



OFFICE CLOSED

The City Office will be closed **Friday, July 3**, in observance of Independence Day.

BIKE AND MOPED SAFETY

The use of bikes and mopeds will increase throughout the community because school is out, summer is here, and gas prices are still high.

- A **moped** is classified as a motor vehicle. As a motorist, you must give mopeds the same courtesy as other motor vehicle drivers; they have the same right to the road as you do.
- If you are driving a **moped**, you must obey all Iowa traffic laws. These include not carrying passengers, not riding more than two across the roadway, and displaying a flag that is 30 square inches and is five feet from the ground.
- ♦ **Bikes** have the same right to the roadway as any vehicle; however, *riders* have the same responsibility as motorists. This means stopping at stop signs or red lights, signaling, and yielding when necessary.
- ♦ **Cyclists** of all kinds are harder to see. Watch for them at all times. Moped and bike drivers, remember to obey all traffic laws and watch for larger vehicles.

BRIGHT ENERGY REBATES

The **Sioux Center Municipal Utilities** and our energy partner **Missouri River Energy Services** will soon be offering rebates on energy efficiency measures to customers served by the Sioux Center Electric Utility through a new program called Bright Energy Solutions. Future energy rebates will be available for HVAC systems, lighting, and household appliances. Look for more information in future newsletters, check out



www.brightenergysolutions.com
or call the city office for more information.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The fireworks display will begin at approximately 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 4 at the fairgrounds. Thank you to the volunteer firemen for shooting off the fireworks. Come out for an evening of fun and entertainment.

RESERVATIONS

There are many places in town to rent for anniversaries, family gatherings, graduation, birthday parties, or any social gathering. The New Homestead (722-2237) has two community rooms available, the All Seasons Center (722-4386) has a party room area that can be reserved, and the Library (722-2138) has rooms available to rent. The City has three enclosed shelter houses; one at Central Park and two at Children's Park, and an enclosed shelter house at Sandy Hollow. For shelter house rentals, please call the City Office at 722-0761.

NOTICE TO ELECTRIC & NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS

The Iowa Utilities Board requires that all utilities notify their customers concerning the resolution of a complaint. All of us at the Sioux Center Municipal Utilities do our best to make sure your utility service is as good as possible. If you have a complaint, we would like to resolve it quickly. By calling 722-0761, your question or complaint about your gas or electric utility service will receive prompt attention. If your question is regarding service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy and the Sioux Center Municipal Utilities does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from Customer Service, Iowa Utilities Board, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, IA 50319 or call toll free at 1-877-565-4450 or iub@max.state.ia.us.

MONTHLY ENERGY TIPS

- ♦ Installing water saving faucets and showerheads can reduce water consumption and water heating costs by as much as 50%.
- ♦ Laptops use 25% to 75% less electricity than a desktop computer.





NOTICE TO OWNERS OF UNDERGROUND GAS PIPE

The Sioux Center Natural Gas Utility would like to inform customers of federal regulations regarding privately owned buried natural gas lines downstream from natural gas meters. Please note that:

- Improperly maintained or buried piping may corrode or leak.
- Buried piping should be periodically inspected for leaks or corrosion.
- Any unsafe conditions should be repaired immediately.
- Any excavation near buried gas pipe must be done with care.

Each customer is responsible for maintaining their own piping, but we will assist any customer in locating, testing, and identifying such pipe. If you have questions or want more information, contact Murray Hulstein or Harv Sandbulte at 722-0761.

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Tot & Youth Swimming Lessons—

registrations are still accepted. Contact ASC at 722-4386 for further information.

July 4—Pools are OPEN from 1–4 p.m.

BE WISE WITH WATER

We would like to stress the importance of using water wisely. Water is one of the most valuable resources we have and should not be taken for granted. Here are some tips to help save water:

- Check toilets, faucets, pipes, and water softener for leaks.
- Take shorter showers or install water saving shower heads or flow restrictors.
- Use clothes washer and dishwasher with full loads.
- Use irrigation water sparingly and do so in the early morning hours to avoid up to 50% evaporation loss.

These are a few things that can be done for efficient water use. Conservation should continue to be a household word, giving special attention to using water, electricity, and natural gas resources as needed.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Listed are several ways to help control the source and breeding areas for mosquitoes:

- Eliminate tires, buckets, or containers that collect/hold water for more than two days.
- Clean debris from rain gutters and remove any standing water.
- Change water in bird baths or wading pools once a week.
- Mow your lawn regularly and cut down weeds around your property.

PRAIRIE FIRE CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Prairie Fire Children's Theatre Company will be doing a one-week residency July 20-25, with the play "Jack and the Beanstalk." Children from the Sioux Center school district can audition for the cast on Monday, July 20. Watch the papers for more information or call Miriam at 722-0761.

"NATURE DAYS"

Kindergartners through 4th graders are encouraged to attend this outdoor adventure. Nature Days for kindergartners—1st grade is July 10 from 1-3 p.m. and 2nd—4th graders is July 16 from 1-3 p.m. Nature Days program will be held rain or shine (rain location: ASC Arena). Cost for K-1st grade is \$5.00 and 2nd—4th grade is \$8.00. Contact Emily at the ASC, 722-4386 ext. 5 for a registration form or for more information.



REMINDERS

1. The Driver's License Examiners are at the Centre Mall every Tuesday & Wednesday from **9:30 a.m.—4:15 p.m.** Phone number is 722-2923.
2. **Overnight Parking:** No parking is allowed on city streets from 2:00-6:00 a.m. throughout the year.
3. Sioux County Youth Fair is **July 11, 13-16.**
4. Iowa sales tax holiday is **August 7-8.** Clothing and shoes under \$100 are tax exempt.

"To provide excellent quality of life and municipal services for our community through a spirit of progressive cooperation."

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