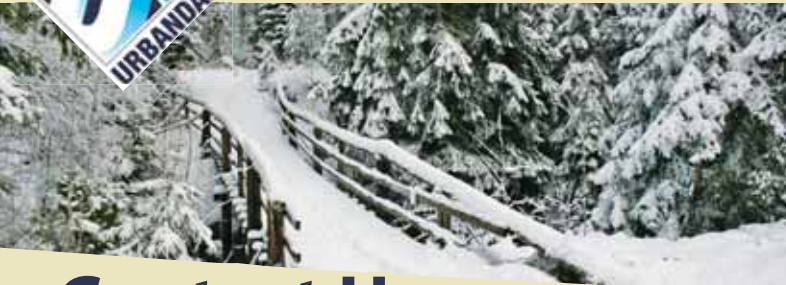




URBANDALE CITIZEN'S BRIEF

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Urbandale National Night Out Wins National Recognition

By the Police Department

The City of Urbandale was recognized by the National Town Watch organization for its 2010 National Night Out event on August 3, 2010. The City's National Night Out event is coordinated by the Urbandale Police Department in conjunction with local businesses, civic groups and resident volunteers. Urbandale was the only group in Iowa to receive recognition.

Nationally this year's events involved 37 million people in 15,110 communities in all fifty states, which include the 700 at Urbandale's event. The Urbandale Police Department would like to thank our local businesses, media and civic organizations for their support in making an award winning event. Additionally, we all would like to thank the residents of Urbandale who supported this event. The Urbandale Police Department is already planning the 2011 National Night Out event on August 2nd. We hope to see you there.

DANGER – 'tis the season for thin ice

By the Urbandale Fire Department

While it is the time of year for winter sports, the ice that is forming early in the season may be too thin to support your weight. Please make sure your children understand the dangers of venturing out on thin ice. A general rule of thumb is that ice should be at least four inches thick before it is safe. Also just because the ice is thick on the edges it may be much thinner as you travel out on the ice.

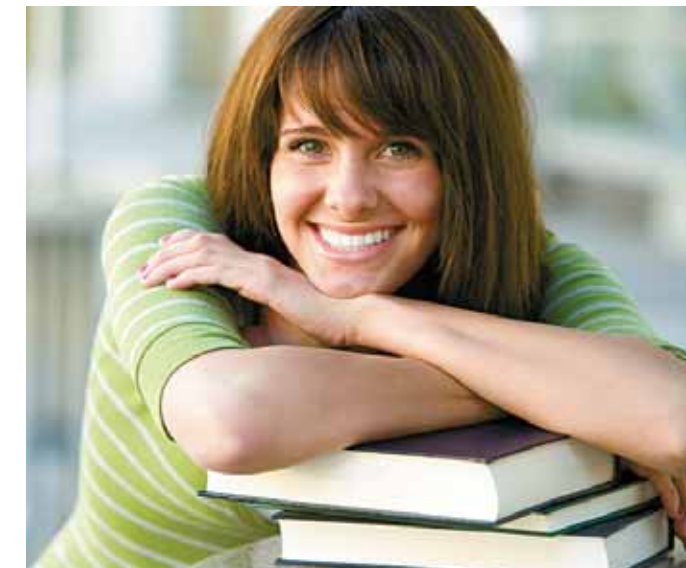
Don't forget your pets too! Keep them leashed so they don't run off and fall through thin ice. Unfortunately each year several pets fall through thin ice and in turn people fall through trying to rescue their pets. Just remember to avoid the thin ice.



Library Organizes Local Education Fair

By the Urbandale Public Library

The Urbandale Public Library has organized an Education Fair for Tuesday, January 11th, from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. The Education Fair will offer an opportunity for residents to stop in and learn about continuing education or adult education classes offered at local colleges and universities. You can find out what academic programs and classes are currently being offered by AIB College of Business, Buena Vista University, DMACC, Drake University, Grand View University, Iowa State University, Kaplan University, Simpson College, University of Phoenix, Upper Iowa University and William Penn University.



Calendar

The following meetings are held at City Hall (3600 86th Street) unless noted.

Board of Adjustment Meetings
 January 5th - 6:00 p.m.
 February 2nd - 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings
 January 11th - 7:00 p.m.
 January 18th - 11:45 a.m.
 January 25th - 7:00 p.m.
 February 1st - 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings
 January 19th - 5:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings
 January 3rd - 6:00 p.m.
 January 17th - 6:00 p.m.
 January 31st - 6:00 p.m.

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www.urbandale.org



I'm Being Pulled Over.....

By the Urbandale Police Department

Even the best drivers might someday find themselves being pulled over by an Urbandale Police Officer. The reasons could be an equipment issue (broken light), a traffic violation (speeding), or other exigent circumstances (drunk driving). Some drivers who get stopped get very flustered and get confused on what to do. Traffic stops are also one of the most dangerous duties for an Officer and are stressful on him/her too. The Urbandale Police Department would like to offer a few simple suggestions to help you in this stressful situation.

1. When you see emergency lights behind you the safest thing to do is slow down and pull over to the right. Please do not make drastic changes in speed or direction, since those actions can lead you to lose control of your vehicle. Always make smooth and controlled changes.
2. Once stopped leave your hands on the steering wheel and wait for the Officer to approach your vehicle or give you directions. Do not get out of your vehicle and approach the Officer, because it is not safe for you to be in traffic and the Officer will not know what your intentions are. Remembering these few suggestions could make a stressful situation a little less stressful for both you and the Officer.

Christmas Tree Recycling is the weeks of January 3 and January 10

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Reminder – All pets must be licensed in Urbandale and 2011 licenses are on sale now

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