

City of Canton "A Premier South Dakota Community"

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MANAGER'S MINUTE By Amy Nelson

DEPOT COMPLETION

The finishing touches are being put on Canton's Historic Depot. We are getting ready to open it to the public. The space will be available for meetings and social gatherings, and will serve as a museum and interpretive area for local history. Over the course of the next few months, a taskforce will be working on many details including furnishing and placement of historical pieces. In addition, the Depot Foundation is continuing to work on placing a caboose on the tracks east of the building. Bidwell has also agreed to assist the City with paving the rest of the parking lot. "You won't believe the transformation that the Depot has undergone," said Amy Nelson, City Manager. "It will be a great space for the public to enjoy."



CHAUTAUQUA PARK

Canton Rotary Club recently completed a picnic shelter at Chautauqua Park. On behalf of the City of Canton, we extend a big thank you to all Rotarians and volunteers who made the shelter a reality. The public is invited to visit Chautauqua Park and use the new shelter and enjoy the river view. Rotarians have also made great strides this year to clean up the park. They volunteered many hours picking up garbage and trimming. Rotarian Mark Everhart deserves a special "thank you" for his efforts with the shelter. Thanks Rotary, and hats off for a job well done!

Chamber Chat By Lisa Alden

4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAYS

The Canton Chamber is helping with the 4-H Achievement Days BBQ on Wednesday, August 4th from 5-7 pm. Come join us and support local farm families and the 4-H program.

LIFE LIGHT FESTIVAL

This year's annual Life Light Festival will be just up the road from us by Worthing, and it's only a month away! The Canton Chamber will have a booth at the event to promote Canton. We will hand out coupons from local businesses to encourage attendees to visit Canton during the weekend. We are looking for volunteers to staff the booth during the weekend for a couple hours. This is a great way to promote your business and the community. If you are interested in getting involved with this great event, please contact Lisa at 764-7864 or lisa.canton@iw.net.

COMMUNITY EMAILS

If you would like to receive emails about future Canton Community events, email Lisa at lisa.canton@iw.net, and you will be added to our community member list.

CARING FOR YOUR TREES

TRIMMING AND MAINTENANCE

Trees can be a great asset to your property and maintenance is important. City ordinances require trees to be trimmed 8 feet above sidewalks. They also need to be 13 feet above all streets with the exception of 5th Street and portions of Dakota and Cedar Street where the minimum height is 15 feet. City ordinances also require dead and diseased trees and branches be removed. There is no charge for city residents to deposit tree branches at the rubble site. For more information, visit our website or call city hall.



PLANTING

Many of you may be planting new trees this fall. Before you pick up your shovel, you need to call SD One Call (1-800-781-7474) to locate all underground lines. If you plan to plant in the boulevard, a digging permit is required and stringent guidelines must be followed. Trees also can not be planted within 50 feet of any street corner.

MAKE A SPLASH

By Holly Knudson, Pool Manager

Pool hours are noon-5pm and 6pm-8pm. We offer adult swim on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8pm-9pm for ages 17 and up for \$2.25. The pool also offers Water Aerobics every Monday and Wednesday 8pm-9pm for \$2.25 per session. It is Floatie Night every Friday 6pm-8pm and Squirt Gun Night every Sunday 6pm-8pm.

The pool will host a Pool Carnival on Wednesday, August 4 from 2pm to 5pm. We will have regular swim 6pm-8pm. The cost is \$2 to play any 10 games. A carnival schedule will be posted at the pool, on the website, and in the newspaper.

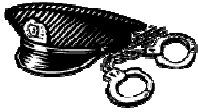
Tentative closing date is Sunday, August 22, 2010.

FUN & GAMES

By Cassi Sehr, Recreation Director

The Summer Recreation Program ends on August 6 with an end-of-year party. The theme for the final week is Best of the Best. The kids voted for games and activities they wanted to play. This summer has been filled with themed weeks ranging from Movie Week to Splish Splash Water Week. Each week consisted of games and activities pertaining to the theme. Thanks to the parents and kids for a great summer! See you next summer!





