



horace happenings

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2021

mayor kory peterson

Leading the way



yearly winter reminders

Are you prepared?



horace water project update

Who's paying for this?

get involved

Horace City Council

Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m.
Location: Horace City Hall

Horace Planning & Zoning

Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.
Location: Horace City Hall

Horace Park Board

Meetings are on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
Location: Horace City Hall

Horace Fire & Rescue District

Meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
and the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Horace Fire Hall

Horace Lions Club

Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month
Social Hour 6 - 7 p.m. | Dinner at 7 p.m.
Meeting to follow
Location: Horace Senior Center

event planning

City event meetings are held the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

Location: Horace City Hall

Community Room at the Senior Center

Contact Jan @ (701) 282-8240

Event Center at the Horace Fire Hall

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Do you have an idea for Horace Happenings?

Contact us at horacehappenings@cityofhorace.com to share your thoughts!

Horace will be celebrating its 150th birthday!

In 2023, Horace will be 150 years old, and man, are we gearing up for one memorable event.

The 1973 Centennial saw a parade, a pie-eating-turned-pie-throwing contest, a beard growing contest, a rope-pulling contest, a game of donkey baseball, and a pageant. It saw a behemoth beef barbecue, men and women donning apparel of early settlers, and a kiddie carnival, all rounded out with an Ecumenical Church Service.

There is no denying that it was a *party*.

Once again, in just two years, we will find ourselves looking another major milestone in the eyes. We have a list of ideas, but we want your input -- what do you think we should do to commemorate such an occasion?

Help us plan!

We need YOU to join one of our steering committees. Two years will fly by, and you do not want to miss out on the opportunity to take part in this momentous occasion!

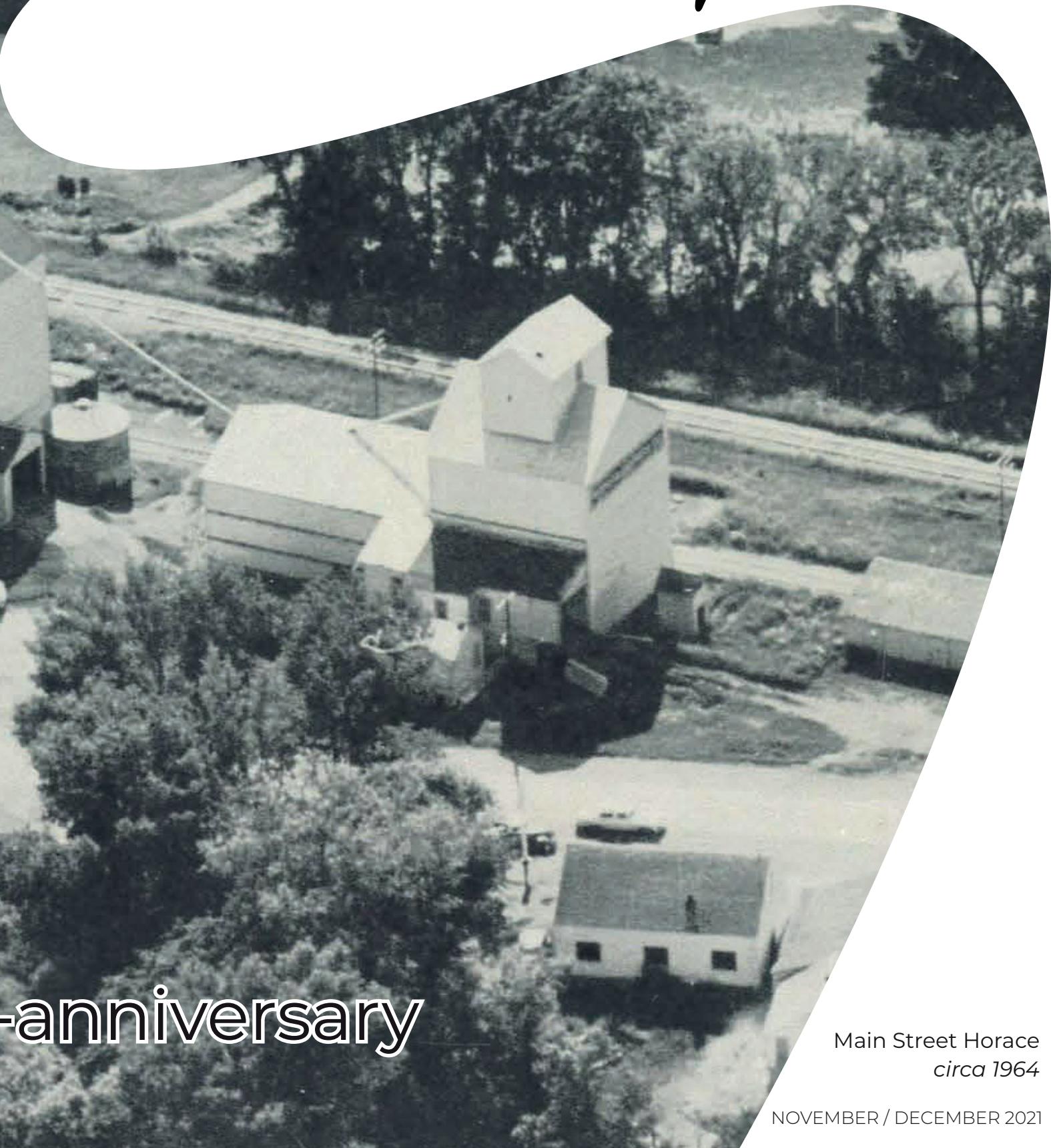
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150 years
of



