

SIoux CENTER CONNECTIONS

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PLANS CONTINUE FOR SIDEWALK PROJECT Back in January, the City was awarded a grant of \$141,530 from the Safe-Routes-to-School programs issued by the Iowa Department of Transportation. The goal of the program is to provide a safer route for children to take while walking or biking to school but will benefit everyone who uses the new sidewalk. Actual construction will not begin until Spring 2011, because funds are not available until October of this year. There are several areas near Kinsey Elementary, Sioux Center Christian Grade School, and along Highway 75 where sidewalks will be installed. The result of this project will be providing a safe route to schools by adding new sidewalks and making curbs along the route handicap accessible.



YOU MAY TAKE A VACATION BUT NOT YOUR UTILITY SERVICES Utility bills may not be lower when returning from vacation, unless it was an extended one. While you are gone, utility meters don't stop running so there may not be a noticeable difference on your bill. Some reasons are: 1) The fridge, freezer, and water heater continue to operate 2) Meters may be read in the middle of a vacation dividing the “lower use” period into two separate monthly billings 3) Don't forget about “getting ready” for vacation! Remember the extra washer and dryer use and all the laundry brought home from vacation. This can really give the water heater, washer and dryer a heavy workout!



A helpful hint: To determine how much energy is used during vacation, read the meters before leaving and again after returning home.

RECYCLING REMINDERS Items that are **acceptable**: milk jugs, liquid soap bottles, antifreeze jugs (Type 1-4 plastics), newspaper, computer paper, glossy magazines, catalogs & phone books 1/2” or less, corrugated cardboard, tin cans, and aluminum foil containers. **Unacceptable** items are: plastic bags, waxed paper, window envelopes, all types of glass, cereal boxes, pop & beer boxes, and shoe boxes. *Please* only recycle the acceptable items. More information is on your recycling schedule. We encourage anyone who is not currently recycling to contact the City at 722-0761 on how to participate.



IS IT A BIRD, A PLANE? NO, IT'S FRISBEE GOLF! That's right...Sioux Center residents will soon have their very own Frisbee (Disc) Golf course! Opening mid-August at Children's Park, this new outdoor activity is the upcoming event that anyone can enjoy. Never heard of this game? That's okay because it is easy to play and you soon will be hooked. But what *is* Frisbee Golf? Frisbee (or Disc golf as some call it) is similar to golf and the object is to complete each “hole” in as few throws, or strokes, as possible. But instead of using a ball, players, or disc golfers, use a flying disc to get to the disc-catching target. The hole is completed once the disc lands in the target. Discs can be purchased at Center Sports and will be available to rent at Casey's General Store. The Parks Department is working hard to get the 9-hole disc course ready for you to play.



WHAT HAS SHALLOW WATER AND HURDLES? You might be scratching your head for ideas, but the answer is the new steeplechase being added to the athletic track. The track will also be resurfaced during this time. During these improvements, the track will be closed to all walkers and runners until late August. Thank you for your cooperation.



ALL SEASONS CENTER ACTIVITIES Make sure to visit the ASC during August so you don't miss the great deals! The bargains kick off on August 4 with **Customer Appreciation Day** where admission to the pool is only \$1.00 ALL DAY! On August 6, we recognize **National Root Beer Float Day** with FREE root beer floats for those swimming at the pool from 1:00-4:00 p.m.! The month wraps up with **Back to School Splash** on August 23 with FREE swimming ALL DAY! This is also the last day of summer public swim hours. For more information, visit www.allseasonscenter.org



SAFETY REMINDERS With school starting in August, the Police Department wants to remind motorists to take extra precautions while driving. Please watch for pedestrians, mopeds, and bicyclists as they travel to and from school. You must also stop for school buses when loading and unloading passengers. At marked crosswalks, motorists should **yield to pedestrians**, but do not bet your life on it! If crossing the street anywhere but a crosswalk, the pedestrian must yield to motorized traffic.



WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO? Soon kids will be going back to school but not before supplies are bought. Remember that shopping in Sioux Center for school clothes and supplies benefits both customers and retailers. Keep in mind the sales tax holiday during **August 6-7** when select clothing and shoes under \$100 are tax exempt. Gift certificates or chamber dollars are a great idea to give students who want to do their own shopping. Thanks for supporting your local retail community.

GOOD FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS That is, if you are looking to put up a fence. There are some code requirements to know. You do not need to obtain a permit if the fence is six (6) feet high or less. If you put up a fence in your front yard, it cannot exceed four (4) feet in height and no more than 30 percent solid. If there is a utility box on your yard, a distance of six (6) feet needs to be between the fence and utility area. Lastly, the fence needs to be built six (6) inches on your property, *unless* there is mutual sharing of costs between neighbors, the fence can be built on the property line. If you have any questions, contact Adam at 722-0761.



SIGN ETIQUETTE When selling a home, both real estate and for sale signs cannot be more than 5 feet from the house and the size cannot be larger than 1 ft x 2 ft (2 square feet) with only 1 sign per property. Please continue to remove any sign after it has served its purpose. Attaching signs to stoplight poles and stop signs is not permitted.

SIoux COUNTY YOUTH FAIR It was another good year for the youth fair and the participants. The different activities ranging from cook-offs, animal or clothing exhibits, to the speedway, kept many busy. Thanks to all 4-H, FFA, FHA members, leaders, Sioux County Fair Board and Heritage Board for making the Sioux County Youth Fair a success. Sioux Center is proud to host this annual event.



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- You can be green while going back to school. If taking a packed lunch, use reusable plastic containers instead of plastic wrap which can't be recycled. Help save trees by using mechanical pencils rather than wood pencils. Both efforts help the environment.

REMINDERS

1. The Driver's License Examiners are at the Centre Mall every Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Phone number is 722-2923.
2. Overnight Parking: No parking is allowed on the street from 2:00-6:00 a.m. throughout the year.

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