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Public Works

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HOLIDAY / OFFICE HOURS

- All City offices will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.
- Summer hours for the Public Works Division end this week
- Beginning on 9/4/2012 hours return to 8:00—4:30

Joe Gillespie
Director

Mike Lengermann
Supervisor ST & A

Russ Parker
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Supervisor WRF

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After Hour Emergencies

Emergency (n) An unexpected occurrence of a serious and urgent nature that demands immediate attention. (Like the sewer that is backing up in your basement on Sunday afternoon, or the water line that has suddenly turned the street in front of your house into a water park Labor Day weekend).

Unfortunately emergencies happen and when they do the employees of the Public Works Department can be contacted and will respond. Each division of the Public Works Department has an individual who is designated to be "on call" at all times during non-working hours. In the event of an emergency after normal working hours you should contact the Police Department 654-2131 and they will dispatch the appropriate department to handle your situation.

The on call person will respond

and assess the situation and may need to call additional help. The situation may also be of such a nature that a temporary solution will be implemented and further



work will be completed during regular business hours. Some jobs require that a JULIE locate be called before digging can begin. This process requires that we wait

two hours to allow other utilities time to respond. Sometimes specialized equipment may be needed and this can also delay an emergency repair, but please be assured that we are working in a timely manner to address every emergency situation.

If you are unsure if your situation requires an emergency response, please don't hesitate to call. The response required will be determined by the on call personnel. The Department of Public Works has developed these procedures to address the needs of our customers under any circumstances at any time.

Please call us if you need us.

Once in a Blue Moon

Folklore has defined two different kinds of Blue Moons. A Blue Moon can be the second full moon in a month. This definition has been used since about 1940. That will make tonight's moon a Blue Moon. The next time there will be a blue moon using this definition will be July 2015.

At one time the Old Farmer's Almanac defined a Blue Moon as an extra full moon that occurred

in a season. A season typically has three full moons. If a season has four full moons, then the *third* full moon may be called a Blue Moon. The next blue moon by this definition will fall on August 21, 2013.

In 1999 there was a Blue Moon in January and a Blue Moon in March with no full moon in February. This is called a double Blue Moon. The next year of a



double blue is coming up in 2018.

It's very rare that you would see a blue-colored moon, although unusual sky conditions or smoke can create them. Blue-colored moons can't be predicted.