-anniversary

Main Street Horace
circa 1964

UTILITY BILLING UPDATES

Water

Base: \$19.50

Cost per 1,000 gallons: \$4.20

Bulk: \$6.50 / 1,000 Gallons

Water Tower and Lagoon

Maintenance: \$7.60

Sewer

Based off metered water

Base: \$9

Cost per 1,000 gallons: \$4

(Capped at 10,000 Gallons
for residential)

River's Edge

\$56.06 Flat Rate

Vector

\$2.50 / Month

Forestry

\$1 / Month

Garbage (96 Gallons)

\$24 / Month

Snowbirds



Here are some guidelines for those who flock south for the winter:

- If you have City water and / or sewer, you will still be charged monthly for the base rate
- Forestry and Vector will still be charged monthly
- Trash and Recycling can be discontinued while you're away at no charge
- Avoid late fees by paying your bill in advance or setting up ACH for automatic payments

Before you leave, contact the City with the following information:

- When you're leaving and returning
- How you'd like to pay throughout the winter
- Your winter contact information

*****Water rates will increase after the water project is complete*****

HORACE PROJECT INFORMATION

Keep these numbers handy for information on the projects going on in our City:

ReadiTech

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City of Horace Public Works
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It's that time of year, once again,
for a few reminders to keep our city running smoothly
as cold weather settles in.

Generally, snow removal will begin when at least two inches of snow has fallen within a 24-hour time span. This may vary depending on previous snowfall amounts, ice conditions and drifting and is at the discretion of the City Administrator or the Public Works Supervisor. A common complaint by the public is that snow is left in driveways and walkways from City crews. This is not intentionally or carelessly left, but is a result of normal plowing operations.

Routes

The City will only plow and / or sand public streets, driveways, or walkways. The City will not remove snow from or sand private lots or driveways.

Streets are prioritized for snow removal and ice control as follows:

- Emergency Routes
- Special Facility Routes
- Streets and Avenues, including school areas and bus routes
- Sidewalks adjacent to City-owned property

Sidewalks

The City removes snow only from sidewalks abutting City-owned property. Sidewalk snow clearance will not begin until all other snow removal operations are in progress and / or complete.

Residents are responsible for snow and ice removal abutting their property. Snow and ice from a resident's property may not be dumped onto walkways or the streets.

Mailboxes

Property owners are responsible for keeping their mailboxes accessible to the US Postal Service. According to the United States Postal Service website, customers are asked to clear enough snow from curbside boxes to allow mail trucks to approach the box, deliver the mail and to drive away from the box without danger or the need for help. **Mail carriers may not deliver mail if your mailbox is unreachable.**



PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

YEARLY WINTER REMINDERS

Hydrants

Property owners are responsible for snow removal around hydrants after streets and sidewalks are completed. Hydrants are marked with flexible, high-visibility wands so they may be easily located by the Public Works Department. Clearing the hydrant consists of making a **three-foot radius** around the hydrant. This is in addition to clearing a path from the hydrant to the road for firefighters. **Making sure your hydrant is visible can save firefighters several valuable minutes in case of an emergency.**

Compost Site

The City Compost site **closes for the winter** as the temperatures begin to drop. The closure begins when the City of Fargo and Waste Management stop accepting dumpsters and will open up again in the springtime. This is to avoid the containers freezing to the ground. Several area drop sites follow the same seasonal protocol, but closing dates may vary.

Sump Pump

Residents can switch their sump pumps to drain any storm water, groundwater, roof runoff, yard drainage or other surface water into the sanitary collection system of the City of Horace **starting November 30**. This will prevent freezing of sump pump hoses which could cause backups and flooding if not treated. Drainage must then be switched over to hoses that discharge into your yard by March 1 to avoid overwhelming the City lift stations.

LOOK A NEW LOOK

We're getting a new website!

Gone are the days of the wild goose chase, unable to find exactly what you need. We are talking about a new and improved, streamlined experience at the magic click of your mouse.

Not only have we improved navigation, but we've also added new features, such as the City Forms section. And with our growing city, we've also expanded our Building Permits and Inspections section!

And speaking of staying in touch ...



"Before I started using e-Notifications, I was always scrambling to look at social media to see if there was an announcement. Now that I've signed up, I can relax knowing it'll come straight to my phone -- without having to look for it!" -Horace Resident

Gas leaks, watermain breaks, road closures ... we have recently had some important alerts for our city.

Have you signed up for e-Notifications yet?

Many residents are not yet signed up for our messaging service, but this is the most convenient way to stay up-to-date, especially during our transition to Cass Rural Water.

When you sign up for e-Notifications, important alerts will be sent straight to your phone and email. We understand that not everyone uses social media, nor do they spend much time perusing the City's website; what most people do have readily on hand, however, is a cell phone, making this the most easy way to received firsthand information about what is going on in our town.

To sign up, all you have to do is visit **cityofhorace.com** and click on e-Notifications to enter your information and choose which alerts you want to receive. It's as simple as that!

If you are unsure that you have signed up, please contact the City at (701) 492-2972.

Don't be left wondering -- stay notified and sign up today!



The City of Horace would like to welcome Liz Heisey as the new Finance Director!

Prior to working at the City, Heisey served as Business Manager of Reeves County Emergency Services Districts No. 1 and No. 2 in Pecos, Texas. Her other professional experience includes roles as a City Auditor, City Treasurer, City Administrator, grants accountant, staff accountant, and Executive Director / Economic Development Coordinator.

Liz brings to the City experience in sound financial and compliance reporting, fiscal responsibility, budget administration, department management, and new policy development. She also brings a strong background in financial statement analysis, interim reporting, internal auditing, contract maintenance, and strategic planning, and she possesses several years of private sector experience providing administrative and accounting services including purchasing, inventory control, and asset management.

