



City Newsletter April 23, 2026

City of Bemidji Water Main Flushing Program Continues

The City of Bemidji Water Department began its annual water main flushing program on Wednesday, April 15 at 7:00 a.m., with work expected to continue through approximately the end of May.

This important maintenance process helps ensure the quality and reliability of the city's water system by removing mineral buildup, including iron, from water mains. Crews will conduct flushing operations daily between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., moving in a north-to-south pattern throughout the city and concluding in the Nymore area.

During this time, residents may notice temporary drops in water pressure or discolored water. The discoloration is typically caused by iron sediments being stirred up in the pipes and is not harmful. If discoloration occurs, residents are advised to run their cold water until it becomes clear again.

To help residents stay informed, the city has provided an interactive flushing map, available online at: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/181bfc9f73e9446f82d91267449fd429>. The city appreciates the community's patience and understanding during this necessary maintenance effort.

For more information, please contact Todd Anderson, Water & Sewer Superintendent, at (218) 333-1854.

City of Bemidji to Hold Annual Stormwater Program Public Hearing

Residents of Bemidji are invited to attend the City's annual public hearing to review the effectiveness of its Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP). The hearing will take place on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The SWPPP is an important part of the City's efforts to protect local lakes, rivers, and stormwater systems from pollution. Each year, the City evaluates the program to ensure it meets state and federal requirements and continues to effectively manage stormwater runoff.

This public hearing provides an opportunity for community members to learn more about how stormwater is managed in Bemidji, ask questions, and share feedback. Public input plays a valuable role in helping the City improve its programs and maintain the health of local waterways.

Residents who are unable to attend the hearing but would like to provide comments or ask questions are encouraged to contact Jenna Roberts, Assistant City Engineer, at (218) 333-1856.

Community participation is key to protecting Bemidji's natural resources—your voice matters!

The City of Bemidji currently has opportunities to serve on various boards, committees and commissions. See our website for more information www.ci.bemidji.mn.us

- Housing & Redevelopment Authority (2 residents)
- City Library Board (1 resident and/or 1 Beltrami County resident)
- Parks and Trails Commission (1 resident)
- Public Arts Commission (1 non resident or city resident available)
- Housing Appeals Board (1 Tenant)
- Deer Management Committee (1 - Ward 4)



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We're Hiring Election Judges!

Help support fair, secure, and accessible elections in our community by serving as an Election Judge. What you'll do: Assist voters at polling places, help set up and close polling locations, ensure voting procedures are followed correctly. Election Judges play a vital role in maintaining the integrity of our elections and making sure every eligible voter can participate. Election judges receive compensation and training with flexible scheduling available. If you're dependable, detail-oriented, and want to make a difference, we'd love to have you on the team. Apply today or learn more by contacting cityclerk@ci.bemidji.mn.us or visit our website. <https://www.ci.bemidji.mn.us/>

Help Shape the Future of Bemidji!

What do you want our community to look like in the next 10–20 years? Now's your chance to have a say. This Is Our City Bemidji is gathering ideas, feedback, and visions from community members, businesses, and organizations to help guide the City's Comprehensive Plan—a roadmap for our future. Your input will help shape decisions on housing, transportation, public safety, the environment, and more. Get involved by taking the survey, joining conversations, and attending events. Public hearings and comment periods are happening throughout 2026. Together, we can make sure Bemidji stays a place we're proud to call home. Questions? Contact clarson@hrdc.org Take the survey below https://bemidji.co1.qualtrics.com/.../SV_4ZQuaY7JdkwzoFw

We have an important update to share with you—We've made some changes to Facebook!

To better streamline communication and keep all city information in one place, we made a few changes to our Facebook pages:

- Our Parks and Recreation page is now renamed to City of Bemidji, Minnesota Government—please make sure to follow that page to continue receiving information from city hall
- The Bemidji Minnesota City Hall page will be archived the end of May

Moving forward, all updates, announcements, and community information will be shared on the City of Bemidji, Minnesota page. What this means for you:

- One central place for all city news and updates
- Continued access to the same great information and resources

We appreciate your support as we make this transition and look forward to engaging with you all in one place! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Things are moving right along with the Bemidji Rail Corridor Project!

