

# Hawarden Newsletter

## “WATER WATCH” FOR THE CITY OF HAWARDEN

The City of Hawarden is currently on a “Water Watch”. The following criteria will apply:

1. No watering is allowed between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm and is restricted to 2 times per week. Houses and businesses facing north and east may water on Tuesdays and Saturday nights. Houses and businesses facing south and west may water on Wednesdays and Sunday nights.
2. No water may be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks or building exteriors or other non-essential watering done.
3. No water should be used for non-essential cleaning of commercial and industrial equipment, machinery and interior spaces.

This “Water Watch” will be in effect until further notice.

## CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!!

Before you begin any excavation project, call the Iowa One-Call Center. This service is available to you free of charge so that you can proceed safely with any digging, trenching, blasting, excavating, drilling, plowing, boring, grading, or using an auger. Never guess where a pipeline is located. If you ever damage or hit a [City of Hawarden](#) pipeline, no matter how minor the contact may seem, call [the City of Hawarden at 712-551-2565](#) immediately so the damage can be assessed. **Before excavating, please call either 811 or 1-800-292-8989 to reach the Iowa One Call Center. Both phone numbers are toll free.**

Anytime you plan to dig, whether as part of a construction job or homeowner project such as erecting a fence, planting trees or shrubs, installing a pool or basketball hoop, building a home addition or deck, putting in a new driveway, installing a septic system, sprinkler system or water drainage system, or terracing, the law requires that you call the “One Call” notification service at least 48 hours prior to that first shovel full. The 48-hour timeline will commence only during normal business days between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and does not include weekends or legal holidays. The 48-hour timeline on calls after 5:00 p.m. will begin at 7:00 a.m. the following business day.

The One Call Center will contact [the City of Hawarden](#) so that locate personnel can mark underground natural gas piping, electric and phone lines, and water locations with flags or paint within 48 hours of your call (excluding weekends and holidays). Please understand that during [the City of Hawarden’s](#) location process, we mark only city-owned underground gas, electric, water and phone locations. Customer-owned underground facilities such as gas piping running to grills and garages, outbuildings, yard lights and sprinkler systems, for example, will NOT be marked during [the City of](#)

[Hawarden](#) locates. Please seek the services of a qualified private locate contractor to identify the location of customer-owned underground gas piping and other underground lines.

Marking utility lines helps protect you and your neighbors from potential fire hazards or explosions from punctured natural gas lines, high voltage shocks from buried electrical lines, service interruptions as well as interruptions to critical services like 911. Those digging without having utility lines marked will be liable for any damages caused by the excavation. Iowa's One Call service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The call and the services are free. Why take the risk, plus it's the law.

#### **SAFETY REMINDER — CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that every home have at least one carbon monoxide detector with an audible alarm signal installed near the sleeping area of your home. It could save your life and the lives of others in your home. If you suspect the presence of carbon monoxide in your home call the City Offices at 551-2565 and we will check it for you. This is a free service to all of our gas customers.

**NOTICE:** No bicycles, skateboards or roller blades are allowed on the sidewalks in the 3-block downtown area of Hawarden.

### **IF YOU LIVE OR WORK NEAR A PIPELINE -- HOW CAN YOU TELL WHERE A PIPELINE IS LOCATED?**

Since natural gas pipelines are underground, line markers are used to indicate the approximate location of the pipelines. However, these markers do not indicate how deep the pipeline is buried. Also, the route can take twists and turns between markers. Never assume the pipeline lies in a straight line. Always call the Iowa One-Call Center at either **811** or **1-800-292-8989** before digging. It is a crime for any person to deliberately damage, destroy or remove any pipeline sign or right-of-way marker. Pipelines can lose cover through natural erosion or other forces. Certain types of deep farming activities require advanced notification. Some examples are: chisel plowing, waterway work, and tiling. If you observe indicators that a pipeline is shallow or exposed, contact the [City of Hawarden at 1-712-551-2565](#).

#### **WHAT IS A PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY?**

A pipeline right-of-way is the strip of land over a pipeline. The right-of-way agreement between our Utility and the property owner is called an easement. Easements provide our Utility with permanent, limited access to the land to enable us to operate, test, inspect, maintain and protect our pipeline.

#### **CAN I BUILD/DIG ON A RIGHT-OF-WAY?**

Pipeline right-of-way must be kept free from structures and other obstructions. If a pipeline crosses your property, please do not plant trees or shrubs on or near the right-of-way without first having our Utility personnel mark the pipeline, stake the easement and explain construction guidelines to you.

#### **WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I DETECT A GAS LEAK IN MY HOME?**

If you suspect a natural gas leak inside your home or on your service line, immediately evacuate the premises and contact [the City of Hawarden at 1-712-551-2565](#).

### **SIGNS OF A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE LEAK --**

Leaks from a natural gas pipeline are extremely rare. Year after year the national Transportation

Safety Board statistics support the industry's safety record. However, it is important to know how to recognize the signs of a leak if one were to occur in your area.

**CALL RIGHT AWAY IF YOU:**

**SEE:**

- Vegetation over or near the pipeline, which appears to be dead or dying for no apparent reason.
- Water bubbling at a creek, pond, river or any wet area.
- Dirt being blown or appearing thrown into the air.
- Fire or explosion near or involving the pipeline.
- Exposed pipeline, which may have been caused by a natural disaster such as a flood or earthquake.

