



Change in Electric Rates in Effect

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Sergeant Bluff residents who receive electricity through the City of Sergeant Bluff will see a change in how their electric bill is computed. The City Council approved a new rate structure in May that incorporates the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) line into the rate structure. The formula was very complicated, and residents typically received an explanation of what the PCA was and how it was figured on an annual basis. For most of us, the explanation did very little in helping us understand the bill, outside of knowing

there was reason for the madness. The other major change for residential customers that was made to the rate structure was to create two rate bands, one for what is called summer months (June through September) and another for the winter months (October through May). The two rate structures are designed to reflect the difference between energy costs in different periods of the year; it costs more for the City of Sergeant Bluff to purchase energy during the summer than it does during the winter, so the new rates are designed

to reflect that difference.

The new rates will create winners and losers, with some households having a rate increase of up to 3%, while others could see a decrease of up to 8%. Overall, electric rates for residential customers are designed to be about 1% less over the course of a year under the new rate structure than they were previously.

For those who are interested in viewing the new rates, the rates are posted on the City's website at www.cityofsergeantbluff.com.



Stormwater Central

When it RAINS it DRAINS

Stormwater will transport pollutants carelessly left or intentionally placed in or near a storm drain into water bodies used for drinking water, swimming, or fishing.

Strategies to Protect Water Quality

- * Never dump anything down storm drains.
- * Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks

and roads.

- * Never mow or sweep grass clippings onto the street.
- * Don't hose down driveways (either sweep up or blowback into the yard).
- * Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- * Take your vehicle to the car wash or wash it on the grass.
- * Check car for leaks, recycle motor oil.
- * Pick up after your pet.

* Fill bare spots in your yard.

- * Build a rain garden.
- * Use a compost pile or yard waste collection bin.

If you would like to be a part of the City's Stormwater Advisory Committee, please contact Kari Berge at 943-4244. The Stormwater Advisory Committee meets quarterly to discuss the stormwater needs of our community.

Dates to Remember:

- Aggie's Poker Run, July 11
- Pioneer Realty PVD Golf Tournament, July 31
- Pioneer Bank PVD Parade, August 6
- Pioneer Valley Days Events, August 6-9. Details on Page 4 of this newsletter
- School Starts, August 20



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Sgt. Bluff Department News PARKS & REC

Summer's here and so is the busy season for the Sergeant Bluff Parks. The outdoor pool is open and with the temps climbing higher so is attendance at the pool. The annual Pioneer Valley Day's Celebration schedule is set for July 31st-August 9th. The Community Action Team has a lot of great family activities planned for the week and registration has begun for the Fall Flag Football League.

The outdoor pool has a lot of activities planned (lessons, parties & events) for the summer. July events will include a Jr. High Jam for kids entering the 6th-8th grades. There will be a live DJ at the pool playing requests. July 19th we're going to have a Hawaiian Luau. August 8, during Pioneer Valley Days, the pool will be hosting a Cardboard Boat Race. Information and do's and don'ts on how to construct your boat can be picked up at the pool. Check at the pool for dates of

our Water Gun Wednesday's and Floaty Friday's. Also, if you haven't signed up for a session of swimming lessons we have 2 more sessions coming in July and August. Applications for lessons are available online, at City Hall or at the pool.

The Community Action Team has another great Pioneer Valley Days event planned for 2009. Added to this year's lineup is the Pioneer Realty 4 person best ball golf tournament on Friday July 31 at Green Valley with a \$5,000 hole-in-one opportunity. On Thursday August 6, the PVD Pioneer Bank Parade will kick off at 7 p.m. with an ice cream social and entertainment to follow downtown at Kate's on 4th St. Friday night will be the Long Lines Drive-In movie and Kingsley State Bank fireworks display at the Bluff's Area Recreation Complex. Saturday morning the Sioux City Sprinkler BBQ Cook-off registration begins, the LP Gill 5K fun run/walk will start at 9 a.m. The Pizza Ranch Kid Zone will open at 10 a.m. with games and activities for the kids. At 10:30

a.m. the Sergeant Bluff Pharmacy Sand Volleyball and Tri-land Foods Horseshoe Tournaments start. At noon the Sgt Bluff Fire Department will host local department water fights in the high school parking lot and a BBQ lunch at the fire station. The day will conclude with a street dance hosted by Cheers Lounge. Sunday the activities wrap up with the Mark-It Co-ed Softball Tournament starting at 10 a.m. and Sioux Harbor Travel Plaza Table Tennis Tournament starting at 1 p.m. A full list of events/registration forms and more information can be found on the city's website: www.cityofsergeantbluff.com. Registration for the 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls Flag Football League has begun and will run through July 17. Games will start on August 15 and run through October 3. The cost for the flag football league is \$30.00 plus \$15.00 for a Parks and Recreation black and orange jersey (same as soccer). The player draft will be on July 23rd and volunteer coaches are needed.