Casper Construction is actively working on items involving hauling contaminated soils offsite (to approved landfill), importing clean sand fill material, and completing the required structural soil corrections under the future building pads. It's a science to ensure the appropriate soils go the appropriate location, but we have a solid team of experts and a knowledgeable contractor working to ensure things are done right. We appreciate your patience, and feel free to reach out with any questions.





City of Bemidji

March 2026 Monthly Construction Report

Date of Report:	04/03/2026				
Date Issued	Permit Number	Permit Type	Address	Owner	Total Valuation
03/03/2026	CBALT-2025-0080	COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	2000 PAUL BUNYAN DR NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	PACE DEVELOPMENT INC	\$250,000
03/04/2026	CBALT-2026-0009	COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	1025 PAUL BUNYAN DR NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	SECURITY BANK USA	\$300,000
03/04/2026	CBALT-2026-0010	COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN MN 00000	CITY OF BEMIDJI	\$154,900
03/16/2026	CBALT-2026-0012	COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	312 LAKE AVE SE BEMIDJI MN 56601	CITY OF BEMIDJI	\$102,694
03/24/2026	CBALT-2026-0013	COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	2400 PINE RIDGE AVE NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	TREK NORTH ABC	\$1,475
03/25/2026	CBALT-2026-0015	COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	1230 23RD ST NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	CITY OF BEMIDJI	\$127,481
03/25/2026	CBALT-2026-0016	COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	1230 23RD ST NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	CITY OF BEMIDJI	\$159,995
03/26/2026	CBALT-2026-0017	COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	1111 EVENT CENTER DR NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	BEMIDJI ECONOMIC DEV AUTHORITY	\$159,865
03/09/2026	CBNEW-2025-0013	COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT (NEW)	3728 BEMIDJI AVE N BEMIDJI MN 56601	QUELLO INVESTMENTS LLC	\$685,000
03/12/2026	CBRF-2025-0083	COMMERCIAL RE-ROOF	1635 PAUL BUNYAN DR NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	NORTHERN FIRE HOSPITALITY LLC	\$14,500
03/13/2026	CBRF-2026-0002	COMMERCIAL RE-ROOF	751 INDUSTRIAL PARK DR SE BEMIDJI MN 56601	BELTRAMI COUNTY	\$1,200,000
03/27/2026	CBRF-2026-0003	COMMERCIAL RE-ROOF	307 3RD ST NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	SJ & SG PROPERTIES LLC	\$47,000
03/05/2026	CBWDS-2026-0003	COMMERCIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	2905 BEMIDJI AVE N BEMIDJI MN 56601	NORTH EDGE RENTALS LLC	\$5,000
03/18/2026	CBWDS-2026-0004	COMMERCIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	928 WASHINGTON AVE S BEMIDJI MN 56601	CASSANDRA JEAN HIETALA	\$5,923
03/25/2026	CBWDS-2026-0005	COMMERCIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	728 PAUL BUNYAN DR NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	POXLEITNER HOSPITALITY LLC	\$25,000
03/04/2026	DEMOC-2026-0002	DEMOLITION COMMERCIAL	214 4TH ST NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	HMN PROPERTIES LLC	
03/19/2026	DEMOC-2026-0003	DEMOLITION COMMERCIAL	750 PAUL BUNYAN DR NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	750 PAUL BUNYAN LLC	
03/09/2026	RBALT-2025-0080	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	1213 IRVINE AVE NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	2 JOHNSONS LLC	\$61,750
03/09/2026	RBALT-2026-0005	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	707 3RD ST SE BEMIDJI MN 56601	AUSTIN PROPERTIES BELTRAMI INC	\$7,000
03/16/2026	RBALT-2026-0006	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	423 AMERICA AVE NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	BRANDON L BURK	\$20,000

