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Hawarden Newsletter

Snow Parking Ordinance

With the change of the seasons upon us, the Hawarden Police Department would like to remind the citizens of Hawarden of the winter parking rules. The Hawarden Municipal Code states “no person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or city-owned off street parking area through the duration of any snowfall, snowstorm, or ice storm, and the twelve hour period after the cessation of the same, except upon streets which have been fully opened.”

The reason this is in effect is so th city crews can clean all of the streets without any vehicles obstructing the streets. Failure to remove vehicles from the streets will result in a parking ticket being issued to the vehicle owner with a fine of \$20.00. There is also the possibility of the vehicle being towed at the owner’s expense.

The Hawarden Police Department recommends that all vehicle owners make plans early on where they will park their vehicles so there is not a problem at the last minute. The vehicles can be parked back on the roadway only if the street is cleared from curb to curb. If there is an emergency, and the vehicle cannot possibly be moved, the owner should contact the police department so we can make appropriate arrangements.

LET YOUR SNIFFER KEEP YOU SAFE

Natural gas itself does not have an odor, so to make leaks easily detectable, an unpleasant odorant is added to natural gas. Being able to detect a natural gas leak is important because escaping or uncontrolled natural gas presents two dangers:

- 1) It may ignite if it comes in contact with a spark or flame.
- 2) It can displace oxygen, which is potentially fatal.

Keep your family and coworkers safe around natural gas:

1) If you smell gas, leave the premises immediately and contact the City Offices immediately from a telephone or cell phone **at another location**. After hours call Brian Warner, Gas Foreman, at 551-6622, Jeff Schurman at 551-3839, or Tom Kane, Director of Public Works, at 551-1233. In an emergency call the Hawarden Hospital at 551-3100 and they will contact City Personnel for you.

2) Avoid doing anything that might produce static or sparks, such as touching any electrical switches, telephones (including cell phones), or smoking. Do not turn light switches on and do not use any telephone on the premises. Leave the area entirely.

3) To make sure all of your gas appliances – clothes dryer, water heater, furnace or stove – are operating properly, contact a qualified plumbing and heating dealer for an inspection.

4) Make sure no clothing, paper, rags, flammable substances or debris are near any gas appliance.

DANGER - IF YOU SMELL GAS:

1. LEAVE THE HOUSE IMMEDIATELY.
 2. DON'T LIGHT A MATCH.
 3. DON'T TURN ON ANY LIGHTS.
 4. DON'T TURN ON ANY SWITCHES OR ANYTHING ELECTRICAL.
 5. DON'T USE YOUR HOUSE PHONE OR YOUR CELL PHONE FROM INSIDE YOUR HOUSE.
- GO OUTSIDE TO A NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE AND CALL THE CITY OFFICES AT 551-2565. AFTER HRS PLEASE CALL BRIAN WARNER AT 551-6622, JEFF SCHURMAN AT 551-3839, OR TOM KANE AT 551-1233. IN AN EMERGENCY CALL THE HAWARDEN HOSPITAL AT 551-3100.

NOTICE: If you depend on any life-sustaining equipment such as an oxygen machine, a sleep monitor, apnea monitor, or any other life-sustaining equipment, please call Carol at the City offices, 551-2565, so we can update our records.

Every Home Needs a Carbon Monoxide Detector

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.

HITEC Customer Notice:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires HITEC to notify all customers of their rights to restrict the use of their **Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI)**. CPNI is defined as a customer's individual information that relates to the quantity, technical configuration, type, destination and amount of use of your telecommunications service, including the information contained in your bill. CPNI does **not** include your published directory information or any information that is already in the public domain, such as your name, address or published telephone number. CPNI would include information about which services you purchase, the amount of your bill or any call detail information. CPNI can be used for certain purposes without your permission such as offering you new or enhanced services that relate to the services to which you currently subscribe, law enforcement, directory listings, mass marketing, in-house mailings, and exchange of customer information for the purpose of inter-carrier billing.

Effective December 8, 2007, HITEC will implement a new procedure to protect the privacy of HITEC customer's information. A password will be required

before any “call detail information” will be released during a customer-initiated telephone call. This means before any account information can be given over the phone by a HITEC representative the account holder will need to establish a password and will be required to provide that password each time the account holder calls in to HITEC. Ensuring the privacy of customer information is very important to us and setting up a password is designed to protect your information from those who might try to gain access to it.

Opt- Out Consent for Marketing Communication HITEC respects your privacy and observes the privacy rules established by the FCC, the State Public Utility Commission and other telecom oversight agencies. We will never sell your account information or provide details of your telephone calls to other parties, unless required by law enforcement.