Liz earned a Bachelor's in Science degree in Accounting in 2014, graduating Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors) from Rasmussen College and went on to earn a Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from Benedictine University in 2017 with a 4.0 GPA.

welcome!

The City of Horace welcomes a new Finance Director

She is a member of the national honor society, Sigma Beta Delta – Benedictine University Chapter.

Seeking small town quality of life, she and her husband, Brian, relocated back to North Dakota. The Heisey family has grown children, grandchildren, and beloved pets. They have previously lived in Texas, South Dakota, Wyoming, and North Dakota. In her spare time, Liz enjoys rock hunting, collecting antiques, gardening, genealogy, and taking in the local history.

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Leading the Way

Mayor Kory Peterson of Horace was awarded the **2021 Leadership Excellence Award for and Elected Official** in September!

"Alright, it's 6:00, let's start," he declares, still chuckling from his last conversation. "We'll say the Pledge."

He rises to his feet and turns to face the American flag behind him, placing his hand over his heart. It's time for business, but not before a moment of dedication.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America..."

His voice rings out loudly and is soon joined by a chorus of patriotic and devoted Council members and residents. He turns back to his seat, scoots his chair close to the table, and begins with the first item on the agenda.

Mayor Kory Peterson has been doing this at least twice a month since 2016, but he handles each Council meeting with the careful attention it requires, as if it were his first. He maneuvers through each item thoughtfully, asking questions to make sure he understands the information presented to him. He encourages the Council to speak up, and when they aren't sure, he is able to provide them with clarity. He listens as residents express their concern, responding with patient understanding -- and sometimes with gentle firmness.

Since his election into office, Mayor Peterson has seen his town through thick and thin. As Horace has grown -- 700% since 2016, to be precise -- Mayor Peterson has shone strongly through like a beacon of light. He has not only found a way for Horace to embrace the new while safeguarding tradition, but he has also introduced new traditions, like decorating Horace's 60-plus light poles with snowflakes and holiday banners for Christmas. During his time in office, he has ensured the entire city was wired for fiber internet services, he brought in two new schools, and he added 32 additional lane miles of city streets to Horace.

It is because of these very accomplishments that he was awarded the 2021 Leadership Excellence Award for an Elected Official from the North Dakota League of Cities. During the League's 2021 Annual Conference on September 18, Mayor Peterson was presented with the honor of being recognized as an exceptional leader.



City Administrator Brenton Holper said of Peterson, "During his five years in office, Mayor Peterson has performed his duties at an exemplary level and demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the community. Not only has Mayor Peterson stimulated growth, but he has also encouraged lifelong traditions to live on within the ever-expanding community."

Likely his greatest accomplishment while in office is the long-awaited water main replacement he has brought to Horace. Mayor Peterson was able to secure a \$3,053,000 award from the ND Department of Water Resources as well as an additional \$1,308,000 connection to Cass Rural Water. After years of concerns from residents, he not only set water improvements into action, but he was able to do it without any special assessments. Such a project can and will bring growth pains to a city whose water system has been in place for several decades, so he wanted to place as little financial burden on his residents as possible.

With these projects set in place and more to come, Mayor Peterson makes sure he takes time to enjoy his city. He recently participated in Bean Days, and he looks forward to topping last year's 10,000 filled Easter eggs with 20,000 in 2022. What excites him

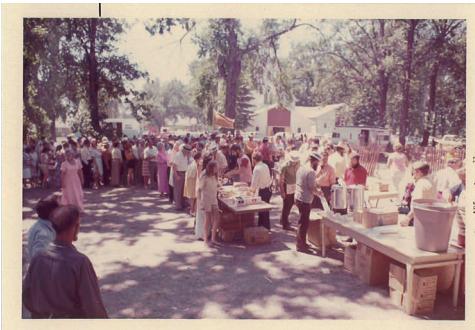
most, though, is that Horace is approaching its 150th birthday (or "sesquicentennial", as it's called). He has a list of ideas a mile long, as he talks a mile a minute to match, describing the giant pot of beans he intends to break a world record with. (The City held the record until 2012, and Mayor Peterson is determined to reclaim that crown.) He is on a mission to end his final term with the party of the century!

As the Council meeting comes to a close, he asks for a motion to adjourn.

"All in favor say 'aye,'" he says with a smile as he jots down some final notes.

And in approval, it's almost as if you could hear the entire city of Horace saying "Aye."

Congratulations, Mayor Peterson!



You've seen the #FlashbackFriday posts on Facebook, highlighting the 1973 Centennial. Sure, the hashtag is fun and brings back memories, but we have another milestone upon us in 2023: the Sesquicentennial. The Facebook posts are also meant to inspire us to think about what it is that we want to do at our next monumental event.

Whether you're new to Horace or you've been here for years, we are all here for a reason -- for that good, old-fashioned, small-town feel.

What makes a small town special? One reason is that residents come together to keep traditions alive. Horace is growing, but that doesn't mean things need to change -- in fact it gives even more reason to keep what makes Horace Horace, and that means ensuring our traditions and enthusiasm carry on.

Right now our list of volunteers is small, but time will fly, and we want to be prepared.

Will you consider joining the steering committee?



The time is NOW to join the steering committee!

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HOME FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Brought to you by the Horace Fire Department

As summer turns to fall and fall turns to winter, it's a good idea to refresh your memory on fall and winter fire safety tips. Some safety tips are the same regardless of the time of year, but many safety concerns are seasonal, particularly those that involve keeping your home warm.