03/30/2026	RBALT-2026-0008	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	102 SCOTT AVE SE BEMIDJI MN 56601	ROYCE W KINGBIRD	\$22,150
03/31/2026	RBALT-2026-0009	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	513 26TH ST NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	MINNESOTA MAINTENANCE SOLUTIONS LLC	\$1,500
03/31/2026	RBALT-2026-0010	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT (ADDTN/RMDL/ALT)	1632 BEMIDJI AVE N BEMIDJI MN 56601	WARD PROPERTIES LLC	\$145,000
03/25/2026	RBNEW-2026-0002	RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT (NEW)	502 3RD ST SE BEMIDJI MN 56601	BRIAN W CHRISTIANSEN	\$11,500
03/12/2026	RBRF-2025-0662	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	615 4TH ST NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	DANIEL J GANNON	\$6,381
03/12/2026	RBRF-2026-0007	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	1805 CHIPPEWA DR NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	PETER L KUCERA	\$4,000
03/11/2026	RBRF-2026-0008	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	6516 CHIPMUNK CT NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	ERIC J WELLER	\$5,500
03/11/2026	RBRF-2026-0009	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	5444 ROOSEVELT RD SW BEMIDJI MN 56601		\$800
03/13/2026	RBRF-2026-0010	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	4240 IRVINE AVE NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	VILLAS AT NATURES EDGE	\$23,000
03/19/2026	RBRF-2026-0011	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	808 GRANT AVE SE BEMIDJI MN 56601	ADAM L CHUNN	\$13,550
03/24/2026	RBRF-2026-0012	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	1005 MISSISSIPPI AVE NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	CANEDGE LLC	\$12,000
03/30/2026	RBRF-2026-0013	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	614 3RD ST SE BEMIDJI MN 56601	GLACIER GROUP LLC	\$8,300
03/30/2026	RBRF-2026-0014	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	808 3RD ST SE BEMIDJI MN 56601	GLACIER GROUP LLC	\$11,300
03/27/2026	RBRF-2026-0015	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	135 ANNE ST NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	WARD J BRIGGS JR	\$20,000
03/27/2026	RBRF-2026-0016	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	623 LAKE BLVD NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	NANCY R AITKEN	\$11,469
03/30/2026	RBRF-2026-0017	RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOF	4240 IRVINE AVE NW UNIT 12 BEMIDJI MN 56601	MARK R HOVESTOL	\$12,600
03/04/2026	RBWDS-2026-0017	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	717 SCOTT AVE SE BEMIDJI MN 56601	ANTHONY J LAFONTAIN	\$4,385
03/06/2026	RBWDS-2026-0018	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	1001 MINNESOTA AVE NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	JENNIFER A NAISER	\$11,646
03/10/2026	RBWDS-2026-0019	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	1930 CHIPPEWA DR NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	RANDY L HORIEN	\$3,251
03/23/2026	RBWDS-2026-0020	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	710 CLOUD ST NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	TAMMY M JOHNSON	\$19,000
03/11/2026	RBWDS-2026-0021	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	707 IRVINE AVE NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	CONNOR LEHMKUHL	\$1,800
03/18/2026	RBWDS-2026-0022	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	1405 CALIHAN AVE NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	1405 CALIHAN LLC	\$15,500
03/24/2026	RBWDS-2026-0023	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	6516 CHIPMUNK CT NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	ERIC J WELLER	\$18,000
03/19/2026	RBWDS-2026-0024	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	623 LAKE BLVD NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	NANCY R AITKEN	\$1,526

