

SERGEANT BLUFF SCOOP

•CITY OF SERGEANT BLUFF NEWSLETTER•

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City Hires New City Clerk



Renee Fangman

Welcome to Renee Fangman, who was appointed as the new City Clerk at the City Council meeting held on December 9, 2008. Renee assumed her duties the following day.

Renee was born and lived most of her life in the Baton Rouge, Louisi-

ana area. She graduated in 1998 from the University of Alabama with a BSBA in General Management. Renee moved to the Siouland area in 1998 and worked for companies such as Gateway and Kustom Pak Foods. Renee's municipal experience includes serving the City of North Sioux City for over six years in various capacities, including the position of Finance Officer.

Renee is married to Darrin Fangman and they have two children, Jorge and Michael.

In her free time, Renee enjoys playing video games with her children, making crafts, baking, and playing

outside year-round with her sons.

She enjoys going to the movies, Sudoku puzzles and brainteasers, and going to local events with friends.

Her favorite treats are chocolate and popcorn. According to Renee, you can never go wrong with popcorn!

She enjoys biking, swimming, and snowball fights due to the area's distinct seasons.

Renee looks forward to serving the people of the City of Sergeant Bluff.

Please stop in City Hall to meet our new City Clerk, Renee Fangman!



Department Heads

City Administrator:
Jim Ferneau

City Clerk:
Renee Fangman

Police Chief:
Dave McFarland

Fire Chief:
Mike Massey

Public Works Director:
Mark Huntley

Parks & Rec Director:
Brent Brown

S. Lewis Blvd. Construction Project: Work to Begin in Spring '09

In February 2009, the City of Sergeant Bluff will be accepting bids for the reconstruction of the intersection at South Lewis Boulevard (also referred to as Highway 75) and 1st Street in Sergeant Bluff.

This project is expected to commence in the spring of 2009 and be

completed in the fall, sometime around the middle of November.

It is the hopes of the City staff that with the cooperation of the public and the weather, this project can be completed on time and with the least amount of impact on the citizens of Sergeant Bluff.

When the construction begins, please assist the contractors by avoiding the construction area in order to make their job safer and the area less congested.

More information will be published closer to the project start date. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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Public Library Services Available



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

The Sergeant Bluff-Luton 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 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 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 Li-

braries, 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.

Project Share: Help Needy Families

Project Share is a plan created to assist needy households in paying their winter time energy bills. You can help by adding a regular PS contribution to your monthly utility payment or by making a direct donation to Project Share. These funds will then be distributed to neighbors in need for winter time energy costs.

Those qualifying for help will be carefully identified by an area social service agency. A local committee will oversee Project Share to guarantee all contributions will be handled equitably and efficiently.

So please add a PS—Project Share—to your utility payment each month. It's a simple way to share some

warmth with those who need it.

Send payments to:
City of Sergeant Bluff,
401 4th Street, PO Box 703,
Sergeant Bluff, IA 51054

Please note "Project Share" on your check. If you would like to be billed monthly, please call City Hall at 943-4244. Thank you!

Parks & Rec Board Needs Members



The Sergeant Bluff Parks & Recreation Board is looking to fill two board vacancies.

This board meets regularly, usually on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The term is two years and members must reside within the corporate limits

of the City. As stated in the bylaws, "The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Sergeant Bluff is to advise the Council on funds and facilities needed to provide open space such as parks, playgrounds and community facilities or other forms of recreation. It shall also plan, oversee,

operate and supervise certain recreation facilities and parks as may be designated by the council from time to time.'

If you are interested in one of these positions, please call City Hall at 943-4244 or Parks & Recreation Director Brent Brown at 943-1942.

City Documents Available Online! The City of Sergeant Bluff has contracted with Imagetek, a document management copy, to archive city documents and make them available for online searches.

Currently, the documents available online are City Council agendas from 2002 to present and City Council meeting minutes from 1991 to present. City staff is adding more documents on a regular basis.

To access the documents, visit the City's website at www.cityofsergeantbluff.com. Click on the Resources tab. Then click on the Radix Municipal Co-op logo. This opens the portal where our documents are stored. The documents are fully text searchable to enable you to find what you are looking for!

Dale Petersen Mayor's Corner

What a glorious fall season we enjoyed! Congratulations and a big thank you to the Sergeant Bluff-Luton Warrior football team, coaches and parents on an exciting and entertaining football season. I wish all the Warrior athletes success in their future endeavors and I encourage them to enjoy the competition along with the lessons learned.