Time Changes Mean Battery Changes



Get in the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every fall and spring when changing the clocks for Daylight Savings Time. It is also a good idea to make it standard procedure in your household to verify that all fire extinguishers are fully charged and in working order when you adjust the clocks each season.

Top 10 safety tips for Thanksgiving

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay three feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.



Family Fire Safety Tips

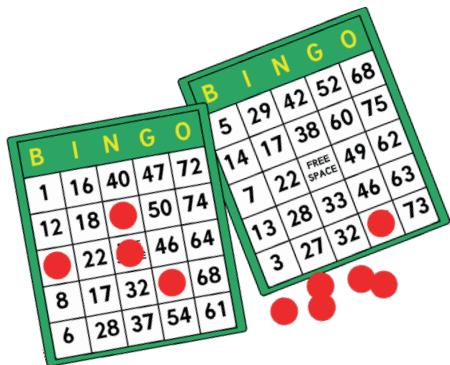


- Teach your kids how to respond in the event of a fire.
- Make sure young children know how to dial 911.
- Establish and practice a fire escape plan with your family that includes a designated meeting area outside the home.
- Practice stop, drop and roll with your children so they learn how to escape beneath a fire.
- Teach everyone in your family multiple ways to escape from every room in the event of a fire.
- Make sure that there is a sufficient quantity of smoke detectors in your home.
- Verify each month that smoke detectors are in working order.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows how to use a fire extinguisher.
- Do not place lit candles where they can be reached by children.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Do not leave candles burning when you go to sleep.
- Don't leave cooking food unattended on the stove.
- Keep everything that might be flammable away from your stove.
- Make sure all flammable substances are properly stored in safe containers and out of reach of youngsters.

Safety Matters

There is nothing more important than the safety of your family. Everyone in your home needs to know how to behave responsibly to reduce the likelihood of experiencing a fire. However, because fires can start at any time without warning, it is also very important that the members of your household know how to react in the event of a fire. It's a good idea to review fire prevention and safety tips with your family every fall, and several other times throughout the year.

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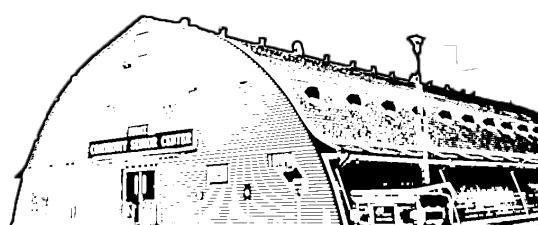
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The Garden of Healing



Congratulations on the Garden of Healing's ribbon cutting that was held October 4!

The beautiful garden was presented with a touching violin and vocal performance, a flag ceremony and the national anthem, and a light lunch. **Founders Sarah and Arlin Fisher** of Crosses for Cameron, along with **Co-Founder Jodi Plecity** of People's Rising Academy, spoke to the many who had come to celebrate the significant occasion. A brick with the name of Cameron Bolton, son of the Fishers and inspiration for the Garden of Healing, was set into the ground at the Garden's entrance.

The Garden will be a place for all people to visit, to celebrate life and survival, and will feature private settings as well as space to accommodate larger groups.

Plans for Phase 2 of the Garden were also presented, showing eventual expansion from its location at 5050 30th Avenue South up to 32nd Avenue.

Bricks like the one that was placed are also available for purchase on the Garden's website.

Special thanks was extended to the Lions Club of Horace for their generous donation to the Garden.

If you would like more information on the Garden or purchasing a brick, call (701) 541-0875 or visit their website at gardenofhealingfargo.com.

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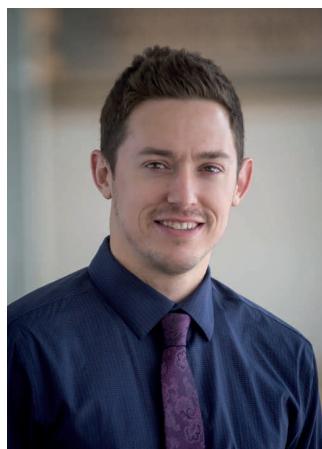
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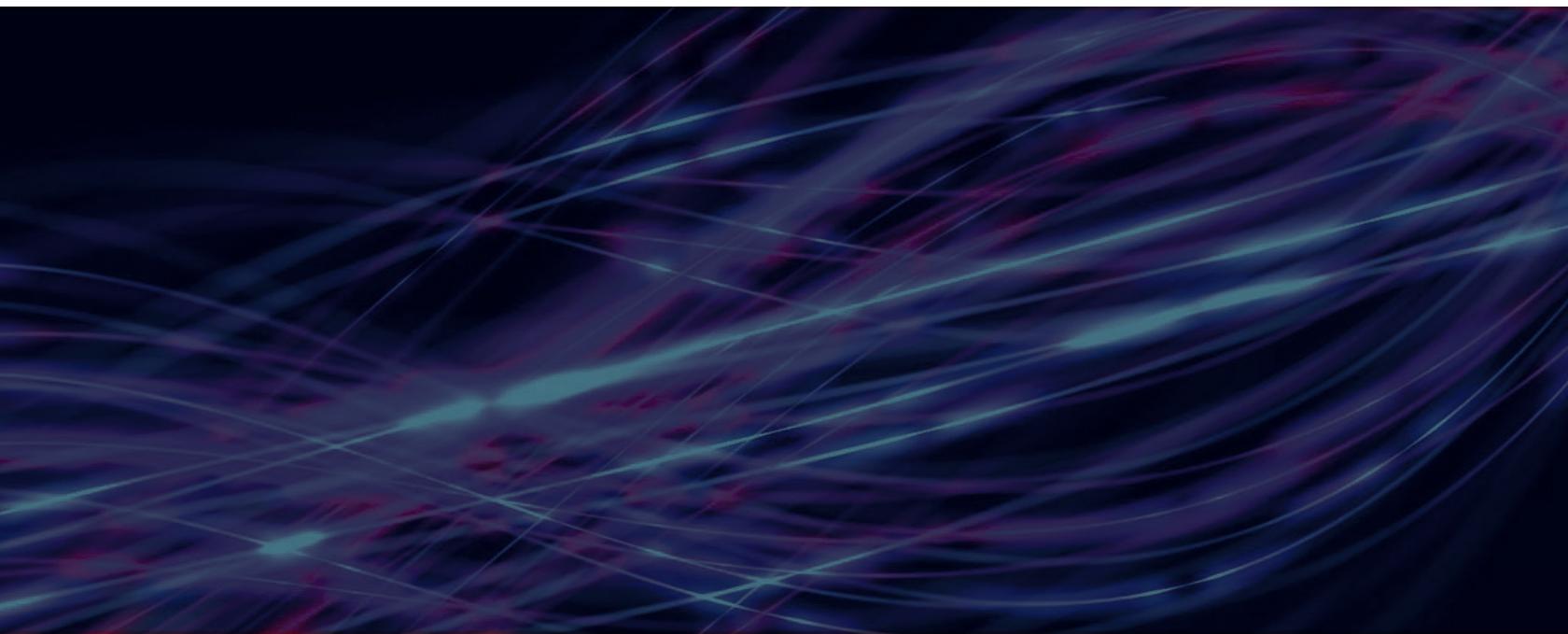