03/25/2026	RBWDS-2026-0025	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	1502 BIXBY AVE NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	1502 BIXBY LLC	\$12,000
03/24/2026	RBWDS-2026-0026	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	802 8TH ST NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	JOY C VITALI	\$9,000
03/26/2026	RBWDS-2026-0027	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	208 IRVING BEACH DR SW BEMIDJI MN 56601	KATHLEEN E PAULSON	\$11,000
03/25/2026	RBWDS-2026-0028	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	4501 BIRCHMONT DR NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	SETH DREYER	\$1,000
03/27/2026	RBWDS-2026-0029	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	406 RICHARDS AVE SE BEMIDJI MN 56601	MICHAEL G FRITZ	\$7,940
03/27/2026	RBWDS-2026-0030	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	623 LAKE BLVD NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	NANCY R AITKEN	\$23,866
03/31/2026	RBWDS-2026-0035	RESIDENTIAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS/DOORS/SIDING	3030 VALLEY VIEW DR NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	STEVEN L JENSEN	\$3,500
03/05/2026	RMECH-2026-0019	RESIDENTIAL MECHANICAL PERMIT	228 KAY AVE SE BEMIDJI MN 56601	LENORA MAE BEDEAU	\$4,108
03/02/2026	RMECH-2026-0020	RESIDENTIAL MECHANICAL PERMIT	916 3RD ST SE BEMIDJI MN 56601	JERRY E KING	\$9,600
03/04/2026	RMECH-2026-0021	RESIDENTIAL MECHANICAL PERMIT	1215 BIXBY AVE NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	JAMES R ERDMANN	\$2,935
03/11/2026	RMECH-2026-0022	RESIDENTIAL MECHANICAL PERMIT	617 IRVINE AVE NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	DANSUE PROPERTIES LLC	\$2,995
03/17/2026	RMECH-2026-0023	RESIDENTIAL MECHANICAL PERMIT	2722 BIRCHMONT DR NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	DUWAYNE O SYVERSON TRUSTEE	\$2,995
03/13/2026	RMECH-2026-0024	RESIDENTIAL MECHANICAL PERMIT	1417 CALIHAN AVE NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	JOSEPH A MOORE	\$14,285
03/17/2026	RMECH-2026-0025	RESIDENTIAL MECHANICAL PERMIT	314 RICHARDS AVE NE BEMIDJI MN 56601	SIMON D KANGAS	\$1,500
03/27/2026	RMECH-2026-0026	RESIDENTIAL MECHANICAL PERMIT	2022 DIVISION ST W BEMIDJI MN 56601	JEFFREY W PETERSEN	\$3,285
03/31/2026	RMECH-2026-0029	RESIDENTIAL MECHANICAL PERMIT	1414 MINNESOTA AVE NW BEMIDJI MN 56601	HEATHER JO LUCAS	\$2,775
Totals:	60				\$3,824,526

MARCH 2026 CONSTRUCTION REPORT COMPARISONS

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION FOR MARCH 2026	\$3,824,526
TOTAL YEAR-TO-DATE CONSTRUCTION FOR 2026	\$6,941,071
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION FOR MARCH 2025	\$5,005,423
TOTAL YEAR-TO-DATE CONSTRUCTION FOR 2025	\$8,462,686



CITY OF BEMIDJI
Year to Date Rental Report
2026



MONTH	INSPECTIONS (PER UNIT)	Rental Certificates of Occupancy Issued (PER UNIT)	LICENSES REVOKED (included in total)	NEW LICENSES	LICENSES DELETED	NUMBER OF CURRENT RENTAL LICENSES	NUMBER OF CURRENT RENTAL UNITS
EOY						1075	3721
January	331	59	0	1	7	1069	3714
February	200	72	0	1	0	1070	3715
March	74	46	0	2	1	1071	3717
Totals	605	177	0	4	8	April 2, 2026	

