

Snow Priority Streets

Our neighborhood is participating in the Snow Priority Street program. Signs like that shown on the right of this page will be posted in our neighborhood to remind residents.

What this means:

After any snow event of 1" or more snow accumulation, the city will plow the Snow Routes, then they will plow the "Snow Priority Streets". Finally, they will do the other residential streets. With their new wing plows, the city can do a street in 2 passes and decrease plow time by 33%!

This will help in many ways:

- Our streets will be plowed sooner
- No waiting for 4" before we get plowed
- Smaller drifts in your driveway
- Small amount of snow or ice left on the street, will be melted quickly on a sunny day
- Less ripples in the street left from going around cars

What we need to do:

We need to get our cars off the street! If there is 1" accumulation, you need to be thinking about where your car is parked. The wing plows will not fit on our streets with parked cars. Tickets will be issued quickly and the fine is \$35!

We don't want you to be fined and the city doesn't want to call in the police to issue tickets because it takes time. Fliers were distributed that had details about how you can/will be notified.

Notification:

- Local media – TV, radio, Des Moines Register website: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/>
- City of Des Moines' website: <http://www.dmgov.org>
- Email notification to subscribers: <http://dmgov.org/Pages/subscribers.aspx>
- Calling Public Works Customer Services at 283-4950



Gazebo Fundraiser



Four Mile has offered to let us do a fundraiser on a Saturday during their basketball season in January or February. It would need to be a lunch type thing.

Proceeds could be earmarked for building a gazebo in the park? Let Harlan Donaldson (contact info at bottom) know if you are interested in, coordinating, working, or donating to something like this. We need a reply soon so Four Mile can schedule us.

Association Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone numbers: (list at least one)

Day: _____ Evening: _____

Best time to contact _____ AM/PM

e-mail address: _____

Fee: \$10.00 per year for each household. Membership entitles you to one vote per adult in household.

Make checks payable to: **VHMNA**

Please mail to: Connie Ballard
Valley High Treasurer
4211 Timber Ln
Des Moines, IA 50317



Holiday Food Baskets

We would like to help our neighbors who may be struggling this Holiday season by delivering a food basket to them. Many people are having a hard time because of the economy and we want this season to be just a little easier for them. We need your help in 2 ways:

- 1) Donated food items for the basket can be left at 1006 Knob Hill Dr (behind the entry wall).
- 2) Nominate neighbors for the basket. If your neighbor (or yourself) could use this help, please contact Brenda at 249-2285.

We want to help as many families as we can, so please contact us with their names. If you can donate a few food items, we can help more families. There is a deadline of **December 18th** so we can deliver the baskets the week before Christmas.

6th Annual Holiday lights contest

We will be having a holiday decoration contest this year. Judging will be held Dec 14-16. Get your decorations out and have them ready by this time!



Our next **association meeting** is Friday, Jan 21st at Four Mile Community Center at 3711 Easton Boulevard. It starts at 6 pm with a **potluck dinner** then the meeting begins at 6:30. The association will provide ham and you need to bring side dishes and desserts! (Meetings are normally on Thursdays so remember the change!)

Dates to remember:

Dec. 14
Holiday Lights judging

Dec. 18
Due - Nominations for holiday food basket
Due - Donations of food/ money for food basket

Friday, Jan 21
Pot Luck - Assn meeting

June 10-12
Garage Sale

Our neighborhood has had **garage sales** in the past, but we would like to schedule it at the same time as Copper Creek so we can capitalize on the traffic to their neighborhood. We are working with Copper Creek and Grays Woods to be able to offer garage salers many opportunities to buy items. This is planned for the second weekend in June 2011. (June 10 – 11)

These are your officers for the next year:

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