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Hawarden Newsletter

Call Before You Dig

Please use the new national 811 phone number to contact Iowa One Call before you begin any digging project at your home or place of business. Please note this change — No longer call the City Offices for digging locates.

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, and 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 Iowa One Call at either **811 or**

1-800-292-8989 with your address and a brief description of the work area. Both phone numbers are toll free. **Remember to call at least 48 business hours before any excavation or digging work is scheduled to begin.**

NOTICE TO MOTORCYCLE AND 4-WHEEL RIDERS

With the nice weather coming, many people are getting "spring fever". More and more motorcycles and 4-wheelers are being ridden, and this has prompted the Hawarden Police Department to release some information concerning motorcycles and 4-wheelers.

In an attempt to stop riders from riding on private property, the Hawarden Police Department will be enforcing trespassing laws if a violation is reported. Citizens who have a complaint or see a violation are encouraged to call the Hawarden Police Department. Citizens are encouraged to give their name, address, and time of the call. They are also asked to give a description of the motorcycle or 4-wheeler they are complaining about.

These calls will be followed up, and if the Police find the person or persons responsible for the violations, a citation will be issued. If a person is a juvenile and is charged with trespassing, they are required to go to juvenile court. If they are 18 or over they will have to appear in magistrate court and pay a fine.

There is not any public land available for motorcycles and 4-wheelers to be ridden on. The land along the railroad tracks, the pit areas, city parks, and even the road-side ditches are off-limits to these vehicles. The only place to ride these “off-road” vehicles is on privately-owned land, with the land-owner’s permission. To be ridden on the streets or in the right-of-ways, they must be ridden by a licensed driver and be a licensed vehicle.

If there are any questions in regard to motorcycles and 4-wheelers, please direct them to the Hawarden Police Department.

PLEASE RECYCLE

Think before you throw it away – please recycle! Hawarden’s recycling days are the second and fourth Fridays of the month for the areas from 10th Street to 16th Street and Avenue E to Hwy K-18. All other areas in town are picked up the first and third Fridays of the month. Recycling stickers are available at the City Office. If you haven’t been recycling, now is a good time to start. The landfills are always getting fuller and everyone needs a place to go with their garbage. If it gets further away from here, the costs will continue to grow.

When you throw something in your home away, ask yourself if it can be recycled. Although you don’t see something once it is thrown away, what you throw away affects our environment and our solid waste rates. **Please help support Hawarden’s Recycling Program.**

HAPP NEWS

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! The Circus is coming to town.

Sunday July 1st. Show times 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm

The Big Top will set up at the Community Center Parking Lot.

Advance tickets: Adults \$8.00 Children \$6.00

Tickets on Circus day: Adults \$11.00 Children: \$7.00

Tickets will go on sale soon. For more details contact the HAPP Office at 551-4433.

Sponsored by Community Events

Committee.

Proceeds will fund the Labor Day Fireworks Project.

The Retail Committee has set July 12th as Side Walks Sales.

Community Events

Sponsored by the City Recreation Department

Director: Jami Dekkers

Phone # 551-4412

Movie Trip ‘Shrek the Third’ (Friday, June 8th)

Kindergarten – 5th grade, 12:15 pm – 3:30 pm, Fee: \$6. Let’s beat the heat and enjoy a matinee at the Holland Plaza in Orange City. **Deadline is Friday, June 1st.**

“Under the Sea” Summer Camp (June 11th & 12th)

3 – 5 years olds, 10 am – Noon (2 days) at the City Park, Fee: \$15.00. Kids will make creative summer crafts, play games, enjoy snacks and have a fun time interacting with peers. (Maximum 20) **Deadline Monday, June 4th.**

Miniature Golf Trip (Friday, June 15th)

Kindergarten – 5th grade, 10 am – 2:30pm, Fee: \$5.00. We will stop at Country Drive Mini Golf and play a round of miniature golf and then stop at McDonalds for lunch. **Deadline Friday, June 8th.**

Arnold’s Park Trip (Friday, June 22nd)

1st – 5th grade, 9:30 am – 5 pm, Fee: \$18. We will travel to Okoboji to visit Arnolds Park and play games and enjoy the various amusement rides. Bring a sack lunch. **Deadline is Friday, June 15th.**

