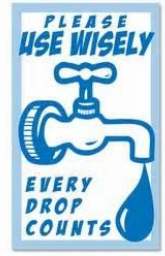




From the Mayor's Desk,

August Newsletter



Sturgis Rally

The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally will be happening August 8-14th. We would like to remind people to be extra careful when driving around town, in Rapid City, or enjoying the beautiful Black Hills.

Conserve Water

With the extreme heat we have been having, please conserve water whenever you can. Just turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth can have a significant impact on the amount of water you use. Don't just pour used water down the drain. You can always pour it on the grass or a plant you have. Instead of dumping leftover ice from a drink down the drain use it to water a plant.

Chamber of Commerce/Mayor Coffee

Stop by Gold Key Realty at 216 Frontage Rd (Cimarron Mall) on Wednesday, August 17, for coffee and cookies. Visit with the Mayor about what is happening in Box Elder and find out what Gold Key can do for you if you are buying or selling your home.

Larry Larson
Mayor



City Council Members

Ward 1: Scott Allen, President • Bruce Hegel

Ward 2: Jeff Hollinshead • Doug Curry

Ward 3: Steve Cowley, Vice Pres. • Tricia Weathers

August: Important City Dates

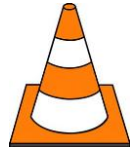
City Council Meetings: Aug 2, 16

Planning & Zoning Meetings: Aug 8, 29

City Offices Closed: September 5



Street Work



The 2016 Street Overlay work will take place week of August 8 – 12, Hills Materials doing the work. This work will be taking place on Villa Drive, Briggs Street and Prairie Road. Please plan your travels accordingly.

Along with overlays, Hills Materials will also be doing assorted street patching, which the PW crews have been doing prep work for.

An Engineering firm has been hired to perform a storm water drainage study in the Thunderbird Subdivision area. Work on this study will begin in early fall. Public meetings will be held to initially get public input for the study and later to discuss options developed through the study process.



S. Ellsworth Rd Reconstruction

Work starting August 1, estimated mid August- Prairie View Subdivision residents will be detoured through Creekside Subdivision on a new temporary road extension of Freude Ln. Work scheduled to be completed by end of September.

Bob Kaufman,
Box Elder PW



WATERING RESTRICTIONS:

Please remember that Watering Restrictions are in effect from April 1st through October 31st. Outdoor watering is only allowed between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 am and between 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm on odd or even numbered days according to the last number of each property's assigned 9-1-1 address.



Will you be putting in a new lawn?

You can request a water waiver while you establish your new lawn. To request one or for more information, you can call City Hall and talk to Brenda in Utility Billing at (605)-923-1404



About the Project

Study Goals:

Complete a list of transportation issues and needs facing the I-90 corridor within the designated limits. Develop feasible solutions to address those issues and needs that meet current design standards and/or traffic level of service expectations under both the current and predicted future traffic conditions while promoting a livable community that will enhance the economic and social well-being of all users of the corridor.

Need for the Project:

I-90 Capacity

Need: Inadequate capacity on I-90 to accommodate future travel demand.

Support: Long-range traffic projections and analysis suggest an additional travel lane is needed on I-90 between Exit 61 and Exit 67.

Interchange Access

Need: Exit 63 interchange does not meet current FHWA policy on interstate access.

Support: Exit 63 is currently a partial movement interchange with ramps only to and from the west. FHWA's publication "Interstate System Access Information Guide" states that partial interchanges do not meet driver expectations. Drivers have the expectation that when they exit the interchanges, they will be able to enter again, either to continue their journey in the same direction or make the return trip. Partial interchanges affect regional travel by forcing drivers to travel out-of-direction and eliminate the opportunity to use alternate corridors to maintain traffic operations during construction, traffic incidents, special events, or emergencies. The South Dakota Department of Transportation is conducting a study of the Interstate 90 Corridor between Exit 61 & Exit 67, in regards to better serving the public, and anticipating future growth in the area.

