\$500 + deposit**
- Additional Fee for Liquor Store **\$150**
- Eastbay Camping (full hook-up) **\$20/nightly**
- Eastbay Camping (full hook-up) **\$300/month**

SUMP PUMPS

- Must be disconnected from sanitary sewer by April 1st.
\$200 Fine for Violations.

GOLF CART LICENSE

- Annual License Required. Cost: \$15.00 at City Hall.

LOCAL BOARD of APPEALS & EQUALIZATION

Monday, April 20th 6pm City Hall

REMINDERS:

- Keep Dogs on Leash
- Do Not Mow Grass Clippings Into The Street
- Do Not Throw Yard Waste Into Garbage Or Recycling Carts

SPRING CLEAN UP

- **Wed., May 13th**: Curbside Pick Up of Trees, Clean Metal, Lawn Clippings.
- **Sat., May 16th**: Drop-Off at Lion's Park 7:15-11:15 AM.
- **Mon., May 18th**: Prepaid Appliance & Electronics Collection. Stickers Required!

FUN FEST JUNE 26-28, 2026

Follow "Balaton Fun Fest" on Facebook!

PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCES

- Trim Boulevard Trees.
- Keep Weeds & Junk Under Control.
- Limit Outside Storage of Vehicles.

CITY CODE SANITARY SEWER INSPECTION

- Inspection Required Before Sale or Transfer of Property.

DRINKING WATER PROTECTION

- Be Cautious with Lawn Chemicals Near the Well Area.

— **QUESTIONS? CALL CITY HALL: 507-734-4711** —

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 7 AM - 4 PM, Fri 7 AM - Noon.

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PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR THE CITY OF BALATON Allpaid.com allows our residents to pay for utilities, community center rentals, camping fees, parking fees, ambulance/fire invoices online at balatonmn.com

NOTE: Allpaid.com does charge a service fee.

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SUMP PUMPS: All sump pumps must be removed from the sanitary sewer and directed outside by April 1st of each year. There is a **\$200 fine** for all violations.

GOLF CART LICENSE: All golf carts operating within the city are required to carry an annual license. Licenses available at City Hall. Cost is \$15.00

LOCAL BOARD of APPEALS and EQUALIZATION Monday, April 20th, 2026 at 6:00 pm:

- **Important Information Regarding Property Assessments - This may affect your 2027 property taxes.** The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Balaton will meet on the 20th day of April 2026, at 6:00 PM, at the City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the Assessor. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your value and/or classification and may make changes as needed. You must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

SPRING CLEAN UP – THIS IS FOR CITY OF BALATON RESIDENTS ONLY

- **WEDNESDAY, May 13th :** The following items will be picked up by the Balaton City Crew: Trees, Clean Metal, Garden/Lawn Clippings. Please pile separately **"ON THE STREET"** by the curb. **HAVE EVERYTHING OUT BY WEDNESDAY MORNING.**
- **SATURDAY, May 16th : NO CURBSIDE PICK UP.** A dumpster will be located at Lion's Park from 7:15 am to 11:15. The following items can be brought down for disposal: General Non-Hazardous Household Waste (Junk); Furniture Items (Couches, Chairs, Tables, Etc.); Small amounts of re-modeling materials (siding, dried out paint cans, drywall, carpet, etc.) All loose materials must be contained in bags or boxes. **ABSOLUTELY NO PICKUP OR TRAILER LOADS OF LOOSE SHINGLES OR TIRES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO COMMERCIAL WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO MATTRESSES. THIS IS FOR CITY OF BALATON RESIDENTS ONLY.**
- **MONDAY, May 18th :** The following items will be picked up by A-Z Recycling for a **PREPAID FEE: \$20 – TVs; \$20 - Computers; \$10 – Appliances including water heaters and dehumidifiers, mowers (push or rider), grills, printers, exercise equipment; \$5- Tires (Vehicle only – No**

Tractor/Farm Tires). **YOU MUST PURCHASE A STICKER AND HAVE IT ON YOUR ITEM AND HAVE IT OUT ON THE CURB BY 7AM OR IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. PURCHASE YOUR STICKERS AT CITY HALL. No Refunds**

- **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS – PLEASE BRING THESE ITEMS TO THE LYON COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER:** Asbestos; Batteries (includes auto, flashlight, rechargeable, etc.); Chemical Products (includes: herbicides, pesticides); Fluorescent Tubes & Light Bulbs; Hazardous, Industrial, Infectious Waste; Liquid Waste, Paints, Thinners, Removers; Oils, Oil Rags (includes any type of oil drilling waste); Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM); Tires; Mattresses and Box Springs.

REMINDERS:

- **DO NOT MOW GRASS CLIPPINGS ONTO THE STREET. IT POLLUTES THE LAKE.**
- **DO NOT THROW YARD WASTE INTO THE GARBAGE CART OR RECYCLING CARTS, THEY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

FUN FEST JUNE 26-28th 2026 Please log on to FACEBOOK and follow the Balaton Fun Fest for schedules and upcoming events.

DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED: Balaton City Code 503.01 states: No dogs shall be permitted to run at large within the city limits of the city. This restriction does not prohibit the appearance of any dog upon the streets or public property when the dog is on a leash and is kept under control of the person charged with its care.

COMMUNITY RECYCLE DROP SITE ROLL-OFF: The roll-off has signs on it on what can and cannot go into the roll-off. **Acceptable Items:** Aluminum and Steel Cans; Food and Beverage Cartons, Glass Bottles and Jars; Kitchen, Laundry, Bath bottles and containers – Plastic 1, 2 and 5; Paperboard including pop/beer boxes; Cardboard and Paper. **Remember:** Give Containers a Quick Rinse, No Need to Remove Labels, No Need to Remove Caps, Leave Windows in Boxes, Flatten Cardboard.

PUBLIC NUISANCE REMINDERS: Complete Copies of the Nuisance Ordinance are available at City Hall.

- **Boulevard Trees:** Trees along the boulevard are the responsibility of the homeowner. Trees must be cut 13' 6" from the plain of the curb.
- **Tall Weeds and Grass:** No grass or weeds over 6" tall.
- **Unlawful parking and storage:**
 - A person must not place, store, or allow the placement or storage of ice fishing houses, skateboard ramps, playhouses, or other similar non-permanent structures outside continuously for longer than twenty-four (24) hours in the front yard area of residential property unless more than one hundred (100) feet back from the front property line.
 - A person must not place, store, or allow the placement or storage of pipe, lumber, forms, steel, machinery, or similar materials, including all materials used in conjunction with a business, outside on residential property, unless shielded from public view by an opaque cover or fence.
 - A person must not cause, undertake, permit, or allow the outside parking and storage of vehicles on residential property unless it complies with the following requirements:
 - No more than four (4) vehicles per lawful dwelling unit may be parked or stored anywhere outside on residential property, except as otherwise permitted or required by the city because of nonresidential characteristics of the property. The

maximum number does not include vehicles of occasional guests who do not reside on the property.

- Vehicles that are parked or stored outside in the front yard areas must be on a paved or graveled parking surface or driveway area.
- Vehicles, watercraft, and other articles stored outside on residential property must be owned by a person who resides on that property. Students who are away from school for periods of time but still claim the property as their legal residence will be considered residents on the property.
- **Inoperable motor vehicles:** It shall be unlawful to keep, park, store, or abandon any motor vehicle that is not in operating condition, partially dismantled, used for repair of parts or as a source of repair or replacement parts for other vehicles, kept for scrapping, dismantling, or salvage of any kind, or which is not properly licensed for operation within the state, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 168B.011, subd. 3, as it may be amended from time to time.
- **Screening.** This section does not apply to a motor vehicle enclosed in a building and/or kept out of view from any street, road, or alley, and which does not foster complaint from a resident of the city. Privacy fencing is permissible.

CITY CODE CHAPTER IV SANITARY SEWER INSPECTION: City Code Chapter IV 405.07. Inspection.

- **Subd. 1.** Every person owning improved real estate shall obtain an inspection of each building located on such property by a licensed plumber or inspector that is approved by the city before such property is offered for sale, gifted or transferred, and before the owner or owner's representative enters into any contract for deed or other transaction changing the party responsible for the property. The purpose of this inspection shall be to confirm that there is no prohibited discharge into the municipal sanitary sewer system.
- **Subd. 2.** The licensed plumber or inspector must inspect and televise the property's sump pump, sewer service lateral, and groundwater drainage system, and upon completion, return a recorded copy of the televising along with the inspection form provided by the City documenting the results of the inspection. All costs associated with an inspection by a privately retained inspector or licensed plumber shall be the responsibility of the property owner.
- **Subd. 3.** A certificate of compliance shall be issued by the City upon successful completion of an inspection. A certificate of compliance shall be valid until the property is again offered for sale, gifted or transferred, and before the owner or owner's representative enters into any contract for deed or other transaction changing the party responsible for the property.

DRINKING WATER PROTECTION: The City of Balaton is in the Wellhead protection area. **Please be aware** of the type chemicals that you apply to your lawn they could leach into your drinking water.

****Checkout the City of Balaton Facebook page at Balaton, MN****

Any questions or concerns, please contact City Hall 507-734-4711. Office hours Monday – Thursday 7 am to 4 pm, and Friday 7 am – Noon.

ATTENTION

CITY OF BALATON WATER USERS

The 2025 *City of Balaton* “Consumer Confidence Report for Drinking Water” **will not be published or mailed** to individual addresses.

A copy of this report is available at the locations below during their usual normal hours:

- The *City Hall Office*

If you would like a copy of this report but are unable to stop in at any of the above-mentioned places, please contact *City Hall* at 507-734-4711 to arrange for a copy of this report mailed to you.

You can also search the Minnesota Department of Health website for copy of historic reports at <https://mnccr.web.health.state.mn.us/index.faces> or scan the QR code below using your phone.



Water System Name: *City of Balaton*
Public Water System ID Number: 1420001