**HEAR:**

- A hissing, whistling, or roaring sound.

**SMELL:**

- Natural gas is usually colorless and odorless; your Utility odorizes the gas with an additive to give it a slight "rotten egg" smell.

**STEPS YOU SHOULD TAKE IF YOU SUSPECT A GAS LEAK**

1. If you suspect a leaking or damaged pipeline, leave the area immediately and warn others to stay away.
2. If you suspect your excavation equipment has struck a pipeline, do not attempt to move the equipment. Shut the equipment off and leave the area.
3. Once away from the pipeline, call [the City of Hawarden at 1-712-551-2565](tel:1-712-551-2565), as well as your local fire or police department.
4. **DO NOT** operate anything that may ignite a gas leak (cellular telephones, lighters, flashlights, vehicle ignition, two-way radios, light switches, garage door openers, etc.)
5. **DO NOT** go near the area. Keep others away from the site.
6. **DO NOT** attempt to shut off any valves or extinguish any fires.

## **HAPP NEWS**

**Community Events** — Big Sioux River Labor Day Celebration — August 31, September 1, 2, & 3. The Committee is busy working on this upcoming event. If you are interested in participating in the parade on Monday, September 3rd, please contact the HAPP Office at 551-4433.

**Retail Committee** — A special thank you to all our sponsors who purchased tickets for the circus. The event was a huge success. Crazy Days Gas Card Winners: Mike Bockelman, Al Mace, Karen Huenink, Pam Kallsen, Gary Buryanek, Bernice Jurgenson, Ann Wasser, Frankie Harry, Bonnie Hagan, Linda Merrick, Heather Wakeman, Roxanne Winterfeld, Margaret Ann Scott, Barb Ericson, Jeannette Bedard, Ryan Waterman and Jim Kinney.

**Organization Committee** — August 4th — 4-Man Best Ball Golf Tournament with a 11:00 a.m. start. Contact Brian Engleman at 551-4444 to register.

HAPP will be hosting a Community round Table with Congressman King. Contact our office at 551-4433 for details.

## **HAWARDEN AMBULANCE TO OFFER EMT-B CLASS**

The Hawarden Ambulance will be hosting an Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (EMT-B) class that starts September 24<sup>th</sup>. This class will teach the skills needed to perform on the ambulance squad at the basic level. Classes will be held at the Hawarden Fire hall Mondays and Thursdays in the evenings between 7 and 10 pm with some exceptions for holidays. The classes will last until the middle of March.

This course teaches students the overall roles and responsibilities of the EMT-Basic; an overview of anatomy and physiology; assessment of injuries and illness; cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); control of bleeding and shock; care of muscular skeletal injuries, medical emergencies childbirth, assisting patients with their medications, monitoring intravenous (IV) fluids and properly moving and transporting patients to the emergency department.

Have you ever seen the ambulance parked outside of the hospital, racing somewhere or parked at an accident scene? Maybe you have thought about joining the ambulance squad. Do you have at least one or two days a month to give to your community? If so now is the best time to join! Everyone, including bilingual people and students age 18 by EMT-B class end is encouraged to apply. If interested in the classes please register early.

The class is free for those who are willing to run on the ambulance squad. Please contact Jerry Wilson, EMS Director at the City offices for more details.

### **Community Events**

Sponsored by the City Recreation Department

Director: Jami Dekkers

Phone #: 551-4412

### **Youth Padded Football League**

As summer activities come to an end the football season is fast approaching. The youth padded football program is open to all 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade WS students. The league will run for approximately six weeks, practices will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00-7:30 pm. and games will be played on Saturday mornings. The first practice will be held on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The fitting of equipment is scheduled for **Thursday, August 16, 2007** from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the NE corner of the WSHS. If this date absolutely does not work for your child please contact the Hawarden Recreation Dept. as soon as possible so other arrangements can be made, 551-4412.

Registration deadline is **Friday, August 10, 2007**. All registration forms and payment must be returned to the city offices by the deadline. No one will be fitted or registered until forms are complete and payment made in full. If you have any questions contact Jami Dekkers at 551-4412 or Todd Ericson at 551-2365.

**Hawarden Swimming Pool** – will be closing for the season on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Thank you for your support, have a great school year!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pooch Paddle**

Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Bring your dog out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pooch Paddle at the Hawarden Swimming Pool (1 dog per adult). Last year we had 35 dogs attend. Spend a little time with your four-legged friend and bring them for a swim. This event is free of charge!

**55 & Up Field Trip**

We will be taking a trip to the Clay County Fair in Spencer, IA on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Admission prices: 64 & under \$7.00 / seniors 65 & over is \$5.00. We will depart from the east side of the Hawarden Community Center at 9:00 am and will return around 4:00 pm. Individuals will be responsible for their admission price and lunch. Transportation cost is \$5.00. To register call Jami at 551-4412. Registration deadline is Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Pajama Story Hour** – The library will hold a pajama story hour on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The story hour is for preschool through kindergarten. Please call the library to register --551-2244.

**Wireless internet** is now available at the library. You can use your laptop here but must abide by library internet policy. Call the library at 551-2244 for details.