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GARDEN OF HEALING CO-FOUNDER

ReadiTech Fiber offers 10 Gig Internet Service to Horace

Submitted by Carter King, DRN ReadiTech



ReadiTech Fiber, a DRN Company, has been busy this summer planning and executing its **10 Gig Fiber to the Home** project in Horace. ReadiTech announced earlier this year the company was beginning the construction process to deploy its fiber optic service bringing lightning-fast and reliable broadband to Horace in 2021.

According to Kent Schimke, DRN ReadiTech CEO and general manager, the project is progressing on schedule, and they are expecting to connect some customers this fall to the Fiber Network. "I am excited and very happy for the opportunity to provide the most reliable, fast and state-of-the-art fiber optic broadband services with Internet speeds up to 10 Gig to the community of Horace," said Schimke.

The fiber optic construction project includes building a Central Office (CO) in Horace which will house the state-of-the-art technology equipment needed to provide telecommunication services to local subscribers. Construction is well underway for the new Central Office and headquarters for ReadiTech at 434 Main Street North. While the entire building completion date is projected for the summer of 2022, the Central Office portion is expected to be completed by the end of 2021. This will

enable ReadiTech to connect customers to its Internet service by the end of this year.

Construction crews are currently bringing fiber to the homes north of Wall Avenue and will be doing so until the ground freezes. Then the installation crews will connect the fiber-optic Internet to homes throughout the coming months. After the ground freezes, the construction season will be placed on hold until the Spring of 2022.

"We look forward to bringing the community of Horace our service that is prepared to handle multiple online devices within a home or office and offers potential for growth as Internet speeds increase into the future," Schimke added.

"Expanding service to Horace is a very good fit with our existing networks," said DRN ReadiTech Board President Ralph Neu. "It gives us the opportunity to provide the Horace area with a high level of service they deserve. In recent times across our country, we all have become more aware of the importance of an effective, fast, and reliable fiber network."

We are excited to announce

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- Jacob Lematta, ReadiTech Fiber CLEC Operations Manager



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football home game on November 20th.



The church's bell survives and stands as a memorial.



Former Governor Ed Schafer and Nancy Schafer attended the ceremony.



All photos courtesy of the Cass County North Dakota Historical Society (CCNDHS)

St. John's Lutheran Church Memorial Dedication and Ribbon Cutting

On September 23, the Cass County North Dakota Historical Society (CCNDHS) dedicated a memorial to the spot where St. John's Lutheran Church stood in the Bonanzaville, USA village in West Fargo.

The historic church had found its home in the village in the late 60s after members voted to merge with the Horace Lutheran Church in 1967. During its time at Bonanzaville, it became a popular wedding venue, hosting hundreds of weddings, including the wedding of former Governor Ed and Nancy Schafer in 1992. To the sorrow of many, the church was damaged by an electrical fire in 2014 and was later demolished.

St. John's Lutheran Church was built in 1898 just one mile north and 3/4 mile west of Horace. After many years of its services being held in multiple locations prior to its construction, the newly built Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church became a spiritual and social center for many Horace residents, as well as home to a number of pastors throughout the years.

By 1900, the Women of the Church had raised over \$1,500 to furnish the church with pews, fresh paint, carpet and the bell.

Now, in 2021, it is the bell that once called out to its members across the prairie fields and crops that occupies the grounds where the beloved church once stood in Bonanzaville USA.

Horace Mayor Kory Peterson attended the dedication ceremony. "I was so glad to be at the dedication of the St. John's exhibit at Bonanzaville," he said. "This church meant a lot to some of the folks in Horace. I really enjoyed the stories that were told about how the church was started and some of the more memorable things that happened throughout the years."

To all who visit, it will be a reminder of the steadfast faith of the pioneers who attended its services so many years ago.

You can visit the bell at Bonanzaville USA at 1351 Main Avenue West in West Fargo.

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merry bobbins

The local ladies of the Horace Senior Center meet for quilts and camaraderie



Longtime member Jan Malakowski works on completing one of her many quilts to be donated.

