



# City of Norway

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## Cable Television —Channel Changes

The City of Norway Communications Department received notice this past month that the National Cable Television Cooperative (NCTC) has come to agreement with the Viacom network for membership pricing. Viacom is one of the television conglomerates which own popular stations MTV, VH1, Nickelodeon, Paramount, TV Land, CMT and Comedy Central. The cost for these stations is currently \$7.36 per extended basic customer plus an additional \$3.07 for digital services customers. The City was told that they must sign the agreement with the NCTC (Viacom) by the end of September which would be a 5-year agreement.

At their meeting on September 23, the city council hosted a public hearing regarding whether to sign the agreement and continue offering these stations or opting out of the agreement. The decision made at the meeting was to not sign the agreement. The rationale is that the cost of offering these channels is 8% of our total subscriber cost. The increase that is expected on January 1<sup>st</sup> for all stations is going to be 8 to 12 percent across the board. By opting out of this agreement we are going to hold our extended basic cable television rate with no increase through December of 2020. Also as part of the decision we are going to try and replace some of the lost content with less expensive options. We are currently working with our partners to select these channels.

We appreciate the patience and understanding of our customers and are committed to offering a quality and affordable entertainment package. We just felt that it was important for controlling cost to move away from this particular conglomerate. Thank you again to our loyal customers.



### Tire Grant

The City of Norway, MDEQ Scrap Tire Grant, which began June 1st is still available!. Residents can drop off loose passenger tires at the Dickinson County Baler site located just south of the US-2 141 Junction behind Thomas Theater (Cinema 8) during normal operating hours 8am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday and 9am to Noon on Saturday. The grant covers the cost of disposal of passenger tires. No heavy truck, semi, tractor, solid tires or tires with rims. If rims are attached, a \$10 per tire will be charged to the individual. A property tax receipt and picture ID are needed to verify residency, and a signature will be required to attest that the tires came from the address as stated. Grant will run through December 1, 2019 or until the grant funds are depleted. To date, the City of Norway has only used a quarter, which is \$1,000 of the \$4,000 grant funds available.

### 2019 Leif Erikson Event October 11th, 12th, & 13th

#### Friday, October 11th

Art Show at the Jake Menghini Museum

#### Saturday, October 12th

All Day Festival

Parade Main Street 2pm

Taste of Norway

Art Show at the Jake Menghini Museum

Viking Re-enactors

Night of the Viking Feast

Strawberry Lake Torchlight Parade and Viking

Funeral Pyre

#### Sunday, October 13th

Viking Breakfast at Mike's on Main

Leif's Run—Start at Marion Park (5k, 10k, & Fun Run)

**For More Information [www.leiferiksonfest.com](http://www.leiferiksonfest.com)**



### Don't forget to VOTE November 5th

*Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm.*

*Absentee Ballots are available at City Hall. Please contact City Clerk, Trisha Plante at 906-563-9961 Ext. 204 with questions.*





## Leaf Pick-up



Every fall the city comes by and does a leaf pick-up from the boulevards. The City **DOES NOT** pick up brush. Please continue to take your brush to the compost site located near the golf course on Oak Crest Drive. The City of Norway will be picking up leaves that are piled on the Boulevard. Tentative start date will be October 28th and run approximately two weeks.




**Please DO NOT rake the leaves into the street. Per City ordinance #410, No person shall sweep or cause to be swept any dirt or litter of any kind or type whatsoever out of or off of any building or private property and into any public, sidewalk, parkway, alley or roadway of the city.** With leaves dropping in October, you may need to take them to the compost site.

**HALLOWEEN HOURS**  
*Thursday, October 31st*  
 4:00pm to 7:00pm



**Notice, the City Parking Ban is in effect as of November 1st.**  
 No parking on street from 3am to 7am. If you are parked on the road and it freezes or snows and the plow/salt trucks need to get out, **YOU WILL BE TICKETED, NO WARNINGS WILL BE ISSUED!**

*Tickets will be issued with the first sign of inclement weather!*



Dumpster located at the DPW Facility will be removed during the week of November 4th.



**Public Restroom Closing**  
 Public restroom facilities will be closed for the season, mid October, except Strawberry Lake/Knights Kingdom area.

**COMPOST SITE HOURS** 

The Norway Area Compost Site will be closed during deer season, November 11th and re-open December 2nd. Also, even though the sign does have the posted hours, the site is and will remain open 24/7 until closing for the season.

**2020 BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

The City of Norway is now accepting applications for the following Boards and Committees until 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 11th for the following:

- Parks and Recreation Committee
- Norway Area Planning Commission
- Norway Area Zoning Board of Appeals
- Downtown Development Authority (Must live or have a business within the DDA District to be eligible)
- Jake Menghini Historical Museum
- Board of Tax Review
- Electric Utility Board

Eligible residents can obtain an application at the Norway City Hall, located at 915 Main Street or on the City web page at [www.norwaymi.gov](http://www.norwaymi.gov).


**Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday November 3rd**



**Change your CLOCKS and smoke alarm BATTERIES!**

**Turn your clock back one hour!**

The Norway Spring will close for the season, once we reach below freezing temperatures. ❄️



**HAPPY FALL**



**UTILITY BILL PAYMENT** Utility bills for the City of Norway can be paid at the Northern Interstate Bank of Norway, or at the branch located in Pat's Food's. We also have two drop boxes for payments (*no cash please!*) a walk up box located in front of City Hall and a drive-up box in the alley behind City Hall. Credit card payments and automatic payments are also accepted.

