



City of Underwood

April 2009

City Officials

Mayor:

Dennis Bardsley

Council Members:

Robert Dose

Ed Freuck

Rhonda Johnson

Todd Erwin

Jim Pingel

Treasurer:

Lea Voss

City Clerk:

Kelly Groskurth, CMC

Deputy Clerk, Shirley Koenig

Public Works Director:

Brett Goehring

City Hall Hours

Monday through Friday

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

City Council Meetings

Second Tuesday of Each month at 7:00 p.m.

If such day falls on City Observed Holiday the meeting is to be held on the second Monday.

Garbage Pick up
Every Wednesday

SPRING CLEANUP SATURDAY, APRIL 25 , 2009

Spring Clean up will be Saturday, April 25, 2009 Items must be to curbside by 6:00 a.m.

WILL TAKE:

Regular Items:

Furniture, newsprint, aluminum cans, tin cans, glass, etc.

APPLIANCES:

There will be a \$20.00 charge per appliance. They do not need to be degassed. Please

CALL City Hall by *Wednesday, April 22, 2009 by 3:30*

p.m. to make arrangements for pick-up and payment of these items.

Checks must be made out to M&K Mills.

YARD WASTE:

Grass and leaves must be in containers such as cans, paper lawn bags or cardboard boxes.

WILL NOT TAKE:

Car parts, tires, batteries, dirt, concrete, oil, paint or paint products unless in hard form.




Message from the Mayor:

I have received numerous reports of vandalism throughout Underwood. There have been homes and vehicles egged and the parks have received minor damage. Please help us solve this problem by staying alert and by reporting all unusual activity to the Sheriff's Department. Call 911 should you see suspicious activity. Individuals caught in these acts could be prosecuted.

Sincerely,

Dennis Bardsley, Mayor




City Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, June 13, 2009

8 A.M. to ????

To participate place a balloon in front of your home. An ad will be placed in the Neola Gazette.



Census Workers are Out and About

Census workers have begun work this month! Their job right now is walking and driving through neighborhoods checking that all addresses are in the Census Bureau database when the questionnaires are delivered in 2010.

Many people don't realize that the Address Canvassing occurs as much as a year ahead of the official Census Day on April, 2010. It is the first large field operation for the 2010 Census, and is designed to identify all housing units and other living quarters. Census workers are using hand-held computers and laptops with maps on them to verify and list structures, including the collection of global positioning system coordinates for each location.

Census workers wear an official identification badge and many carry U.S. Census Bureau bags, making them easier to identify. Census workers must pass security, and all information collected by Address Canvassers and other census employees is kept strictly confidential and cannot be shared with any other persons, institutions or agencies.

Curfew

Code of Ordinances:
Chapter 46.01 Curfew

Curfew Established: It is unlawful for any minor to be or remain upon any of the alleys, streets or public places or to be in places of business and amusement in the City between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.

Parks Closed: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

For more information contact City Hall.

Sump Pumps

It is prohibited (against the law)

To Connect a roof downspout, sump pump, exterior foundation drain, areaway drain, or other source of surface run-off or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

This is called infiltration into our sewer system. Excessive infiltration is the reason DNR believes we need to build a new sewer system (\$6 million). We must lower the infiltration to our system.

Swimming Pools

- **Permit Required** for swimming pools.
- **Enclosure Required:** Pools must be completely surrounded by a fence or wall not less than 54 inches in height and at least four feet from each side of the pool.
- This is **applicable to all types of swimming pools**, whether permanent, temporary, or movable in nature, provided said pool is more than twenty-four inches in depth.

Avenue of Flags



Dear Underwood Neighbor:

The J.O.O.I High School Optimist Club is offering a subscription to celebrate six national holidays with streets lined with American Flags for \$35 per year. The Optimist Club will place a 3' X 5' nylon American Flag on a 10 foot pole in front of your home or business on these six national holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriot Day and Veteran's Day. *Subscription service is limited to the Underwood City limits.* **What a great sight during our July 4th celebration!**

Club volunteers will deliver the flags at dawn and retrieve them at dusk. A receptacle that remains will be installed approx. 3 feet from the street (usually between curb and sidewalk) in front of your home or business. It will be approx. 1/2" above ground with a white cap so as not to interfere with normal mowing. We will contact Iowa One-Call so utilities are not disturbed before placing receptacle.

Consider subscribing in honor of a soldier or in memory of a veteran or loved one. Please join your neighbors in this colorful patriotic program. If you would like to have more than one flag (add another subscription) at your home or business you may do so. You may also want to donate a subscription for someone else's home or business (use separate form for each address location).

All proceeds of the Avenue of Flags will go to support the J.O.O.I High School Club's activities and projects.

Thank You for your support!

Retain top portion for your records.

