

SLOAN NEWSLETTER

PETS: Pet licenses are due by June 30th. . If you have a dog or cat that is not licensed, the City can impose a fine of \$10.00. The cost to obtain a license is only \$3.00. **Please bring in the proof of the rabies vaccination.** Per City Ordinance, you must keep your dog and cat on a leash when it is out of your yard. You are responsible if barking disturbs your neighbors, if your pet gets into gardens or flowerbeds and for collecting pet waste when you take your pet for a walk. Your neighbors may not enjoy your pet as much as you do. Please be a responsible pet owner.

SEVERE WEATHER SEASON: Tornado season is just around the corner. It's a good idea to have a battery operated radio, a cell phone, flashlight and a safe place to ride out the storm. The sirens at the fire station, water tower and the City Park will sound when bad weather or high winds are in the area. You need to keep an eye on the TV or listen to the radio for specific information. We have purchased a new siren for the park.

GOLF CARTS: Golf Carts will be allowed to be operated on city streets by persons possessing a **valid operator's license. NO KIDS DRIVING GOLF CARTS.** A golf cart shall not be operated on a city street which is a primary road extension through the city (such as Hwy 75) but shall be allowed to cross such a street. Golf carts shall be equipped with a "slow moving vehicle" sign and a bicycle safety flag and operate on the streets only from sunrise to sunset. Such carts shall be equipped with adequate brakes and shall meet any other safety measure as required by the State of Iowa.

JUST TO INFORM YOU ALL: The City has contracted with the Woodbury County Sheriff for law enforcement needs. If you have an emergency, call 911. If you have a non-emergency situation but need to contact the sheriff's office, the number is 712-279-6510.

We also have an agreement with a property inspection co (Absolute Inspection Services) to utilize their property inspection services. Their inspector will be canvassing Sloan periodically and sending out nuisance abatement letters. If you receive a nuisance abatement letter, please take care of the problem as soon as possible to avoid paying a hefty fine.

SLOAN MUSEUM NEWS:

The Museum is open each Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 during the summer, and upon special requests. Visitors who stop by are in for a real treat. We have many displays and some great Sloan history, along with unique farm exhibits. You will find photographs, artifacts, school history and more. In addition, we also have Armed Forces history and Westwood (Sloan) School memorabilia. You will be amazed at the history and artifacts we have on display. The annual flower sale will be May 13th. The flower sale along with the annual dues of \$5.00 and any freewill donations help us with upkeep and repairs. We had many visitors last summer including grade school classes, Class Reunions, and family get-togethers. Become a member and support our great Museum.

See you this summer!!

SUBMITTED BY THE SLOAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SLOAN PUBLIC LIBRARY THIS SUMMER:

There are many new faces at the Sloan Public Library! Mary Parker, Library Director for the last 7 years, retired in January to spend more time with her family. Tami Coil, who had been assistant director for the past 7 years has filled the Director position. In her place as Assistant Director is Donna Habinck from Mapleton. She comes with lots of experience with children and teen programming. She will be heading our summer reading program that starts in July. We also have a new clerk, Tiffany Wiggs who works on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Our website is now on www.sloania.com. Also LIKE us or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat to keep up with everything at the Library.

We offer many services such as fax, copy, scanning, laminating, e-books and much more.

Library hours are:

Monday 1:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Tuesday: 4 pm - 7 pm

Wednesday: 10 am - 6:30 pm

Thursday: 1:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Friday: 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 12 pm

Sunday: Closed

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REMINDER OF THE 2017, 141 GARAGE SALE

Sloan will again be participating in the 2017 Highway 141 Garage Sale adventure on August 4-5. The sale route follows Highway 141 across beautiful West Central Iowa between Des Moines and Sloan. The entire route is in excess of 150 miles. For contact or route information go to www.141sale.com or contact Jill Killian at 428-3344.

WE HAVE A LOT GOING ON:

This year, we applied for a \$15,000.00 MRHD grant to help with the costs of installing a Splash Pad at the City Park. We will know by May 19th if we get it. Speaking of the Splash Pad, we also received a \$5,000.00 Community Appreciation donation to use to promote a community celebration event to bring awareness and excitement for the Splash Pad project. That donation will be used for a catered chicken dinner and misc. family style entertainment and games to be held sometime in August. A free-will offering will be taken and those donations will be used towards the Splash Pad project. The date for this event will be posted on the city website and facebook page.

