

Happy New Year!

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THE CITY OF LAKOTA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER. LAKOTA ELECTED OFFICIALS: JEFF RUSSO, ACTING MAYOR; COUNCIL MEMBERS: JIM VASICHEK, CHRISTIAN SKOGEN, NORRIS SEVERTSON, DENNIS MATTERN & ROBIN OURADNIK

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1: All real and personal property taxes and yearly installments of special assessments levied become due (NDCC 57-20-01)



January 1: City Hall closed - New Years Day Holiday

January 5: Regular City Council meeting at City Hall @7:00pm

January 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 26: Lakota Park Board regular meeting at 7pm



Snow Removal Reminders

Please remember not to blow your snow into streets during these winter months. Blowing your snow into the streets make it difficult to properly clean the streets in a timely manner.

It is also the responsibility of the property owner to keep the snow cleaned away from your mailbox and to also clean a path to your utility meter. Your postmaster and meter reader appreciate your cooperation!



Attention Walkers

The Lakota Community Center will be open Monday-Friday from 8:00am-12:00pm for anyone that is interested in getting their morning walk in during the winter months.

The Community Center will remain open for walking until spring or further notice and will be closed for holiday's recognized by the City of Lakota. If you have questions please contact the City Hall.

Thank you.



LAKOTA RAIDERS

SCHOOL SPORTS!

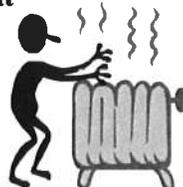
(Home Games)



Jan. 3 Girls & Boys B-Ball vs Carrington
Jan. 5 Girls B-Ball vs Valley City (Edmore)
Jan. 13 Boys B-Ball vs Dakota Prairie
Jan 16 Boys B-Ball vs St. John (Edmore)
Jan. 20 Girls B-Ball vs New Rockford
Jan 22 Boys B-Ball vs Warwick
Jan. 23 Girls B-Ball vs Dakota Prairie (Edmore)
Jan. 26 Girls B-Ball vs Harvey/WC
Jan. 27 Boys B-Ball vs Benson County

FUEL ASSISTANCE

The winter season is here and it is time to heat your house. Heating Assistance is available through the Nelson County Social Service office for those who qualify. Eligibility is based on income, assets, and obligations to pay. Please contact the Nelson County Social Service office at 247-2945 for further information



Open House Winners

Sponsored by the Lakota Municipal Utilities & Lakota City Hall

**\$50.00 Utility Bill Rebate - Barb Kjorsvik
Energy Efficient Light Bulbs - Lori Nelson**

Thank you to everyone that stopped in and joined us for our Holiday Open House.

See you next year!



Rate Increases

Lakota Municipal Utilities customers will see an electric rate increase on their utility bill effective January 1st, 2015 as approved at the December 1st, 2014 City Council meeting. This rate increase was a recommendation from a rate study conducted by Missouri River Energy Services (MRES), one of Lakota's power suppliers. As a public power utility, Lakota is carefully managing its resources and operations to provide a reliable, affordable service. Many other utilities are also experiencing cost pressures, causing electric rates to steadily increase across the region.

Another reason for an adjustment of our electricity rate is caused in part of an increase by MRES to the city of Lakota of 8.75% effective January 1st, 2015. This increase was caused by raised transmission costs and additional bonding.

Lakota Municipal Utilities can help you discover ways to minimize the impact of the new rate. Please check out the Bright Energy Solutions website at www.brightenergysolutions.com or www.energystar.gov for energy tips. You can also have an on-line home energy assessment and find efficiency recommendations through the ENERGY STAR Home Advisor program at <https://www.energystar.gov/campaign/home>. Please remember that Lakota Municipal Utilities does offer a budget billing program to help customers even out payments over the course of the year to help better prepare your finances. If you have any questions please contact the city hall at 247-2454.

Current & Proposed Electrical Rates			
Customer Class	Rate Components	Current Rates	Rates effective January 1, 2015
Residential	Customer Charge	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.00
	Energy Charge:		
	June-August	\$ 0.070	\$ 0.0795
	Sept.-May:		
	0-1,200 kWh	\$ 0.070	\$ 0.0795
	Over 1,200 kWh	\$ 0.062	\$ 0.0700
Commercial	Customer Charge	\$ 21.00	\$ 22.00
Single-phase	Energy Charge	\$ 0.070	\$ 0.0790
Commercial	Customer Charge	\$ 30.00	\$ 31.00
Three-phase	Energy Charge	\$ 0.070	\$ 0.0790
Small	Customer Charge	\$ 21.00	\$ 22.00
Commercial	Energy Charge	\$ 0.070	\$ 0.0790
Commercial	Customer Charge	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Elec. Space Heating	Energy Charge	\$ 0.061	\$ 0.0670
Large	Customer Charge	\$ 40.00	\$ 42.00
Commercial	Demand Charge	\$ 10.20	\$ 11.45
(Over 50 kW)	Energy Charge	\$ 0.0373	\$ 0.0410