I will take this opportunity to update some of the projects in progress around the community. Lift station number five is now on line and the contract will be closed out in the near future. There always seem to be a few "bugs" that need to be worked out in any construction project. The plans for the First Street and South Lewis Boulevard intersection construction are being finalized and will be ready for bid letting in January with construction to begin in the early spring. The City Council is currently evaluating the water treatment study commissioned this past year to determine where and when we construct a new water

treatment plant and a supporting well field to meet the current and future water demand. The Woodbury County Landfill Board recently received a grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to establish a household hazardous waste recycling and disposal center. The development of this facility will take place early next year and will be available to all Woodbury County residents with the exception of Sioux City. It is anticipated that a mobile unit will be employed to make the disposal of those household chemicals more convenient for everyone and keep them out of the landfill and our water supply. I will keep you updated on the implementation of this new service.

I must applaud the Community Action Team, along with all the other volunteers and sponsors, for organizing and producing all the wonderful events that were part of the "Winter Festival" at the family center. Although I was unable to stay for the conclusion of all the festivities and raffles, I

did witness a wonderfully enthusiastic crowd on hand for the excellent chili and cinnamon rolls! If you have not attended the festival, please plan on making it a part of your family's celebration next year. It is great community and family fun!

We have had some more changes in City personnel. Pete McDermott has taken a position with the City maintenance department and Candice Litras has moved into the position of Utility Billing Clerk. Renee Fangman was recently appointed City Clerk and comes to Sergeant Bluff by way of the City of North Sioux City. I wish them all success in their new positions.

As I write this, it is snowing with the anticipated snowfall to be somewhere between three and five inches. Wouldn't it be great if the weather forecasters were able to determine exactly when, where, and how much snow or rain will fall? And, isn't the change of seasons one of the great joys of living in the Midwest? **Happy New Year!**



Dale Petersen - Mayor of Sergeant Bluff since 2002.

Message from Snow Plow Staff:

This is a good time to review the snow removal practices and policies of the City of Sergeant Bluff. The City Council has passed a new snow ordinance that requires all vehicles to be off the streets in the event of a 2" or greater snowfall, as recorded by the National Weather Service. The intent of this ordinance is to encourage the public to watch the weather. When measurable

snow is predicted, please move your vehicles off of the streets so that we can get our job done faster and more efficiently. When vehicles are left on the streets and we have to plow around them, it causes extra work for your neighbors, the City's street department and police department, all of which can be avoided. When a snow plow driver works in your neighborhood, they are

instructed to clean the street to the curb. That means that the plows will make two passes each direction and after the plow has cleaned your street to the curb, you may park your vehicle on the street again. Snow removal is not a job that any of us like doing, but if we work together we can make the process easier on all of us. Thank you very much.

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Door-to-Door Sales

What You May Not Know!

Report unlicensed peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants to City Hall (943-4244), the Sergeant Bluff Police Department (943-9603) or if after hours, the Woodbury County Communications Center (279-6510).

You may not be aware that the City of Sergeant Bluff has an ordinance intended to protect residents of the City against fraud, unfair competition and intrusion into the privacy of their homes by peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants. Chapter 122 of the City's Code of Ordinances requires that any person who comes to your home with the intention of selling goods or services obtain a license to do so from City Hall. These persons are required to show you their license upon your request. If you have someone come to your home uninvited to sell you something, please ask to see their peddler's permit. If they refuse, please call City Hall at 943-

4244, the police station at 943-9603 or if after hours, the Woodbury County Communications Center at 279-6510.

This ordinance does *not* apply to newspaper delivery persons, club members (such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or 4-H) local residents and farmers who are selling their own products, students of the Sergeant Bluff-Luton School District who are conducting projects recognized by the school or route sales people (such as Schwan's).

In addition, persons who have the proper license are only allowed to call on homes between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Definitions:

Peddler: Any person carrying goods or merchandise who sells or offers for sale for immediate delivery such goods or merchandise from door to door or upon the public street.

Solicitor: Any person who solicits or attempts to solicit from door to door or upon the public street an order for goods, subscriptions or merchandise to be delivered at a future date.

Transient Merchant: Any person who engages in a temporary or itinerant merchandising business and in the course of such business hires, leases or occupies any building or structure whatsoever.

Police Chief Chat Chief McFarland



David McFarland, Sergeant Bluff Chief of Police since 1998.

There has been a major change in the snow removal ordinance which will take effect on December 5, 2008 in Sergeant Bluff. The purpose for the change is to help speed up the process for the city maintenance crews in removing the snow as well as help alleviate some of the liability of snow removal around parked cars.

On November 25 the city council passed the final reading of an amendment to ordinance 69.10 which states: when the official snow measurement in the city of Sergeant Bluff reaches 2 inches or more **all** vehicles must be removed from the street im-

mediately. The vehicles must remain off the roadway for the following 48 hours or until the street has been cleared of snow. The amount of snowfall will be determined by measurements taken at the Sioux Gateway Airport.



Clearing of the street will not mean the passing of a snow plow just to open a path in the street. Clearing of the street will mean when public works employees have cleared the street from curb to curb.