Thimbles and bobbins and stitches -- oh my!

For nearly a decade, they've gathered at the Horace Senior Center for an afternoon of coffee, quilts and camaraderie. On this day the ladies have just finished their Wednesday session and are now joined around the table with homemade molasses cookies, pumpkin bread and hot coffee.

There are a few people missing from their usual group, but the turnout is still good.

They speak of the other members (it turns out there are eleven members total!), but none seem to claim the role as leader. They tease each other when asked, pointing fingers to Jan and Elva (who couldn't make it today), but in the end, it is clear they are a team.



A collection of beautifully finished quilts completed by the ladies of the Senior Center quilting club awaits donation.

One would never guess, but at the end of the Senior Center behind the curtains at stage right is a portion of wall reserved for storing materials and sewing supplies, all donated by local residents. A variety of threads, batting, reams of fabric and fabric squares are stacked upon the shelves, just waiting to be used. Donations are welcome, "so long as they are easy to wash," they say. Fabrics like polyester, wool, silk and denim aren't as convenient when cleaning.

Despite the good time they're having, their handiwork isn't just to pass the time. While their quilts are sometimes raffled off at Bean Days and other events, the majority of quilts they sew serve a very special purpose -- to comfort those in need. Over the years, they've donated their quilts to a number of organizations dedicated to serving such individuals, including Youthworks of North Dakota, Rape and Abuse Crisis Center, YWCA, the Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley, and the New Life Center.

They've also donated quilts to Bethany Retirement Living.

Even the Horace Fire Department and Cass County Sheriff's Office

are recipients. First responders keep the blankets on hand to use during emergencies, which are then gifted to those who used them.

When asked about specific donations that stand out to them, the members recall a fire in Wahpeton that destroyed a family's home -- in that case, they donated five quilts to each member of the family.

On another occasion, a local foster mother helped two children who arrived with only the clothes on their backs; the quilts that were donated to them offered much needed comfort and warmth.

In the end, it is clear the ladies are what one would call humble about their work. They know they are using their talents to help others, but they don't tend to shout it from the rooftops; rather, they work quietly, collecting behind closed doors to work their magic.



If you would like to donate materials, call the Horace Senior Center at (701) 281-0792 for more information.



Members include Jan Malakowsky, Collette Vetsch, Judy Rustad, Carol Fjelstad, Ann Brakken, Barb Sauvageau, Elva Topp, Donna Bruse, Jet Collins, Florence Holman and Darlene Peterson.





We would like to extend our **sincerest apologies** for not including a recap of two of our most beloved events at Bean Days 2021: the **Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by the Horace Lions Club and **BINGO** at the Horace Senior Center.

These yearly events had a spectacular turnout -- the pancakes went like, well, hotcakes and BINGO saw quite the crowd seeking refuge from the pouring rain (and hopefully brought some new regulars)!

Thank you to the Horace Senior Center and the Horace Lions Club for your dedication and participation.

See you next year!

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St. Benoit de Wild Rice

In 2020, amidst a novel pandemic, St. Benedict of Wild Rice, the oldest Catholic church in Cass County and the third oldest in the state of North Dakota, **celebrated its 150th Anniversary**. On Saturday, October 9 a Mass to honor this occasion was celebrated, followed by a program and dinner. Here, we will also recognize and honor a great bedrock to so many people in our area and beyond.

St. Benoit de Wild Rice, A.D. 1913

The cornerstone at the base of the south bell tower reads "St. Benoit de Wild Rice, A.D. 1913."

The date, of course, does not indicate the beginning of St. Benedict, but the year of its construction -- its beginning was in 1870. It has been more than 100 years, since 1913, that the current structure has stood along 38th Street, facing east to watch the sun rise across the golden fields of the prairie. A solid foundation for the community of the French-Canadian settlers who made their way from the Trois Rivieres diocese in Quebec in the late 1800s, St. Benedict Church of Wild Rice has delivered decades of faith and services to what is, at present, more than 790 members of its parish. Its steeples have witnessed the change around it over these past decades, from horse-covered wagons on dusty trails to the latest flash of enamel bolting down the interstate.

Just beyond the church to the west, the cemetery offers a final resting place for these settlers, with monuments dating as far back as the late 1800s. To the south is the rectory, built in 1923, and even further south is the St. Joseph Education Center and the St. Anne Center, where staff today spend their time working.

What began as a humble log cabin in 1870, then known as Holy Cross Mission, was moved to the current location in 1882. A larger church was constructed in 1888, and then in 1913 the current church was built. It was at the time of its relocation that its name was changed from Holy Cross Mission to St. Benedict's, supposedly to honor Bishop Martin Marty, OSB, the Ordinary of the newly established Vicariate Apostolic of North Dakota.



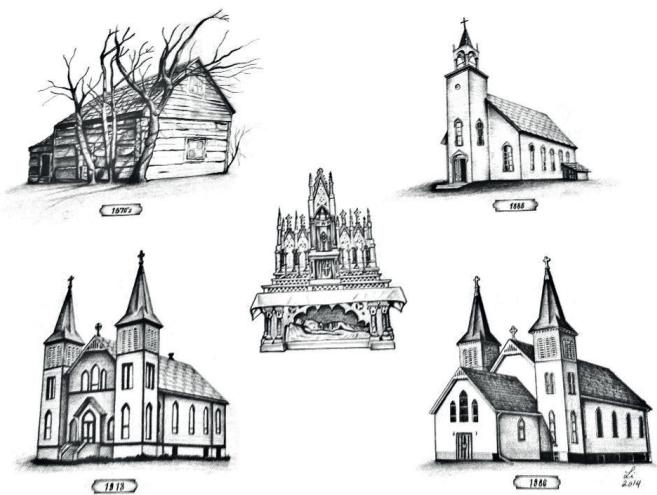
De Trois Rivieres à La Riviere la Folle

The voyageurs, or fur traders, came to the area from Trois Rivieres in search of the fertile land they'd learned of -- particularly at the junction of the Red River and the Wild Rice River, then known as La Riviere la Folle, or "The Foolish River".

