

## ADDITIONAL APPLIANCE REBATES AVAILABLE

The Iowa Office of Energy Independence has announced a rebate program for appliances in the amount of \$2.8 million. The program begins March 1, 2010, and will continue until funds are exhausted. If interested, please find information at [www.energy.iowa.gov](http://www.energy.iowa.gov). We would like to remind you that additional rebates from Bright Energy Solutions may also apply. Please visit [www.brightenergysolutions.com](http://www.brightenergysolutions.com) for information.

## GARBAGE CONTAINER REMINDERS

The following reminders will help keep the garbage collection system running smoothly:

- During snow removal, place containers curbside after your street is plowed or keep containers five (5) feet away from the street.
- Keep containers at least three (3) feet away from any obstruction, including a second container.
- Please avoid wedging garbage into containers.
- When moving, the container must remain at the same address as initially delivered.

There are two sizes of garbage containers available: 65 or 95 gallon. The larger container costs \$3.00 extra per month. Call Brommers at 722-0361 for more information.

## SAVE WATER HEATING DOLLARS

The SCMU Water Heater Insulated Blanket Program has proved to be a useful program with many water heater blankets distributed. Estimated payback for installing a jacket on your water heater ranges from 2-11 months. Check to be sure your water heater is insulated with a water heater blanket.

Water heater blankets can be purchased for a discounted price of \$5.00 (a \$20.00 value). Installation is also provided by Sioux Center utilities upon request for an additional \$5.00. Purchases can be made at the City Office anytime during 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Any questions, please call 722-0761.



## CENSUS 2010

Sioux Center is counting on you to complete your census questionnaire so our community will receive resources that will benefit you as a resident of Sioux Center. This month all Sioux Center households should receive a census questionnaire in the mail. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with anyone, including welfare, housing, and immigration agencies. It asks just 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. Every household not counted in the census results in lost revenues for Sioux Center. Please complete your census questionnaire.

## SUPERIOR QUALITY WATER

We are pleased to let you know that our public water supply is safe. Test results indicate Sioux Center's water supply either contains no detectable amounts of contaminate chemicals or that levels are well within federal and state standards. Tests are performed to meet all regulatory guidelines and are done by either a certified independent laboratory or the Iowa State Hygienic Laboratory.

Even though past tests have confirmed the drinking water to be high quality and safe, our testing programs are on-going. One example is bacteria testing. Water samples are taken on a regular basis (seven per month) at various locations throughout the community. The purpose of this water sampling is to verify that there is no harmful bacteria present in the water.



Your water supply continues to be an outstanding bargain. At the present rates, the average residential customer is able to purchase about three gallons of water for just one penny. If you have any questions about your water supply, call our office at 722-0761 and talk to Murray Hulstein or Harlan Kruid.

## ECQ - EFFICIENCY CORNER

- Water heating is the third largest energy expense in your home, accounting for about 12% of your utility bill. There are 4 ways to cut your water heating bills: use less hot water, turn down the thermostat on your water heater, insulate your water heater, or buy a new, more efficient model. ([www.eere.energy.gov](http://www.eere.energy.gov))



## MARCH AT THE...

**March 2**—No early morning lap swim or water aerobics

**March 5 & 6**—Session 2 and 3 for Tot Swimming Lessons begin.

**March 7**—Last day of public skate for the 2009-2010 season

**March 24 & 25**—Indoor Fair

**Facility Hours:** Please make use of our website at [www.allseasonscenter.org](http://www.allseasonscenter.org) or call 722-4386.

## INDOOR FAIR—MARCH 24 & 25

The Sioux Center Indoor Fair will be Wednesday, March 24 and Thursday, March 25 at the All Seasons Center. Stop and visit over 140 exhibits. The exhibits are open from 3:00-9:00 p.m.

## KEEP METERS CLEARED & VISIBLE

Please clear snow from electric, gas, and water meters. This will help our meter reader obtain correct readings and keep your billing accurate.

Please keep gate openings **unlocked** and **free of snow** as this helps gain access to your meter. We appreciate your cooperation.

## ATTENTION SENIORS

Seniors 60 and older are needed to help adults and children through the Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Programs.

- The *Senior Companion Program* services include: helping with daily household tasks, visiting, running errands, relief for families and just being a friend.
- The *Foster Grandparent Program* connects senior citizens with children in local schools, daycares and Head Start centers. Foster Grandparents offer educational and emotional support through one-on-one attention and role modeling.
- No experience is needed. Volunteers are needed for both programs and can earn an average of \$200 tax free income per month. If interested in either program, call Denise Nelsen at 712-476-2628.

## PROJECT SHARE

Project Share was established to receive contributions to help low-income families in our community pay winter utility bills. With the continued increase in energy costs and the recent cold weather, contributions to Project Share are much appreciated.

Contributions can be made by indicating an amount on your utility payment or by completing the lower portion of the enclosed brochure. Mid-Sioux distributes these funds according to standard federal income guidelines. Please consider a contribution to this program.

## RADON TEST KITS

Radon test kits are available for purchase at the City Office for \$6.00. Radon is a radioactive gas that is colorless and odorless and comes from the decay of uranium in the earth. Radon increases during winter months and long-term exposure may cause lung cancer.

**THANK YOU** to those who completed the phone survey on our Natural Gas Public Awareness Plan. The information collected is valuable in evaluating how we communicate natural gas safety.

## DID YOU KNOW?

You can pay your utility bill by **Direct/ACH payment**. Your utility payment is automatically withdrawn from your bank account around the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to pay your utility bill.

## REMINDERS

1. The Driver's License Examiners are at the Centre Mall every Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from **9:00 a.m.—4:30 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. The K-6<sup>th</sup> grade spring soccer forms will be coming out in the Sioux Center schools mid-March.
4. Remember to set your clocks **AHEAD** on March 14.

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

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