The penalty for not removing a vehicle will be \$25 if paid within 7 days or \$30 after the 7 days and will be assessed to the registered owner of the vehicle. This will be payable at City Hall or the Police Dept. Failure to pay the penalty will result in a state traffic citation

being issued which will require an appearance in the Woodbury Co. Iowa District Courts. Repeated violations may be subject to the vehicle being towed and fees will include the cost of tow, impoundment fee, plus the standard fines.

I hope everyone will work together with the city crews to encourage and assist a safe and speedy clean up after a snow storm.

Parks & Recreation Update



**Parks & Recreation
Director Brent Brown**

**Parks & Rec Office
Bluffs Area
Family Center
(903 Topaz Drive)**

Email:
brent@cityofsergeant
bluff.com

Office Phone:
943-1942
Cell: 899-0930



Kickoff Event:
January 10, 2009
from 8:30 to 10:00
a.m. at the Bluffs
Area Family
Center.

**Community
Weight Loss
Goal: 4,000 lbs !**

**Winter is a great
time to get ACTIVE.**

Now that winter is here it doesn't mean it's time to start slowing down!!!! The Sergeant Bluff Parks & Recreation Department has a lot of exciting programs coming up that will get you off your seat and active this winter.

The New Year is coming up and with that comes our resolutions to lose some of that Holiday weight! well we have just the thing. The City of Sergeant Bluff received a \$500.00 grant from the Iowa Sports Foundation to get involved with the Live Healthy Iowa 100 Day Challenge. The event runs from January 14th-April 23rd with a huge Kick-off Event on January 10th at the Bluff's Area Family Center from 8:30-10:00am. The community goal I've set for Sergeant Bluff is to have 400 people to be involved and lose a combined total of 4000 pounds with over 400,000 minutes of activity totaled. If you're interested in the program and want to be on a team or starting your own team, contact the Parks & Recreation Department. As a TEAM CAPTAIN for the Live Healthy Iowa 100 Day Challenge, what you need you to do is recruit 9 other friends to make a team of 10 to compete with others in Sgt Bluff and against people across the state. After December 19th go to Hy-Vee and purchase \$15.00 worth of sponsoring products from Coca-Cola- (water not pop), Dannon, Hormel, Kellogg's, Kraft and Unilever). From that you should get a \$8.00 coupon at check out and that will allow everyone on

your team to sign up for the 100 Day Challenge for only \$10.00. Everyone that signs up will receive a t-shirt, fitness magazine of their choice, weekly nutritional emails and other great prizes. So the program more than pays for itself! Then go online to www.livehealthyiowa.com and sign up your team with the Group ID of **LHISB**. After that, you should be set for the Kick-off Event which will be held on January 10th from 8:30am-10:00am at the Bluff's Area Family Center where all the teams will gather for the initial weigh in and TOTAL FITNESS HOUR. I am still in the process of finalizing all the details for the event but I hope to have different levels of fitness instructors there so your teammates can find a workout that suits them. Also, teams will receive their water bottles from St Luke's, Free- Blood Pressure Screening and there will be other booths set up with info on local workout programs and facilities. We received a grant for \$500.00 and other monetary donations to buy incentive prizes for the team that accumulates the most minutes and loses the most weight on average. I'm hoping the businesses in Sergeant Bluff that get involved will use the competition to give their employees group incentives to help promote healthy living. A couple ideas would be the team that loses the most weight or accumulates the most minutes of activity in a week would be allowed to wear jeans the next day or week or the team(s) that reach their set goals is allowed to leave a half hour

early on a Friday or have an extra half hour lunch hours.

Open Gym continues through April for kids and adults. On Wednesday nights there are pick-up basketball games at the High School gym and the Women's Volleyball League at the Middle School is still going strong. Sunday hours are from 1-5pm for K-12 students and 5:30-7:30pm for Adult Basketball. The Co-ed Volleyball League on Sunday afternoons at the Middle School will be wrapping up at the end of February.

Another great event will be the 1st Annual Adult/Child Hot Shot competition. Qualifying for the Adult/Child Hot Shot competition will be on Thursday night January 22nd from 7-9 p.m. Teams will consist of an adult and child; they will have 45 seconds to make as many baskets from 6 locations on the floor as they can by alternating shots. The top two teams from each age division will shoot in the finals on Friday night January 23rd at the girl's and boy's halftimes. Cost is \$15.00/couple which includes two shirts.

In February look for information from the Sgt Bluff Girls Softball and Little League Baseball programs for sign up dates.

We are also running a spring soccer league for girls and boys ages 4-7.

For more information on any of these upcoming programs or to contact me, go to the city's web page www.cityofsergeantbluff.com or email me directly at brent@cityofsergeantbluff.com

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If you have something that you would like for us to consider including in a future newsletter, please email it to me at paula@cityofsergeantbluff.com

The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is [March 18](#).

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www.cityofsergeantbluff.com
for a calendar of upcoming events

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