Tornado Safety

Summer in Iowa means tornado season. The warning in Sergeant Bluff to advise of a tornado or severe weather is a steady siren blast lasting for 3 to 5 minutes. The siren will **not** be blown to indicate all clear, only to advise of the approaching storm. The siren is intended for people who are outside, not in buildings.

Here are a few tornado safety tips:

IN THE HOME:

Seek shelter in a basement if available. Seek shelter under a sturdy table or heavy furniture. Take cover in a small room (closet or bathroom). Always keep your head and eyes protected.

MOBILE HOME:

Leave mobile homes immediately and take cover in a storm shelter. If none are available, get to a low lying area (such as

a ditch or depression).

SCHOOLS & OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Get to the basement if possible. Interior hallways or lowest floors are the best places.

WHEN SECONDS COUNT:

Move away from glass. Get out of a car and move to a low lying area. Stay out of large rooms (such as a gymnasium). **Never** try to outrun the storm in your car.

Police Chief Chat Chief McFarland



David McFarland
Chief of Police
since 1998.

New K-9 Officer On Duty



The Sergeant Bluff Police Department is pleased to announce that we have a new K-9 on duty. In September 2008 we lost our K-9 Taziek due to a health problem. Taziek had been with the department since March 2001 and did a great job. We have been working toward continuing our K-9 program to help us keep the drugs out of our schools and off our streets.

On May 15, 2009 our new K-9, Atakis, started his first tour of duty. Atakis is a 2 1/2 year old male Malinois and came from the Netherlands. The

Malinois breed is being used by police departments across the country and has proven to be very effective.

Atakis's handler and owner, Officer Derek Brand, has been with the Sergeant Bluff Police Dept for nearly 9 years. Officer Brand was Taziek's handler for approximately 6 years and the two made a very good team.

We will be working at getting Atakis out into the community so people can meet him and see him work.

Wendy's Bike Safety Program

The Sergeant Bluff Police Department is working with Wendy's on a bike safety program for the summer. The program is set up to reward kids who are actively practicing bike safety. The program was implemented by the Iowa Health System of Iowa and Minnesota and is working with law enforcement.

Law Enforcement officers in Sergeant Bluff will be watching for youth who are wearing their helmets, looking both ways when crossing the street, using hand signals,

and other basic bike safety practices. The program will apply to all skateboarders and rollerbladers as well as cyclists.

If an officer observes a youth practicing safety he will then stop the child and give them an "I GOT CAUGHT" ticket. The ticket will be good for a FREE SMALL FROSTY at the Wendy's located at 2600 Singing Hills Blvd in Sioux City, Iowa. Please be sure to thank Wendy's for working with the police department on this program.

I hope all parents will take the time to promote bike safety with their kids. Talk with them and make them aware of the dangers of the road. Every year there are 800 cyclists killed and another 55,000 injured from biking accidents. The "I GOT CAUGHT" project will promote safer and healthier communities, while rewarding individuals for helping in the prevention of traumatic injuries.

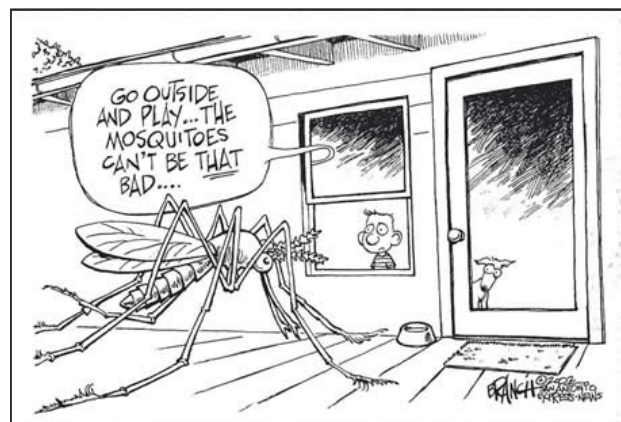
Have a safe summer and remember working together we can make a difference.

Mosquito Control

The City of Sergeant Bluff has begun spraying for mosquitoes. This year we are spraying on Thursday evenings, beginning at 9 p.m. The spray is more effective when applied at night. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) offers the following tips for avoiding mosquito bites:

Use Insect Repellent with DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

- Wear long pants, long sleeves and socks outdoors.
- Be aware of peak mosquito hours (dusk to dawn).
- Drain standing water.
- Install or repair screens in windows and doors.



