

City of Hawarden
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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 the 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.

GAS LEAKS – A SERIOUS CONCERN

Gas is an odorless and colorless gas that presents a serious safety concern in your home and business if a leak occurs. The City Gas Department adds odorant into the system so that leaks can be detected. Here are a few natural gas safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

1. Always operate gas appliances in accordance with manufacturer’s recommendations.
2. If you suspect a leak, immediately call the Hawarden Municipal Gas Department at 551-2565 for aid.
3. If you smell gas, avoid flame and operation of electric switches or appliances.
4. If odor is extremely strong, evacuate the building and call for help from another location.
5. Insure that only a qualified person turns gas back on and relights appliances.
6. Be aware of symptoms of illness from inadequate air supply. They include: headaches, ringing in the ears, vomiting, fluttering or throbbing of the heart. These symptoms could mean a problem with chimney exhaust.

If you suspect an exhaust problem, get fresh air, shut off the gas, and have the problem checked by an expert.

If you smell gas at your residence, call the City Offices at 551-2565 and they will send the Gas Department to check out the problem, free of charge. 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.

CARBON MONOXIDE TESTERS — Are They Necessary? Yes They Are!
 Everywhere you read these days talks about carbon monoxide and the dangers associated with it. How serious can it be? And what should I look out for? Hopefully the following article will help answer some of those questions.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, highly toxic gas that is produced by incomplete combustion. It is important to know that carbon monoxide is deadly from the toxicity standpoint long before it reaches the combustible range. It comes from appliances that consume coal, oil, wood, propane gas, natural gas, and other hydrocarbon-based fuels. It is absorbed by the hemoglobin of the blood cells and replaces the oxygen of the red blood cells that your body needs. When carbon monoxide replaces enough oxygen, your body begins to suffocate from the inside out and may cause brain damage, coma, or later, death.

The carbon monoxide concentrations and the effects from the concentrations vary from different levels of carbon monoxide and the exposure time. If you feel you have carbon monoxide in your building, you may call your local plumber or the City Offices to test your home for carbon monoxide. Effects can vary significantly based on age, weight and overall state of health. For more information about carbon monoxide you may go to our website by logging on to: www.cityofhawarden.com

CONCENTRATION	EFFECTS
9 parts per million	The maximum allowable concentration for short-term exposure in a living area according to the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers
35 parts per million	The maximum allowable concentration for continuous exposure in any 8-hour period, according to federal law.
200 parts per million	Slight headache, tiredness, dizziness, nausea after 2-3 hours
400 parts per million	Frontal headaches within 1-2 hours, life threatening after 3 hours, also maximum parts per million in flue gas according to EPA and American Gas Association
800 parts per million	Dizziness, nausea and convulsions within 45 minutes. Unconsciousness within 2 hours, death within 2-3 hours.
1,600 parts per million	Headache, dizziness and nausea within 20 minutes, death within 1 hour.
3,200 parts per million	Headache, dizziness and nausea within 5-10 minutes, death within 30 minutes.
6,400 parts per million	Headache, dizziness and nausea within 1-2 minutes, death within 10-15 minutes.

12,800 parts per million Death within 1-3 minutes.

**If you suspect a problem please call your local plumber.
Or you may call the City Offices at 551-2565 to test your home at no charge to you.**

HAPP NEWS

Christmas Scrip Sales - \$20,000 worth of scrip money will be available. \$100 value for \$85.00 – sold at a 15% Discount. Limit of \$100 per adult. **Sale date:** November 15th & 16th 8am – 4pm.

Available at the HAPP Office, 1150 Central Ave.

Retail Committee has set November 29, 2007 as Holiday Open House. They will also bring back Photo with Santa that evening from 5pm – 7pm at Booth Pharmacy. Cost is \$1.00 for each 4x6 photo.