2025

MONTH	INSPECTIONS	Rental Certificates of Occupancy ISSUED (PER UNIT)	LICENSES SUSPENDED (included in total)	NEW LICENSES	LICENSES DELETED	NUMBER OF CURRENT RENTAL LICENSES	NUMBER OF CURRENT RENTAL UNITS
January	175	60	0	2	1	1092	3735
February	144	61	0	1	0	1093	3736
March	185	68	0	2	1	1094	3741
April	137	81	0	1	1	1094	3741
May	98	67	0	2	1	1095	3742
June	138	45	0	0	1	1094	3741
July	161	39	0	3	3	1094	3740
August	142	82	0	2	6	1090	3736
September	257	76	0	6	6	1090	3736
October	142	26	0	5	7	1088	3734
November	157	102	0	2	9	1081	3727
December	210	48	0	1	7	1075	3721
Totals	1946	755	0	27	43	January 5, 2026	



DOWNTOWN STUMP REMOVAL PROJECT

SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THE WEEK OF APRIL 20



The City of Bemidji will begin a downtown stump removal project the week of April 20, with work expected to continue for approximately **3-4 weeks**. This project is part of ongoing efforts to enhance public safety, improve infrastructure, and support future landscaping throughout the downtown area.



During construction, residents, businesses, and visitors may experience **temporary disruptions** to sidewalks and streets near active work zones. **Access may be limited at times** as crews safely remove stumps and complete necessary sidewalk repairs.



The City appreciates the public's patience and cooperation during this project. These improvements will help create a safer, more accessible, and more visually appealing downtown for the entire community.



PROJECT LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

- 510 Beltrami Ave NW – Walman Optical
- 519 Beltrami Ave NW – CenturyLink
- 507 Beltrami Ave NW – Bemidji Area Schools
- 423 Beltrami Ave NW – Siam
- 519 Minnesota Ave NW – Headwaters Music
- 413 Minnesota Ave NW – City Hall Lot
- 319 Minnesota Ave NW – Raphael's
- 202 Minnesota Ave NW – Lot 2 (next to Cantabria)
- 502 Minnesota Ave NW – Bemidji Area Schools
- 505 Bemidji Ave N – Watermark Art Center
- 215 4th St NW – Justice North
- 116 4th St NW – Blue Oyster
- 104 4th St NW – Security Bank
- 108 5th St NW – MJB Parking Lot
- 309 3rd St NW – Christensen Insurance
- 314 3rd St NW – Midco
- 102 3rd St NW – Four Pines
- 128 1st St W – Parking Lot / Union Station
- 110 1st St W – Giovanni's
- 102 1st St W – Parking Lot / Giovanni's

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELECTRICAL WORK AT LIBRARY PARK



**7 NEW 20 AMP PEDS,
NEW UNDERGROUND
DIRECT BURY**

The proposed project would **replace the ageing system** with new direct-bury electrical throughout the park, along with the **installation of seven new pedestals** equipped with 20-amp service outlets.



This will provide a **safer, more reliable** setup and **better support** the needs of these events moving forward.



This work is a practical step toward maintaining the park as a **functional and welcoming space** for the community, while also **reducing recurring issues and staff time** spent troubleshooting temporary solutions.

BEGIN
ONE
WAY

Library
Park



**CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE:
WEEK OF MAY 4TH**



**FOR QUESTIONS, CALL
PARK & TRAILS
218.333.1861**



Bemidji Citywide Deer Hunt – 2026

Applications Coming Soon!

Before you know it, it will be time to submit land use permission forms and hunt applications for the 2026 Bemidji Citywide Deer Hunt. This year, the City is introducing a new and improved online application process, making it easier than ever to participate!

Residents and hunters will now be able to complete the process from the comfort of home through our online registration system.

To access the application portal, visit and simply follow the prompts;

<https://secure.recl.com/MN/bemidji-mn/catalog>



Dates of importance

Permission forms are due no later than, May 20, 2026,
Application submittal opens July 1, 2026 and closes August 1, 2026.

We look forward to another safe and successful deer management season in Bemidji!

If you have any questions, please contact:
Madison Brogren – Madison.Brogren@ci.bemidji.mn.us
Scott Schroeder – Scott.Schroeder@ci.bemidji.mn.us