

SERGEANT BLUFF SCOOP

•CITY OF SERGEANT BLUFF NEWSLETTER•



How to be Prepared for Winter Weather



As Iowans, we know that winter weather can strike at any time. The American Red Cross offers tips on handling severe winter weather:

- Have extra blankets on hand, both in your home and in your vehicle.
- Ensure that each member of your

family has a warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat and water resistant boots.

- Assemble a disaster supply kit. See the box at right for suggested contents.
- Be sure to stay tuned to NOAA Weather radio and local radio and TV stations for updates.
- A winter storm WATCH means that a winter storm is possible in the area. A winter storm WARNING means that a winter storm is headed for the area. A blizzard WARNING means strong winds, blinding wind-driven snow and dangerous wind chills are

expected. Seek shelter immediately! When a WATCH has been issued, listen to the radio or TV for updates and avoid unnecessary travel. Stay indoors during a WARNING. If you must go out, several layers of lightweight clothing will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. Wearing mittens instead of gloves will keep your hands warmer.

- If you have to shovel snow, remember to take frequent breaks and avoid overexertion.

Follow these tips to stay safe this winter! Also see page 4 for City snow regulations.

Disaster Kit Checklist:

It is a good idea to have a Disaster Kit ready to go, for any emergency, not just winter weather. Be sure that your kit contains the following:

- First aid kit (with all necessary medications)
- Battery powered NOAA Weather radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Canned food & non electric can opener
- Bottled water (at least 1 gallon per person per day to last at least 3 days)
- Extra sets of warm clothing (including boots, mittens and hat)

Be sure to assemble a kit for each vehicle too, and have your vehicles winterized before winter storm season.

For more winter weather tips, visit the Red Cross website at www.redcross.org

Utilities Update: Change in Recycling Schedule

Per Nancy Countryman of the Woodbury County Landfill, there will be a slight change in recycling days for 2007. To accommodate the increase in recycling activities in Sergeant Bluff, the landfill staff will pick up all residences on the south side of 1st Street

every other **Thursday**, beginning on January 11; and all residences north of 1st Street every other **Friday** beginning January 12. The recycling trailer, located next to the water treatment plant on 1st Street, will continue to be available for use on a daily

basis. Please remember to rinse out all plastics and cans and keep any garbage out of the recycling.

For further recycling questions, please contact the Woodbury County landfill at 712-873-3837.

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Public Library Services Available



Did you know that we have Public Library facilities right here in Sergeant Bluff?

The Elementary and Primary libraries are open to the public on alternating Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The High School Adult library is open to the public on Thursday evenings from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The ICN (Iowa Communications Network) Classroom is available for distance learning opportunities. Call for details!

We are an "Open Access" Library. Patrons with a valid Sergeant Bluff Public Library card may check out books from any other Open Access Library across Iowa at no charge. This includes the Sioux City Public Libraries, Briar Cliff University, Morningside College,

Western Iowa Tech as well as others.

Sergeant Bluff Public Library cards are free and may be obtained in each of our School Media Centers or at Sergeant Bluff City Hall.

Stop in and fill out an application today.

For questions, please call 943-8716 or 943-4244



Parks & Recreation Offers Open Gym

Open Gym is a cooperative effort by the Sergeant Bluff-Luton School District and the City of Sergeant Bluff Parks & Recreation Department. It is intended to provide recreational activities to the community of Sergeant Bluff during the winter months.

Open Gym time is Sunday from 1:00-5:30 p.m. The location is the Sergeant

Bluff-Luton High School Gymnasium.

There is no registration fee. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Children must have a signed permission form in order to participate. These forms are available at City Hall and must be turned in at the gym on the first day the child attends.

Open Gym will continue to run through Sunday, March 25, 2007. Activities that are currently being offered are basketball and volleyball.

Contact Chris Thomas at 490-6397 for further information.

SIDE NOTE:

Please remember that the City does not enforce the COVENANTS for any of the residential developments. It is up to the developer or the residents of the development to enforce covenants.

Pioneer Valley Days Planning Begins

PARADES, MUD VOLLEYBALL, STREET DANCE, CARNIVAL...

What will be happening during Pioneer Valley Days 2007? It is up to you! It is time to start planning Pioneer Valley Days 2007. *It can only happen with resi-*

dent participation. We need to set up a planning committee. Anyone who is interested in helping with this annual event, please contact Sandi at City Hall (943-4244). There will be an evening meeting set for later in January.



Spring Cleanup Week Scheduled

The semi-annual cleanup week is being held April 9-14 this spring. As a reminder, there is NO curbside pickup. All items must be taken to the City compost site during open hours of operation. During this



week only, dumping is free of charge and is for Sergeant Bluff residents only. Items that CANNOT be dumped include: Batteries, paint, broken concrete, asphalt, used oil, bricks, tires, recyclable goods, fluorescent light bulbs, treated lumber (with creosote, such as railroad ties), gas and oil filters and containers, solvents or cleaners. Lawn/yard waste can be dumped at the compost site but must be

separated from all other items. There is never a charge to dump lawn/yard waste. You may bring white goods, such as washers, dryers and hot water heaters, to the compost site during any regular compost site hours. There will always be a \$10 charge per appliance for demanufacturing. You **must purchase a ticket** for each appliance at City Hall, prior to taking the item(s) to the compost site.

