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Hawarden Newsletter

It is the Season — Call Before You Dig

Whether you own your home or rent it, or are contracting an excavating job, you need to call before you dig. There is no charge for getting underground lines located. Iowa Legislature has enacted statewide legislation, “Underground Facilities Information”, Chapter 480 of the 21995 Code of Iowa, which went into effect January 1, 1993, making it a **state law to call before you dig**.

With one easy phone call the underground electric, sewer, water, gas, telephone and cable television lines will be located before digging. **Please call at least 48 hours in advance of any digging** because no area will be guaranteed a clearance without at least a 48-hour notice. If you fail to call before you dig, **total liability for any damages will be yours**.

If necessary, a job site meeting can be arranged for locating and coding the work area. Any digging or excavating work that exposes gas lines **must** be inspected and tested by the Hawarden Municipal Utilities, according to federal regulations. Again, there is **no charge** for locating underground lines. It is worth your time to call and protect yourself against potential repair costs. So call 551-2565 and just give an accurate address, a brief description of the intended work and the general area on the property that you will be working. Or you may call Iowa One Call direct at 1-800-292-8989. **Remember to call at least 48 business hours before any excavation or digging work is scheduled to begin.**

HAWARDEN CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP APRIL 16 – APRIL 20

This year’s City-Wide Clean-Up days have been set for April 16 through April 20. Please have your items set out at the curb by Monday, April 16 so the City crews can pick them up. City crews will make one pass through each street. Items placed out after they have gone by **will not be picked up**. **Do not put items at the curb before Saturday, April 14.**

Rules Concerning City-Wide Clean-Up Days

1. **No bagged items or normal garbage that can be picked up in weekly garbage.**
2. **All items must be separated and placed at the curb or alley by Monday, April 16.** Please separate piles into trees and branches, metal and junk. Normal garbage for Independence Waste should also be in a separate pile.
3. **No building rubble will be picked up at construction sites.**
4. **No appliances will be picked up by the City. They must be disposed of by a licensed appliance disposal service.** Please call 551-6663 to make an appointment to have your appliances picked up. (This includes stoves, washers, dryers, refrigerators, microwaves, air conditioners, water heaters, dehumidifiers,

humidifiers, etc.)

5. **No tires will be picked up unless paid for in advance at the City Office.**
Car tires - \$2.00 Truck tires - \$5.00 Tractor tires - \$15.00
6. **No grass or leaves.** (These may be dropped off at 13th St. and Ave. D)
7. **No paint, paint thinners, oil or chemicals, or other hazardous materials.**
8. **No commercially-cut trees.**
9. **All trees must be 8 feet in length or less.**
10. **Limit to one truck load per household.**

If you prefer to haul your own items, we will have 2 dumpsters at the City Shop, located at 724-7th Street, beginning Saturday, April 14, 2006.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

With the nice weather upon us it is time once again for the Hawarden Police Department to go around and identify properties within the City limits which are neglected and in need of sprucing up. Over the next couple of weeks, officers of the Police Department will be looking at property in the City that needs to be cleaned up. The Hawarden Police Department would like to remind everyone about "Clean-Up Days" coming April 16-20. It is recommended that all citizens take the time to examine their property and take advantage of this service offered to them by the City.

Some of the things the Police Department will be looking for are:

1. Weeds or grasses in excess of 10" in height.
2. Noxious weeds.
3. Accumulations of junk and other refuse.
4. Piles of branches and shrubs.
5. Inoperable vehicles exposed to public view. This includes any vehicle which is not currently licensed, insured or able to be legally driven upon the streets. Vehicles that are placed in "storage" must be placed in a fully-enclosed building or other location not exposed to public view.
6. Conditions which are conducive to the harboring or breeding of vermin.
7. Trees which overhang more than 15 feet above the traveled portion of any street, or 8 feet above any sidewalk.
8. Dilapidated and/or unsafe structures.
9. Structures which are in need of painting and repair.

The Hawarden Police Department asks that everyone look over their property to identify any of the above violations so they can be corrected. We ask for cooperation with the neighbors and City to help us make Hawarden a clean, attractive community for residents and visitors alike. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Hawarden Police Department at 551-4430, or the Hawarden Public Works Department at 551-2565.

If you are a PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIAL —

A public safety official must take whatever steps are necessary to safeguard the public in the event of a pipeline emergency. The following suggestions are offered as a guide:

- > **Notify the appropriate pipeline company.** Report the type (leak, rupture, fire) and the location of the emergency. If it's a [City of Hawarden](#) gas pipeline, call 1-712-551-2565.

- > **Establish a safety zone around the emergency site** and control access. This may include evacuating people from within the safety zone.
- > **If gas is not burning**, avoid doing anything that may ignite it. Be aware of wind direction and potential ignition sources.
- > **If gas is burning**, control secondary fires, but do not attempt to put out pipeline fires. Do not attempt to operate pipeline valves.
- > **While emergency response agencies** are doing their part, our utility employees will do what needs to be done to protect lives and property.
- > **They will first protect people** from injury by removing all persons from the danger zone. If a fire doesn't already exist, they will remove any sources of ignition.
- > **They will help people in distress.**
- > **They will eliminate the natural gas source.** If it is possible to do so from the location of the emergency, they will. In many cases, the natural gas must be shut off at a remote location. It's important for you to know that our employees are responsible for operating the valves that isolate the affected facilities.

