



Box Elder City Newsletter

December 2017

From the Mayor's Desk,



As we enter into the Holiday season let us be thankful for all we have. There are many that are less fortunate. If you feel in the giving mood please consider giving money or food donations to the local American Legion, Legion Auxiliary or Ellsworth/Box Elder Lions Club. All three are located at the north end of Briggs Street, north of the middle school football field. These organizations use what they get donated to help the local Box Elder Community. The three Clubs partner to provide Christmas boxes filled with food and toys for the family. The American Legion also has a "Gift from the Heart" tree where you can take a tag off the tree and buy a present for a child. Douglas School also has the same type of trees. I hope you consider helping those in need, this Holiday Season.



Have a Happy Holiday Season

Larry Larson
Mayor



City Council Members

Ward 1: Scott Allen, Vice President • Bruce Hegel

Ward 2: Jeff Hollinshead, President • Rick McPherson

Ward 3: Steve Cowley • Tricia Weathers



December: Important City Dates

City Council Meetings: Dec 5, 19

Planning & Zoning Meetings: Dec 11, 26

City Offices Closed:
Monday, Dec 25 - Christmas Day





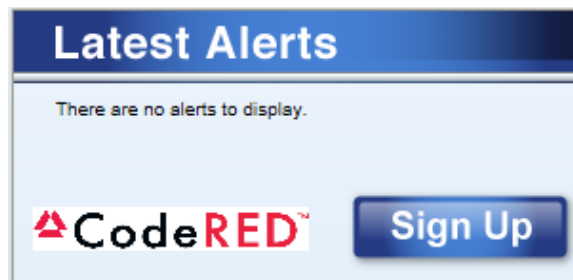
CodeRED Community Notification Page

We currently have added the CodeRED link to our website, www.boxelder.us. Please register and sign up for emergency notifications in your area.

Thousands of public safety organizations across the United States and Canada use the CodeRED community notification system to initiate emergency notifications. The CodeRED Mobile Alert app enables subscribers to receive notifications directly to their personal cell phone whether at home, on the road, or traveling around the country. Alerts are initiated by authorized public safety officials to deliver location-based notifications.

Free alerts available for :

- Emergency
- General
- Missing Person
- Outages



Winterizing Your Water Meter

Winter is coming and it is time to start preparing for freezing temperatures. As water customers on the Box Elder water system you are responsible for the protection of your meter. If you have a water meter in a location that is subjected to freezing temperatures, you are responsible for insulating and heat taping as necessary to protect the meter. If the meter becomes damaged by freezing temperatures or damaged in any other fashion, you will be billed for the necessary repairs.



SNOW SEASON IS HERE!

Snow Storm Reminders and Responsibilities

- ❖ If a large snowfall is in the forecast, please try to get vehicles off the street.
- ❖ The owner or person occupying a lot, or part of a lot, abutting a City sidewalk, shall remove the snow and ice from the public walkway for the full width of the sidewalk within 24 hours after the end of a snow event.
- ❖ If the owner or occupant fails to remove the snow and/or ice, the City's Code Enforcement Official will issue a "Notice of Violation" notifying the owner/occupant to address the issue(s).
- ❖ If the property owner fails to comply with the Notice of Violation, the issue will be outsourced to a vendor to address and a citation will be issued. The property owner will then be invoiced.
- ❖ Please don't push your sidewalk or driveway snow out into the street. Due to the high cost of hauling snow the City does not haul off snow unless a travelable path cannot be maintained with out hauling. ***Violations of this is declared to be a municipal infraction, and shall be punishable by an Administrative Citation, and/or a class II misdemeanor, which may bring fine's up to \$500.00.***

The City Snow Plowing Priorities Are:

- ❖ **Priority 1: Maintain arterial streets, Ellsworth Radar Hill , ect.**
- ❖ **Priority 2: School Bus routes**
- ❖ **Priority 3: Access to Residential Areas**
- ❖ **Priority 4: Residential Streets**



Operating Drones in Proximity of Ellsworth AFB

Unmanned Aircraft Systems like quadcopters and other similar flying vehicles - commonly referred to as "drones" - are likely to be popular gifts this upcoming holiday season. As the number of drones in the sky increases, so does the potential for interference with operations on busy airfields like Ellsworth AFB and civilian airports.

While the area over Ellsworth is considered "National Defense Airspace" and drone use on or overflying the installation is prohibited, it is important to note that even operating drones in close proximity to the installation creates a hazard for other aircraft.

To avoid potentially dangerous situations, the Federal Aviation Administration has issued guidelines that control how drones may be flown. The FAA guidelines are based on Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulation (14 CFR) Part 107. Some requirements imposed on the remote pilot are that individuals:

- * Must keep the aircraft in sight (visual line-of-sight)
- * Must fly no higher than 400 feet above ground level
- * Must fly only during the day
- * Must fly at speeds at or below 100 mph (87 knots)
- * Must follow community-based safety guidelines
- * Must NOT fly near other aircraft
- * Must NOT fly over people - to include stadiums or sporting events
- * Must NOT fly near emergency response efforts (such as fire response)
- * Must NOT fly under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- * Must NOT operate from a moving vehicle
- * Unless licensed, must NOT operate an aircraft weighing over 55 pounds
- * Must NOT operate within 5 miles of an airport without clearance from the airport and air traffic control. The map illustrates the 5 mile area around Ellsworth. Please keep in mind that the same restriction will apply in reference to operations in the vicinity of Rapid City Regional Airport.

