



From the Mayor's Desk,

School is back in session so please be extra careful when approaching a bus stopped picking up or dropping off children. Also be careful when around the school. It will be quite busy as busses and parents drop off and pick up their children. Remember, state law requires you to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk

The Box Elder/Douglas School Community Library is a great place to take your children. Starting September 6, the library will be open while school is in session as well as evenings Monday through Thursday. See the attached flyer. There are books and magazines for all ages, as well as use of the computers for research or just enjoying the many internet sites.

For those of you that either live in Prairie View Subdivision, Creekside Subdivision, or use Radar Hill Rd you have noticed the increased traffic. This is due to the road work on S. Ellsworth Rd leading into Prairie View Subdivision. The temporary bypass road takes everyone through Creekside Subdivision and to Radar Hill Rd. Although this is an inconvenience, please be patient as it should be finished by the end of September.

Larry Larson
Mayor



Did You Know:

History of Labor Day

In 1894, Grover Cleveland made Labor Day a federal holiday after a failed attempt to break up a railroad strike.

City Council Members

Ward 1: Scott Allen, President • Bruce Hegel

Ward 2: Jeff Hollinshead • Doug Curry

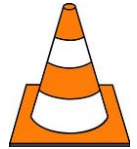
Ward 3: Steve Cowley, Vice Pres. • Tricia Weathers

September: Important City Dates

City Council Meetings: Sept 6, 20

Planning & Zoning Meetings: Sept 12, 26

City Offices Closed: September 5



S. Ellsworth Rd Reconstruction

Hills Material Company is working on extending the box culvert on Box Elder Creek where S. Ellsworth Rd crosses the creek. This will allow the jog in S. Ellsworth Rd to be taken out. The work began in late August and is scheduled for completion by the end of September. As part of the project a temporary bypass/detour road has been constructed between the Prairie View Subdivision and the Creekside Subdivision (Freude Ln connected to Creekside Dr). This bypass road is gravel and will remain gravel. After the S. Ellsworth Rd project is completed, the bypass road will be kept as an emergency route out of Prairie View Subdivision. It will be closed by chains and locks at each end, but in the event of an emergency, when S. Ellsworth Rd is not passable, this route will be opened by the Police Department.

Thunderbird Subdivision Drainage Study

The City of Box Elder is undertaking a Drainage Study of the Thunderbird Subdivision area. The study will look at the existing drainage system and existing ground water conditions with the intent of developing a plan to improve the existing storm water collection system, establish a long term plan for maintenance, and look at possible methods to reduce the ground water table in the area. The first of two public meetings will be held Tuesday September 13, 6:00 pm at the Box Elder Community Center, 420 Villa Drive. A letter from the study engineers, ACES Engineering, will be sent to landowners in the study area inviting them to the meeting but, if you live in the area and don't get a letter please attend. The successfulness of the study will greatly depend upon the information attained from the residents of the area. We look forward to seeing you on September 13th at 6pm .

Bob Kaufman,
Box Elder PW



National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month and this year the focus is again on communication. Ready.gov hosts a variety of resources to help people prepare for disasters, especially youth, older adults, and people with disabilities and other functional needs.

Each week has a theme to promote preparedness activities with the "Kickoff to National Preparedness Month" starting next week. Many of these resources will be available throughout the year as part of Ready.gov's collection of resources. Be sure to keep them in mind when planning outreach campaigns.

Clear/Unobstructed Sidewalks



Although it is September, in this part of South Dakota, it is also not too soon to begin think about SNOW. City Code Enforcement would like to remind all citizens to shovel sidewalks abutting your property. The City's Nuisance Ordinance prohibits ice, snow, or other obstructions on sidewalks. Snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks by the owner or resident of the property within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of each snow or ice event.

For everyone's safety, Code Enforcement, is on a daily basis actively out in the community encouraging compliance with City Ordinances, and in general works with residents and property owners to gain compliance, however, on occasion a formal warning has to be issued or even a citation for violations of ordinances.

Furthermore, school is now underway and many children will be utilizing sidewalks to access bus stops and schools, etc. For their safety we encourage everyone to inspect their sidewalks for trip and fall hazards, and properly maintain the walkway for pedestrian travel.

Ron Koan
Planning Director

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



Coin & Stamp Show

September 10th, 2016

LaQuinta Inn & Suites

Hwy 79 & I-90

Rapid City, SD



Hours are 8am to 5pm



Free Admission

Call 605-381-4625

Buy, Sell or Trade



Black Hills Coin & Stamp Club



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

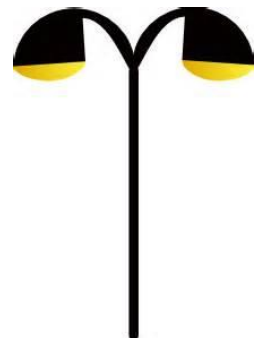
Street Light Out



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



Open September 6, 2016 to May 25, 2017

Hours: When school is in session

Monday through Wednesday

3:30pm to 5:30pm

Thursdays 3:30om to 7:30pm

Closed on Fridays

Join us for an open house September 8

From 5:30 – 7:15 pm

