

# SLOAN NEWSLETTER

## **ANNUAL REMINDERS:**

**PETS:** Pet licenses are due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. . If you have a dog or cat that is not licensed, the City can impose a fine of \$10.00 plus court fees. 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 or cat on a leash when it is out of your yard. You are responsible if barking disturbs your neighbors, or if your pet gets into gardens or flowerbeds and for collecting pet waste when you take your pet for a walk. Also, please clean up your pet's waste if you take him/her to the City Park. We have a lot of children playing in the park in the Summer and their parents do not like to have to clean off their shoes or throw them away just because a pet owner can't clean up after their pet. 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 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. FYI....the warning sirens will be tested every first Monday of the month a few minutes past noon.

**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.

It has come to the attention of the City Clerk's office that several properties need to be cleaned up. This includes private and business properties. The City has been very fair in giving property owners time to get their property cleaned up....we even have Spring and Fall clean-up days which allows everyone to dispose of trash and unsightly items at no cost to the individual.

## ***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. Each year the museum has a flower sale the Saturday before Mother's Day. 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!!***

## ***SLOAN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS:***

The Sloan Public Library will have their annual summer reading program again this year, starting on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is "Libraries Rock!" and there will be programs and activities planned all summer around this theme. There will be a kickoff on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6pm on the west side of the library. We'll have hotdogs, chips and drinks, games and music. Library staff will be on hand if you have any questions about any of the activities.

The Henry Doorly Zoo will be here on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am and will be bringing a few animals for everyone to see.

Summer reading program starts on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for 2-3 year olds, 10:00 am will be the 4-6-year-old group, 11:00 am will be 7 - 11-year-old group, and 1:00 pm will be the 12 and up teen group.

After the first week, we will then have summer reading on Wednesdays, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and the last summer reading program will be on August 1<sup>st</sup>. All times will be the same as above.

Some of the activities we will be doing: rock painting, STEM activities, and as a reward for hitting reading goals, we will have a Nerf dart game, water balloon fight, and an Escape Room, so everyone is encouraged to attend all summer reading sessions, activities and programs to earn extra minutes! Full schedules are available at the library and will also be available at our summer reading kickoff, so stop and get one if your child did not bring one home from school.

The last program we will have to end the summer with will be a program by Northeast Community College. Anthony Beardslee, instructor in the Audio and Recording Technology and Production program will be here to talk about the program and about music and the recording process. This should be a really fun program for kids and adults alike! This will be on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the library.

## REMINDER OF THE 2018 CITY WIDE & 141 GARAGE SALE

Sloan will again be participating in the 2018 Highway 141 Garage Sale adventure on August 3-4 in conjunction with the City Wide Garage Sales. 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](http://www.141sale.com) or contact Jill Killian at 428-4632 or 428-3344.

### WE HAVE A LOT GOING ON:

We are readying the City Park for the new Splash Pad. We "hope" to have it up and running this summer. If anyone is interested in making a donation, stop by City Hall. Also, the Splash Pad committee is selling benches to be placed around the Splash Pad. These can be purchased "in memory of someone" or with a business name printed on the bench. We have a picture of a "sample" bench here at City Hall and the form to fill out if you wish to purchase one.

The City ball fields will be getting new (much needed) fencing this summer.

**Sloan has or will add several new businesses!!** We are so excited to report that the Dollar General is now open. Kirk Wiggs has Fast Bad Hobbies on Main (Evans) street. A new beauty salon (LOCKS) will be opening in the building across from Casey's. Chris Mitchell has a lawn care business (CUTRIGHT). And a new Bar and Grill will be opening this Fall in the Old Sloan and Tire building. These businesses are a wonderful addition to the established businesses Sloan has. **SUPPORT YOUR SMALL TOWN BUSINESSES!!**

The City is in the process of setting up a new web site. This will available soon so stay tuned to Facebook for the launch date.

### LAST BUT NOT LEAST:

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 2017 report is available 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.

Our Ordinance on fireworks has changed. The amended Ordinance is posted around town and will be published on Sloan's website. You may also stop in at City Hall and we will print a copy off for you.

We have a wonderful City Park for all children and adults to enjoy. New play equipment is being considered for purchase as well as the addition of the Splash Pad. **BUT**, we have a problem with people throwing trash on the ground throughout the park instead of putting it in the trash containers and as mentioned in the first paragraph, not cleaning up waste from their pets. Please help us keep our City Park clean.

King's Closet is a great asset to not only our community but the surrounding communities. They provide clothing, furniture and other household items at a fair and reasonable price. They do not, however, take certain items such as TVs. A list of these items are posted at the drop off site so there should not be any questions as to what they take or not. Please, please do not drop off items that they have to pay to get rid of!!! The King's Closet is not here to collect your trash.

**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. Sloan has an ordinance against putting debris in the street.

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

Doing some landscaping or planting trees? ***Do not plant trees in the parking.***

**Call 1-800-292-8989 or 811 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**