Ulphi Cossette and his new wife were the first to settle in Stanley Township in 1870. Once a fur trader and guide to the missionaries, he felt it was time to settle down as a farmer, so he made his way west of Quebec, where he built his home in the northeast quarter of the township. It was less than two years later that his wife passed away, leaving Ulphi to care for their young daughter, Marie

Flore, whom he eventually brought north to St. Boniface in Manitoba to be cared for by the Grey Nuns, where she lived and, eventually, became a nun.

By 1871, Ulphi's brothers had joined him, followed by the Sauvageau family; soon after, more pioneers from Trois Rivieres journeyed to settle on the abundant land of the Dakotas. Although life was not easy -- many of the French settlers sold wood to Fargo residents to survive -- the Morin, Dorval, Hebert, Denis, DuBord, Richard, Trottier, Pronovost, Brunette, Fugere, Rheault, Tessier, Brunelle, Dugal, Bellemare, Lajoie, Bernier, Montplaisir, and Baily families dedicated themselves to their new location.



St. Joseph's School

By 1903, St. Joseph's School was opened, which was subsequently purchased in 1905 by the sisters of St. Mary of the Presentation. It was important to the French-Canadian settlers that their children not only receive a religious-based education, but that it would be in their French language and regard their French tradition.

The boarding school with three dormitories saw its first graduation in 1939, but with rapid growth of the area, access to public schools, and deteriorating facilities, the school finally closed in 1966 and the building was demolished. In its place is the current education center.



St. Benedict's has been carefully maintained since 1913, making enhancements here and there, but remaining committed to its original grace and beauty.

There are also a number of notable features within its walls: at the front right stands a statue of a crowned St. Anne with her daughter, Mary. The crown was obtained by Alex Richard during his pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, site of the Basilica that is home to the miraculous statue of St. Anne, who is said to have cured many who make the pilgrimage to see her.

A relic of St. Anne, a small chip of bone from her arm, is enshrined in the high altar and also from St. Anne de Beaupre, possibly obtained by Fr. John of Avila LaLande, who served as pastor for over 30 years starting in 1904.

At the front left of the church, encased within the wall, is the skull of Father Bernier, whose remains were discovered while the basement was being excavated in the 1940s. The beloved Father Bernier had been appointed resident priest in 1881 until 1884, later returning and remaining at the church until his death in 1891.

150 Years in a Pandemic

Of course the storm that took us all by surprise had a significant effect on the church's milestone.

As 2020 approached, the church looked ahead: How would it celebrate? 150 years is a big deal, but like the rest of us, nobody expected last year to turn out as it had, with a world grappling to understand a pandemic.

While its celebrations were reduced throughout the year, the annual Feast Day of St. Benedict picnic was held July 11 and there was a grand Easter egg hunt in the spring. The annual Fall Dinner, which started in the 1950s, was also held on the third Sunday in September.

The current pastor, Father Andrew Jasinski, was also installed last June of 2020. "As far as I can tell, St. Benedict's has always been a vibrant parish," he says, adding that the "sacrificial spirit" is still alive in the families who volunteer their time as catechists, who stepped forward in great numbers to make the fall dinner a success, and who serve their fellow parishioners.

Looking Ahead

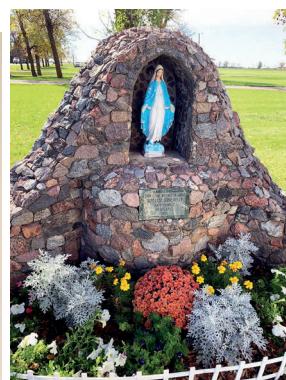
Looking ahead to the next 150 years means considering the impact of the FM Diversion and what it means for the location of the parish, which has not yet been determined.

What one can say with certainty, however, is that the foundation of faith at St. Benedict is strong. It has fastened the parish with a strength far beyond the work of manmade tools.

"We reflect on our history not because it is unique or remarkable or exceptional," says Father Jasinski. "We remember because it tells us who we are and where we are going. Although my family's name is not written on a window at St. Benedict's, I can relate to the families whose names are there: the joy of seeing faith take root in the heart of a child, the possibilities it opens up for their life, the challenges they will face of passing it on to the next generation. The celebration of the 150 years of St. Benedict's parish is for all of us, because it evokes our journey of faith."

Congratulations to St. Benedict Church of Wild Rice on its 150th Anniversary!

For more information on St. Benedict Church, you may call (701) 588-4288, visit their website at stbensnd.org or visit in person at their location at 11743 38th Street South in Horace.



St. Benedict Church of Wild Rice has remained committed to its original grace and beauty.



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The Horace Water Project: *Who will pay for this?*

In the last edition of *Horace Happenings*, we featured a story about the two water projects impacting our city. The first project, the **Water Improvement District 2020-6**, will improve the current infrastructure such as replacement of water mains, service lines, gate valves, and curb stops throughout Horace Proper. **Water Improvement District 2020-7**, the second project, includes installing a meter pit near the 63rd Street and 82nd Avenue South intersection as well as laying transmission lines from 82nd Avenue South to the Horace water tower. The overall goal is to connect all residents who currently receive Horace Water Service to Cass Rural Water Service to ensure better overall water quality and customer satisfaction.

