

THE SERGEANT BLUFF

HORIZON

PIONEER VALLEY DAYS

Pioneer Valley Days is August 12th through August 14th. Many of the events will be located at the Parks & Recreation Complex, 903 Topaz Drive, in Sergeant Bluff. Bring your soda/beer coolers and chairs. No hard alcohol or glass bottles allowed.

A schedule of the events will be published in the Sergeant Bluff Advocate and may be viewed on our website: www.cityofsergeantbluff.com under the "Community" tab.



PARKS BOARD OPENING

The Parks & Rec Board is accepting applications from individuals seeking a position on this volunteer board. Please stop by City Hall at 401 4th Street during regular office hours to pick up an application. Applications must be returned no later than July 21st to be considered. The Parks Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm.

STREET PARKING

Did you know that any vehicle parked on the street must be moved at least once every twenty-four (24) hours? (Ord 69.06) When you leave for vacation or are unable to move your vehicle within 24-hours, please be respectful and courteous of your neighbors and find off-street parking or leave your keys with a trusted neighbor or friend to regularly move your vehicle.



WHEN IT RAINS IT DRAINS

Storm Water will transport pollutants carelessly left, or intentionally placed, in or near a storm drain into water bodies used for drinking water, swimming, or fishing. The City prohibits illicit discharges to the Storm Sewer system (Ord. Chapter 101).

- * Never dump anything down storm drains.
- * Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks and roads.
- * Never mow or sweep grass clippings onto the street.
- * Don't hose down driveways (either sweep up or blowback into the yard).
- * Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- * Take your vehicle to the car wash or wash it on the grass.
- * Check car for leaks and recycle motor oil.
- * Pick up after your pet.
- * Seed bare spots in your lawn.
- * Use a compost pile or yard waste collection bin.

For more information about storm water, visit:
www.iowastormwater.org

CALENDAR

Jul 4 – Holiday
(City Hall Closed)

Jul 12 – Council Meeting
@ 5:30 PM

Jul 20 – Parks Board
@ 5:30 PM

Jul 20 – Library Board
@ 5:30 PM

Jul 20 – Utility Bill Due Date

July 22-24 - RAGBRAI

Jul 26 – Council Meeting
@ 5:30 PM

Recycle Calendars are available
at City Hall

Food Pantry – 3rd Sat of each
month 8-11 am

HORIZON

SIGN UP FOR LOAD MANAGEMENT

What is Load Management?

Load Management is a method of controlling the demand of power within our electric system and lowering the utility's and the customer's costs through the use of an installed switch. During the peak electricity-use times, the switch operates the central air conditioner for approximately 7 minutes of every half-hour. By joining the program, you will help conserve energy, stabilize rates, and reduce the chance of power shortages and rolling blackouts.

Are there benefits for me?

- The customer receives a \$4.25 monthly credit on utility bills during the months of June – September only, plus a lower electricity rate all year.
- The switch produces savings through reduced wholesale power costs.
- Customers have the ability to reduce power costs every month.
- Loads are controlled remotely and directly by the municipality.

How do I sign up?

Stop by City Hall at 401 4th Street to complete an application or visit our website: www.cityofsergeantbluff.com. The application must be completed by the property owner.

CASH INCENTIVES FOR SMART THERMOSTAT

The City of Sergeant Bluff, in partnership with its wholesale electric power supplier, the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska, provides a cash incentive for purchasing a smart thermostat for residential homes to help save on energy costs. The program provides a cash incentive of up to \$100 paid directly to residential customers, to help cover the cost of installing a qualifying smart thermostat, which can be programmed to turn down when you are sleeping or not at home. Residential customers can save as much as 10 percent each year on heating and cooling by turning your thermostat back 7-10 degrees for eight hours a day from its normal setting, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Other programs include:

Cooling system Tune-Up Program

The program provides a \$30 cash incentive to residential homeowners who have their cooling system tuned up by a HVAC contractor, regardless of what type or age of cooling system (air conditioner or air/water source heat pump).

Commercial LED Lighting Program

Provides cash incentives paid directly to commercial customers to help cover the cost of lighting upgrades and replacements.

Attic Insulation Program

The Attic Insulation Program provides cash incentives of \$0.15/per square foot with a maximum incentive of \$300 per existing residential dwelling for attic insulation.

High Efficiency Heat Pump Program

Provides cash incentives from \$400 to \$3,000 to residential homeowners who are installing a new heat pump system to their residential single-family dwelling.

For more information on each program go to

<https://mean.nmppenergy.org/about/energy-efficiency-programs> to download program guidelines and application forms.

RAGBRAI VOLUNTEERS

Sergeant Bluff will be hosting RAGBRAI July 22-24th. Volunteers are still needed! Please complete the form located at www.cityofsergeantbluff.com

Areas of need include:

Campgrounds: 10 volunteers

Sanitation: 12 volunteers for planning prior to the event and the shifts covering two days

Hospitality: 100+ volunteers to line the streets for the farewell sendoff for Sunday AM

Information Center: 30+ volunteers to take 2 hour shifts on Saturday

Beverage Garden: 120 volunteers to setup/tear down, monitor entrances, taking tickets, money handlers, and clean-up