For information on this study, please go to the following web site:

<http://www.i90corridor61to67.com/>

Want to Reserve a Park for an Event?



Come fill out a form and put a deposit down for the park you wish to reserve. (Deposit is \$100, but is refunded as long as the park is in the same condition as when you got there). Our guys will make sure the park is clean and ready for you. We will put a reserved sign up and then when you are done we will check the park. After your event as long as everything is the way it was when you got there we will refund your deposit.



WHEN ARE UTILITY BILLS DUE

There have been many questions on when Utility Bills are due. Utility Bills are mailed around the 20th of the month – for the usage of the previous month. This bill is due by the first of the next month. There is a fifteen (15) day extension, until the 15th to pay this bill. If not paid by the 15th a \$10.00 late fee is added. If not paid by 5:00 pm on the 27th your services are subject to disconnection for non-payment and a \$100.00



WALK THROUGH ON UTILITY BILLS:

- 1. What happens if I don't get my bill?** If you do not receive your bill, then you can call 923-1404 and talk to someone and ask what your bill amount is.
- 2. What happens if I don't pay my bill on the 1st of the month?** If you don't pay your bill on the 1st when it is due, there is a grace period until the 15th of the month. After 5:00 p.m. on the 15th of the month, there is a \$10.00 late penalty applied to each unpaid account. There is another grace period after the 15th of the month until the 27th of the month.
- 3. What happens if I didn't come in before 5:00 p.m. on the 27th of the month?** If your bill is not paid by 5:00 pm on the 27th of the month, each unpaid account services are subject to disconnection and a \$100.00 reconnect fee is applied.
- 4. What do I need to pay to have my services reconnected?** You need to pay the past due balance and the reconnect fee in full. In order to guarantee that services are connected the same day, payments must be made before 3:30 pm. After 3:30 pm, restoration of services is not guaranteed, but if there is time, the servicemen will try to accommodate.
- 5. How can I avoid having my services disconnected the next month?** When your services are disconnected and paid for, our servicemen go out to the house and restore services. When you pay the past due balance and the reconnect fee, there is still a balance on your account which is the billing for the month that is due by the 15th of the month. This balance will need to be paid before the disconnect date or services will be subject to disconnection.



RED CARDS:

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



BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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

- 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 want to automatically pay your bill every month, we do have auto draft from a checking account. The payments are processed on the billing due date. To set this up, please call us or stop in and we will get you a form to fill out and we need to have a voided check or a bank form verifying the bank routing number and account number.
- 2.) You can pay your bill on-line at our website www.boxelder.us and click on 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 input the account number and street address *exactly* as it appears on your bill. There is a processing fee of \$1.95.
- 3.) There is a white drop box in front of the police department for after-hours payment drop offs. All payments dropped in the drop box after 8:00 am are not processed until the next business day. We are no longer able to process credit card payments by phone with our software system. We actually have to swipe the card to process it.

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



Utility Billing Department:

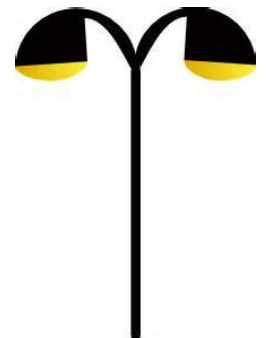
Since our software conversion, we are actively seeking to update our customer files. We are working on having up to date phone numbers for all of our customers. You can either call in, send in the number with your payment or you can send an email to Brenda at brenda@boxelder.us

Street Light Out



Do you have a street light out in your area?

If you have a light out in your area please get the number off the pole and call 923-1404. When you call have the pole number or a location and the street it is on, so that we can get them fixed in a timely matter.



Thank you!

**Box Elder / Douglas High School
Community Library**



**At the Douglas High School
Library**

923-0044



Closed For the Rest of Summer

Will Reopen After School Starts

**Watch for new schedule in upcoming
newsletter**