Great Plains Zoo Trip (Friday, June 29th)

Kindergarten – 5th grade, 9 am – 2:30 p.m., Fee: \$6.00. We will be eating our sack lunch at the Sertoma Park in Sioux Falls. **Deadline Friday, June 22nd.**

Pool Party (Tuesday, July 10th)

4th – 8th grade, 8 pm – 10 pm, at the Hawarden Pool, Fee: \$5. Come enjoy a night filled with swimming, pizza, and games. **Deadline is Tuesday, July 3rd.**

Wild Water West (Friday, July 20th)

3rd – 8th grade, 10 am – 4 pm, Fee: \$16. The Caribbean Falls Paradise is filled with water cannons, rope bridges, net crawls, and water slides. **Deadline is Friday, July 13th.**

Chuck E. Cheese Trip (Tuesday, July 24th)

Kindergarten – 5th grade, 10:30 am – 3 pm, Fee: \$10 includes 2 slices of pizza, pop, 20 tokens, & transportation. **Deadline is Tuesday, July 17th.**

Beach Bonanza (Friday, July 27th)

3rd – 8th grade, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm, Fee: \$5. We will be heading to the Yankton Beach for a day in the water. Lifeguards will be provided. **Deadline is Friday, July 20th.**

Boys Trip Out! “Paintball Party” (Thursday, August 2nd)

Ages: 10 & older, 10:00 am – 3 pm, Fee: \$15 includes rental fee, paintballs, & transportation. The boys will enjoy a paintball party and lunch at McDonalds in Sioux Falls. **Deadline is Thursday, July 26th.**

Girls Day Out! “Manicures & Pedicures & Ice Cream” (Wednesday, August 8th)

5th – 8th grade girls, 12:15 pm – 4:30 pm, Fee Options: \$7 manicure only, \$14 pedicure only, \$21 manicure & pedicure. After getting pampered at the LeMars Beauty School we will stop and have ice cream at the Wells Dairy Center. **Deadline is Wednesday, August 1st.**

WHAT DOES THE PUBLIC LIBRARY HAVE TO OFFER?

Have you visited your Hawarden Public Library lately? If you haven't, take some time and find out what your library has to offer. If you are a daytime visitor, sit down and read one of the five daily or weekly newspapers to which the library subscribes. You can find the latest news at the library by logging onto the internet also. The library has several internet computers that are available for use, after agreeing to library policy. If you are a magazine reader, pick up one of the 100+ magazines at the library. Older issues may be checked out and read at home.

Planning a trip? The library has a growing and ever-changing collection of books on tape or books on CD-Rom. These may be checked out for 3 weeks at a time. The library has many travel guides for you to use also. If we don't have the one that you want, we will try to find the information for you through "interlibrary loans". This is a great service that allows us to borrow books from other libraries within the State of Iowa and throughout other states as well.

If you just want to relax with a good book, you'll always find the best sellers and classics at the Hawarden Public Library. Books check out for 3 weeks and usually may be renewed if no other person has requested the book. All of our materials are located in the library catalog. You can use it at the library or you can log on at home through the library's web site:
www.hawardenlibrary.org.

Preschool story hours and children's programming are a big part of our library. We have a wonderful selection of children's materials. Our summer reading programs begin the first week of June. Make sure that you register your kids for "Laugh it up at the Library". It's going to be fun"

The library also has a great selection of movies. The library is just beginning it's collection of DVD's and has over 100 to choose from. Our collection of videos number over 900 titles. Stop by the library soon, we have morning, afternoon and evening hours.

Have questions that need an answer? Your local library provides ready reference service for the needs of the community. Just call us at 551-2244 and we will try to find answers to your questions.

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

- Weeds or grasses in excess of 10" in height.
- Noxious weeds.
- Accumulations of junk and other refuse.
- Piles of branches and shrubs.
- 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.
- Conditions which are conducive to the harboring or breeding of vermin.

- Trees which overhang more than 15 feet above the traveled portion of any street, or 8 feet above any sidewalk.
- Dilapidated and/or unsafe structures.
- 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.