Welcome to the
City of Wrenshall



Pathway to the Alex Laveau State Trail
Borders Jay Cooke State Park
Home of the Free Range Film Festival and the Organic Food Farm

History of Wrenshall

The City of Wrenshall was incorporated as a village in 1926. It was named after Charles Christopher Wrenshall, a Northern Pacific engineer. In the late 1800s, Wrenshall supervised building the railroad branch line from Carlton, Minnesota to Superior, Wisconsin. As was customary at the time the Northern Pacific named one of the new depot locations along this line in his honor.

The City of Wrenshall was actually started by Frederick Jacob Habhegger and his family of nine children. Habhegger was born on December 3, 1836. He was born in Switzerland and immigrated to America with his parents and eleven brothers and sisters in 1853. Habhegger learned the brick making trade while living in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The promise of good clay brought him north. In 1887 Habhegger bought 160 acres of land where Wrenshall is now located.

A brickyard was started and soon Habhegger's bricks were in great demand. He expanded his business over the next 20 years shipping bricks all over the United States. At its peak the brickyard produced approximately four million bricks/year and employed 35 men. A number of buildings in the city including the First Presbyterian Church and the Brickyard Restaurant are made from bricks from this first brickyard. At its peak there were six brickyards operating within a one mile radius. The last bricks were produced in Wrenshall in 1954.

City Office

400 Alcohol Rd

P.O Box 157

Wrenshall, MN 55718

(218) 384-3680

Email - cityofwrenshall@gmail.com

Website - www.cityofwrenshall.com

Facebook – City of Wrenshall

The city website is a good resource for city information and links to other sites.

City Hall is available to rent. Kitchen use is included along with several tables and chairs. Rental fee is $25.00 for city residents and $35.00 for non-residents.

Council Meetings

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend monthly City Council Meetings. The meetings are usually the first Wednesday of each month. Meeting information including dates, agendas & past minutes are available on the city website at www.cityofwrenshall.com

City Services

Post Office

The Post Office is located along the Broadway/County Rd 1 in Wrenshall.
Phone: 218-384-4721
HOURS: Monday – Friday 7:30am – 11:30am & 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Lobby is open 24 hours a day.

Utilities

Other utility companies that have services within the city that you may need numbers for are;
MN Power (electric) – 1-800-228-4966
Minnesota Energy (natural gas) – 1-800-889-9508
Century Link (telephone) – 1-800-244-1111

Garbage

Residents of Wrenshall can choose their own garbage service. Below is a list of some local garbage services.
A-1 Disposal – 218-729-6130
Carlton County Disposal – 218-380-2536
Cloquet Sanitary - 218-879-3723
North Country Waste – 218-879-9076
Nordic Waste – 218-625-0909
Waste Management – 1-877-283-9033
Carlton County Transfer Station/Landfill – 218-879-9089

Recycling: newspapers / cans /etc

Wrenshall does not have a recycling area within our city limits, but there is a recycling shed located on County Road 1 just south of the railroad crossing as you are going into Carlton.
Hours:
2:00 - 6:00pm – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00am – 1:00pm Saturday

Wrenshall Building Department

The City of Wrenshall requires building permits for all new construction, and remodeling of decks. This includes replacing windows. Applications can be picked up at the city office. The Building Official will review the application and issue the necessary permit along with any additional instructions deemed appropriate. Please allow enough time for this since our Building Official is not onsite full time.

Parks

Hugh Line Park, otherwise known as the deer park, is located just as you come into Wrenshall from the north. There is a pavilion with picnic tables and a fire place along with a playground, tennis court and a volleyball court available for the publics use. A porta-potty is available from May to September/October.

Habhegger Park is located on Woodhaven. It separates Woodhaven North from Woodhaven South. There is only a swing set located at this park but room enough for little ones to play.

Sidewalk and Snow Removal

The city maintenance workers do try to keep the sidewalks cleaned, but resident who may live along the sidewalks are encouraged to help with this if they can. City streets are plowed by the county and may not be plowed right away after a snowfall.

Grass Mowing, Clippings and Brush

We have a city yard waste area available to all city residents for grass, leaves, twigs and brush only. It is located off of Pioneer on Industrial. We do ask that when you mow your lawn, don't throw the clippings on to the streets or sidewalks, as they clog up the storm sewer drains during rainfalls.

Dog/Cat Licensing

All residents who own a dog or cat are required to license them with the city. Licenses are free of charge and can be picked up at City Hall. Please keep your dog on a leash when in public. Always remember to clean up after your dog. The city has dog waste bags located along the sidewalk and in the city park if you forget to bring one with on your walk.

