

HORIZON

GRASS LENGTH

Please do your part as a good neighbor and cut your grass. If you will be out of town, please arrange for someone to maintain your yard. City ordinance requires every property owner to cut, mow, and maintain all grass upon the owner's property. Grass clipping disposal is only allowed at the City Compost site, for free. It shall be presumed that a health, fire, or safety hazard exists when weeds or grass is in excess of ten (10) inches in length (Ord. 52.02). This ordinance applies to scrub trees, weeds, and grass.



NO GRASS CLIPPINGS IN STREET

When you cut or mow your grass, please ensure that you correctly dispose of the grass clippings. It is unlawful to push grass and yard debris into the street (Ch. 135.03). Pushing your grass and other yard debris into the street may clog the storm sewer. It is free for residents to utilize the compost site to dispose of yard waste. Stop by City Hall to get your pass. You may also purchase a tag at City Hall for \$2.65 to dispose of grass in a garbage bag.



Come and play the tabletop role-playing game Dungeons and Dragons every 3rd Saturday of the Month at 12:30 pm at the library (503 4th Street).

CORRECTION: The last newsletter stated the incorrect times for Summer Adventure Camp. Summer Adventure Camp will be on Mon, Wed, Fri from 9am – 12:30pm

CLUB 55+

Club 55+ is now OPEN. It's a place for those 55 and older to socialize and hang out. It's located at the former library at 903 Topaz Drive. There will be movies, arts & crafts, games, puzzles, coffee, and good conversation! For questions call the Parks & Recreation Department at 712-943-5800

IT'S A TOILET NOT A TRASHCAN

Remember to be cautious about what you put down the drain or into toilets. Household items such as rags (even disposable rags), hair, and hypodermic needles can travel down the mains to a lift station and may cause severe damage to pumps. Once rags are wrapped around the blades, the system is shut down so the rags can be ripped, cut, or torn to untangle them from the pump. In addition, many man hours are required to repair the system and the possibility of rate increases may be needed to pay for the damage. When the system is shut down for repairs, the potential for sewage backing up into basements increases significantly. Please properly dispose of cloth, rags, hair, and other garbage.

CALENDAR

May 2 – Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6:00 pm
May 9 – Council Meeting @ 5:30 PM
May 17 – Parks Board @ 5:30 pm
May 17 – Library Board @ 5:30 pm
May 19 – Utility Bill Due Date
May 23 – Council Meeting @ 5:30 PM
May 29 – Memorial Day – City Hall Closed
June 2 & 3 – Privately Organized City-Wide Garage Sale Days (2nd 5pm-8pm, 3rd 9am-3pm)
Food Pantry – 3rd Sat. of each month 8-11 am

THE SERGEANT BLUFF

HORIZON

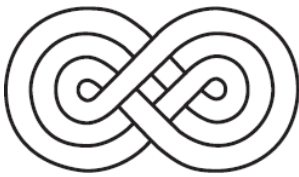
NATIONAL EMS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday May 25th the Sergeant Bluff Fire Department will be hosting a National EMS Week Open House from 4pm to 7pm at 204 Port Neal Road. Hot dogs, beans, and chips will be served. There will be community education stations that include: Hands-only CPR, Narcan Administration, Stroke Awareness, and Stop The Bleed.



EMS WEEK

Where Emergency Care Begins
May 21-27, 2023



SERGEANT BLUFF
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Looking Forward. Giving Back.

About the Sergeant Bluff Community Foundation

The Sergeant Bluff Community Foundation is a growing legacy. It was established by community members to bring more intention to planning for Sergeant Bluff's future, and it creates new opportunities for giving for donors, businesses, and other public or charitable organizations who wish to see Sergeant Bluff continue to grow and prosper.

Mission of the Sergeant Bluff Community Foundation

The Sergeant Bluff Community Foundation promotes a culture of giving to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Affiliation with the Siouxland Community Foundation

As an affiliate of the Siouxland Community Foundation (SCF), gifts made to the Sergeant Bluff Community Foundation will receive the maximum income, gift, and estate tax benefits. SCF manages all investments, processes Fund distributions, and files appropriate tax returns on behalf of the Sergeant Bluff Community Foundation while also offering a wide variety of resources to donors.

Become A Founding Member

The Sergeant Bluff Community Foundation is seeking Founding Members who are willing to make a gift of at least \$10,000 or more toward helping us establish our endowment by July 31, 2023. This will help us begin our work to make a lasting difference in Sergeant Bluff. Individuals who choose to make such a gift will be named Founding Members of the Foundation in perpetuity. If you are interested in becoming a Founding Member, please contact Erin Edlund at 952-261-6133 or Aaron Lincoln at 712-943-4244.

