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Winter Reminders:

- Residents are reminded to remove accumulated snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours. This is very important to pedestrian safety, especially for local students
- City Street crews also remind residents that snow cannot be placed in public streets or alleys after they have been cleared by City plows. Doing so creates travel hazards for the public, and results in additional time and energy spent on snow removal
- **Don't Crowd the Plow!** Please remember to keep a safe distance from city plows and other equipment as they work to clear city streets. Plow and other heavy equipment operators often do not have a wide field of vision, and following or passing too closely can be extremely dangerous.

City Council Adopts Snow Removal Procedures

Lennox residents can expect a more predictable response to snow and ice events in the future, as the City Council adopted a new Snow and Ice Removal Procedure at the January 28th meeting. The new policy, which is effective immediately, is designed to maximize safe travel for area residents and make city snow removal more efficient.

Highlights of the new procedures include:

- Snow will usually need a city response after two inches or more of accumulation
- An addition to the Emergency Route, adding West 5th Avenue between Main

and Elm Streets

- Three response zones designed for three pieces of equipment operating continuously until operations are complete.
- Plowing will typically start at 5:00 AM, with plenty of notice given to residents to remove vehicles from streets through a Snow Alert
- While not all streets will receive sand and/or salt for traction and melting, key intersections will be sanded to provide for traffic and pedestrian safety.
- Snow operations may be suspended in cases of excess snowfall or unsafe work conditions.

With the new procedures in place, the city hopes to see improved response to snow events, as well as continued efficient use of time and energy.

Anyone with questions or concerns about the new procedures or about response to snow events is encouraged to contact City Hall at (605) 647-2286.

Denise Hanson Joins City Team

On February 1, the City of Lennox welcomed their newest addition with the arrival of Denise Hanson. Denise was hired as the new Finance Officer for Lennox in December, and replaces Donna Houck, who left the city in early December.

"We are thrilled to have been able to hire someone with Denise' expertise in government finance. As Lennox continues to grow, we will certainly benefit from her vast knowledge and

friendly personality", said City Administrator Nate Vander Plaats.

Ms. Hanson most recently served as Parish Review/Accounting Coordinator for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, where she served for 13 years. Prior to that, Denise served as the Finance Officer for the City of Worthing for six years.



Denise Hanson,
City of Lennox Finance Officer



Downtown Lennox, SD

Lennox Named Best Place to Raise a Family in South Dakota!

According to HomeSnacks, an online community that analyzes community demographics to help people find a community in which to live that fits them, Lennox is the best place to raise a family in South Dakota in 2019!

The website, which scours data on communities across the country, studied crime, schools, proximity to major cities, households with children, and nearby amenities to make their determination.

Lennox excels in each of these

areas; we have a top-notch school system, low crime, and numerous amenities nearby (not to mention a brand-new swimming pool in the near future!).

This is great news for the community, as we work to grow both the population and work opportunities in the area.

Lennox was also named the 9th best place to live in South Dakota overall.



Alan Perry, Ambulance Director, receives DMS District 2 Provider of the Year Award

Police, Fire and Ambulance Protect and Serve

Lennox is blessed to have three high-performing public safety teams at the community's service. The City is grateful for the work of Fire Chief Wayne Fischer, Police Chief Will Ericksen, and Ambulance Director Alan Perry for their leadership in community safety, as well as for each of their employees and volunteers for the countless hours of dedication to Lennox and the surrounding area!

Some public safety highlights from 2018 include:

- 418 Ambulance calls
- 1350 calls responded to by the Police Department
- 62 Calls for the Volunteer Fire Department
- Ambulance Director Alan Perry was named South Dakota EMS Association District 2 Provider of the Year
- Will Ericksen was promoted to Chief of Police in July.