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Creature comforts to consider for an outdoor living space

Certain components are a must-have when creating or repurposing an outdoor living space. A grill, a place to enjoy al fresco dining and easy access to a home's interior are mandatory for outdoor living spaces. But outdoor living spaces can be so much more than the basics.

Creature comforts can turn an adequate outdoor entertaining space into a spot homeowners and their guests won't want to leave. Homeowners looking to get more out of their outdoor living spaces can consider an array of creature comforts that will quickly transform their backyards from standard to special.

Fireplace
Perhaps no home feature is more effective at creating a cozy, comfortable and welcoming feel than a fireplace. While fireplaces are generally associated with indoors, more and more homeowners are incorporating them into their outdoor living spaces. Fireplaces now come in a range of styles that can suit any aesthetic and budget. Homeowners who want their outdoor living spaces to remain comfortable when the sun goes down and the temperatures drop are urged to consider a fireplace.

Planter boxes
Planter boxes located in various areas around a patio or deck can set a calm and serene tone. Planter boxes also serve to remind residents and guests that they're enjoying the great outdoors. Savvy homeowners can populate planter boxes with plants that perform double duty by producing beautiful aromas while repelling insects from living spaces. Work with a local garden center to identify plants that can achieve this goal.

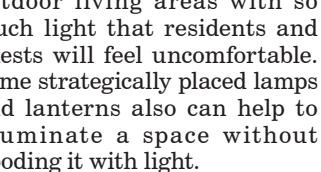
Lighting
It's customary to light walkways leading into outdoor entertaining spaces, but the right lighting around the spaces themselves also can set a warm and comforting tone. String lights can set a festive and relaxed tone without overwhelming outdoor living areas with so much light that residents and guests will feel uncomfortable. Some strategically placed lamps and lanterns also can help to illuminate a space without flooding it with light.

Privacy screen
A privacy screen can increase comfort by ensuring residents and guests that no one can see into an outdoor living space. There are many ways to create privacy screens. Trees planted around the perimeter of an outdoor living space can establish the area as a serene and private space. Structural privacy screens can be created from fencing materials, decorative metal panels or more traditional options like lattice.

These are just a few creature comforts that can be added to outdoor living spaces with the hopes of making them more comfortable places to spend a day or evening.

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Did You Know?



July 4th is a day when Americans celebrate their independence, but it's also a day to commemorate two men who played vital roles in procuring that independence. Both John Adams, the second President of the United States, and his successor Thomas Jefferson passed away on July 4, 1826. The two men had an interesting relationship that became increasingly complex as the nation they helped to found developed. According to History.com, Adams and Jefferson were confidantes in the 1780s. But as time wore on, each man developed a different view of what the United States government should be, creating a rift in their relationship that was only widened by the 1800 presidential election. The men ran against each other in that election, which is still considered one of the more contentious elections in American history. Jefferson ultimately claimed victory, a result so unnerving to Adams that he left Washington, D.C. prior to Jefferson's inauguration. The two men would ultimately reconcile, exchanging more than 150 letters before dying within hours of one another on Independence Day in 1826.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OBERON CITY COUNCIL

May 11, 2026
A regular meeting of the Oberon City Council was called to order May 11, 2026 at 6:49 p.m. City council members present: Mayor Faron Stensland, Shawn Trotter, Ellis LaPorte, Kim Krebsbach. Also present: City Auditor Tina Ploium; guest Mark Krebsbach.
Agenda -- Krebsbach made a motion to approve the agenda; LaPorte seconded the motion. All in favor; the motion carried.
April Meeting Minutes -- Krebsbach made a motion to approve meeting minutes; LaPorte seconded the motion. All in favor; the motion carried.
New Business -- Discussion focused on the certificate of deposit (CD) 102231804, which is nearing maturity. The council approved the following: Use the proceeds from CD 102231804 to pay for the community center roof, with a 10% retainer. LaPorte made a motion to approve the use of the CD for payment; Krebsbach seconded. The motion carried.
Old Business -- The council suggested switching to individual garbage cans and will review pricing and cost differences. The water rate

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RENTERS WANTED: ARE you having difficulty paying your rent on time? The Housing Assistance Program (HAP) is now taking applications for residents living in Benson County. For more information on eligibility call 473-5671. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-366-6888. 12fn

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increase will remain on hold until the rural water hookup date is confirmed. Auditor Report -- Update on city election and CD information.

Bills and Payroll -- Krebsbach made a motion to approve bills and payroll; Trotter seconded the motion. All in favor; the motion carried.

Otter Tail Power Co.	\$148.17
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Faron Stensland	484.84
Ellis LaPorte Jr.	323.22
Shawn Trotter	323.22
Tina Ploium	1,108.20
Corey Ploium	224.00
Kim Krebsbach	323.22
Corey Ploium	600.27
Total	\$61,361.88

Next meeting is Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned.

Tina Ploium
City Auditor

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St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Leeds is seeking donations for upkeep of the cemetery and the tree replacement project. In addition, they are updating the contact list for families with loved ones buried there.

The contact person for the cemetery is Tammy Meyer. She can be reached at 701-466-2681 for questions or information. Donations can be sent to Tammy Meyer, 5125 49th Ave. NE, York, ND 58386.

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Notice Annual Meeting of Electors Leeds Rural Ambulance District

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Electors for the Leeds Ambulance Service District Board will be held on **Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting will take place at the **Leeds Fire Hall, located at 130 1st Ave NW, Leeds, ND 58346.**

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct annual district business, review financial reports, elect new members and address any other matters properly brought before the board and electors. All residents and taxpayers within the Leeds Ambulance Service District boundaries in Benson and Towner counties are encouraged to attend.

By order of the Leeds Ambulance Service District Board

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Benson County Commission will hold a 2nd public meeting on **July 7, 2026, at 8:10 a.m.** in the Commissioner Room of the Benson County Courthouse, Minnewaukan, ND, to consider and possibly adopt the proposed Wind, Solar and/or Data Center Zoning Ordinances for Benson County.

The public is encouraged to attend this meeting. Township officers are also encouraged to attend.

The proposed ordinances are available for review at the Benson County Auditor's Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and they are also available on the Benson County website.

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