

2022 Esmann Island Safety Reminder

The Esmann Island Pond & Pavilion areas are for the enjoyment of Esmann Island residents and their guests who accompany them. Please treat this area with the respect you would treat your own yard or a beautiful, treasured park. All activities are enjoyed at your own risk. No Esmann Island entity is responsible for accidents, personal damages, or losses.

Esmann Island is private property. It's okay to ask strangers if they are new to the island (where do you live?). If they are residents, welcome them to the island! If they are not, kindly inform them that they are on private property. Vehicle violation messages are located at our pavilion.

Fishing at the Pond is a popular activity. Please respect all Iowa DNR fishing rules, including a valid fishing license and catch limits, View iowadnr.gov. Please consider Catch and Release fishing practices.

Please keep all gas-powered engines out of the pond. Canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, floating rafts and electric trolling motors are allowed. Life jackets are always encouraged.

Please review your homeowner's Motor Vehicle Liability insurance policy regarding coverage for your golf cart(s) on non-golf course property. A supplemental policy may be needed to cover your cart(s) on non-golf course property. As a courtesy to your neighbors, please add your house number to both sides of your motorized non-licensed vehicles. We want to say hi!

Please respect our posted speed limits, especially in the presence of children. Enjoy our beautiful views and wave to your neighbors. Remember...you're on Island Time!

Dogs must be on lease. Likewise, owners are responsible for picking up after their dogs. Free-running dogs may scare children, frustrate other dogs, and leave behind dog poop in your neighbor's yard.

We offer residents additional parking East of our office building on First Avenue. Note the posted signs.

The Army Corps of Engineers owns the shoreline space by our north boat ramp. We own the dock closest to the ramp, which is for loading and unloading your boats. Various residents rent dock space from the Corps for their private docks. The shoreline is available for 12-hour boat storage on a first-come, first-served basis. Again, 12-hour boat storage, only. Not seasonal personal usage.

Clayton County has a UTV ordinance. If you own a UTV, please view Ordinance #1-2017 at claytoncountyyia.gov. We ask all Esmann Island residents to abide by this ordinance.

Iowa DOT has information on moped and motorcycle guidelines. If you own a moped, please view iowadot.gov for complete details.

Iowa DNR has an on-line boater safety program. This lifetime certification can be found at boat-ed.com.

Each spring we have a road embargo, restricting heavy-duty vehicles from our road. Our embargo includes our weekly garbage service (Monday mornings). Road Embargo is CODE for No Garbage Service. Instead, we supply a dumpster, located at our community building on 1st Avenue. Please do not abuse this dumpster with non-garbage items. Do not expect other residents to move your garbage to the dumpster. Thank you.

Wild critters love rummaging through garbage sacks left overnight. If possible, please deposit your garbage in a closed container or create a way to hang your bag(s) 2+ feet above ground.