

# IMPORTANT!

January, 2014

## 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.

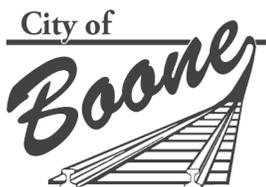
Boone adopted a Snow Ordinance that will be put into effect in anticipation of major snow events. When the Snow Ordinance goes into effect **all** vehicles and trailers must be removed from city streets or they will be ticketed and towed. The result is a street that can now be completely cleared from curb-to-curb for safe travel of vehicles.



**For text service e-mail [clerk@city.boone.ia.us](mailto: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](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. 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).



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 18th 1pm Shiver Fest "Snowball Drop" downtown Boone— Boone Area Merchants
- January 24th 4:30 pm-7pm January 25th 7am-noon Fairgrounds Community Bldg –Boone Lions Pancake Days

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

**A message from the volunteers at Crawford Hall-**

**Yes Virginia, there is a homeless shelter in Boone. . .**

. . . and it's named Crawford Hall in honor of Preacher Crawford who spent a lifetime of do-gooding for the folks of Boone County. It's located 107 State Street and it is the result of the efforts of a small group of Über-dedicated private citizens who partnered with Boone Biblical Ministries, the State of Iowa and First United Methodist Church to put life back into a decaying building and hope back into a number of Boone County families.

Opening its doors September, 2011, Crawford Hall has already garnered an impressive set of statistics: 190 people served (85% of them between the ages of 0-5 years), 7 GED's earned, jobs found, finances planned, skills learned, connections made and permanent homes found.

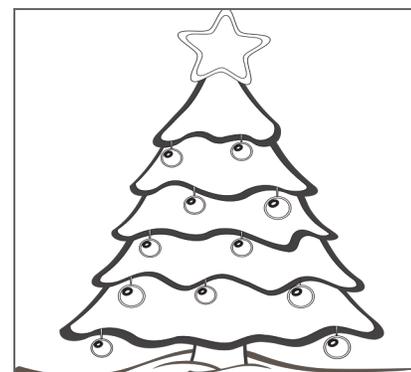
Now that you all know about it, now is the time to plan how you can be part of the success of this long-needed facility. At the very top of our volunteer wish-list is someone to develop and manage a website that will be the hub of our information gathering and disseminating process.

Additionally, we are in need of caring folks who will share their life skills with our residents. If you can do it, you can share it and then watch it make a profound difference in our community.

Oh yeah. We always seem to need the \$\$ that go with keeping a project like this going. Any interested parties can contact Dee McKnight at 515-298-1225 or Susan Herrick at 515-298-1536.

**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.**

**Skate Pond Warming House Volunteers Needed**

Tuesday—5:30-7:30pm  
 Thursday - 5:30-7:30pm  
 Friday - 5:30-9:00pm  
 Saturday - 1:00-9:00pm  
 Sunday - 1:00-5:00pm

Please call Julie between the hours of 8:30am-4:00pm at (515)432-4211 ext. 142 to volunteer. The warming house will only be open if a volunteer is on duty.

**Please be aware of the following City Code in regards to moving snow into the streets...**

Chapter 4.03 C.) Any violation of the restrictions prohibiting blowing grass, leaves or snow into the street or placing signs in the public right-of-way shall carry the following penalties:

- (1) First offense – initial warning – no fine
- (2) Second offense – \$75.00
- (3) Third offense – \$300.00
- (4) Fourth and subsequent offenses – \$750.00

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](http://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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