



From the Mayor's Desk,

Summer Marks the Return of Transient Vendors

Some of the transient vendors who visit our state are legitimate. Some are not! Here are some things to keep in mind if you are considering hiring a transient vendor to do repairs, or if you are thinking of purchasing cleaners, rugs, food, or the many other items that these individuals offer.

You should ask to see their South Dakota sales tax license.

Ask for a price quote in advance, in writing. Don't rush into anything. Never give money up front. Ask for references. Find out if they have workman's compensation (If not you may be liable for accidents that occur on your property!)

If you have doubts about the vendor, or think you are a victim of a scam, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office at: 1-800-300-1986, or by E-Mail at consumerhelp@state.sd.us. You can also contact your local police department or county sheriff's office!

Ellsworth/Box Elder Lions Club – Changing Lives, One Pair at a Time

In just about any home, one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life.

Lions Recycle for Sight

That's why we have the Lions Recycle for Sight program. Everyone can help. Throughout the year, Lions, [Leos](#) and other volunteers collect used eyeglasses and deliver them to regional [Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers \(LERCs\)](#). Volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in low and middle income communities where they will have the greatest impact.

Eyeglass Recycling – How You Can Help

Donate glasses and change someone's life. Imagine if you could help a child read, an adult succeed in his/her job, or a senior maintain his/her independence. Everyday, our recycled eyeglass programs do all of this and more. Here's how you can donate glasses and help.

Drop your Eyeglasses in Lions Collection Boxes

You can drop off your usable eyewear at Lions-sponsored collection boxes in your community. There is a collection box in City Hall. You can also contact the Ellsworth/Box Elder Lions Club at 605-923-1870. You can find out more about this and other ways to help by visiting, <http://www.lionsclub.org/EN/index.php>

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

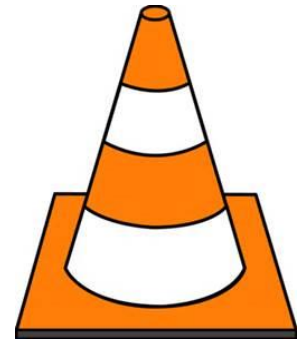
July: Important City Dates

City Council Meetings: July 5, 19

Planning & Zoning Meetings: July 11, 25



Street Work



The 2016 Street Overlay project for street maintenance will be going on the week of August 8 - 12. This work will be taking place on Villa Drive, Briggs Street and Prairie Road. Please plan your travels accordingly.



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

Lawn Care Season

- **What information do I need when I call to complain about a property that needs mowing?**

Please have as much information available as possible. We would prefer to have the exact address of the property, but we can make an inspection with general information (i.e. the northeast corner lot of W. 9th St. and Dakota Ave.) if an address is not available.

We will also ask questions like – does the entire yard need mowing or just the front or back yard, are there a lot of weeds or is it mostly just tall grass.

Any information about the property will be helpful (vicious dogs, etc.).

Please remember that if you call in a complaint and the violation is then corrected, but the violation returns – another complaint call will need to be generated.

- **What qualifies for a complaint?**

Any yard or lot in the city limits of Box Elder that has grass that has grown 8 inches or taller and/or “state classified noxious weeds” which includes: Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, hoary cress, purple loosestrife, perennial sow thistle, leafy spurge and salt cedar.

- **I got a letter from the City for mowing, now what?**

As the property owner, it is your responsibility to maintain the property according to city ordinance. Grass must be kept under 8” tall and free of noxious weeds. If you received a letter from us, a notice on you front door, a ticket, etc.; the property is in violation. Please be sure to mow your property by the date on your notification. Failure to mow will result in the city mowing, or sending a contractor to mow your property without further notice. The mowing costs will be sent to you as the property owner, along with a possible city issued citation. You will only receive one letter and/or notice from the city, as a reminder. If the City receives any further complaints a contractor will be sent to the property and the issue will be pursued accordingly.

Ron Koan
Planning Director



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.





Box Elder Police Department
420 Villa Drive
Box Elder, South Dakota 57719

Tel (605) 923-1401
Fax (605) 923-1481

To our local businesses:

The Box Elder Police Department is partnering with the National Child Safety Council in a Child Safety, Drug and Crime Prevention Educational Program.

Through this program our agency will be able to provide numerous educational materials for children pre-school and older. As well as materials on drug and crime prevention, ID Theft, Internet safety, and safety information for our senior citizens. These materials have been designed exclusively by the National Child Safety Council, (www.nationalchildsafetycouncil.org), the largest and longest serving nonprofit organization dedicated to Child Safety in the nation.

In order to cover the cost of these materials we will be contacting concerned business and professional leaders to help financially sponsor this program. Since the national Child Safety Council is a 501C3 nonprofit organization, all contributions are tax deductible. As acknowledgement of your support all sponsors will be listed on the prestige page of all activity manuals and magazines.

The Box Elder Police Department would like to thank you in advance for your concerned support and we look forward to participating in this program.

Jason Dubbs
Chief of Police
City of Box Elder

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:

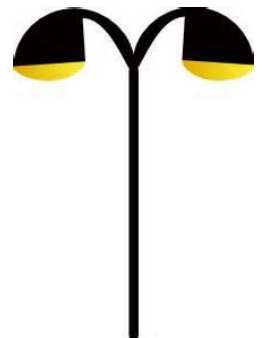
Since our software conversion, we are actively seeking to update our customer files. We are working on having up to date phone numbers for all of our customers. You can either call in, send in the number with your payment or you can send an email to Brenda at brenda@boxelder.us

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



2016 Summer Session

Open May 31st, 2016 – July 28th, 2016

Monday – Thursday

6 pm - 8 pm

Friday Closed

Closed for the 4th of July!

Come on in & check us out!

