

Your Government Boone

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.

Pufferbilly Days, 2014

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The 2014 Pufferbilly Days™ is only four weeks away, September 4th through the 7th, and a full line-up of activities and entertainment has just been released. The 38th annual community celebration will begin Thursday,

September 4th featuring a classic car show, amusement rides, and live bands. The downtown entertainment center will be alive Thursday night with Pufferbilly™

Unplugged featuring Hawk McIntyre from 7-8:30 p.m. and Vinyl Vegabonds from 8:30-10pm. Friday night, Burnin' Sensations is sure to pack 'em in again with non-stop music from

the 70's on up to the present from 7:30 to 11:30pm. Along with the annual Pufferbilly™ parade and 5k/10krun, and huge craft show, Toaster will rock Saturday night's live entertainment playing your favorite classic songs. Smith's Amusement carnival rides will

once again provide great fun for the kids Thursday through Saturday. Other events include a Mud Volleyball tournament, BBQ contest, Lil Miss and Mr. Pufferbilly™ competition, Motorcycle Contest, Horseshoe

Tournament, Softball tournaments, and new for 2014...Family Fun Day activities on Sunday and the first ever Pufferbilly™ Bike Ride. Individuals and Teams are encouraged to sign up as early as possible to earn a spot in these activities. For a complete listing of activities, or to register yourself or team for

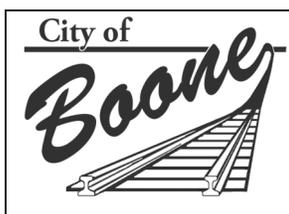


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Pufferbilly Days™ events, go to www.Boonelowa.us, click on the Chamber of Commerce tab, then Pufferbilly Days™ 2014.

Pufferbilly Days™ is an annual celebration of Boone, Iowa's railroad heritage.

VISIT WWW.BOONEGOV.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Boone Farmer's Market Thursday's 3pm—6pm at 6th and Story parking lot
- August 26th-29th Farm Progress Show -Expo site east of Boone off Hwy 30
- August 30th Iowa Street Rod Association Car Show-Downtown Boone 8 am-4pm
- September 4th-7th Pufferbilly Day's info at www.booneiowa.us
- September 13th & 14th - 19th, 20th & 21st Day out with Thomas & Friends info at www.scenic-valleyrr.com

On behalf of the Boone City Parks Foundation,

We would like to say

“Thank You”

To everyone who participated in our annual 5K run in memory of Neil Olson, volunteered their time to help with the run/picnic, to all sponsors that made the event possible and to everyone that has become a Friend of the Parks through membership. We couldn't have done it without you. This is our third annual event and we continue to grow each and every year. We are blessed to have such beautiful parks right here in our community. Thank you again and we look forward to seeing everyone next year!

Special thank you to our sponsors:

People's Clothing Store, Inc. YMCA of Greater Des Moines

Rose Hubby-CPA Arnold Motor Supply-Ames

Mid National Graphics Hancock Apartments

Berlin Packaging Dutch Oven Bakery

Saints Avenue Café Fareway

Wal-Mart Tullis Family

Wetzeler Family Lozano Family

If you are interested in becoming a “Friend of the Parks” go to boone.gov and you will find on the home page a membership form to fill out and return with your donation/membership.

“Thank You” for all of you support!

Reminder of the Water Rate Increase

This will be the first billing period with your water rate increase for your inside meter. The increase should be about \$3.96. Outside meters will see a slightly higher increase.

The purpose of the rate adjustments is to address past, present and future maintenance of our water system. We have a complex network of water lines and water towers along with a state-of-the-art water treatment facility. To adequately maintain these systems we must be vigilant about repairs. We must also effectively plan for the future through the establishment of depreciation. Depreciation is where we gradually save money to make large repairs in the future.

There are two primary reasons for this; first, the past rate structure provided the first 100 Cubic Feet (CF) as inclusive with the base rate. Our analysis has shown that the base rate should be adjusted to cover our fixed costs. When we included the first 100CF of water in the base rate we were not receiving proper compensation for that water. The new rates will no longer include the first 100CF of water. Customers will pay for all water used. Second, we found that our base rate is not covering our fixed costs. Our hope is that over the next several years we can make further adjustments in our operations to keep our utility costs manageable.

DID YOU KNOW

UPDATE CONTACT INFO

If you have changed your phone number, please call the Water Department (433-0600) so that they can update your account records. This will be beneficial to you, as this will help them contact you in the event of meter reading or water issues.

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

Mosquitoes Spraying

Why we fog when you are taking an evening walk?

The best time to kill adult mosquitoes is fogging at dusk, when they are most active and looking for food (mosquitoes feed on human or animal blood). The aerosol fog primarily targets flying mosquitoes, which is why the timing of the spray is critical.

Will the City notify me before fogging?

There is no law that requires the city to notify citizens before fogging. The city will generally spray at least once a week, sometimes twice a week depending on conditions and will continue until the first hard freeze. If you would like to be contacted personally before each spraying starts, please email jmeimann@city.boone.ia.us with your phone number or call 432-4211 ext 142 and leave your phone number or email address with the administrative assistant.

Medical questions about insecticides?

If you suspect that you are reacting to an insecticide, call your physician or local poison control center. 1-800-222-1222 (TTY/TDD). Additional information about the active ingredients in insecticides may be obtained from the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) at 1-800-858-7378 from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm (Central Time) seven days a week, excluding holidays or visit the NPIC's website At <http://npic.orst.edu/>.