2009 Pioneer Valley Days

Entry forms are available on the City's website at www.cityofsergeantbluff.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*

<i>Date & Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
FRIDAY, JULY 31 @ 12:30 P.M.	PIONEER REALTY 4-Person Best Ball Golf Tournament	Green Valley Golf Course
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 @ 7 P.M.	PIONEER BANK Parade	C & D Streets
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 AFTER PARADE	KATE'S Ice Cream Social	413 4th Street
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 @ DUSK	LONG LINES Drive-in Movie • Cost is \$10.00 per car	Recreation Complex
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 AFTER MOVIE	KINGSLEY STATE BANK Fireworks	Recreation Complex
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 @ 8 A.M.	SIOUX CITY SPRINKLER BBQ Cookoff	Recreation Complex
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 @ 9 A.M.	LP GILL 5k Fun Run	Recreation Complex
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 @ 10:30 A.M.	SERGEANT BLUFF PHARMACY Sand Volleyball Tournament	Recreation Complex
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 @ 10:30 A.M.	TRILAND FOODS Horseshoe Tournament	Recreation Complex
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 @ NOON	PIZZA RANCH Family Fun Day	Recreation Complex
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 @ 1 P.M.	Cardboard Box Boat Races	Sergeant Bluff Municipal Pool
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 @ 8 P.M.	CHEERS LOUNGE Street Dance	Cheers Lounge
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 @ 10 A.M.	MARK IT Softball Tournament	Recreation Complex
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 @ NOON	SIOUX HARBOR TRAVEL PLAZA Table Tennis Tournament	Bluffs Area Family Center

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*Events, Times & Locations are subject to change.

Dale Petersen Mayor's Corner

At a recent meeting I attended, the Mayor of Akron, Iowa, Harold Higman, stated "The shortest distance between any two points in Iowa is usually blocked by road construction"! That statement is definitely accurate within Sergeant Bluff as the transportation cross-roads of our community is currently undergoing major reconstruction. This project is slightly ahead of schedule and should be completed before school begins this fall. Also, we were fortunate to receive nearly \$600,000 in Federal Stimulus funds to widen South Lewis Boulevard from First Street to the Recreation Complex. That project is scheduled to begin after the community's Pioneer Valley Days celebration.

The Community Action Team is finalizing all the activities and events for a fun-filled Pio-

neer Valley Days celebration. From the parade and ice cream social on Thursday, to the softball tournament on Sunday, there are new and exciting activities planned, along with the traditional favorites. The Firefighters Barbeque is back as part of the planned barbeque cook-off and will include a "water fights" competition amongst our neighboring community fire departments! The card board and duct tape boat race across the swimming pool should prove to be a fun and entertaining event as "resident engineers" build and attempt to paddle their boats across the pool before they sink! Watch for the advertising flyers and register for the events you wish to participate in. The Pioneer Valley Days fund raising "best ball" golf tournament is scheduled for July 31st at Green Valley Golf Course and

includes a \$5,000 prize for a "hole in one"! A shotgun tee off is at 12:30, with food provided and pin prizes awarded. Competition is limited to 30 four person teams, so get your team together and register with Brent Brown before July 20th. The Community Action Team is always open to anyone interested in making a difference in Sergeant Bluff!

Congratulations to Paula Moriarty of our City Hall staff who has been appointed to the position of Senior Clerk. We extend our thanks for her service and congratulate her on her promotion.

As I write this, summer officially arrives on Sunday. Let us all get out and enjoy the summer sunshine in our beautiful community!



Dale Petersen
Mayor since 2002.

Public Library Services Available!

Did you know that we have Public Library facilities right here in Sergeant Bluff?

The Elementary and Primary libraries are open to the public on alternating Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The High School Adult library is open to the public on Thursday evenings from 4:00 p.m.

until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The ICN (Iowa Communications Network) Classroom is available for distance learning opportunities. Call for details! We are an "Open Access" Library. Patrons with a valid Sergeant Bluff Public Library card may check out books from any other Open Access Library

across Iowa at no charge. This includes the Sioux City Public Libraries, Briar Cliff University, Morningside College, Western Iowa Tech as well as others. Sergeant Bluff Public Library cards are free and may be obtained in each of our School Media Centers or at City Hall. Stop in and fill out an application today.



NOTICE: The county recycling trailer has been temporarily moved to the Recreation Complex parking lot due to the Highway 75 and 1st Street road construction.

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