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**SUBSTATION SWITCHOVER SUCCESSFUL** The switch to permanent electric equipment was successful at the Sioux Center substation damaged in last November’s electric outage. In late July, contractors and city crews energized the new permanent substation in southwest Sioux Center near Tower Fields. Crews transferred the electric load from the temporary equipment to the new switchgear and the repaired transformer at this substation. The switch went smoothly, according to city utilities manager Murray Hulstein. “We appreciate the hard work and effort put forth by all those who helped during the rebuilding of the substation,” Hulstein said. “We also are grateful to the community for their understanding, patience, and support during the restoration process.” This substation serves Sioux Center electric customers in the entire area that experienced a power outage on November 21. In general, this is central and southern areas of the community. Sioux Center has operated its own municipal electric utility since 1949 and today serves about 2,700 electric customers.

**LET’S GET SOCIAL** Connect with us and stay up-to-date with council updates, road work, community news, and more! You can “Like Us” on Facebook with *City of Sioux Center*, “Follow Us” on Twitter @*SiouxCenterIA* and with Instagram at *SiouxCenter!*



**STOP SIGN ADDED** A new stop sign has been placed at the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> St SW and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW for westbound traffic; this corner is now a 3-way stop. Please make sure you are aware of this addition.

**READ AND DISCUSS** The Sioux Center Public Library is excited to partner with area libraries in Sioux County, including Dordt College, Northwestern College, and Northwest Community College for the One Book One Sioux County event. This is the first year that 8 public and 3 academic libraries in Sioux County are promoting one book to read and build community through book discussions. This year’s book is *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. We encourage you to check out this book at any library and join us in the conversation. William Kent Krueger will also be visiting Sioux County on Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Northwestern College to speak about his work and answer questions. This program is co-sponsored by the Sioux County Board of Supervisors.



**SUCH A LONG NOSE** Audiences will be charmed by the classic tale of PINOCCHIO on August 5 at 6:30 p.m. and August 6 at 2:00 pm at the Te Paske Theatre. The Missoula Children’s Theatre and more than 35 local students bring to life the story of the wooden puppet who longed to become a real, live boy. This original musical adaptation is sure to please audiences of all ages. This production is part of the Missoula Children’s Theatre’s unique international touring project and is presented locally by Sioux Center Arts. Tickets will be available at the door for \$6; ages 3 and under are free. For more information, contact Bethany Wallace at [bethanyw@siouxcenter.org](mailto:bethanyw@siouxcenter.org) or go to [www.siouxcenter.org/arts](http://www.siouxcenter.org/arts).



**MUSIC TO YOUR EARS** Beat the heat and enjoy this air-conditioned entertainment at the Te Paske Theatre on Friday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is **FREE** to the public! Schoolhouse Company performs “*Radio Gals*,” by Mike Craver and Mark Hardwick. This musical is based in the twenties when radio ruled the airwaves and small stations thrived. Music teacher Hazel C. Hunt received a transmitter as a retirement gift and station WGAL was born! A wacky group of singer/musicians gather daily in her parlor to set hearts thumping and toes tapping with rib tickling songs, homey chat and plugs for a rejuvenating tonic that owes its kick to the still out back. For more information, contact Bethany Wallace at [bethanyw@siouxcenter.org](mailto:bethanyw@siouxcenter.org) or go to [www.siouxcenter.org/arts](http://www.siouxcenter.org/arts).

**COME JOIN US!** Make sure to visit the ASC during August for some exciting events! On August 8, we are having **Root Beer Float Day** with FREE root beer floats for those swimming at the pool from 1:00-4:00 p.m.! Help us celebrate **Customer Appreciation Day and the Recreation and Arts Picnic** on August 22 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. with \$1.00 admission and FREE hot dog feed from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Visit [www.allseasonscenter.org](http://www.allseasonscenter.org).



- Fall pool hours will begin August 24.

**SIoux CENTER RECREATION** is hosting Tour de Sioux Center, a **FREE** family bike ride along with a hot dog feed on August 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the All Seasons Center.

- There is still time to sign up for the Give It a TRY-athlon for ages 5-13 on August 6. Cost is \$10. Contact Dave at 722-4386 ext 3.

**WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO?** Soon kids will be going back to school but not before supplies are bought. Remember that shopping in Sioux Center for school clothes and supplies benefits both customers and retailers. Keep in mind the sales tax holiday during **August 5-6** when select clothing and shoes under \$100 are tax exempt. Gift certificates or chamber dollars are a great idea for students who want to do their own shopping. Thanks for supporting your local retail community.



**KEEP OUR KIDS (AND YOU) SAFE** With school starting, the Police Department wants to remind motorists to take extra precautions while driving. Please watch for pedestrians, mopeds, and bicyclists as they travel to and from school. You must also stop for school buses when they are loading and unloading passengers.

- At marked crosswalks, motorists must **yield to pedestrians**, but do not bet your life on it! If crossing the street anywhere but a crosswalk, the pedestrian must yield to motorized traffic.
- **ATTENTION: WALKERS and/or RUNNERS.** Please be aware that if you do not use sidewalks, you should run or walk **against traffic**, which means you **face traffic** and can view (and react to) any mistake an advancing motorist may make. Only bicycles, which are considered vehicles, ride with traffic.

**YOU MAY TAKE A VACATION BUT NOT YOUR UTILITY SERVICES** Utility bills may not be lower when returning from vacation, unless it was an extended one. While you are gone, utility meters don't stop running so there may not be a noticeable difference on your bill. Some reasons are: 1) The fridge, freezer, and water heater continue to operate 2) Meters may be read in the middle of a vacation dividing the "lower use" period into two separate monthly billings 3) Don't forget about "getting ready" for vacation! Remember the extra washer and dryer use and all the laundry brought home from vacation. This can really give the water heater, washer and dryer a heavy workout!



A helpful hint: To determine how much energy is used during vacation, read the meters before leaving and again after returning home.

**SIoux COUNTY YOUTH FAIR** It was another good year for the youth fair and the participants. Thanks to all 4-H, FFA, FHA members, leaders, Sioux County Fair Board and Heritage Board for making the Sioux County Youth Fair a success. Sioux Center is proud to host this annual event.

### ECO - EFFICIENCY CORNER

A ceiling fan should allow you to be comfortable at a higher temperature and let you raise the thermostat. A good ceiling fan should create enough air movement that you'll be comfortable at 82 degrees and 80% relative humidity. For every degree you raise your air conditioner above the standard 78 degree setting, you'll save about 3-5% on cooling costs. (Living With Energy, July 2013)

### NOTICES

1. The Driver's License Examiners are at the Centre Mall every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Phone number is 722-2923.
2. Overnight Parking: No parking is allowed on the street from 2:00-6:00 a.m. throughout the year.
3. Paw Policies: Please remember to be respectful and clean up after your dog.

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