

# IMPORTANT REMINDER

March 2014

## Snow Ordinance

Snow removal in Boone continues to be a hot topic. The city is still making plans for efficient snow removal for this winter season. Annually, staff attends training to learn of new techniques and methods for snow removal and sand/salt application. Public Works is constantly working to maintain service levels while managing a lean budget. The Snow Ordinance adopted in 2008 is a key element that has assisted our abilities to clear snow in an efficient manner.

The Mayor and Council understand that snow removal is an important service for citizens. Citizens want clear roads and the City has a desire to provide that service quickly. Given the desire to provide these services the city of Boone must find a way to remove snow from streets in the most efficient manner possible. If City crews can reduce the number of trips needed to clear

streets we can save overtime expenditures and increase the quality of snow removal service.

One of the most critical components of snow removal is the presence of parked cars on streets. When plow trucks maneuver around parked vehicles the results are large amounts of snow left in the street. This remaining snow produces bumps and icy conditions which then requires a need for repeat visits from Public Works staff. These vehicles also pose a safety hazard for emergency response vehicles such as a fire truck or ambulance.

Boone adopted a Snow Ordinance that will be put into effect in anticipation of major snow events. When the Snow Ordinance goes into effect **all** vehicles and trailers must be removed from

city streets or they will be ticketed and towed. The result is a street that can now be completely cleared from curb-to-curb for safe travel of vehicles.

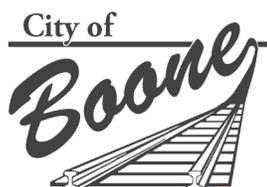
To make this a success we need your help. We need citizens to spread the word. During snow falls we need citizens to remove all vehicles from city streets. Citizens can monitor the City website at [www.boonegov.com](http://www.boonegov.com) and tune KWBG AM 1590

to determine when the Snow Ordinance is in effect. With your help we can make this year another successful year for snow removal. The Mayor and Council have a desire to keep citizens informed when the snow ordinance will go into effect. If you would like to be contacted (via e-mail or cell phone text message) each time the snow ordinance goes into effect you

will need to provide the city with an e-mail address or your cell phone number and cellular service provider. If you have Straight Talk as your provider we will have to have an e-mail address as the system will not work on your cell phone. You can e-mail this information to: [clerk@city.boone.ia.us](mailto:clerk@city.boone.ia.us) The City will send out a notification message noting when the ordinance goes into effect. We will also send a note when the ordinance ends. A separate notification will be sent for each separate winter weather event. For more questions visit [www.boonegov.com](http://www.boonegov.com).



**For text service e-mail [clerk@city.boone.ia.us](mailto:clerk@city.boone.ia.us)  
Be sure to send us your cell number and cellular provider**



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 31st Kiwanis Ham Dinner 5pm to 7 pm Boone County Fair Grounds
- April 7th Emerald Ash Borer Informational Training for Citizens Boone County Fair Grounds (time TBA)
- April 18th City Hall Closed for Good Friday

VISIT [WWW.BOONEGOV.COM](http://WWW.BOONEGOV.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION

## Prepare for frost issue in gravel roads & alleys

Each spring when the frost starts to come out of the ground and the spring rains arrive the condition of gravel roads and alleys deteriorate. Due to the length and intensity of the extreme cold weather this winter the frost has penetrated the ground to record breaking depths. This will likely mean the condition of the alleys and gravel roads will be severely impacted for a longer period of time.

When the alleys start to show signs of deterioration the City will implement City Code 135.15 Temporary Closing of Alleys: "The Public Works Director may from time to time temporarily close alleys due to weather or surface conditions that could result in damage to the alleyway." Residents can still use their alleys for access to their homes but service vehicles such as garbage truck are not allowed into alleys.

The city of Boone realizes that residents use gravel roads and alleys everyday and they are important. Please use caution when traveling on these roadways. Public Works will try to identify and repair issues that arise as soon as conditions allow.

## Did You Know

### NEWSLETTER Update

In an effort to effectively communicate with the citizens of Boone, we have given the city of Boone newsletter an update. You can now view the newsletter at [www.boonegov.com](http://www.boonegov.com). To find the Newsletter go to the upper right hand corner of our home webpage and click on newsletter, you will find past and present newsletter.

**Sewer backups** need to be checked by the City before a plumber is called.

During business hours:

Call Public Works  
at 432-4211 ext 142

After business hours:  
call Communication Center  
at  
433-0527

### Discolored water issues 2014

With the extremely cold weather for the past few weeks the frost is moving deep into the ground. As frost moves deeper, the ground shifts slightly and sometimes causes movement of the water mains. This movement can cause a pipe to break or knock free minerals inside the pipe. The movement of the mains and the minerals may cause discolored water. If anyone experiences discolored water please run your cold water until the water clears up. The city of Boone apologizes for any inconveniences.

## HAM DINNER

Sponsored by

**Boone Daybreaker Kiwanis**  
Community Building· Boone Fairgrounds  
Monday, March 31, 2014  
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
**Adults - \$10**  
**Children 12 & under \$6**

Make a Donation anytime to:  
Miles of Lights  
or

4th of July Fireworks  
c/o Boone City Hall  
Attn: Public Works  
P.O. Box 550  
Boone, IA 50036

**Please make checks  
Payable to  
City of Boone**

and note Miles of Lights or Fireworks  
fund in the memo

Thanks for your donation!  
Money used for next years bulbs  
and current years fireworks.