



CITY OF SHELDON

December 2013

RECREATION CANCELLATIONS

The City of Sheldon and the Sheldon Recreation Department are very excited to announce that we will be utilizing a new service that will allow us to get weather related announcements, program registration information and other important information regarding our programs to you much more efficiently. This new service, upon your registration, will deliver a text message to your cell phone(s) as well as an e-mail to your e-mail inbox(es) once a decision has been made to cancel a program, release program registration info or to just simply remind you of a registration deadline. Here is how to register for this **FREE** Service:

All you have to do is follow this direct link http://www.snowcaponline.net/group_signup.php?profid=2624 and fill in the requested information. Or just go to www.snowcaponline.net and fill in the box at the top of the page where it says "Find Current Alert". The name to search for is "Sheldon Recreation".

Offices Closed

- *The City Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2013 for Christmas.*
- *The City Offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2013 in New Year's Day.*

For upcoming Holiday Events, including when Santa will be here, please check the link on the front page of the website. Thank you.

WIPES CLOG PIPES

Recently, the City of Sheldon has had several sewer pumps clogged by "flushable" wipes. The past few years have seen the introduction of more and more disposable wipe products for a variety of household uses. Many of these products are labeled as not only disposable, but also flushable. While marketed as convenience items, these products may potentially become a huge inconvenience because they may clog not only the sewer on your property, but also cause blockages and backup problems in Sheldon's sewer system and pump stations. To understand how these wipes can become a problem, it's important to know how the sewer system works. Every home has a sewer connection that runs from the home to the public sewer system. This sewer service line is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain so there are no backups of wastewater into the home. From there, the sewage moves into larger collector lines, and pump stations help lift the wastewater across different elevations in the sewer system. Why are household wipes a problem? Unlike toilet paper, these products do not break down once they are flushed. They can then cause blockages in your home sewer lines, resulting in the backup of sewage into the home. A repair of the service line can leave the homeowner with a nasty repair bill, often not covered by homeowners' insurance, and an even nastier cleanup. On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system, they collect together and cause clogs in the collector lines and get tangled in lift pumps. When pump stations are clogged they stop working and require cleaning and repair, or even replacement, in order to get the sewage moving again. Avoid a nasty cleanup in your home and help protect the City's sewer system by never flushing any consumer item, other than toilet paper, down the toilet, regardless of what a packaging promises. Put these items in the trash instead: Disinfecting wipes, baby wipes or "flushable" wipes; cotton swabs and cotton balls; feminine hygiene products; paper towels; facial tissue. If you are not sure what should or shouldn't be flushed, here is an easy reminder: **If it's not toilet paper, and if you didn't eat it or drink it first, it shouldn't go in the toilet.**

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Adopt a Family

Forms are available for families/individuals requesting assistance with Christmas. The forms need to be turned into O'Brien County by November 8, 2013.

If you are interested in adopting a family/individual for Christmas, a list is scheduled to be published in the Mailsun on November 13, and on KIWA's website.

LEAF BURNING

The City of Sheldon would like to remind residents that burning of leaves, trash, grass, yard and garden waste is strictly prohibited. The grass and leaf disposal site at Hills Park is the designated area. Please remember to remove any bags, boxes, etc... from the site.



POLICE DEPARTMENT ISSUES NEWS RELEASE

The Sheldon Police Department wishes to remind motorists that beginning on November 1st, the Overnight Parking Ban on the city streets goes into effect. Motorists are not allowed to park their vehicles on any street in Sheldon between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. from November 1st until April 1st. Motorsits are also reminded that the fine amount for these violations is \$10. Residents are encouraged to remind all of their overnight guests of this Ordinance.

LEAVING FOR THE WINTER?

Please remember, your utility account number is required for any changes to your utility account. If you are going south for the winter, you have two (2) options for your utility bill. If you do not wish to receive a bill, you may have your meter pulled and you will need to drain your lines, There is a \$25.00 reconnection fee when you return and have your water hooked back up. If you do not want to pull your meter, you may leave your water on and stop your garbage, if your are going to be gone for more than two (2) months. There is a form in our office you will need to complete. If you have questions, please contact our office at 324-4651.

Merry Money-ONE DAY ONLY!

Shop Sheldon for the Holidays with Sheldon Merry Money. Merry Money is offered at a 10% discount!

Monday, **November 11** from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or until gone at the Sheldon Community Services Building.

- \$100,000 in Merry Money will be available for sale for ONE DAY ONLY—November 11.
- Merry Money purchases will be limited to \$2,000 per household/business.
- Must be spent in Sheldon at businesses participating in the Merry Money Program.
- Must be spent by December 24, 2013—no refunds.
- No change or cash back at time of purchase.
- This is **not** a loan. Consumers may purchase Merry money at a discount, with cash up front.
- At the time of the purchase, you will receive a list of the participating SCDC businesses, at which Sheldon Merry Money can be spent.
- Example how Merry Money works: you'll pay only \$900 to purchase \$1,000 in Merry Money. Don't miss out on this terrific opportunity to stretch your holiday shopping dollars by purchasing Merry Money at a 10% discount.