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Spring is just around the corner and I think most of us are ready for that even though we had a fairly mild winter. There are lots of things to do come spring. One of them being spring clean-up days. April 24. Please do your part and take advantage of being able to dispose of unwanted items. This will help keep our community looking nice. Watch for the ad in The Hartley Sentinel in the month of April.

Remember to check your sump pump: Sump pumps shall not be connected to the City’s sanitary sewer system. City code prohibits connection of “a roof downspout, sump pump, exterior foundation drain, areaway drain, or other source of surface run-off or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer”.

Avoid digging into utilities buried below ground. Iowa law requires that utilities be notified before any type of excavation takes place. **Dial 811 to reach a representative of Iowa One Call.** They will require your name, address, and a description of the type of excavation and specific location on your property where digging will occur.

Building or renovation projects usually require a building permit. Please check with City Hall when planning these types of projects.

Sidewalk Replacement Program for residential owner occupied properties located in the city limits to replace existing defective sidewalks.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall or at www.hartleyiowa.com to apply for financial assistance up to \$3,000. Sidewalks that parallel the street in front or side of their property qualify. Once a complete application is submitted, City staff will determine if the sidewalk meets the definition of “defective” according to City Code (Chapter 136) and determine your level of assistance. Owner occupants with gross annual income above the following limits may qualify for 25% & those who

are at or under the limits may qualify for 75 % of replacing sidewalks.

<u>Household Income Size</u>	<u>3-Month Gross Income</u>	<u>Annual Gross</u>
1	\$5,198	\$20,790
2	\$7,009	\$28,035
3	\$8,820	\$35,280
4	\$10,631	\$42,525
5	\$12,443	\$49,770
6	\$14,254	\$57,015
7	\$16,069	\$64,278
8	\$17,889	\$71,558

For households with more than eight members, add \$1,820/\$7,280 for each additional member.

The owner would need to take out a City permit and hire a contractor to replace the approved portion of sidewalk. When completed, City staff will inspect it for final approval. Any grants awarded will be paid directly to the contractor who performed the work and the property owner will be responsible for the balance.

Residential garbage collection occurs each Monday. Each resident is allowed two 32-gallon containers per week, each weighing no more than 50 lbs.



Garbage must be bagged in the container. If you have additional garbage contact City Hall in advance. There is a small additional fee, but by making arrangements in advance the customer would avoid any penalty.

Garbage dumpsters for business use only. Businesses purchase their own dumpsters and pay a fee to have each dumpster emptied. These are not intended for public use. Please do not use a business dumpster as a means to dispose of your trash.

RABRAI XLV participants will pass thru Hartley July 23, 2017. There will be an informational meeting Monday, March 27th at City Hall at 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed for many areas. Contact the Hartley Chamber or City Hall if you would like to help.

Spring Cleanup will begin April 24th More information will be in The Hartley Sentinel later.

Dial 928-2345 for after-hours utility related emergencies.

Recycling Schedule: March 23rd, April 6th 20th.



IF YOU LIVE OR WORK NEAR A PIPELINE

HOW CAN YOU TELL WHERE A PIPELINE IS LOCATED?

Since natural gas pipelines are underground, Line Markers may be used to indicate the approximate location of the pipelines. However, these markers do not indicate how deep the pipeline is buried. Also, the route can take twists and turns between markers.



Never assume the pipeline lies in a straight line. Always call 811 the Iowa One-Call Center before digging. It is a crime for any person to deliberately damage, destroy or remove any pipeline sign or right-of-way marker.

Pipelines can lose cover through natural erosion or other forces. Certain types of deep farming activities require advanced notification. Some examples are: chisel plowing, waterway work, and tiling. If you observe indicators that a pipeline is shallow or exposed, contact the City of Hartley at 928-2240

WHAT IS A PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY?

A pipeline right-of-way is the strip of land over a pipeline. The right-of-way agreement between our Utility and the property owner is called an easement. Easements provide our Utility with permanent, limited access to the land to enable us to operate, test, inspect, maintain and protect our pipeline.

CAN I BUILD/DIG ON A RIGHT-OF-WAY?

Pipeline right-of-way must be kept free from structures and other obstructions. If a pipeline crosses your property, please do not plant trees or shrubs on or near the right-of-way without first having our Utility personnel mark the pipeline, stake the easement and explain construction guidelines to you.

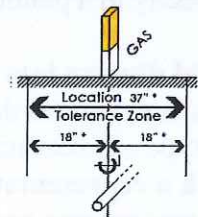
WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I DETECT A GAS LEAK IN MY HOME?

If you suspect a natural gas leak inside your home or on your service line, immediately evacuate and contact the City of Hartley at 928-2345.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

When you start digging, stay at least 18 inches away from either side of the marked lines.



Before you begin any excavation project, call Iowa One-Call Center. This service is available to you, free of charge, so that you can proceed safely with any digging, trenching, blasting, excavating, drilling, plowing, boring, augering and grading. Never guess where a pipeline is located. If you ever damage or hit a City of Hartley pipeline, no matter how minor the contact may seem immediately call the City of Hartley at 928-2240 so the damage can be assessed. **Before excavating, please call the Iowa One Call Center at 811 or call 1-800-292-8989.**

Anytime you plan to dig, whether as part of a construction job or homeowner project such as erecting a fence, planting trees or shrubs, installing a pool or basketball hoop, building a home addition or deck, putting in a new driveway, installing a septic system, sprinkler system or water drainage system or terracing, the law requires that you call "One Call" notification service at least 48 hours prior to that first shovelful. The 48 hours timeline will commence only during normal business days between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and does not include weekends or legal holidays (the 48 hours timeline on calls after 5:00 p.m. will begin at 7:00 a.m. the following business day).

The One Call service will contact the City of Hartley so that locate personnel can mark underground natural gas piping and electric line locations with flags or paint within 48 hours of your call (excluding weekends and holidays). Please understand that during the City's location process, we mark only City of Hartley-owned underground gas locations. Customer-owned underground facilities (customer-owned includes piping or wires in service after the natural gas passes through the utility-owned meter) such as gas piping running to grills, yard lights, garages or outbuildings may NOT be marked during City of Hartley locates. Please seek the services of a qualified private locate contractor to identify the location of customer-owned underground gas piping or other facilities.

Marking utility lines helps protect you and your neighbors from potential fire hazards or explosions from punctured natural gas lines, high voltage shocks from buried electrical lines, services interruptions as well as interruptions to critical services like 911. Those digging without having utility lines marked may be liable for any damages caused by the excavation. Iowa's One Call service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The call and the services are free. Why take the risk? Iowa One Call at 811 or call 1/800-292-8989, www.iowaonecall.com