



CITY OF ALTON NEWSLETTER

March 31, 2016



FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PANCAKE SUPPER



Alton's Fire Department will be hosting their annual pancake supper April 14 from 5:00-7:00 at the Alton Community Building. All proceeds will go towards personal protective equipment. Free will donation. **APPETITES WANTED!**

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

Registration for the summer recreation program will be held on April 14 5:00-7:00 P.M. at the Alton Community Building. Registrations will continue to be accepted at the City Office. After May 1, there will be a fee for late registration.

Summer recreation programs include swimming lessons, softball, baseball, golf, dance, baton, disc golf, volleyball, flag football, reading program, and Bible school program.

LIFEGUARDS

The Alton and Orange City pools will be jointly managed by the Lauren McDonald. Applications can be picked up at the Alton City Office or downloaded online at www.orangecityiowa.com. Applications should be completed and e-mailed to prdir@orangecityiowa.com or dropped off at OC Area Fitness. Applications are due April 18th.

BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED

A reminder that building permits must be obtained prior to beginning construction of new building or an addition to an existing building. Permits can be obtained at the City office. This applies to all properties in Alton city limits.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

As construction and landscaping projects get underway this spring, please remember you are required by law to call for utility locates at least 48 hours prior to digging. Iowa One Call phone number is 811.



SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Alton offers a sidewalk replacement program to assist with the cost of replacing deteriorated sidewalks. A portion of the costs will be reimbursed by the City of Alton. Please contact the Alton City Office at 756-4314 for more details.

SPRING CLEANUP

Alton's Annual Spring Clean-Up Day, sponsored by the City of Alton and Orange City Sanitation is planned for Monday, May 2.

Alton residents must purchase a \$10 lawn flag (one for each household), at the Alton City Office or from Orange City Sanitation. Crews will only remove items that have a special lawn flag displayed nearby.

Allowable Items: garage and home items, furniture/wood items, mattresses/carpets.

Non-Allowable Items: all appliances/white goods, building-remodeling materials, wood chips, auto parts (tires, batteries, etc.), concrete, steel/iron, yard waste, tree branches, oil, yard chemicals or wet paints. Special pickup arrangements may be made available from OC Sanitation (737-2645).

E-RECYCLING

The Cities of Alton and Orange City are co-sponsoring a **FREE** recycling program that will accept computer monitors, CPU's, keyboards and mouse(s), laptops, printers, servers, cell phones, TV's, small batteries, sound equipment, banking equipment, VCR's, fax machines, and AC adapters. Sorry, car batteries and light bulbs are not allowed. Items can be dropped off at the Alton City Hall, 905 3rd Ave., on Friday, May 6th from 4:00-7:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 7th from 9:00-12:00 noon.



State and local emergency management officials, along with the National Weather Service, stress the continued need and importance of education and preparedness for severe weather that may affect Iowans. Citizens should remember that a little planning can prevent unnecessary panic and confusion if a severe storm or tornado does strike. Citizens should learn the warning signals used for their community and put together an emergency storm kit that includes candles, matches, a transistor radio, flashlight and simple first aid kit.

During the months of April-September, the Sioux County Communications Center will also begin our testing program on the first Friday of the month at 9:30AM.

NOTICE TO UTILITY CUSTOMERS

As customers of the City of Alton, help is available to you in resolving possible complaints about your electric or gas service. You can contact a utility representative at the following address:

The City of Alton
905 3rd Ave. P O Box 910
Alton, IA. 51003-0910

If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy and the City of Alton does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board by writing to 1375 E Court Ave., Room 69, Des Moines, IA. 50319-0069 or calling (515)725-7300 or toll-free (877)565-4450 or by E-mail to: customer@iub.iowa.gov.

ALTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

AFTER HOURS AND EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:

712-756-5500

TREE AND GRASS DISPOSAL

The City of Alton has a disposal site for residents to dispose of yard waste. The site is located at 1100 East 8th Avenue, which is north of the athletic field. There is no charge for this service. This is a self-delivery disposal site and provides an area for vegetative waste and an area designated for tree disposal. Signs are posted to show where vegetative waste must be disposed, and where branches must be disposed. **Garbage and CONCRETE disposal are not allowed.** Violators will be prosecuted. Please contact the City Office at 756-4314 to report violations. **CONCRETE can be disposed of at Cleveringa Excavating, 4451 Kennedy Ave, Alton.**



Radon is an odorless, colorless gas that can build up in the lower levels of any home, especially during winter months. Radon gas exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer in Iowa. If you have not tested your house for radon in the past 2 to 3 years or if you have installed a new heating system since the last test, your house is due for a radon check up! Stop by your city office or Community Health Partners for a radon test kit. Testing is easy to do and kits only cost \$10. Instructions on how to do the test as well as get results at home are included. For more information about radon, visit www.epa.gov/radon. Test your house to ensure you and your family are protected!

Community Health Partners of Sioux County is committed to promoting and protecting the health of all Sioux County Residents.

For questions or additional information contact:
Community Health Partners of Sioux County
Deb Vander Plas, RN, BSN, CPH
Phone: 712.737.2971 or 1.800.435.3454
E-mail: chp@siouxcountychp.com
Website: www.sioxcountychp.org

Grass Ordinance

The City Council Passed an Ordinance in December in regards to the upkeep of lawns. Below is a brief summarization of the Ordinance. A copy of the Complete Ordinance can be acquired at the City Office. Any property which is found to be in violation of this chapter may be mowed by the City or their agent. All associated costs for such mowing, plus a surcharge of \$100.00, will be charged to the property owner.

Each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land within the city limits of the City of Alton, Iowa, shall cut or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon and shall keep said lands free of such growth.

Each owner and each person in possession or control of any property within the city limits of the City of Alton, Iowa, shall be responsible to:

- Keep said property, along with parking adjacent thereto, alleys, public ways or areas up to the centerline of said ways free of any noxious weeds.
- Keep grasses and weeds on said property mowed so that grass and weeds are less than eight inches (8") in height.

MUNICIPAL REMINDERS

- **The City Office will be closed Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.**
- City utility bills are due **on or before the close of business on the 20th** of each month. City Hall is open Monday – Friday 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Payments may be dropped off at City Hall during business hours, in the drop box located on the north side of City Hall or via mail. To help ensure your payment is on time, and to avoid any potential late fees, you may sign up for ACH. You can choose to have ACH payments withdrawn from your account on the 10th or 20th of each month. If you wish to sign up for ACH please stop by or call City Hall at 712-756-4314 to receive the proper paperwork.
- The curfew for minors is as follows: Under the age of 16 – 10:00 P.M. Ages 16 and 17 – 12:00 midnight.
- We would like to remind everyone of the leash law in Alton. Pets must be on a leash or tied up, unless they are on private property. Please be considerate of your neighbors in this regard.
- We ask that you refrain from blowing grass clippings and raking leaves into the streets. This debris prevents us from doing an efficient job of street sweeping and also obstructs the flow of water into the storm water system. Thank you for your cooperation.

Add a "PS"



To help a neighbor

"PS" is Project Share – a program that assists needy households in paying their winter energy bills. You can help by adding a **Project Share** contribution to your utility payment, or by making a direct donation. A local social service agency carefully identifies those residents who qualify, and a local committee oversees Project Share to guarantee that all contributions are handled equitably and efficiently.

It's a simple way to share some warmth with those who need it.

Dear Alton Municipal Utilities,

PS – I'd like to help a neighbor in need with a tax-deductible contribution to Project Share

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

- I will contribute \$_____ per month to Project Share. I understand this amount will be billed to me monthly.
- I have enclosed a \$_____ donation to Project Share