For more information, visit <https://www.faa.gov/uas/> to review FAA guidance for the operation of UAS/drones. Your compliance with this guidance will help to maintain the safety of our Airmen and equipment, while protecting you from inadvertently violating laws governing the operation of those vehicles.

UTILITY BILLS

There have been many questions on when Utility Bills are due. Utility Bills are mailed around the 20th of the month – for the previous months usage. This bill is due by the first of the next month. A grace period is provided until 5:00 pm on the 15th to pay this bill. Once the grace period has expired, the account will be assessed a late penalty fee of \$10.00. If the bill plus the penalty fee is not paid by 5:00 pm on the 27th the account will be deemed delinquent, assessed a administrative fee of \$100.00, and terminated.



WALK THROUGH ON UTILITY BILLS:

- 1. What happens if I don't get my bill?** If you do not receive your bill, please call 923-1404 and we would be happy to help you.
- 2. What happens if I don't pay my bill by the due date (1st of the month)?** If the bill is not paid by the 1st of the month, a grace period is provided until 5:00 p.m. on the 15th of the month. At 5:01 pm on the 15th of the month a \$10.00 late penalty will be assessed to each unpaid account.
- 3. What happens if I didn't come in before 5:00 p.m. on the 27th of the month?** All accounts that have not paid their bill plus the late penalty fee by the 27th of the month will be deemed delinquent and assessed a \$100.00 administrative fee. The account will be terminated on the 28th of the month and the water will be turned off.
- 4. What do I need to pay to have my services reactivated?** All terminated account holders will need to come into City Hall to pay all past due amounts, current charges, plus fees to bring their account current (zero balance) before City Staff can schedule to have the account reactivated.



PAST DUE CARDS:

There have been numerous questions as to what the “Yellow cards” are. This card is sent out after the 15th to remind customers that there is a past due balance on their account and needs to be paid before 5:00 pm on the 27th of the month to avoid disconnection of services. If you received a postcard but paid your bill after the 15th, please disregard it.

BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS:

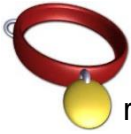


City Hall hours are Monday-Friday 8am – 5pm.

- 1.) You can pay your bill in person with cash, checks, money orders, or credit card. If you pay by credit card in the office, there is a \$2.50 processing fee.
- 2.) If you would like to automatically pay your bill every month, we offer auto draft from a checking account. The payments are processed on the 15th of the month. To set this up, please call or stop in and complete the required form. We will need to have a voided check or a deposit slip verifying the bank routing and account number.
- 2.) You can pay your bill online at our website www.boxelder.us and click the “online utility payments” link and it will connect you to a secure website where you can pay your bill. If you haven't set up a payment account yet, you will need to do so. You will need to register as a new user or login (top right). You will need the account number and last payment amount to register your new account. There is a processing fee of \$1.95 for this payment service.
- 3.) There is also a white drop box located in front of the police department for after-hour payment drop offs. All payments received in the drop box after 8:00 am will be processed the next business day.



Pet Licenses Required



This is a *reminder* that **all cats and dogs** within Box Elder City Limits are required by Ordinance #497 to be licensed with the City Finance Department. Proof of Rabies Vaccination is required with the license fee listed below to receive your pet license.



License Fees:

1st & 2nd Pet: \$5.00 each

3rd Pet: \$10.00

4th Pet: \$15.00

Each pet license is valid for two years. Violation of Ordinance #497 is a Class II Misdemeanor. For further information please contact City Hall at 923-1404.

Call Animal Control to report violations of Ordinance #497 at (605)-415-3646



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Public Works Utility Collections- Brenda Brown brenda.brown@boxelder.us

City Hall: (605) 923-1404

Emergency Water Breaks After Hours
(605) 209-2077

- Utility Billing - 1
- Planning & Zoning - 2
- Building Inspection & Code Enforcement - 3
- Public Works - 4
- Human Resources - 5
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- Mayor - 6
- Accounting - 7
- Elections - 8
- All Other Calls - 0

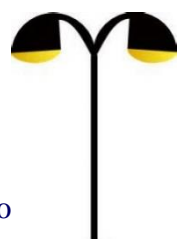
Non-Emergency Seeking Police Department
Dispatch Center: (605) 394-2151

Street Light Outage

Do you have a street light out in your area?

Please report the location or the pole number to City Hall at 923-1404 or directly to the proper electricity company.

We are happy to pass the information on to the proper electric company so they can get them fixed as soon as possible.



Box Elder / Douglas High School

Community Library

At the Douglas High School
Library

605-923-0044



Open September 5, 2017 to May 24, 2018

School Hours:

Monday through Wednesday

3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Thursday 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Closed on Fridays and on any day that
school is NOT in session.



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