Future Projects

While the endowment is an important project to help ensure the longevity of the Foundation, it is only the beginning of our work. We plan to announce a specific project this summer that we hope to garner support for through gifts of all sizes. Please stay tuned for more information coming soon!



City of **Sergeant Bluff, IA**

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April 30, 2023

Notice to Sergeant Bluff Electric Utility Customers:

In accordance with Rules and Regulations established by the Iowa Utilities Board under Iowa Code Chapter 476, the City of Sergeant Bluff is providing a notice of our electric rate increase that will be effective with the electric utilities bill that will be mailed around August 1st and due August 20th. This is applicable only to those customers using Sergeant Bluff electricity and not for those on MidAmerican Energy.

The last Sergeant Bluff electric rates are based on an electric service rate study performed by the City’s consultant NMPP. The rate study is updated approximately every two years. The study considers existing cash on hand with projected load growth, energy usage, wholesale energy costs, transmission costs, and capital projects. The City Council is currently in the process of approving the below rates and the final approval of the new ordinance will occur on May 23, 2023.

One way to reduce your electric bill is to sign up for our load management system, which allows us to level out our peak energy usage throughout the day and reduce the additional fees levied for peak energy usage. Customers on load management receive a monthly credit of \$4.50 for June-September as well as a lower monthly energy rate. A customer can visit the www.cityofsergeantbluff.com or call City Hall at 943-4244 to get more information on load management.

The new anticipated rate changes to be adopted with Ordinance 736 are shown below:

1. Residential Rate:

<u>Without Load Management:</u>	Summer	Winter
<u>Effective on bill due in August 2023</u>	<u>(June-September)</u>	<u>(October-May)</u>
Service Charge, per month	\$21.22	\$21.22
Energy Charge		
First 800 kWh used, per month	\$0.0909 /kWh	\$0.0909 /kWh
Excess used, per month	\$0.0909 /kWh	\$0.0803 /kWh
<u>With Load Management:</u>	Summer	Winter
<u>Effective on bill due in August 2023</u>	<u>(June-September)</u>	<u>(October-May)</u>
Service Charge, per month	\$21.22	\$21.22
Energy Charge		
First 800 kWh used, per month	\$0.0890 /kWh	\$0.0890 /kWh
Excess used, per month	\$0.0890 /kWh	\$0.0784 /kWh
Load Management Credit, per month	\$4.50	\$0.00

2. Small General Service Rate:

<u>Without Load Management:</u>	Summer	Winter
<u>Effective on bill due in August 2023</u>	<u>(June-September)</u>	<u>(October-May)</u>
Service Charge, per month	\$37.13	\$37.13
Energy Charge		
First 750 kWh used, per month	\$0.0970 /kWh	\$0.0970 /kWh
Next 7000 kWh used, per month	\$0.0970 /kWh	\$0.0970 /kWh
Excess used, per month	\$0.0970 /kWh	\$0.0864 /kWh
<u>With Load Management:</u>	Summer	Winter
<u>Effective on bill due in August 2023</u>	<u>(June-September)</u>	<u>(October-May)</u>
Service Charge, per month	\$37.13	\$37.13
Energy Charge		
First 750 kWh used, per month	\$0.0938 /kWh	\$0.0938 /kWh
Next 7000 kWh used, per month	\$0.0938 /kWh	\$0.0938 /kWh
Excess used, per month	\$0.0938 /kWh	\$0.0833 /kWh
Load Management Credit, per month	\$4.50	\$0.00

A Small General Service customer may elect to be billed using a demand meter. The Small General Service customer must notify the City in writing and install a demand meter at the customer's expense. The customer's account shall thereafter be billed on the General Service Demand rate for a minimum of 12 full months. After a minimum of 12 months, the customer may request in writing to be billed under another applicable rate. For customers who elect to stop using the demand meter, the cost paid by the customer for the demand meter will not be refunded. The demand meter shall remain the property of the City of Sergeant Bluff. A demand meter will be installed on a Small General Service account that has used over 10,000 kilowatt hours (kWh) in any 6 months in the last 12 months billed and the account shall be billed at the General Service Demand rate for a minimum of 12 months. After a minimum of 12 months, the customer may request in writing to be billed under another applicable rate.

3. General Service Demand Rate:

<u>General Service Demand Rate:</u>	Summer	Winter
<u>Effective on bill due in August 2023</u>	<u>(June-September)</u>	<u>(October-May)</u>
Service Charge, per month	\$106.09	\$106.09
Demand, per month	\$18.56	\$16.45
Energy Charge, all kWh used, per month	\$0.0494 /kWh	\$0.0452 /kWh