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Mission Statement: "Improve and Protect our Community"

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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SNOW REMOVAL

The Okoboji City crew takes pride in providing safe streets to travel upon during the winter. In the event of a snowstorm, the City crew will make every effort to clean the streets in a timely fashion. If a storm diminishes during the evening hours, you can expect the plows to be out as early as possible to have the streets open so you may have safe travel to work in the morning. In the event of a daytime storm, the plows will be out as weather allows; but in any event, every effort will be made to make travel as safe as possible.

During normal snow removal operations, you may find your driveway entrance has been blocked with snow from the snowplows. If you could wait until the crew is finished with snow removal, you should only have to clean your entrance once. In the event the City crew goes out and widens the street at a later time to accommodate more snow removal in the future, the snow will be removed from your entrance. Please do not confuse this with normal snow removal operations.

The City crew asks that everyone please give them some room when operating the trucks for snow removal, as this can be very difficult when working with traffic.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

As many of you are aware, Central Water System is in the process of completing a new water treatment plant located on the hill just north of The Inn. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the plant should be up and operating by the end of January 2013, and is scheduled to be on budget. The City of Okoboji has been asked why there was a need for a new water plant. There are two reasons: capacity issues in the past where the water plant was nearly unable to meet the need for water (particularly during the summer months), and IDNR regulatory issues for how the water must be treated. Based on studies conducted at the water plant, the quality of water will be the same or better when completed, and the plant will be able to amply supply water to the residents of Okoboji for many years to come with no problem.

WINTER HOURS FOR RECYCLING FACILITY

Winter hours have been established for the Recycling Center located at 2260 220th Street (A34), Milford, Iowa. Those hours will be Thursdays & Fridays 9 AM – 4 PM and Saturdays 9 AM – 1 PM. The phone number for the location is 712-338-2549. Appointments must still be scheduled for the disposal of household hazardous waste. The website address is www.dickinsonrecycling.com. These hours will remain in effect until further notice.

AUTOMATIC BANK PAYMENT

The City of Okoboji offers automatic bank payments for your quarterly water bills. This service will save you time, money, and hassle. With the automatic payment system, your payments will be made automatically from your checking or savings account. You will save time writing and mailing checks plus the cost of stamps and checks. Your payment will be made on time every quarter. You never have to worry about forgetting a payment, mailing it in on time, or incurring additional charges for late payment. Automatic payments are extremely accurate. There are no checks to be lost, stolen, or lost in the mail. If you have more than one City water account, you can sign up for all of them on one form. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions about this service, or to request an ACH Debit Authorization form.

HOUSE NUMBERING:

WOULD THE AMBULANCE CREW BE ABLE TO FIND YOU??

This is a reminder that your home or business must be numbered. ***Our Fire Chief has requested that you make sure your number is displayed AND visible to passing traffic.*** Our fire and rescue personnel have had difficulty finding certain locations because of no house numbers or numbers that are hard to see. The time spent trying to locate your house number could be a matter of life and death in an emergency situation. Please contact City Hall if you are not certain of your house or business number. Our City Ordinance states: The owner shall place or cause to be installed and maintained on the principal building the assigned number in a conspicuous place to the street in figures not less than two and one-half (2 ½) inches in height and of a **contrasting color** with their background. If your home or business is located so it is not visible from the roadway, then a number must be placed on a post as near to the road as possible for easy identification. If an owner refuses to number a building as mentioned, or fails to do so for a period of thirty (30) days after being notified in writing by the City, the City may proceed to place the assigned number on the principal building and assess the cost against the property for collection in the same manner as property taxes. ***For those of you who know your home or business is not numbered, please do so at your earliest convenience.***

As always, the Mayor, City Council, City Hall Staff, Police Department, and Maintenance Employees would like to wish you all a safe and prosperous New Year!!

These newsletters are furnished to all taxpayers and citizens of Okoboji, hoping they will enhance efforts to keep all informed as to local government issues and to encourage participation. If you have a suggested topic for future newsletters, advise your Mayor and Councilmembers, or you may call, e-mail, or write directly to the City Hall.

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