

COPPERFIELDS

Waves of Distinction.

Come visit us on the Web- copperfieldsomaha.net

We need your HELP!!

Please send us your email address.

Why should I, you ask???

- Why not- you have nothing to lose! Your email address will be used for HOA purposes only (see below). We will not share your email address with anyone.
- Neighborhood Watch- email is the only way to start the program AND is the avenue by which information is shared regarding crime in and around Copperfields (see page 2).
- Invitations to events sponsored by the HOA (parties, garage sales, etc).
- Cost savings to the HOA- Snail mail is expensive!
- Information on what is going on in the neighborhood- updates being made to the common areas, snow removal concerns, etc.



BRRR- winter has finally arrived! We have been lucky so far and have not had any major snow storms, but this is Omaha, NE and we know what that means....

Please see the attached brochure from the Douglas County Engineer's office. We hope you will find it helpful as we prepare for what might be coming.

Speaking of our website-

Free Advertising- we would like to update the business directory housed on our website. Please send us your company's information. This is a great way to advertise your business, whether it be pet sitting, lawn mowing, or legal counsel. No business is too big or too small!



The HOA would like to invite you to the Copperfields Neighborhood

Easter Egg Hunt! Hunting fun for all ages...

B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Basket)

When: Sunday April 1st at 3pm

Where: Copperfields Park (the Football Field)

Invite your family and friends for a good old fashioned egg hunt- we plan to have a special appearance by the Easter Bunny, so bring your cameras. We will have door prizes and tours of the fire station!





Neighborhood Watch

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, Copperfields homeowner and HOA officer, Aaron Craig has volunteered to be the “Block Captain” and work with the Douglas County Sherriff’s Department to get a neighborhood crime prevention program started. You may have already been asked by one of your neighbors to “sign up.” We need 60% participation to be successful and get the program started. Once the weather warms up, you might be asked to join the cause by sharing your email address. The program works through email addresses and a calling tree. If you have any questions or want to be involved contact us at copperfieldshoa@gmail.com.

2012 Homeowner Association Dues were due January 13th- thanks for paying your dues on time, it helps keep the costs to the HOA down. IF you still need to pay, please do so ASAP- Remember the annual dues of \$125 is different from the townhome/villa dues and needs to be sent to Copperfields HOA at PO Box 541246 Omaha NE 68154. For those neighbors who use bill pay, please double check the address, as some payments have gone to NpDodge, which slows down processing of payments. Thanks so much for your help!

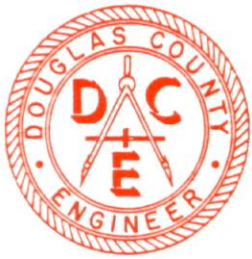
HOW TRASHY!

The HOA is currently in the process of collecting bids from area sanitation companies in hopes of contracting one company for the residents to use for trash collection.

This benefits every neighbor:

- Less commercial traffic meaning safer streets- as collection will take place on one day for the entire neighborhood
- Less damage to neighborhood streets from heavy collection trucks
- More aesthetically pleasing with trash cans being out on only one day a week
- AND last, but not least- a cost savings to you \$\$\$ with cheaper monthly rates

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, let us know at copperfieldshoa@gmail.com



SNOW REMOVAL



1. **PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:** The Douglas County Engineer's office is responsible for snow removal on all county roads. Snow removal may be provided on dedicated public streets within the County that are not specifically serviced by others. This would include streets within SIDs. Snow will be plowed on all County roads first and then other streets are plowed if needed.

(Statute 39-1405 #2 The county board may, after clearance of snow and ice from the county road system, clear snow from all public streets of incorporated sanitary and improvement districts in the same manner as if such streets were part of the county road system.

Any county board performing such snow and ice clearance in a sanitary and improvement district shall not be held liable for any damages arising from such snow and ice clearance unless damages arise as a result of gross negligence.).

The general rule for a road to be on the county road system is that the road does not fall under the jurisdiction of another government, such as the City of Omaha, Valley, Waterloo or an SID and the road is intended primarily to carry traffic between different areas within the county.

2. **TIMING OF PLOWING SNOW:** For a normal snow storm, we try to plow SID's within 24 hours of the end of the storm. Storms with large amounts of accumulating snow, especially if accompanied by high winds and cold temperatures, will take a little longer. We do have contracts for private equipment, to aid in emergency situations, but there is lag time in getting them on the job. There are times when homes are being constructed that plows cannot get through a street during construction work hours because of the construction vehicles blocking the road. We will be back when it is feasible.

3. **PLOWING:** In SIDS County snowplows will make two passes on all streets to open them to two-way traffic. Snowplows will later return to further clear the streets for parking and to provide sufficient room to push the snow from the next storm. The priority is to open all streets to traffic as soon as possible. The county plows only streets with occupied residences in SIDs.

4. **ICY STREETS:** Dedicated public streets are sanded/salted on an "as-needed" basis with emphasis placed on school bus routes, busy intersections and steep hills.

5. **MAILBOXES, DRIVEWAYS & SIDEWALKS:** Unfortunately, while clearing the streets, driveways and mailboxes frequently become blocked and sidewalks covered with snow. Crews have no place other than the side of the street to put the snow. Staffing and budgets do not allow

for the clearing of these areas by county forces. This may happen several times depending on the number of times streets must be plowed to keep the street passable.

6. PARKED VEHICLES: Parked cars can be both a hazard and a hindrance to snow removal efforts. To allow the crews to do the best job possible, owners should move their cars off the street before the snowplows arrive. If homes are being built on a street and there are vehicles blocking the street and the plow cannot get through, we will bypass that street and return when feasible

7. CUL-DE-SACS & CIRCLES: Many snow removal trucks cannot plow circles because of the tight turning required. As a result cul-de-sacs are plowed by smaller equipment and after the other residential streets are done. If there is no place to put snow because of too many driveways, or too many parked cars, a cul-de-sac may not be plowed.

8. COMPLAINTS: Call 444-6395 to report any problems. Each call will be handled as quickly as possible and within the parameters defined in this brochure.