KEEPING THE PEACE

By Al Warnock, Chief of Police

As we approach the school year, we are asking all drivers to be aware of youngsters walking to and from school. For those of you in the vehicles, South Dakota Law requires all operators and passengers under the age of 18 to be buckled up at all times. Passengers can be ticketed for not using a seat belt. All children under five years of age and under 40 pounds are required to use an approved child-safety seat. The police department can provide a courtesy inspection of your child-safety seat. Just give us a call, and we can set up a time for an inspection. Cooler weather is coming soon and we encourage folks to have their vehicles checked for winter driving with emphasis on tires and brakes along with appropriate engine fluids. Travel in the county can change instantly; consider putting a kit in your car for emergency survival and the ability to charge your cellular phone. Halloween will also soon be upon us, be aware of the young ghosts and goblins out seeking the rewards of door-to-door visits; parents please dress your loved one appropriately and consider reflective clothing or an illuminated object they can carry with them.

CHECK IT OUT

By Edith Nelson, Librarian



Water your mind - Read! Our last summer program will be Gary Weldon's anti-drug puppet show August 3, 2010 at 10:30am. It has been several years since Mr. Weldon has been here and this is the last year he will be performing this show. Young children will enjoy this performance.

Amnesty Week is August 2 - August 7. Fines will be removed on overdue materials checked out within the last six months. (February, 2010)

September is Library card sign-up month, a time to remind everyone a library card is the smartest card of all!

Sioux Falls will host the Festival of Books September 22-24. Thousands of people converge at this event that features more than 40 well-known authors participating in book signings, presentations, panel discussions and readings. Presentations are separated into: fiction, non-fiction, poetry, children's/young adult, history/tribal and writer's support.

Banned Book Week (BBW) is September 25 - October 2. BBW is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. BBW highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books.

Story time begins in October for children ages 3 - 5 (must be potty trained). Registration starts Monday, September 20. There are two classes (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) from October 5 to October 27. Class size is limited. Registration is required.



MONEY MATTERS

By Kyle Cwach, Finance Officer

The 2011 budget is in full swing. This year's budget is particularly interesting, considering the state of the economy and the down turn in revenue streams. The City is curbing expenses, but we can only do so much. It is hard to decide which department or organization will receive less money due to these issues. There are many worthy and deserving organizations, but essential functions of the City need to take precedence.

On the lighter side, we are half way through our current budget, and expenditures in the departments are in line with only a few exceptions. One of them is the snow removal budget. Our winter was long and hard, and it is reflected in the expenditures. We will be bringing forward a supplemental budget for this item as well as other items that have been approved.

1ST STEP FOR A SIDEWALK

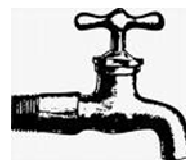
Visiting City Hall is your 1st step in replacing or installing a new sidewalk. A permit is required before you begin the work. There is no charge for the permit.

NUTS & BOLTS

By Bill Thorson
Superintendent of Public Works



In August, Public Works will begin some fall projects. The streets in the northeast section of town will be seal coated. During this time, please don't park on the streets during the day. This area is north of Fifth Street and east of Dakota Street. This work will begin the first part of August, weather permitting. We also request no parking where we are sweeping. Please report potholes or problems on your street by calling City Hall to assure they are on our repair list.



WATER WORKS

By Jeff Fossum
Superintendent of Water/Wastewater

The most important part of a homeowner's water system is the shut off valve. This valve is located just before the water meter. Please take a few minutes to find your shut off valve and make sure the valve works (shuts off the water). This small precaution may help lessen damage when part of the water system FAILS. The owner is responsible for the shut off valve and the service line to and including the curb stop at the street.

City residents may drop off leaves, grass clippings and garden debris at the free drop off site behind the city shop at 9th and South Lincoln.