Festival of Trees & Silent Auction – Looking for designers to display trees or donate decorated wreaths or door swags during the Festival of Trees, December 8, 2007. **Early registration drawing:** The first 15 individuals to register and display tree or wreath/door swag will be eligible for one of (3) \$10.00 HAPP Scrip. Deadline for early registration is November 12th. Drawing will take place on December 8th. Contact the HAPP Office at 551-4433 or email happ2@cityofhawarden.com to register.

Festival of Trees Sneak Peak Luncheon – December 7, 2007. Serving time 11:00 am – 1:00pm. Tickets will go on sale soon. For more information contact the HAPP Office at 551-4433.

Mark your calendar: January 12, 2008 HAPP's Annual Banquet.

LIBRARY NEWS

Children's Book Week will be celebrated with a program by puppeteer and ventriloquist, Lisa Laird, at the Hawarden Public Library on Tuesday, November 13th at 3:45 p.m. Children from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to attend.

Christian/Inspirational author Nicole Baart of Sioux Center, Iowa will talk about her new book, AFTER THE LEAVES FALL, published in October '07, on Tuesday, November 20th at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Books will be offered for sale and there will be a signing. Refreshments will be served. Check out Nicole's blog on the library web site: www.hawarden.lib.is.us (Your library has a copy of the book)

There will be a **Preschool Thanksgiving Story Hour** on Tuesday, November 20th at 10:30 a.m. at the library. Call 551-2244 to register your preschooler.

The library hours will be shortened during the week of Nov. 5 - 10. The library will be undergoing a software change and upgrade. The library will be CLOSED on Thursday, November 8. On the other days of that week, hours are shortened. Pick up a schedule at

the library.

The Sioux County Newspapers are now online and searchable at your Hawarden Public Library. Stop by for more information on this new service.

Community Events
Sponsored by the City Recreation Department
Director: Jami Dekkers
Phone #: 551-4412

Chuck E. Cheese Youth Trip

Monday, November 12th in Sioux Falls. This trip is for all students in TK – 5th grade. Cost is \$10.00 includes 2 slices of pizza, pop, 20 tokens, and transportation. This bus will leave at 10:30 am and will return at 2:45 p.m. Registration forms available at the school and the city offices. **Deadline: Thursday, November 8th.**

After-School Bowling League

There will be a youth bowling league starting November 19th, 20th, & 21st 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, November 16th.**

Family Day at Sportsman's Lanes

Saturday, November 24, 2007 – Starting at 1:00 pm.

Rent a lane for your family and friends for \$10/hour (up to 8 people per lane). Colored pin prizes through out the day as well as food specials. Come and enjoy a day of family fun. Sponsored by the Hawarden Rec. Dept & Sportsmans Lanes.

Walkers Welcome

The West Sioux High School is open from 6:30-8:00 am and 3:15-9:00 pm Monday-Friday and Saturdays from 7am-1pm. For those interested in walking. (Children must be supervised) Use the main entrance on the east side. Questions contact Denny at 551-1181 or Jami at 551-4412.

Open Gym

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 25th – March 9th (there will be no open gym on Dec. 23rd)

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 TOMKANE AT 551-1233. IN AN EMERGENCY CALL THE HAWARDEN HOSPITAL AT 551-3100.**

SAFETY EQUIPMENT NEEDS

Fire/Smoke Detectors: At least one detector on every level of your home/apartment is recommended, preferably near the bedrooms.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors: At least one detector per home/apartment is recommended, preferably near the bedrooms or family room that is frequently used.

Escape Ladders: At least one per home that is accessible from a second story bedroom window.

IF YOU SUSPECT OR DETECT A GAS LEAK

If you suspect or detect a gas leak, please call the Hawarden City Offices at **551-2565** immediately for assistance. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. After business hours call:

Brian Warner, Gas Foreman, at 551-6622,
Jeff Schurman, Gas Assistant, at 551-3839,
Tom Kane, Director of Public Works, at 551-1233

***HAPPY
THANKSGIVING***

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME

**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 3RD.**