

# City of Sheldon

April 2013



## Having a Garage, Rummage or Yard Sale?

Last fall the City Council passed an Ordinance pertaining to garage sales/rummage sales/yard sales. The ordinance states:

- Such sale shall be held on premises owned or leased by at least one sale participant.
- Such sale shall not last for more than three (3) consecutive days at any one location. There shall be a two (2) week period between garage sales/rummage sales/yard sales at any one location.
- Sale items and tables shall be enclosed in a building from sunset to sunrise.
- A violation of this section is a simple misdemeanor or municipal infraction as set out in Section 1.10 or Chapter 4 of the City Code.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- *Outdoor Soccer Registration deadline is April 3.*
- *Ladies Day Out is April 4. Contact SCDC for tickets and details.*
- *Spring Clean up will be April 29-30 & May 6-7*
- *Community Clean Up will be May 3, 2013. Contact SCDC for information.*

## SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

The Sheldon Parks & Recreation Departments registration is now open! Residents can access the service at the City's website, [www.sheldoniowa.com](http://www.sheldoniowa.com), under City Services, Parks & Recreation page. People will be able to register online or by coming into the City Office. Walk in registrations will be charged a \$2 front desk fee per child, with a maximum of \$6 per family. The brochure is available April 1 and was distributed through the schools in Sheldon, as well as our email distribution list. You can also pick one up at the City Offices. On line and walk in registration for the summer programs are currently available. Please note that the registration deadline for Baseball and Softball is April 19, 2013. All other registration deadlines are May 10, 2013. If you have any questions about the online registration process or about any of the upcoming summer activities, please contact the Recreation Department at 324-2769

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### BUILDING & HOUSE NUMBERING

There are several homes in Sheldon which do not have their building/house numbers displayed. While this may not seem to be very important, it is often of critical importance to members of our emergency service departments. When responding to an emergency call, these services sometimes have a difficult time finding the correct address of the call because the homeowner does not have his/her number displayed. This is especially difficult at night. There have been many instances where precious minutes were lost during an emergency call because the emergency personnel were unable to find someone's home because they had neglected to install their house numbers.

The Sheldon City Code has a requirement addressing this issue. It states: "The owner shall place or cause to be installed and maintained on the principal building the assigned number in a conspicuous place to the street in figures not less than 3 inches in height and of a contrasting color with their background".

Please take the time to make sure that you have your house number properly displayed on your home. Not only is this the law, it might just save your life.

### PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
City Office	324-4651
Recreation	324-2769
Police Dept.	324-2525
Street Dept	324-3252
Water Dept	324-2845
Sewer Dept	324-2234
Library	324-2442
Airport	324-4005
SCDC	324-2813

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
SPRING CLEAN UP**

West of Washington Avenue is April 29th & 30th

East of Washington Avenue is May 6th & 7th

If you would like to participate, a \$15.00 fee must be paid at the City Clerk's Office, 416 9<sup>th</sup> Street by **April 26th at 3:00 p.m. if you live on the West side of Washington Avenue, and May 3rd at 3:00 p.m. if you live on the East side of Washington Avenue.** Upon payment, you will receive a flag that must be prominently displayed at your residence with your items to be picked up. No payments will be accepted at the time of pick up.

1. **ITEMS MUST BE PLACED CURB SIDE;** no items will be picked up on the alleys. After the city crew goes past your house on Tuesday, you will not be allowed to deposit more items.
2. **METAL AND APPLIANCES SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN THE TRASH PILE.** These will be picked up separately, and must be on a separate pile.
3. **APPLIANCES WITH COMPRESSORS** will be picked up if the freon has been removed by a certified technician, and a tag has been placed by the technician indicating this has been done. **ALL ITEMS WITH MOTORS/CAPACITORS** must have them removed before we will pick them up. **THIS WILL BE ENFORCED.**
4. **TREE BRANCHES OR BRUSH WILL BE PICKED UP SEPARATELY,** and must be piled separately. We will not pick up commercially cut trees and brush.
5. **RESIDENTIAL HOMES ONLY.** Mobile Homes & Apartments may be picked up on an individual basis. No businesses will be picked up.
6. **PLEASE, ONE HOUSEHOLD PER FLAG.**

**\*\*\*\*\*ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP\*\*\*\*\***

**HAZARDOUS, TOXIC MATERIALS, OR LIQUIDS** of any kind. State guidelines classify batteries, paint, thinner, stains, gas, oil, insecticides, pesticides, etc. as hazardous or toxic waste.

**TIRES OR BATTERIES**

**ROOFING OR LARGE PILES OF DEMOLITION MATERIAL.**

**GARBAGE**

**GRASS TRIMMINGS OR LEAVES**

**CONCRETE OR BRICK**

No containers will be left. Please do not use good garbage cans or recycling bins.

For further information, call 324-4651

**DOGERIFIC HINTS**

- Keep that dog on a leash. If your dog is running at large, it could be taken to the Sheldon Veterinary Clinic, and there is a fee of \$50 that would need to be paid. Code section 55.06.
- Don't forget that bag. When you are walking your pet, please clean up after your dog. Code section 55.09.
- Quiet please. We sometimes get complaints about dogs barking and causing a disturbance. Please do your best to control your dog's barking. Code section 55.08.

**OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM**

Sheldon EMA has announced a second 3 minute city activated test of Sheldon's outdoor warning system in the months of April thru September. City residents should be advised that beginning in April, Sheldon's outdoor warning system will be activated locally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. This local test is in addition to the O'Brien County activated test of Sheldon's outdoor warning system on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month.

The sirens are activated by local officials daily at 6:00 pm as a time reminder. The outdoor warning system will be activated for **TORNADO WARNINGS, for SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS** with straight-line winds forecast to be in excess of 65 mph and for any other emergency scenario affecting Sheldon.