These two projects are crucial to improving Horace's water supply infrastructure which has been subpar for several decades ... but now, however, when a Horace property owner reads the words "new city projects," there is a surprisingly negative reaction, often coming in the form of a simple question: **"Who is paying for this?"** The resentment is toward the special assessments that are used to pay for some of the city's infrastructure improvements. A special assessment is a surtax levied on property owners who will benefit from the improvement. In some instances, a special assessment may be citywide, which would mean every Horace property owner would pay the surtax for the local construction or maintenance of roads, new water, or sewer lines.

When the Horace City Council approved the resolution to create two new improvement districts for ID 2020-6 and ID 2020-7 on October 5, 2020, many property owners were anxious. Apprehensive about the changes, most residents thought the improvement districts might imply special assessments for anyone who owns property in that district. With estimated construction costs of over \$6M for both water projects, it came as no surprise that residents were anxious about costly surtaxes coming their way.

Some good news

There are three bits of good news:

First, the City's staff was able to apply for state funding which could pay for the majority of the costs. In the past, Horace was not even eligible for state funding because of unsatisfactory financial audits and was therefore not able to secure state funding or loans. Over the past few years, staff has worked diligently on improving the City's financial statements and recordkeeping, which has resulted in receiving clean audits since. With clean audits in hand, the City's Engineer's Office applied for cost share programs from the North Dakota Department of Water Resources (DWR), formerly known as the North Dakota State Water Commission (SWC). The DWR has the authority to investigate, plan, construct, and develop water-related projects and serves as a mechanism to financially support those efforts throughout North Dakota. The DWR Commission includes Governor Doug Burgum and nine others who meet every other month in Bismarck to review and vote on new cost share program applications.

Once the necessary paperwork was submitted in January 2021, the City had no action other than to await approval.

The second bit of good news came on February 8, 2021, when Horace received approval of 60% cost share funding for the pre-construction costs for the Water Line Replacement and a 75% cost share for the pre-construction costs for the Connection to Cass Rural Water. A total of \$225,750 in state funding was therefore secured, but now it was time to cross fingers and hope

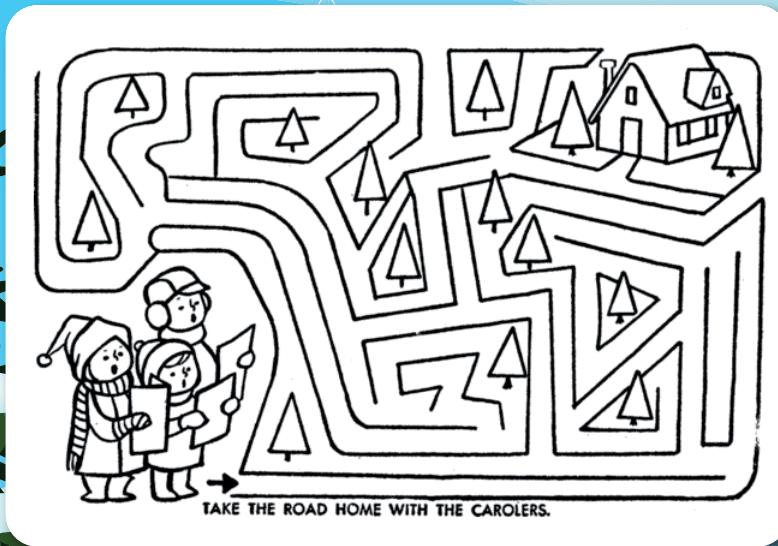
The City of Horace continues to apply for grant funds. Here is a list of other funding grants that the City has received in the past few years.

Project	Agency	Funding Received	Completion date
Shared use path, Phase I (Path alongside Main Street)	ND Parks and Recreation Department	\$186,216	2022
Shared use path, Phase III	Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program	\$200,000	Planned for 2023
Center Avenue Multi-Modal Improvements	ND Department of Transportation (NDDOT)	\$67,800	Planned for 2024
Water Improvement District 2020-6	North Dakota State Water Commission	\$150,000 pre-construction	2021
Water Improvement District 2020-7	North Dakota State Water Commission	\$75,750 pre-construction	2021
City of Horace Logo Redesign	Media Grant	\$24,500	2019
City of Horace Comprehensive Plan 2045	Planning Grant	\$80,000	2018
Veterans Boulevard Corridor Study	MetroCOG	\$120,000	2020
76 th Ave. Corridor Study	MetroCOG	\$120,000	2020
50% of purchased City's Christmas Lights, American Flags, and Graduation Banners	Horace Lions Club	\$14,000 \$8,427.50	2019, 2020
Community Orchard Grant Lost River	ND Department of Agriculture	\$7,500	2018
Total funding received since 2019		\$5,375,704	2021

that the Water Commission would also approve the cost-share requests for the construction.

On June 8, 2021, Horace's Water Line Replacement project and the request for construction cost share funding for the total eligible amount of \$5,088,300 was on the Commission's meeting agenda. After the Commissioners discussed the necessity of the replacing Horace's water supply infrastructure, it was time to vote. All Commissioners voted in favor and Horace received approval for a 60% construction cost share, which meant that Horace would receive \$3,053,000 in state funding.

The third bit of good news came on August 8, 2021, when the Water Commission also approved 75% construction cost share funding for the Connection to Cass Rural Water which secured an additional \$1,308,000. That brings the total of state funding received for both Horace water infrastructure improvements to a whopping \$4,581,750. The rest of the costs will be financed through a 2% SRF loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund which the City of Horace will repay over time using its water utility fund.



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