



# CITY OF SHELDON

AUGUST 2013

## **WATER WATCH IS STILL IN EFFECT**

The City of Sheldon is asking for the public's assistance as it continues to remain in a Water Watch. Although we have had some above normal rains this spring, the Sheldon water system has not seen the re-charge we had hoped in our well production. Over the course of the last couple of years, we are still below average in rainfall by nearly 10 inches. Due to that fact, we continue to remain in a Water Watch and are asking the public to limit and curtail all non-essential uses of water in order to conserve precious water resources during this time. This is voluntary at this stage, but would ask for the following:

- No watering of lawns, shrubs or gardens between the hours of 8:00am and 8:30pm.
- No water should be used to fill private swimming pools, children's wading pools, reflecting pools or any other outdoor pool or pond.
- No water should be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks or building exteriors.
- No water should be used for non-essential cleaning of commercial and industrial equipment, machinery and interior spaces.
- Water should only be served at restaurants upon request of the customer.

We will continue to monitor the situation and further restrictions may be necessary if additional moisture conditions do not drastically change. We will keep the public informed as necessary over the next several months. The next step would be mandatory restrictions for water use with potential penalties.

We want to thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact the City Offices.

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## **CITY ELECTION**

Nomination papers are now available to be picked up in the City Clerk's Office. The election will be for Mayor, currently held by Katricia Meendering; Ward 2 Councilperson, currently held by Dr. Duane Seehusen; and At Large Councilperson, currently held by David Popkes.

- \* The first day that election papers may be filed is Monday, August 26, 2013.
- \* The last day that election papers may be filed is Thursday, September 19, 2013.
- \* Questions about voter registration should be directed to the Iowa Secretary of State webpage or your county Auditor.
- \* The regular City Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

We're on the web

[www.sheldoniowa.com](http://www.sheldoniowa.com)

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### NEWSLETTER UPDATE

This newsletter is the final one to be included in your utility bill. We ask you to visit the City website at [www.sheldoniowa.com](http://www.sheldoniowa.com). On our website, we have information about upcoming events and keep people informed on what is happening in the City of Sheldon.

If you do not have access to the internet, we will have hard copies available in our offices.

### ASPHALT OVERLAY

The City of Sheldon will be working on the following streets and avenues.

- \* East 5th Street from Washington Avenue to Normal College Avenue
- \* 8th Street from 7th Avenue to 8th Avenue
- \* N 7th Avenue from Hwy 18 to Oak Street.

Work is anticipated to begin in late August or early September. Please try to avoid these areas and keep the workers safe.



### SCDC COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

SCDC will hold their community clean up day on August 23, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers can meet at City Park or Hills Park. A full list of "Adopt A Project" items can be found on the Chamber website of [www.sheldoniowa.com](http://www.sheldoniowa.com).



## UTILITY SCAM PHONE CALLS

At this time, it appears that customers of investor-owned utilities are being targeted. Alliant Energy has issued a news release saying some of their customers have been contacted, but municipal utilities are reminded that their customers can also be easily targeted. In a new twist, Alliant is reporting that customers with Spanish surnames seem to be the targets of the current scam.

IAMU reminds utility members that they should continue to caution their customers about potential scams. Remind them that any caller who demands immediate payment to resolve a problem with the customer's utility account and asks for bank account or personal information should be hung up on and reported. Scammers can spoof caller-ID displays, which means the call may appear to come from a local utility office when in reality it is likely coming from another state or country.

Article from [www.iamu.org/en/publications/iamu\\_informer/](http://www.iamu.org/en/publications/iamu_informer/)

### CELEBRATION DAYS

The Sheldon Celebration Days will be held from August 29, 2013 through September 2, 2013. Please visit our website at [www.sheldoniowa.com](http://www.sheldoniowa.com) for a complete schedule of events.