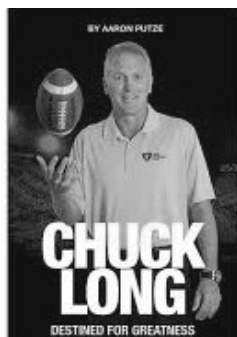


## ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF CITIZENS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF BOONE.

*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.*

# Your Government Boone



### **November Author Talk with Aaron Putze and special guest, Chuck Long**

- ◆ Tuesday, November 27 at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Ericson Public Library, Second floor Meeting Room
- ◆ Aaron and Chuck will be sharing stories from Aaron's book, Chuck Long: *Destined for Greatness*, an autobiography of Chuck's life.
- ◆ Signed hardbound (\$30) and softbound (\$20) copies of the book will be available.
- ◆ Chuck will join in photos and sign one additional item for each book purchased!



### **G. I. Life in the European Theater, 1944-1945**

- ⇒ Monday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Ericson Public Library, Second floor Meeting Room
- ⇒ Presented by Will Moul, owner of The Houndstooth Haberdashery & Boone County Reenactment Company
- ⇒ Learn what it was like to live and fight on the front lines in Europe during WWII and view authentic military items!

### **EPL is becoming a Scholastic Literacy Partner!**

Starting in November, children who attend any storytime at Ericson Public Library will receive a punch card.

After attending ten storytimes, each child will get to select a free book for their own home library!

*This program is made possible through a generous donation from the Friends of Ericson Public Library.*



### **Sump Pump Inspection Program Coming Soon**

The City of Boone has revised Ordinance 96.07 to prohibit all storm water including sump pumps from being connected to the sanitary sewer throughout the entire year. There will no longer be any seasonal sump pump connections allowed in 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 will be required to remove it. The new ordinance will be implemented over several years throughout the city by specific targeted areas.

The City will be implementing a mandatory sump pump inspection program beginning in 2019.

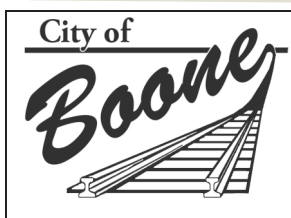
#### **Why is this important?**

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 the 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.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- November 15th OPEN BURNING ENDS in the city of Boone
- Santa Express November 23, 24, 25, 30 & December 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, [www.bsvrr.com](http://www.bsvrr.com)
- November 29th Downtown Holiday Lighted Parade
- December 13th "Shop with a Cop" County Law Enforcement

VISIT [WWW.BOONEGOV.COM](http://WWW.BOONEGOV.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION

**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 implementing targeted areas of sump pump inspections beginning in 2019 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.

**What's the next step?**

The inspection program will begin in the spring of 2019 with a targeted area of approximately 600 homes south of the Union Pacific tracks from State Street to Division Street north of College Street. You will be notified by mail of the upcoming work.

Please visit the city website at [www.boonegov.com](http://www.boonegov.com) for more information

**Shop With A Cop**

**December 13th "Shop with a Cop" will be in its 17th year. The Downtown streets of Boone will be filled with children kindergarten thru sixth grades. They will shop with officers and volunteers for basic necessities and Christmas gifts for their families. Each child will have \$100 to spend. These children are nominated by school teachers, administrators and social workers. Nomination forms are available at the police department, in Boone Schools and at the former Iowa Department of Human Services building on West Mamie Eisenhower Ave. Forms must be submitted to "Shop With A Cop" by Thanksgiving. Criteria for being chosen are that the children are in the Boone Community School District and grades K-6th. Donations are always welcome and can be dropped off in piggy banks located in stores throughout the city or deposited in the "Shop With A Cop" account at either VisionBank locations in Boone.**

***Miles of Lights***

**Send your tax deductible donation to:**

City of Boone PO Box 550, Boone, IA 50036 with  
"Miles of Lights" in the memo

Thank you for your donation and pass on a "thank you" to our Public Works Department Staff for maintaining these decoration.

**Winter Tree Care**

To avoid spreading disease and excessive stress, please trim oak trees during the winter months.

Protect the trunk of your trees with tree wraps.  
Animals and squirrels will eat the bark and damage the tree.



**Reminder:**

**If you need Snow Ordinance Information  
TEXT BOONESNOW to 888777**

**Residents are encouraged to note a recent change in the side walk snow removal procedures.**

The Boone City ordinance requires that property owners remove snow and ice accumulations from sidewalks within 24 hours in commercial districts and 48 hours in residential districts following a snow event. Owners are also required to maintain sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

New procedures in 2014 now require the city to publish notice in the newspaper informing residents of these requirements, but no additional notice will be given prior to the City performing work for properties that fail to comply. The city will cause the work to be completed and the charges will be assessed to the property taxes as a special assessment.

The penalties for failure to comply with these requirements for the 2018-2019 winter season are: First offense is \$50 civil penalty plus a \$5 administrative fee plus the actual cost of the snow removal (to be determined by bids) Second and subsequent offenses \$200 civil penalty plus \$5 administrative fee plus actual cost of snow removal (to be determined by bids).

Property owners are encouraged to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice accumulation for the safety of the users of our sidewalks. Questions may be directed to Community Service Officer David Ades at the city of Boone at 515-432-4211 x 1104 during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

**Please help  
your fire  
fighters by  
keeping the  
fire  
hydrants  
clear of  
snow and  
debris.**

Boone Fire  
Fighters  
Thank you