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

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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.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Though by now we've tucked our gardens away for the winter under thick layers of mulch, and we're preparing to enjoy some of our bounty in delicious holiday pies and crumbles —it isn't too soon to start planning for next year. After all, some of the best gardens start in our mind's eye in the dead of winter as we find ourselves longing for spring to return.

As we settle in for the winter, dreams of gardens to be on our minds. This past year the Boone Parks Commission worked to create a new community garden space in town. Many of you may have previously gardened in the plots over by the courthouse that were turned into a Master Gardeners and ISU Extension food plot for our local food banks a few years back and have been wondering where to have your own individual garden plot since.

Over the summer the Parks Commission voted to move forward with the selection of Cap Erbe Park as the location for a community garden. There is a spot there that was previously used by local gardeners that has easy public access and a small shelter structure right next to it. It needs some TLC, but it is a promising location for those who are looking for a place to grow their own produce during the 2021 growing season.

Please watch the "Recent News" section of <u>www.boonegov.com</u> for upcoming community garden planning meetings throughout the winter and spring. Also, feel free to contact April Burch with questions via email at <u>321burch@gmail.com</u>.

Warm wishes from the Boone Parks Commission & Community Garden Committee,

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Everett Johnson Karri Folks

Amy Pollard Becky Pratt

Emily Coll April Burch



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 15th OPEN BURNING ENDS in the city of Boone
- November 19th "Shop With A Cop" Chili Feed at Hy-Vee 4 pm to 7 pm
- Santa Express November 27, 28, 29 & December 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 www.bsvrr.com
- December 3rd Downtown Holiday Lighted Parade 7 pm—CANCELED DUE TO COVID -19
- December 10th "Shop With A Cop" Drive through party

December 10th, 2020"Shop with a Cop" will be in its 19th year. This year's event will be different from years past but our goal of filling homes with joy this Christmas season is still the same. This year the children that are chosen to partake will be invited to a drive through style party where they will be given a gift bag full of goodies and a \$100.00 Wal-Mart gift card. These children are nominated by school teachers, administrators and social workers. Nomination forms are available at the Boone Police Department and in Boone Schools. Forms must be submitted to "Shop With A Cop" at the Boone Police Department by November 13th, 2020. Criteria for being chosen are that the children are in the Boone Community School District and grades K-6th. This program is run primarily off donations and the volunteering of time. If you would like to donate and help support a child, you can drop money in any of the piggy banks around Boone or turn donations into the Boone Police Department. You are also encouraged to participate in the yearly Hy-Vee Chili feed November 19th from 4 -7 pm. All proceeds will go to fund this program and bless the children in our community. More details on the chili feed will be found on the Boone Police Department's Facebook page. All checks should be written to "Shop With A Cop". We encourage you to contact Sgt. Ryan Palmer at 515-432-2211 with any questions.

Miles of Lights

Help keep our Holiday Decorations lighting our streets each holiday season!

Holiday decorations are rated for 10 to 15 year lifespan and think how bare our community would look during the holiday season with no decorations. These decorations are made possible by generous citizens such as you.

Send your tax deductible donation to:

City of Boone PO Box 550, Boone, IA 50036 with

"Miles of Lights" in the memo

Pass on a "thank you" to our Public Works Department Staff for maintaining these

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.



Reminder:

If you need Snow Ordinance Information

Text BOONESNOW to 888777

Residents are encouraged to note a recent change in the side walk snow removal procedures.

The Boone City ordinance requires that property owners remove snow and ice accumulations from sidewalks within 24 hours in commercial districts and 48 hours in residential districts following a snow event. Owners are also required to maintain sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

The City of Boone will publish notice in the newspaper informing residents of these requirements, but no additional notice will be given prior to the City performing work for properties that fail to comply. The City will cause the work to be completed and the charges will be assessed to the property taxes as a special assessment. The penalties for failure to comply with these requirements for the 2020-2021 winter season are (amount to be determined after bidding) for an interior lot, (amount to be determined after bidding) for a corner lot for snow removal, also a fifty dollar (\$50) civil penalty 1st offense and two-hundred dollars (\$200) 2nd offense and subsequent offenses with a five (\$5) dollar administrative fee.

Property owners are encouraged to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice accumulation for the safety of the users of our sidewalks. Questions may be directed to Community Service Officer David Ades at City Hall at 515-432-4211 x 1104 during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm.

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Boone Fire Fighters Thank you