Directions to the Sergeant Bluff Compost Site:

At the stoplight by the high school, continue south on Port Neal Road for exactly one mile. Just across the Interstate, there is a gravel road to the right. The compost site is there on the right. There is a red gate and a sign.

Dale Petersen Mayor's Corner

As I write this, winter is officially here, even though the days are getting longer and the sun is shining brightly. The weather has cooperated to allow construction projects to continue throughout the community. I will try to do a short recap of the past year and answer some questions you may have at the same time. New housing starts were at an all-time high, with 69 permits issued in 2006. A developer is currently in the planning stages for a residential addition that offers the opportunity for approximately another 80 home sites in Settlers Point. We recently finalized the process on our newest industrial park on Ridge Road and South Lewis Boulevard and our newest resident

industry, Alliance Ready-Mix Concrete, is already under construction. A paved access road, connecting the industrial park to South Lewis Boulevard, will be constructed directly north of Lawn Pros in the near future.

In utility business, the city council is continuing the evaluation of our existing water treatment capacity and the long term water needs of the community that include additional wells and the replacement of the current water treatment facility. The newest sewer lift station located near the Interstate went into operation this year, replacing lift station number four. If the engineers are right, the new lift station should serve the community

for fifty years.

Although we mourned the closing of the MCI call center which was a large part of Sergeant Bluff for many years, we welcomed Stream to our community along with the expansion of Analytical Consultants and Pioneer Auto and the welcome addition of a pharmacy to our business community.

I think the two highlights of the year were the reopening of the municipal swimming pool and the success of RAGBRAI! I thank everyone for their patience, confidence and understanding while we work to resolve all of the issues related to the pool. 2006 was a busy year and 2007 promises to be just as eventful. Happy New Year!



Dale Petersen - Mayor of Sergeant Bluff since 2002.

Parking During a Snow Emergency

No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley or City-owned off-street parking area during a snow emergency proclaimed by the Mayor unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. A snow emergency parking ban shall continue from its proclamation through the duration of the snow or ice storm and the 48-hour pe-

riod after cessation of the storm, except as above provided upon streets which have been fully opened. The ban shall be of uniform application and the Clerk is directed to publicize the requirements widely, using all available news media, in early November each year. When predictions or occurrences indicate the need, the Mayor shall proclaim a snow emergency and the Clerk shall inform the news media to publicize the

proclamation and the parking rules under the emergency. The emergency may be extended or shortened when conditions warrant. In the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem shall have the authority to declare a snow emergency. In the absence of the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tem, the Clerk shall have the same authority. Enforcement of this section shall begin no sooner than two (2) hours after the Mayor proclaims the snow emergency.

Removal of Snow and Ice:

It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

Dumping of Snow

Per City Code, "It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, push or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or

to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owners or agent, and only after first making

arrangements for such prompt removal at the owner's cost of the accumulation within a reasonably short time."

To put it simply, it is illegal to push snow from your driveway or sidewalk onto the street.



I Need Your Input, Please!

If you didn't respond after receiving the last newsletter, please let me know your response to the following question: I like the newsletter better...

- A. The way it was!
- B. Like this one - with a dash of color!
- C. With all the colors of the rainbow!

Please send your responses to me by way of phone (943 - 4 2 4 4) , e m a i l

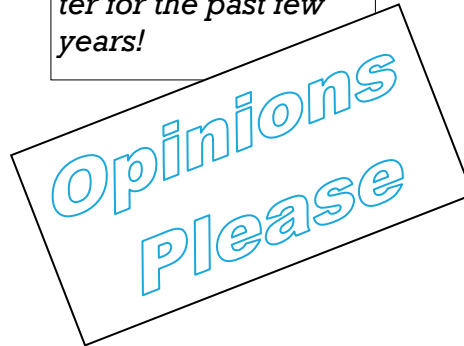
(paula@cityofsergeantbluff.com) note in the drop box, fax (943-2106), in person, or any other way that you prefer to communicate with City Hall. Please address your responses to me.

Thanks for your help.

Paula Moriarty

P.S. I removed smoke signal as an option - the fire department frowned on it!

Thanks to Sandi Headid for all the work that she has put into the City Newsletter for the past few years!



Recycling Schedule

For residences north of 1st Street, recycling dates are as follows:

January 12 & 26

February 9 & 23

March 9 & 23

April 6 & 20

Ma 4 & 18

June 1, 15 & 29

July 13 & 27

August 10 & 24

September 7 & 21

October 5 & 19

November 2, 16 & 30

December 14 & 28

For residences south of 1st Street, recycling days are as follows:

January 11 & 25

February 8 & 22

March 8 & 22

April 5 & 19

May 3, 17 & 31

June 14 & 28

July 12 & 26

August 9 & 23

September 6 & 20

October 4 & 18

November 1, 15 & 29

December 13 & 27

Recycling symbol stickers are available for you to put on your home calendar. Stop by City Hall to get yours!

Important Dates for 2007...

February 18 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Legion Hall.

April Spring Hydrant Flushing - Watch for rusty water. Watch the community sign for specific dates for your area.

April 9-14 Clean Up Week

April 18 Compost Site Opens

Memorial Day Weekend - Pool Opens

June 9-10 (tentatively) Pioneer Valley Days

July 14 Aggie's Poker Run

Labor Day Weekend -

Pool Closes

November Fall Hydrant Flushing - Watch for rusty water. Watch the community sign for specific dates for your area.

November Compost Site Closes for Winter.

December Winter Festival



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