

Happy Holidays
from the City Staff and City Officials



City of Glidden Newsletter

January, 2010

Weighing Your Options

Have a New Year's Eve resolution? Start the New Year eating healthy! The community is invited to join our January Health Now program on Managing Your Weight. Kris Hartje, Community Wellness Coordinator for Blue Cross Blue Shield, will present a program on Managing Your Weight Wednesday, January 13th at 5:00 p.m. Weight management doesn't mean being on a strict diet or losing weight. It means eating healthy and becoming more active. Limited space...call today to reserve your spot at our program!



Auto Pay - Hassle Free

The City of Glidden offers a payment plan to authorize your bank to pay your monthly utility bills automatically for you. To sign up, bring in your deposit slip found in the back of your checkbook to the Glidden City office. This deposit slip provides bank and account route numbers. Any bank institution is eligible for the *Auto Pay* program. *Auto Pay* is a free service, which eliminates the need for postage stamps, envelopes or checks. Stop by the City office and apply today!



Budget Billing Renewal Month

December is renewal month for Budget Billing. This is a great time to start the Budget Billing program for the first time! Budget Billing program allows residents to pay an average bill the whole year. No more forgetting your bill amount or worrying about paying those high heating or air conditioning bills. Suzy will set you up with a level payment amount. Call the City office for more details.

Project Share

Applications for a \$50 grant of Project Share funds are available at the City Office. Applications for funds may be made once per winter heating season. Funds are available to qualifying applicants until depleted.

To Report An Electrical Outage

Always call the City if you have an electrical outage. Do not call the Glidden REC. A City staff member will address the problem. If City staff is unable to fix the problem, crewmembers from the Glidden R.E.C. will be called to assist. If you have an electrical outage or other problem with your electrical service, please follow these procedures: **If the problem occurs during normal working hours (M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)** call the City office at 659-3010. **If the problem occurs outside of normal working hours or on the weekend,** call the City's emergency number at 712-830-4819. A City maintenance person is on-call at all times. This person will investigate the problem and either fix it or seek additional help. Please DO NOT call the Glidden R.E.C.

Join Walking Works!

The Walking Works . . . program, the innovative community health & wellness program sponsored by the City of Glidden and BlueCross BlueShield Association. Walking Works... is designed to give you credit for all the steps you take on a daily basis. Unlike most exercise programs, Walking Works . . . is created to encompass all of the activities you do day to day. The Walking Works... program is based on the number of steps you take working, shopping, playing or exercising as well as giving you credit for healthy lifestyle activities you do. As you record your daily progress you earn your way toward prizes.



The Walking Works . . . program is open to anyone in the community interested in joining. Participants boast a stronger dedication to an exercise program as well as health improvements from increase activity in their daily life to weight loss or just clothes fitting better.

Entry fee is \$20.00, which includes record keeping charts, newsletters, nutrition tips, exercise ideas, monthly "minivators" to keep you motivated each month and achievement level prizes that you earn along the way. We're excited to kick off the program for 2010. Sign up today! If you would like to learn more about the Walking Works... program, contact the Glidden City office at 659-3010.

2010 Reservations Available Now



The Community meeting room, City Park shelterhouse, Swimming pool shelterhouse, and Northland Park shelterhouse may be reserved at the Glidden City office 659-3010. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance. Please call today to reserve your 2010 special event. Reservation fee is \$30.00 for non-business purposes.

Tree Trimming Policy

The Glidden City Code requires the owners of the property abutting the City parking, sidewalks, and alleys to keep the trees overhanging the street trimmed so that all branches will be at least fifteen (15) feet above the surface of the street or alley and eight (8) feet above the sidewalks. Other than trimming for clearances, no person may trim or cut any tree on public parking, unless the work is done under the supervision of the City. The City reserves the right, at any time, to trim trees located on public or private property that interfere with any utility lines.

The City is making an announcement to all residents that the City plans to begin the tree-trimming project. The project will progress throughout the winter months as the weather permits.

If the property owner does not contact the City office within 5 working days from the date on the top of this notice, the City will trim the trees. If the property owner expresses the desire to be responsible for the trimming of the trees, the property owner must call the City office (712) 659-3010 and the City will give the owner ten days to trim the trees to the proper height.



Snow Policy Regarding Vehicles

All motor vehicles and vehicles of any kind shall be removed from the streets (other than in the commercial districts), during any time when snow removal operations are in progress and before such operations have resulted in the removal or clearance of snow from the City streets. Snow removal shall include the action of any and all snow equipment necessary to remove snow from City streets to provide access and proper use of said streets. The vehicles shall be removed and not left standing or parked on the streets in order to facilitate snow removal. The owners of vehicles left standing or parked in violation of this section may be issued a civil citation.

Do You Own a Generator?

Generator owners must apply for a permit from the City office. A home without a permit operating a generator will be immediately disconnected from the City distribution system. The Glidden Electric Tariff requires a "double throw" switch. This switch "isolates" the generator from the electric line, protecting both the generator and the person who is trying to repair the line. It could save a life!

Emergency Shelter

As winter weather approaches, we all need to think about our safety during severe storms and periods of extended electrical outages. If an extended electrical outage occurs, residents can seek shelter at the Community Meeting Room at the City office building. An electric generator will be in operation to keep us all warm and safe. Listen to KCIM/KKRL to know when the shelter will be open.



Snow Removal for Driveways & Sidewalks

City officials remind residents of the ordinance regarding snow removal. Do not throw, push, or place snow or ice onto the street. Property owners must remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 [2b & e])

Homebound Meals Program

Homebound Meals program has reached its 11th anniversary in Glidden! St Anthony Hospital prepares around a dozen hot, well-balanced meals, which are delivered by volunteers five days per week. If you know someone or if you would like to receive the Homebound Meals, please contact Evelyn Carty at 659-2235. Monica Kruse from the Elderbridge Agency coordinates the program. A special thank you to the volunteer drivers. Remember the meals will not be delivered during Christmas break, other school vacation days, and school cancellations due to weather. Listen to KCIM for weather cancellations.

Planning and Zoning Board Member Needed

The City of Glidden is seeking one individual to serve on the Glidden Planning and Zoning board. The board term is 5 years and this board meets a couple times per year. Please contact the City office today if you are interested. Volunteer and join these members on the Park and Recreation board: Kevin Eischeid, Dave McNamara, Ed Rezabek, Gary Schon, Brian Best, Mark Conner, Jody Rohrbeck and John Brockelsby. A special thank you to these fine individuals for serving on the Planning and Zoning Board!



Aquatic Center Memberships Easy Pay

For your convenience, families may purchase a family membership at the Glidden Aquatic Center in four easy payments. Sign up today to receive 2009 rates! Payments of \$30 each can be made by January 31, February 28, March 31 and April 30. Take advantage of this special offer! *ACH available upon request.*

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire department	911
First responders	911
Ambulance	911
County sheriff	911
City emergency	712-830-4819
Water/Sewer emerg.	888-861-1921
Natural gas emerg.	888-890-5554

-- Office Hours --

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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