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Mission Statement: "Improve and Protect our Community"

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF OKOBOJI

The Consumer Confidence Report of Water Quality for the City of Okoboji, Iowa, is posted at the Okoboji City Hall and at the Okoboji Post Office as well as having been published in the Dickinson County News and posted on the city website at www.okobojicity.com. Copies of the report are available at the Okoboji City Hall.

BUR OAK BLIGHT (BOB)

Councilmember Mendenhall brought information to the Council concerning Bur Oak Blight (BOB) that is taking place in town. The Iowa Great Lakes Association (IGLA) considers BOB a major threat to our environment on the same level as Zebra Mussels, Asian Jumping Carp and CAFO's. As the IGLA has investigated Bur Oak Blight, they have encountered much misinformation. Their purpose is to bring clarity to this misinformation and suggest treatment resources for your consideration. Mendenhall stated everyone should be concerned about this problem as it could affect everyone at some point and time since the disease can travel from tree to tree. Mendenhall noted there are ways to treat a tree based on the information he has received. More information can be found at <http://www.ipm.iastate.edu/ipm/hortnews/2012/9-12/buroakblight.html>. Information can be found at the Okoboji City Hall for anyone that wishes to have a copy as well.

THE LAKES AREA DOG PARK

The Lakes Area Dog Park is proud to announce they have partnered with the Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp to build a six-acre dog park on their south campus. A dog park was listed as one of the top four needs in Dickinson County in 2013. The Iowa Great Lakes is a wonderful place to live and visit yet we have no safe place to walk our dogs. There is a need to accommodate the summer swell of people so that year round residents, summer residents, tourists and guests can use the dog park.

The first phase of the dog park is building the driveway, parking lot and six-foot commercial grade fence. The cost is approximately \$35,000.00. They have received donations from people, cities and sponsors of the dog park. They are very close to being able to build the first phase and need community support to get it running.

The second phase is adding water stations, a covered entrance, a message board at the entrance and shade trees. They will add these amenities as donations come in and as fundraising allows. The third phase will include anything necessary to enhance the park. Their goal is to make a dog park you can be proud of and make it worthy of Dickinson County!

Donations can be mailed to PO Box 456, Okoboji, IA 51355. You can donate directly through their web site at www.lakesareadogpark.com. The Lakes Area Dog Park is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Be a part of Dickinson County's next best thing. Give your dog a treat, build a dog park!

PLEASE UPDATE!

Do we have your current phone number or email information on file in our office? Have you wondered if I have a water leak or any other city matter can the right people contact me? We at City Hall are coming across a problem in reaching our citizens in such situations. We ask that you **PLEASE update your phone number** and supply us with an **email address** so that we can reach you in case of any emergency. Please submit this information with your current water billing or email to okobojich@mchsi.com. We thank you in advance.

LANDSCAPE WASTE PICKUP

It has come to our attention that many residents have started using Okoboji garbage bags and Waste Management containers for their landscape waste. If these forms of receptacles are used for your **landscape** waste it will not be picked up. Waste Management picks up garbage and recycling from your curb. Landscape waste cannot be brought to either the landfill or the recycling facility. Okoboji City workers pick up our cities landscape waste and they dispose of it at the landscape waste site. If you have further questions please don't hesitate to call City Hall 332-2550.

The City of Okoboji will pick up **landscape** waste every Wednesday (weather permitting) until further notice. Remember to have your landscape waste out to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on pickup days.

Please use regular **clear bags** if possible, but we will collect landscape waste provided it is **bagged, boxed, or canned**. Limit the size of branches to two (2) inches in diameter, not longer than four (4) feet in length, and seventy-five (75) pounds in weight. In the event the landscape waste site becomes too muddy or wet due to poor weather, the City will announce on the local radio stations landscape waste will not be collected that day.

RECYCLING & GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Waste Management will continue with the twice-weekly garbage collection schedule (on Mondays & Thursdays for the whole town) through the Monday after Labor Day. Recycling Collection Service continues once a week on Mondays.

Please note that although not often, sometimes things happen (vehicle breakdowns, vacations etc.) if for some reason your garbage is not picked up at the normal time just be patient. Leave your items on the curb and it will get picked up, sometimes not until the following day. If you feel you need to bring it in for the night, same rule applies: Please have your trash and recycling out to the curb by 7:00 a.m. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

For more information, please contact Waste Management, Toll Free at 1-800-833-9596.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed Monday, September 5, 2016, in observance of Labor Day. **(Garbage and Recycling Collections will be one day later during Labor Day week – Garbage on Tuesday & Friday, and Recycling on Tuesday.)**

These newsletters are furnished to all taxpayers and citizens of Okoboji, hoping they will enhance efforts to keep all informed as to local government issues and to encourage participation. If you have a suggested topic for future newsletters, please advise your Mayor or Councilmembers, or you may email, call or write directly to the City Hall.

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City Clerk/Administrator