



## Hydrant Flushing - October 2011

During the month of October you might notice Water Department crews working at fire hydrants and see water running down the street. Normally in the spring and fall, we flush water lines through the use of fire hydrants, which is an important preventive maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, the process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system allowing us to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers. This also is an important effort toward ensuring hydrant effectiveness for fire control purposes.

As a result of the line flushing process, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water or lower water pressure. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and does not affect the safety of the water. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your home by running all water faucets for a few minutes. The same philosophy of water line preventive maintenance is one that you should use in your own home to ensure the quality of water inside your home. Your home's water heater should be drained and flushed on a regular basis, according to manufacturers' recommendations, to keep it working effectively and efficiently. If you have any questions please contact us at 382-2074 and we will be glad to answer any of your questions.

## Cemetery Fall Clean Up – October 17-21, 2011

The Nevada Municipal Cemetery cleanup will be held the third week of October. If you wish to keep any decorations, stands, etc., please remove them from the cemetery by October 16. On October 24, you may return items to the cemetery. Any item not removed from the cemetery may be disposed of. Any questions, please feel free to call Gene Fritz at 382-6240.

## Weed Spraying in the Parks

The Parks Department will be spraying for weeds at city property including the parks and cemetery during the month of October.

## Open Burning of Landscape Waste

Open burning of landscape (yard waste) is scheduled from October 1 through November 20 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily (fire must be extinguished by 5 p.m.). A competent adult shall constantly attend all open fires until the fire is fully extinguished. A method of extinguishing the fire must be readily available (water hose or fire extinguisher). Garbage may not be added to lawn waste. All fires must be located at least 40 feet from any structure, including wooden fences and utility poles, and may not be ignited in public easements including alleys.

## Fire Prevention Week – Protect Your Family From Fire – October 9 - 15

The Fire Department will have an open house on October 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fire station. Hot dogs and chips will be served. There will be the Blank Children's Hospital Smoke House, fire safety displays, and activities for children. Smokey the Bear will also be visiting the fire station for the Open House. Go to [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) for more information.



## NEVADA UNCORKED – October 8, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Downtown Nevada

Join us as we sample native Iowa wine and beer! Enjoy live music and the tastes of the culinary arts. UNCORKED also features a coordinated bicycle ride beginning and ending downtown! For advanced tickets contact the Chamber at 382-6538.



## Meeting Schedule.

- **Council: Oct. 10 and 24, City Hall Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.**
- **Library: Oct. 17, Library Meeting Room 4:30 p.m.**
- **Parks and Recreation Board: Oct. 19, Gates Hall 5:15 p.m.**
- **Planning and Zoning Commission: Oct. 3, City Hall Council Chambers 6:15 p.m.**

## Central Elementary Can Drive

October 22

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Set your cans out where the kids can see the bags. You also can turn them in at anytime to the Story County Can Redemption Center and ask that the money be put on the Central Elementary account.

## Trick or Treat

Are you ready for some Halloween fun? Join in the fun as the Nevada Chamber of Commerce businesses host **Trick or Treat Downtown Nevada** on Friday, October 28, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Downtown businesses will be eager to see your costumes and pass out treats!



**Community Wide Trick or Treat night will be held on October 31 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**



## Library News

The **Annual Friends of the Nevada Public Library Meeting** will be held at the library on October 10 at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come and become involved. You can help set up or work during the book sales. Sometimes the Friends volunteer to do different jobs at the library. They fund programs and prizes for the Summer Reading Program, and the books for reading groups. We can't live without our Friends!



The **Knitting Club** will meet in the Meeting Room at the library on October 24 at 6:30 p.m. This is a group of knitters and crocheters who like to get together and work on their projects and talk about their handiwork. Anyone of any age may come and participate.

The **Reading Group** meets on October 27 at 1:30 p.m. This group all reads the same book, which will be available at the front desk at the Library, and then discusses that book. Everyone is welcome to come.

On **October 29**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., there will be a **book sale** in the basement of the Nevada Public Library at 631 K Avenue. This is one of the four book sales the Friends group holds every year. There are lots of books and videos.

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## Snow Emergency Reminder

With winter weather approaching, it is important for us all to be reminded about the City of Nevada's Snow Emergency procedures relating to parking on city streets and in city owned parking lots.

During a snow emergency, all vehicles are prohibited from parking on all city streets and in all city owned parking lots. Once a snow emergency has been declared, it is the duty of vehicle owners to remove their vehicles from the city streets and city owned parking lots within one-half hour of the snow emergency announcement.

Questions about snow emergencies may be directed to Nevada City Hall at (515) 382-5466 or the Nevada Police Department at (515) 382-4593. Information concerning snow emergency protocols can also be found on the City's website at [www.ci.nevada.ia.us/default.php](http://www.ci.nevada.ia.us/default.php).

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## Nevada Parks & Rec Programs – Sign up at Parks & Recreation

**Walk & Rock** – Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade kids can go to Central Elementary Gym from 7:30 a.m. - 8:05 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, November 1 through December 1 and January 3 through March 1 (except for no school days). Program cost is \$15.00 per participant. Please register by November 1.

**Youth Basketball** – This basketball program is for boys and girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. This year, the NBA program will be included as well as team practices, late start practices, and organized game play in the Central Iowa Recreation League. Volunteer coaches are needed. Practices will be in the Elementary or Middle School Gym as scheduled and games are played on Saturdays. Cost of the program is \$60.00/ participant including a jersey or \$50.00/ participant if you have a jersey from last year. Registration deadline is October 21.

**Nevada's Start Somewhere Walk** – Together, let's take the first steps toward a better and healthier Iowa. Join the Nevada's Start Somewhere Walk held on October 7 at noon at the SCORE Pavilion. We will utilize the trail system and encourage individuals to walk 1 mile. Be a part of the first symbolic step on our path to becoming the healthiest state in the nation. For more information, contact Parks and Rec at 382-4352 or the Nevada Chamber at 382-6538.

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## Important Utility Bill Information

Utility payments are due upon receipt and all payments received after the 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. are considered late. The 15<sup>th</sup> is not a postmark deadline. There is a drop box in the parking lot in front of City Hall and payments are collected from the box each day at 5:00 p.m. Any payment dropped in the box after 5:00 p.m. is considered the next day's business. If the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on Saturday or Sunday, the box is emptied at 8:00 a.m. on the Monday following and any payments made after 8:00 a.m. are considered late. If you do not receive your bill, please do not hesitate to contact us at 382-5466 to request a duplicate billing or to find out the amount due.

## CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Residents undertaking projects involving digging and excavating are reminded to call Iowa One Call. Under Iowa statute if you plan to dig, you are required to make the toll-free call at least 48 hours before digging. The service is free to anyone who requests it. Use of Iowa One Call eliminates the risk of service disruption in homeowners and their neighbor's yards. It also greatly reduces risk of severe personal injury and even death. Before any digging or excavation starts, Iowans need to know they should first call Iowa One Call by simply dialing 811 or 1-800-292-8989 to have the utilities marked. It's not only smart digging, it's the law.