Is your group or agency interested in viewing a presentation or additional information? Call 1-712-551-2565 and ask about setting up additional public education.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN

The Automatic Payment Plan allows you to have your monthly utility and/or cable/telephone bill automatically deducted from your bank account. We will continue to send you a copy of your utility or cable/telephone bill(s), but it will indicate "Paid at Bank". The billing will be deducted from your account 10 days after the billing date on the statement and will appear on your monthly statement from your financial institution. If you are on the level payment plan (budget-billing), you may want to consider using the automatic payment plan to make your monthly payment. If you are interested in the automatic payment plan, contact the City Offices at 551-2565 to learn more.

If you are interested, simply complete the Automatic Payment Plan Authorization Agreement below.

Mark the type of account to indicate whether your payment should be withdrawn from your checking or savings account and the account number.

Select the type of billing(s) you wish to have paid by Automatic Payment.

Fill in your bank name and location.

Print your name and address.

Sign the form and date it.

Attach a deposit slip or voided check.

I authorize the City of Hawarden and the designated financial institution to initiate automatic electronic debit entries from the account specified below for my:

_____ Utility Bill (Acct. # as it appears on your bill _____)

_____ Cable/Telephone Bill (Telephone # 551-_____)

Please indicate the account to be used (only one, checking or savings)

Or

Checking Acct #	Or	Savings Acct #
Financial Institution		Customer's Name
City and State		Street Address
Transit/ABA Routing #		City, State, Zip Code

I understand that this authority will remain in effect until cancelled in writing by the City of Hawarden, the

financial institution designated, or by myself.

Date

Account Holder Signature

Community Events — Sponsored by the City Recreation Department

Youth Summer Recreation Program

Baseball & Softball for Kindergarten – 6th grade boys and girls (06/07 school year). Cost is \$20. 3 Separate Leagues

Peewee league: Kindergarten & 1st grade (Includes TK students)

Little League: 2nd & 3rd grade

Junior League: 4th – 6th grade

Practices will be held on Mondays & Wednesdays and games on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Baseball & softball schedules will be handed out in school closer to date. We also offer Golf for 5th – 8th grade boys and girls. The golf season begins Wednesday, May 30th. Registration forms can be picked up at the City Offices or at the West Sioux Schools.

Registration Deadline May 1, 2007.

T-Ball

Dates for the four-week t-ball program are Monday June 4, 11, 18, & 25. All four and five year olds are encouraged to attend. All boys & girls will come from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., meet on the South Field. This program will be held at the little league fields located by the WSHS. No fee or registration is required. Summer recreation staff will conduct all practices / games.

Swimming Lessons

The Hawarden Swimming Pool is offering lessons this coming summer for Levels I – VII. Level I-IV will run July 9th – 20th and Level V – VII will run June 11th – 22nd. Cost is \$20 for Hawarden residents and \$25 for non-residents.

Registration forms can be picked up at the City Offices or the West Sioux Schools. **Deadline is Friday, June 1st.**

Coed Adult Softball League

The Recreation Department is looking for teams interested in participating in a slow-pitch softball league. The league will start in May and run through July. To register a team, contact the recreation dept at 551-4412

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be holding a book sale on Saturday, April 14th as part of the city-wide garage sales. The sale begins at 8:30 a.m. and runs through 12:30 p.m. During the last half hour, you may bring a bag and fill it for \$5.00.

CITY OF HAWARDEN INSTALLS PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR (PAD)

The City of Hawarden has installed a Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) in the hallway between the Community Center, City offices and Wee Care Daycare Center. It is our intention to improve the survival rate during sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). The only definitive treatment for SCA is a defibrillation shock — an electrical pulse through the heart — which restores a normal heart rhythm. The chance of an SCA victim's survival decreases by 10% for every minute that passes, so in order to be effective, defibrillation treatment must be administered within the first few minutes of SCA.

We felt that a good place for an AED would be the City Hall because of the traffic that goes through here. People come in and pay their utility bills, meet with City officials, renew their driver licenses and attend City Council meetings. There are also many events held at the Community Center; plus the Wee Care Daycare facility is connected to the

building giving them access to the AED as well.

The PAD was paid for through various sources. The Iowa Department of Health, through its AED Grand Program is funding 50% of the project. The Farmers State Bank and Agency contributed a \$500 grant towards this project, and the balance of the funding and future maintenance will be budgeted for by the City of Hawarden.

Today new generations of defibrillators, called automated external defibrillators (AEDs) make it possible for trained lay rescuers to deliver defibrillation. The new AEDs are safer, effective, lightweight and low maintenance. If you are interested in learning CPR and AED use or just have questions about the new defibrillator, please contact Jerry Wilson at the City offices at 5512-2565.

HAPP NEWS

Coming Events — The Community Events Committee will be hosting the Culpepper Merriweather Circus on July 1, 2007. Watch Channel 10 for dates of advance tickets sales and more details.