Did all of you enjoy the soup supper and lighted parade that was held in December? Hopefully that will be an annual event along with Santa's visit.

And don't forget the Easter Egg Hunt in the park on the Saturday before Easter.

Sloan has accepted a Comprehensive Planning Service from Woodbury County. Comprehensive Planning is a process that determines community goals and aspirations in terms of community development. The outcome of comprehensive planning is the "COMPREHENSIVE PLAN" which dictates public policy in terms of planning & zoning, utilities, land use, recreation, housing and more. On April 18th, Sloan will be hosting a come-and-go Public Visioning Session from 5-7 PM at the Community Hall where you will be able to voice your concerns, ideas and suggestions to help in the development of this process. There will be refreshments served. Please set this date aside and plan on attending.

Sloan is getting a Dollar General Store!! We are so excited to report that the project is progressing with the developer and the annexation process.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST:

There now are text messaging or email alerts available. To sign up for this, please go to our website at www.sloania.com and follow the link.

Did you know you can have emergency and severe weather alerts sent to your phone or email? This is a FREE service provided by Woodbury County and the State of Iowa. It only takes a minute and it can save lives. Sign up at:
http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/woodbury_ia/wens.cfm

We are finding that more and more people are doing away with their land line phones and just using their cell phones. We need a phone number for the utility billing in case we have to contact you. So if you have gone from using a land line phone to strictly using a cell phone, please call us at 428-3348 and update that information.

Just a reminder, please do not use the recycling bins over by Highway 75 as trash disposals - they are for recyclables ONLY and if you are caught depositing your trash in these, there could be a \$500.00 fine imposed! Do not put glass or Styrofoam in these containers! If you are not sure what is recyclable, stop into the City Hall and we will give you a list of items.

If you are interested in a pink recycling cart, the City has some on hand. You can purchase one for \$58.00 and one of our maintenance guys will deliver it to you.

As per Iowa DNR regulations, all cities have to publish an annual water quality report. The 2016 report will be available in June at the City Hall, published in the local paper and posted in public places. You will also be able to access it on the website at <http://iowaccr.org/Sloan>. If you have questions about it, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

We have a wonderful City Park for all children and adults to enjoy. New play equipment is being considered for purchase...slide and swings. **BUT**, we have a problem with people throwing trash on the ground throughout the park instead of putting it in the trash containers. Please help us keep our City Park clean.

Please don't put your grass clippings in the street! When you mow, please mow the first two or three swaths so the grass blows into your yard. The grass clippings in the street get washed down the storm drains when we have heavy rains. This can cause the storm drains to get plugged and therefore the rain water can't get away as fast as it should. Also, this can cause water to backup into your basement! (Sloan has an ordinance against putting debris in the street).

If you are still pumping water out of your basement, pump it to the storm drain in the street. **DO NOT PUMP IT DOWN YOUR BASEMENT DRAIN!** Not only are you are violating our Ordinance when you do this, but you are overloading our sewer system. This also causes backup in other resident's basements. **Sloan will be implementing a sump pump inspection program for improperly connected sump pumps. You will receive a detailed letter about this and a time frame in which every house will be inspected.**

Here's something else you may not have known: We have been having a problem with wipes such as clorox, baby or cleaning wipes plugging the pumps at the lift station on Cedar St. Please do not flush those items down your toilet. Even though wipes are considered biodegradable, they don't dissolve immediately so they could plug your own sewer line.

Grass Pile hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

Doing outside summer projects? Adding on to your house or garage or maybe just building a storage shed, deck or gazebo?? ***Remember to get a building permit prior to outside construction projects. Building permit forms are available at City Hall.***

Doing some landscaping or planting trees? ***Do not plant trees in the parking. Call 1-800-292-8989 before doing any digging!***

When driving, be mindful of children and adults riding bikes and walking. We don't want anyone getting hurt. Have a safe and wonderful Summer.

Sloan Mayor and Council

