

Your Government Boone

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF CITIZENS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF BOONE.

The city of Boone has made a dedication to its citizens: Provide a greater level of information and education while maintaining financial stability. We hope this newsletter will help our citizens become more aware of city government activity.

Sump Pump Inspection Program Continuing

The City of Boone revised Ordinance 96.07 to prohibit all storm water including sump pumps from being connected to the sanitary sewer throughout the entire year. There is no longer any seasonal sump pump connections allowed to the sanitary sewer. Any home or business that has a system that allows the switching of sump pump discharge to the sanitary sewer system is now required to remove it. The new ordinance is being implemented over several years throughout the City by specific targeted areas.

The City will be continuing the mandatory sump pump inspection program in the fall of 2020 for the second year. We have completed the first targeted area in west Boone with tremendous (30%) results of clean water inflow and infiltration reduction.

Why is this important?

Like many cities in Iowa, Boone faces a challenge with its sanitary sewer system. During significant rain events, the sewer system can be overloaded. When it rains, flows can jump up to 20 times the normal amount. Overloaded sewers lead to basement backups and overflows of untreated sewage to Honey Creek and the Des Moines River.

The City is being urged by the EPA and Iowa DNR to reduce overflows. The City has already invested millions of dollars in improving the public sewer mains and lift stations. However it isn't enough to solve the problem. It is possible that DNR could require us to install an additional \$3 million dollar flow equalization basin at the wastewater treatment plant unless the excess clear water is removed from the sanitary sewer system.

Excess clear water enters the system from cracks in sewer mains and manholes along with private sources such as sump pumps, basement seepage collection systems, defective service laterals and roof drains. Removing private sources of clear water is essential to solving the problem.

A major source of private clear water in the sanitary sewer system is sump pumps. A sump pump removes ground water from around a home's foundation. The proper place for a sump pump to discharge is to the exterior of the home or storm sewer street intake if available. The improper place for it to go is the sanitary sewer because this unnecessarily increases treatment costs. A single sump pump discharges between 20-100 gallons per minute (gpm). It only takes a few improperly connected sump pumps to overload a neighborhood sewer main that has a typical capacity of 400 gpm.

What should I do?

With the revision of Ordinance 96.07 prohibiting all storm water connections to the sanitary sewer system, the City needs your help to remove clear water from the sanitary sewer system. Check to make sure your sump pumps, seepage collection system and roof drains discharge outside your home to yard space, garden space or storm sewer if available.

What is an inspection?

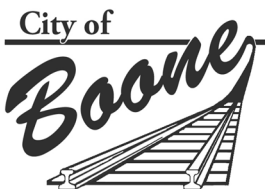
The City of Boone will be continuing with new targeted area of sump pump inspections this fall to verify that clear water sump pump connections have been disconnected from the sanitary sewer system. To do this, they will need access to your property and basement to observe exterior grading, roof drains, sump pit/pump and seepage collection system if present. A typical inspection is completed in less than 15 minutes. There will be no charge for these inspections.

Special safety precautions will be implemented in accordance with the State Department of Public Health and the CDC to ensure the inspections are safe for everyone.

What's the next step?

The second inspection program will begin in the fall of 2020 with a targeted area of approximately 800 homes north of the Union Pacific tracks from Story Street east to the City Limits south of 22nd Street. You will be notified by mail of the upcoming work. Please visit the City website at www.boonegov.com for more information.

VISIT WWW.BOONEGOV.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Open burning October 1st thru November 15th 8 am to 5 pm
- "Road to Fear" haunted drive thru – October 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 8 pm to 11 pm \$20 per car (6 max in car) Central Iowa Expo
- Boone Farmers Market thru October 22nd 3 pm to 6 pm 7th St between Story and Allen St
- "Trick or Treat" Beggar's night 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm October 31st
- City Hall closed November 11th in observance of Veterans Day

Boone Police
Department

**SURVEILLANCE CAMERA
REGISTRATION PROGRAM**

This program is designed so that the citizens of Boone, as well as business owners, can register their surveillance camera systems with the Boone Police Department to assist with investigations.

Upon registering a system, the information will be placed into a database maintained by the Boone Police Department.

If a registered location is believed to be potentially useful for an investigation, an officer will contact the owner(s) of the system to review the footage.

The program does not require any remote access or streaming by the Boone Police Department. It will only serve as a guide to assist officers in quickly identifying locations where crucial video evidence may be captured.

Footage from private camera systems may need to be used in court for criminal prosecutions. Use will only be done with the consent of the system owners.

Any time a camera system is taken out of service, the owners move, or the owners no longer desire to participate in the program, they can contact the Boone Police Department at **432-3456** and their system(s) will be immediately removed from the database.

Registration can be completed online at boonegov.com or you can complete this form and submit it to the Boone Police Department at 525 Story St.

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

SYSTEM ADDRESS: _____

CAMERA VIEW(S) (INTERIOR, EXTERIOR, STREETS, ALLEY, DOORBELL, ETC):