On occasion we would like to notify you of additional products & services available from us outside the existing business relationship we have with you. For example, if you have our local phone service, you might be interested in learning about our long distance or cable service. You have the right to be excluded from these marketing campaigns.

If it is acceptable to receive information about additional products & services, you need do nothing. If you want to be excluded please notify HITEC at 712-551-2565 within 30 days and we will screen you from all HITEC marketing material for the next two years. Thank you for being a HITEC customer.

Community Events

Sponsored by the City Recreation Department

Director: Jami Dekkers—Phone #: 551-4412

55 & Up Field Trip – Winn-A-Vegas Casino in Sloan, IA

Wednesday, January 9th. Cost is \$5.00. Senior Citizen Day - receive \$5.00 in free quarters.

Enjoy the Winn-A-Vegas coin drop machines!

Everyone will be responsible for their own lunch. Depart: 8:30 am, Return: 4:00 pm

To register call 551-4412. Deadline: Monday, January 7th.

Great Bear Ski/Snowboard/Tubing Trip – Friday, January 11, 2008. All 6th – 12th grade students are invited to attend the Great Bear trip in Sioux Falls, SD. The cost of the trip depends on whether you would like to ski, snowboard, or tube. Registration forms can be picked up at the High school or the city offices. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 9th.

Teen Night at Sportsman’s Lanes — Saturday, January 12th at Sportsman’s Lanes. We will be open from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. for all Middle School students and 9:00 – Midnight

for all High School students. Cost is \$10 at the door and that includes bowling, pizza, pop, pool tables, & darts. Sponsored by the Hawarden Rec. Dept & Sportsman's Lanes.

After-School Bowling League — There will be a youth bowling league starting January 14th, 16th, & 17th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at Sportsman's Lanes. The league is offered for K – 8th grade students and will run for four consecutive weeks. Cost is \$10 / person. Registration forms are available at the schools and the Hawarden city offices. Sponsored by the Hawarden Rec. Dept. and Sportsman's Lanes. Deadline is Friday, January 11th.

Open Gym – At the West Sioux High School on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-2:30 pm. Families are encouraged to attend together. Students who come without a parent will be charged \$1. Children under the age of seven must be accompanied by an adult.
Dates: November 26th – March 11th (there will be no open gym on Dec. 24th)

HAPP News

HAPP's Community Events Committee would like to thank all who participated in this year's Festival of Trees. It was another successful event thanks to all the dedicated volunteers and we look forward to next year.

Organization Committee – 2008 Election Ballots will soon be arriving to all the HAPP members, please take a moment to vote and return ballots to the HAPP Office. Positions up for election are HAPP Vice-President, Community Events Chairperson, Development Committee Vice-Chair, Development Committee At-Large-Member (2) positions.

HAPP Annual Banquet is set for January 12, 2008. This year's speaker is Pat McGill from Okoboji, IA. Ticket prices remain at \$25 and are now on sale, contact the HAPP Office at 551-4433 for details.

Garbage & Recycling Pickup Guidelines

Garbage and recyclables are to be put out at the curb by 7:00 am on the designated pick-up day for each household. If your garbage is not at the curb when the truck comes, it will not be picked up until the following week. The truck will **not** stop twice.

Also please note: According to City Ordinance, it is required that all garbage containers have handles and lids so the trash can be collected without spilling or the contents blown away. Thank you for your cooperation.

Home Heating Safety

Home heating equipment was involved in an estimated 62,000 home fires in 2005, according to the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The cost of these fires is more than just property damage. The cost includes roughly 700 lives and roughly 1,500 injuries.

Home heating fires are largely preventable when you know the rules. **The Hawarden Fire Department's** goal is to reduce the number of home-heating fires in our

community. But we need your help. We are urging area families to use extra caution this winter when heating your home.

The majority of heating fire deaths are caused by space heaters! Most heating fires are caused by creosote build-up in the chimney.

To help keep our community safe and warm this season, **the Hawarden Fire Department** recommends that you follow these guidelines:

Space heaters need space. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.

Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.

Inspect for cracked, frayed or broken plugs or loose connections. Replace before using.

Have your chimney inspected each year and cleaned if necessary.

Use a sturdy fireplace screen.

Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container.

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection consider interconnecting all smoke alarms throughout the home — when one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

Never use an oven to heat your home.

With simple precautions, help us meet our goal of decreasing home-heating fires this winter.

***BEST WISHES FOR
A HAPPY &
PROSPEROUS
2008!!***

*City of Hawarden Mayor, Council
and Staff*