

IMPORTANT!

Snow Ordinance Reminder

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.

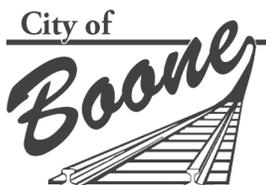


***For text service e-mail clerk@city.boone.ia.us
Be sure to send us your cell number and cellular provider***

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 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. You can e-mail this information to: 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.

VISIT WWW.BOONEGOV.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION



UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 30th 4:30 pm-7pm & 31st 7am-noon Fairgrounds Community Bldg –Boone Lions Pancake Days
- January 31st Winter birding Swede Point 10-am to 12 pm boonecounty.iowa.gov/conservation
- January 31st Snowshoe Hike Swede Point 1 pm to 3 pm boonecounty.iowa.gov/conservation
- February 20th 5 pm to 8 pm & 21st 10 am to 5 pm Boone Home & Garden Show events@booneiowa.us

The city of Boone sometimes receives criticism for two public works employees traveling across town in one truck. The comments are often riddled with pokes at a lack of work and needless redundancy of personnel at a jobsite.

The public has a right to know why the city of Boone Public Works employees travel in pairs. The easiest way to start and end the discussion is SAFETY. The city of Boone has maintained a high level of consideration for safety among city workers. Some of this is internal policy and some is based upon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations. An example is the OSHA guidelines for confined spaces. When one worker enters a manhole OSHA requires a second person to "spot" the worker in the confined space. With a large portion of city work involving confined space a citizen will see two guys in a truck often. Also, city workers in confined space contact city hall so that emergency services can be made aware of the dangerous work being performed. The crew estimates work time and a timer is set. If no communication is made prior to time expiration, emergency crews are immediately dispatched.

Another example is managing water meters. It is an internal policy that Public Works operate under the buddy system when entering a home or business. This protects the citizen and our employees. The next time you see two guys in a truck please understand that Boone employees are doing their best to maintain safe working conditions



Reminders:

Christmas Tree Drop Off

Trees can be dropped off at the Boone City Park office at the South end of Greene Street at 724 Lincoln Ave.
(no lights or flock on tree please)

Keeping the fire hydrant clear of snow and debris helps firefighters.

TEXT-A-TIP

In an effort to further curb crime the Boone Police Department in cooperation with the Boone County Sheriff's Office and Boone County Safe, has adopted an anonymous tip program called **Text-A-Tip**. It is easy to use and confidential. To report a crime by cell phone, dial 274637 (CRIMES) and in the text message box type BOONE, then type in the message/information. To report a crime by computer go to www.Tipsubmit.com, click on "submit a New Tip" and enter requested information.

Please buckle-up, drive safely and obey our speed laws.

Public safety personnel are committed to maintaining Boone as a safe place to live and work. You too can help keep Boone safe.

Please be aware of the following City Code in regards to Municipal Infractions.....

Chapter 4.03 (2) C.) Any violation of the restrictions prohibiting blowing grass, leaves or snow into the street "open burning", curfew as defined in Chapter 46, or placing signs in the public right-of-way shall carry the following penalties:

- (1) First offense – \$75.00 fine
- (2) Second offense – \$300.00 fine
- (3) Third and subsequent offenses – \$750.00 fine

Each day that a violation occurs or is permitted to exist constitutes a repeat offense.

***The entire code may be found in the City of Boone Code of Ordinances at www.boonegov.com

Winter Tree Care

To avoid spreading disease and excessive stress, please trim oak trees during the winter months.

Protect the trunk of your trees with tree wraps. Animals and squirrels will eat the bark and damage the tree.



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