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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.

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:

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

Notice Regarding Garbage Containers — 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.

IF YOU ARE AN EXCAVATOR OR PLAN TO DIG --

People doing excavation, digging or grading are the most frequent cause of pipeline damage and failures. Whether you are planning to build a major development or landscape your property, you should protect your safety and the safety of those around

your work site by notifying the **Iowa One Call notification system, at either 811 or 1-800-292-8989, at least 48 hours prior to excavating.**

When notified in advance by the One-Call Center, the **City of Hawarden** gas personnel will stake the exact location of the pipeline. This free service allows you to begin your project with the assurance that your safety will not be compromised and our pipeline will not be damaged.

WHAT IF I DIG AND DISTURB A PIPELINE?

If you hit or contact a pipeline in any way, inform **the City of Hawarden** immediately at **1-712-551-2565**. A gouge, scrape, scratch, dent or crease to a pipe or its coating may cause a future safety problem. It is imperative that **the City of Hawarden** inspects and repairs any damage to our pipeline, no matter how minor it may seem.

WHAT SAFETY PROCEDURES SHOULD YOU TAKE?

When it comes to the safety of you or anyone else near a pipeline, it is important to know the procedures you should take when someone has damaged a pipeline or when you suspect a gas leak. If you or anyone else accidentally damages or suspects a gas leak on a **City of Hawarden** pipeline, follow the procedures below:

1. 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** as well as your local fire or police department.

PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING INFORMATION OR REGISTERING COMPLAINTS WITH HAWARDEN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Persons wanting to request information from or to register complaints with Hawarden Municipal Utilities may do so by contacting: Tom Kane, Superintendent of Public Works, 1150 Central Ave., Hawarden, Iowa, 51023, or call 712-551-2565.

If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety or renewable energy, and Hawarden Municipal Utilities does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Utility Division, Department of Commerce, Lucas State Office Building, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319-0069, or call 515-281-5979 or toll-free 1-877-565-4450.

Library News

A pajama story hour will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 7 p.m. at the library. The story hour is for youngsters from 3 - kindergarten. Hope to see many of you that evening. Call the library for more information at 551-2244.

Our fall story hour season for 3 - 5 year olds begins on Thursday September 20 and runs through October 25. These sessions feature stories, songs, fingerplays, and games. Registration is required so we can have the necessary materials. Call the Hawarden Library at 551-2244. The sessions are held on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

The first book club session will be on September 26 at 10 a.m. Our first book for the new season is the FRIDAY NIGHT KNITTING CLUB by Kate Jacobs. If you are interested in joining us, call the library and ask for Val.

In commemoration of September 11, 2001, the Library will be having a special showing of the movie, FLIGHT 93. The movie will be shown in the library's meeting room at 7 p.m. The movie is a glowing tribute to those modern day heroes whose sacrifice and selflessness can never be forgotten.

Our "After School at the Library" programs will be held on September 11 and September 18. Watch for notes that will come home with your child from school telling about registration.

For more information about any of the activities, call the library at 551-2244.

HAWARDEN AMBULANCE TO OFFER EMT-B CLASS

The Hawarden Ambulance will be hosting an Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (EMT-B) class that starts September 24th. 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
Phone #: 551-4412

55 & Up Field Trip

We will be taking a trip to the Clay County Fair in Spencer, IA on Thursday, September 13th. 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 7th.**

Little League Softball/Baseball Field Renovation Project

After months of planning and budgeting for the \$30,000 little league field renovation project, local construction crews are ready to start. The new field project is quite the undertaking as renovations begin from the ground up complete with new dugouts, red diamond clay infield, leveled and re-seeded fields, and new chain-link fencing around the perimeter of the area. The only thing missing thus far is a sprinkler system, which would be used to ensure up-keep and the life-span of the endeavor.

Upon assessing the current state of the fields, the project was put into motion with the help of local and county grants, as well as secured funding and contributions from the City of Hawarden, the West Sioux Athletic Department, Booth Pharmacy, and Farmers State Bank and Agency. The goal is to construct a facility that promotes and provides a safe and healthy, team-building, entertaining environment for the youth of Hawarden, as well as a social gathering point for the community. Recreational facilities are key in promoting a healthy lifestyle in rural communities and will continue to move Hawarden in the right direction.

Businesses and Citizens of Hawarden, You're On Deck!

The addition of the sprinkler system is estimated at \$5,000 and a local fundraiser is underway to help allocate money. West Sioux sports window decals are available for sale at Booth Pharmacy at the cost of \$3.00. All proceeds will be given to the field renovation project. If anyone would like to contribute, it would be greatly appreciated by the youth in the community. Contact Jami Dekkers at 551-4412 for more information or to donate.

HAWARDEN CITY ELECTION

The following offices will be on the ballot at the Hawarden City Election scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Candidate filing begins on Monday, August 27 and runs through 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 20.

Anyone interested in running for office can pick up the papers at the Hawarden City Clerk's office.

<u>City Office</u>	<u>Year Elected</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
HAWARDEN Mayor	2003	Ricard R. Porter	4 Years
Council Member	2003	Mike Cauwels	4 Years
Council Member	2003	Bob Borchers	4 Years
Hospital Trustee	2003	Glea K. Hamik	4 Years
Hospital Trustee	2003	Matt Hummel	4 Years
Hospital Trustee	2003	Mary Kathy Jacobs	4 Years