

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF CITIZENS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF BOONE.

The city of Boone has made a dedication to its citizens: Provide a greater level of information and education while maintaining financial stability. We hope this newsletter will help our citizens become more aware of city government activity.

Your Government Boone

ALLEYS IN BOONE

With the wet winter conditions our alley ways continue to degrade. This is a typical situation for gravel surfaces as it rains, ice melts and frost exits the ground. This article will provide information on alleys and the level of maintenance to be expected this year.

Alleys have a long history in Boone and across this country. The original purpose of alleys ranges from utility access to promoting neighborhood character. While many utilities are still present in alleys, opinions of favorable appearance has changed. At one point in time it was actually uncommon to see a single-family home with a garage. Today, it is common to see new homes constructed with at least three garage stalls attached to a home. Vehicles have grown to be a major part of our lives. When garage units were first being installed they were placed with alley access in-part, due to the perceived negative appearance of a garage. Homeowners had a desire to show off their home and hide the garage. Over time that too has changed. New developments are designed around street access as the development of the road network is a major expenditure.

Today alleys pose a new set of challenges to the City. In a recent Public Works Conference we learned that many other communities also continue to struggle to maintain alleys. It seems simple; grade the alleys and add gravel periodically. It isn't that simple. Cities face a number of struggles in maintaining alleys. The following is a summary of some key issues.

The number one factor affecting alleys is the weight and size of vehicles; most specifically, garbage trucks. Today's "small" garbage truck weighs almost twice as much as a fully loaded garbage truck used many years ago. These bigger vehicles can create large potholes and ruts in an alley. Even our automobiles have an impact as we have seen the growth and popularity of SUVs. Another factor affecting alleys is a change in drainage due to a build-up of gravel when alleys are plowed. This causes berms along the sides of some alleys causing water to stand. When water stands in an alley, potholes form.

We ask for your patience and understanding as we do our best to keep our street network functional.

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Upcoming Events

- City Offices will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day
- Boone Home and Garden Show @ Boone Fairgrounds February 26th 5 pm to 8 pm & February 27th 9 am to 4 pm
- Boone Easter Egg Hunt March 26th at McHose Park
- Kiwanis Ham Dinner 5 pm to 7 pm March 21st Boone County Fairgrounds (Drive thru available)

UPDATE FROM THE BOONE POLICE DEPARTMENT

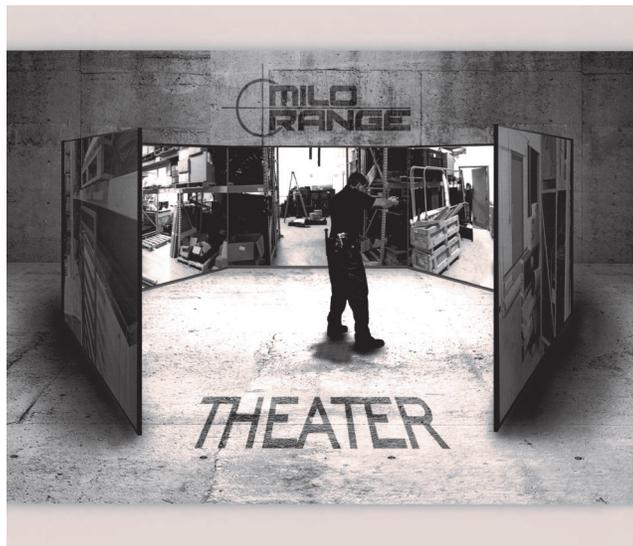
The Boone Police Department is researching the purchase of a Milo Range firearms simulator system for local police officers. The firearms simulator is an advanced training tool that offers hundreds of life-like scenarios to assist officers with training. Research shows that in high stress situations police officers react based on how they are trained. Having a wide variety of life-like scenarios would certainly benefit each officer and citizen within the city of Boone. In addition, the system would be housed at the Boone Police Department, where it's available 24 hours a day for training at no overtime costs to the City.

Our goal of raising \$20,000 towards the purchase of this firearms simulator was helped tremendously by the donation of \$15,000 by one local citizen. Currently we are \$5,000 from reaching our goal. As Police Chief of Boone it has been my hopes of purchasing this equipment with a minimum use of any tax dollars. If any citizen or business would like to donate towards this project, please contact Public Safety Director/Police Chief William J. Skare at 515-432-3456 or bskare@city.boone.ia.us.

Your help and support is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

William J. Skare



IMPORTANT

Boone County Dialysis

Soup Supper

Fund Raiser!

Tuesday March 8th 5-8pm

Historical Center Bldg., 602 Story Street -Boone

Silent Auction, Good Food, Great Cause

Meet everyone's Favorite Plumber!!

Bring a camera and get your picture taken at this very worthwhile event!

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Working to provide a safe, close to home, location for patients needing daily dialysis treatments!



This is a non-profit organization

If you can not make this event, your very kind donation can be sent or taken into ANY US Bank!

Plus worthwhile items can be donated for the silent auction... call 432-6762

Soup, Dessert and more just \$8

Funds received go to establish a local Dialysis Unit in Boone to serve all of Boone County!!

HAM DINNER

Sponsored by

Boone

Daybreaker

Kiwanis

Community Building

Boone

Fairgrounds

Monday,

March 21, 2016

Reminder

Please keep your fire hydrants clear of snow.

Boone Fire Dept.

Thanks you

Ordinance Amending "96.07" Prohibited discharge "Standards" by clarifying provisions regarding the discharge of sump pumps.

Storm water, surface water, ground water, artesian well water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, swimming pool drainage, deionized water, non-contact cooling water, and unpolluted wastewater, unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent. All sump pumps must discharge into a storm sewer, a sump pump collection system, or natural outlet, such as a creek, abutting the property. Sump pump discharge may be discharged into the street, however, it must not create a dangerous condition to the public, including but not limited to the formation of ice. Any household that currently has a system that permits the switching of sump pump discharge into the sanitary sewer commencing November 1st and ending March 31st may continue to do so. The City will permit new stall a similar switching mechanism, however, it will only be permitted between the street and the owner's yard so long as the storm water flows away from adjoining property and shall not create a nuisance. If a homeowner violates the time period or creates a nuisance, a municipal infraction will be filed against them and they will be required to eliminate the switch over system. (Ord. 2162 - May. 11 Supp.)