Make checks payable to: Underwood J.O.O.I. Club

Yes, I would like to show our patriotism, support our community and the J.O.O.I. High School Optimist Club by subscribing to the Underwood Avenue of Flags.

Billing Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Special Notes: _____

Flag Location Information

if different from billing:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Number of Flags: _____ @\$35 = \$ _____ Total

Do you have an underground sprinkler system within 5 feet of the street curb? ___Yes ___No

Do you have an underground invisible pet fence within 5 feet of the street curb? ___Yes ___No

Detach and mail the lower portion along with subscription and \$ total to:

J.O.O.I. Optimist Club

505 North Street

Underwood, IA 51576

TORNADO SIRENS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When are Sirens sounded? Sirens are sounded when the National Weather Service observes conditions on radar that indicate a possible tornado has developed or is likely to develop and issue a Tornado Warning. Sirens may also be activated when trained public safety storm spotters observe a tornado or a rotating, lowering funnel cloud. Additionally, public safety officials can have sirens sounded for extreme wind events such as straight line winds expected to be near or in excess of 80 mph.

What should I do when the sirens sound? Do not go outside to see what the weather is doing! Tornadoes are very difficult to predict and development can occur very rapidly. **SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY!!!!!!**

When is it safe to leave Shelter? Once sheltered, remain there. Monitor local AM/FM radio reports, television reports, or a NOAA Weather Radio. These media outlets will notify you when the tornado threat has passed and it is safe to leave your shelter.

SIRENS WILL NOT BE SOUNDED AGAIN TO LET YOU KNOW IT IS “ALL CLEAR”

Sirens will sound for three (3) minutes. This is your notice to immediately seek shelter. If the sirens sound again it indicates that the tornado warning has been extended, a new warning has been issued, or a tornado has been spotted and verified on the ground near the area.

Remember that tornado sirens are outdoor warning systems.

You may not be able to hear sirens in your community if you are in a building, vehicle or in adverse weather conditions. **All citizens should purchase a NOAA Weather Radio** that can alert you to approaching severe weather threats and other community hazards. Weather Radios can be found at most department, electronics and some area grocery stores.

2009 POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY TORNADO DRILL

Wednesday, April 8th

9:50 AM to 10:30 AM

Find severe weather and disaster preparedness information at www.iowahomelandsecurity.org or www.BeReadyIowa.org.

Source: Emergency Management Pottawattamie County



City of Underwood's Website

www.underwoodia.com

Advertise Your Business

Be a Sponsor of the City of Underwood's Website

Call City Hall at 566-2373 or

Email: Underwoodclerk@walnutel.net

GOLD SPONSOR

- Name & Logo appear on Front page of City's Web Site as a Gold Sponsor
 - Page within Web Site describing business or services
 - Listed in Business Directory
 - Link to Business's Web Site
- Annual Fee: \$100.00

BUSINESS PAGE

- Page within Web Site describing business or services
 - Listed in Business Directory
- Annual Fee: \$75.00

BUSINESS DIRECTORY LISTING

- Listed in the Business Directory within the City's Website
- Annual Fee: \$50.00

Building Permits

WHAT REQUIRES A PERMIT?

One & Two Family Dwelling (including Multi Family Dwellings):

- New Structure
- Addition
- Decks (30 or more inches above grade)
- Accessory Structure over 120 square feet.

Interior Work: Residential

- Finish Uncompleted Existing Area
- Some remodels: call for information

Commercial Building Permit:

- New Structure
- Addition
- Remodel
- Accessory Structure
- Tenant Improvement

Exterior Renovation Permit:

- Re-roof: if removing sheathing
- Residing
- Window Replacement: if changing size of window

Electrical Permit: Residential and Commercial

Mechanical Permit: Commercial and Residential

Plumbing Permit: Commercial and Residential

Swimming Pool & Spa Permits

Demolition Permit

Fence & Wall Permit

Please obtain a permit before building, remodeling, or replacing an item. The building department will determine if a permit is needed for your project.

Sponsor a Banner

The City of Underwood is seeking individuals, civic groups and businesses that are interested in sponsoring a decorative banner. The banners will be hung along Highway 191 and Third Street.

This is an excellent opportunity for individuals to sponsor a banner in memory of a loved one, and for advertisement

for civic groups and businesses.

Our goal is to continue the warm welcome, the Welcome Signs begin by creating a sense of "welcome home, come again" feeling as drivers pass through town.

Each banner will have a sponsor banner stating who or what organization sponsored this banner. Banners will be

hung year round. There are a few options being reviewed. One option is two banners per sponsor: one for spring, summer and fall and one for the winter. Another option is a single banner.

Please call Shirley at City Hall for more information. Your input is important, stop by and view sample ideas.



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