Trails

The Alex Laveau Trail was named after a county commissioner and dairy farmer who was from Wrenshall and who was a strong advocate for rails-to-trails projects. The trail is located just off of Parkwood Dr. It is used for walking, hiking, biking, in-line skating, cross country skiing and snowmobiling. The paved surface ends at Hwy 23 but the trail continues to MN-WI state line north of CR 4. This is the same trail you can connect to by



Delzotto Cement Products just north of Wrenshall on CR 1. The trail continues into Carlton, where you can connect to the Willard-Munger Trail and go north/east to Duluth or south/west to Hinckley. What great nature and outdoor opportunities we have in our backyard.

Organic Farming

The Food Farm is a certified organic farm located in Wrenshall. The farm offers summer, winter, preserving, poultry and egg shares, enabling their members to receive fresh local food most of the year. Their weekly summer shares are delivered to 13 locations in Duluth, Superior, Cloquet, Esko, and Wrenshall. Some of the produce is also available at the Whole Foods Co-op, Duluth Grill and Chester Creek Cafe.

The farm is owned by Janaki Fisher-Merritt and Annie Dugan, and operated by Janaki, John and Jane Fisher-Merritt and Dave Hanlon. It is the Food Farms passion to provide high quality food for their CSA members. All of the vegetables are certified organic by MOSA, and grown without the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. The practice of organic agriculture nurtures the farm as a natural organism. More information on this farm can be found on their website at www.foodfarm.us or their Facebook page at foodfarmcsa. Information on how to purchase shares and how to contact the farm can also be found here.



Events

Brickyard Days – The first Saturday in August each year, is dedicated to "Brickyard Days" which is a community wide celebration. Some of the activities that take place are a 5K, vendors in the park, activities for kids in the park, music, a parade and live music in the evening at Bricks Pub and Grub. Watch for Brickyard Days meetings. They are always looking for volunteers.

City Clean-Up

The city and school work together on a clean-up day to help residents keep their yards looking nice. Maintenance staff and students will plan to help anyone who may need it. Leaves bagged up and at curbside in the morning of the advertised day, will be picked up. Remember that the yard waste should be free of other debris such as paper, glass, etc. They will also take a modest amount of twigs and branches

Free Range Film Festival

The Free Range Film Festival's is in their eleventh year. Since 2004, their annual event has drawn thousands of film buffs and curiosity seekers, eager to watch independent cinema in a barn. The barn is located at the junctions of County Roads 1 and 4 just one mile south of Wrenshall. Selected films are shown in the massive hayloft. A 14'x24' screen and surround sound round out your film-going experience. While there is officially no charge for admission, the organizers do ask audience members for a $10 donation to help pay for barn maintenance. Check their schedule and find more information on their website; www.freerangefilm.com

Wrenshall Volunteer Fire Department & First Responders

The Wrenshall Fire Department and First Responders proudly serve the City of Wrenshall, Holyoke, and several Townships in the surrounding area. The fire department and first responders are able to operate through the hard work and dedication of their volunteers. You can look them up on Facebook, Wrenshall Fire and Rescue. If you would like to apply, call 218-384-4670 or stop in to city hall for an application.

The department has a well maintained fleet of equipment consisting of a 3000 gallon tanker, 2 – 1250 gallons per minute pumper trucks, an ATV used for rescue and wild land fires, first responder & personnel carrier, and a wild land vehicle. The department responds to approximately 100 calls per year which includes both fire and medical.



Schools

Wrenshall is a public school open to Pre-K – 12. Our facility is located in Wrenshall on Pioneer Dr. We have a Latch Key and Early Childhood Family Education program for younger children. Latch Key is currently open during the summer months to accommodate the need from families in the area. A school and community newspaper "Images" is put out monthly except for July. We are very proud of our school and students. You can check out the school webpage at;

http://www.wrenshall.k12.mn.us

If you have any questions please contact Superintendent Kim Belcastro at the following address or number.

Wrenshall School
207 Pioneer Dr
Wrenshall, MN 55797
218-384-4274



Wrenshall Community Education

Wrenshall Community Education welcomes you to the community! We have a variety of activities involving all ages. The main programs offered through the community education are the Early Childhood Family Education, Little Wrens, Hatchlings, Latch Key/Wrens Club, Youth Services and Adult Enrichment classes (AARP classes, Cribbage, Cake Decorating, Exercise Classes and etc.). Community Education also provides the local monthly newspaper called the

Images. This is a great way to stay connected to what is happening in our community and school. It also showcases what a great place Wrenshall is. Wrenshall Community Education also plays a role in planning other community events such as the community wide rummage sales. We hope to see you at some of these classes and events.

The City of Wrenshall has several independent **Daycares** located within city limits and also an **Assisted Living Center**. If you would like more information on these, please contact the city office.