



# April's Important Dates and Meetings

- **CITY COUNCIL:** Monday, April 5 and 19; 5 p.m.
- **PLANNING & ZONING:** Tuesday, April 13 and 27; 6 p.m.
- **UTILITIES MEETING:** Tuesday, April 20; 6 p.m.
- **PARK BOARD:** Thursday, April 15; 6 p.m.

# April 2010 Maple Street Community Center Activities

- **EXERCISE** will take place from 9:30-10 a.m. every day except for the following: Friday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 28
- **CONGREGATE** meals are served every Thursday at 11:30 a.m.
- Friday, April 2 is the **SENIOR POT LUCK** at 12 noon with Program/Business meeting following.
- **CRAFTS** will take place every Monday during the month of April at 1 p.m.
- **WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO** will take place on Wednesday, April 14 at 1 p.m.
- **TRIAD** will take place on April 28.
- Any **QUESTIONS** please call 987-8390.

# PANKCAKE BREAKFAST "All You Can Eat"

Adults 12 and up - \$5 • Kids 5 and up - \$3  
**May 8, 2010, 7-10 a.m.**  
 NEW LOCATION!

**Waukeee Fire Station**  
 1300 L.A. Grant Pkwy., Waukeee



## Aquatic Public Meeting

The Waukeee Aquatic Committee, along with consultants Water's Edge and RDG, invite the community to an open house for public input on April 6 at 6pm in the Community Center located at 445 Maple St. Families and persons of all ages are welcome to share their suggestions, ideas, and concerns with design and features for a possible aquatic center in Waukeee.

## Submit Nominations for 2009 Citizen of the Year

Each year, the City of Waukeee honors a citizen chosen for their hard work and dedication to the community during the previous year. Log on to [www.waukeee.org](http://www.waukeee.org) to download a nomination form for the 2009 Citizen of the Year. Nominations will be accepted at Waukeee City Hall from April 1 through April 30, with the name of the recipient announced by Mayor Bill Peard at a regular City Council meeting in May.

## Waukeee City Council Sets 2010 Goals and Priorities

The Waukeee City Council held a work session on January 14 to review the City's major accomplishments in the last two years, establish on-going priorities, and set new goals for 2010.

Jeff Schott, program director for the Institute of Public Affairs, University of Iowa, facilitated the meeting. Questionnaires had been completed by Waukeee's elected officials in December, and the results were compiled and discussed during the work session meeting.

City Council members used discussion from recent and past accomplishments to establish both on-going and new priorities for 2010. Mayor Bill Peard stated, "Work sessions like this are a great way for Waukeee's elected officials to sit down and refocus our efforts on the projects that we see as most important." Priorities established for the new year include marketing efforts for Alice's Road Corridor, funding for the Waukeee Economic Development Corporation, and a Comprehensive Community Opinion Survey.

The Waukeee City Council plans to hold yearly Goal Setting Sessions as well as intermediate reviews to stay abreast of current trends and be responsive to current and future needs of the community.

The complete 2010 Goal Setting Report summary can be downloaded at [www.waukeee.org](http://www.waukeee.org).

## City Adopts FY 2011 Budget

The City of Waukeee has adopted the FY 2011 budget that will go into effect July 1, 2010. The City will maintain the \$13.50 levy rate for the eleventh straight year, maintain a stable workforce, and continue to provide high quality services to the citizens of Waukeee. Two positions were approved to be added; a school resource officer and also an additional Recreation Supervisor. The City makes contributions to community groups which include the Waukeee Area Arts Council, YMCA, Waukeee Area Chamber of Commerce, Waukeee Economic Development Corporation, and The Greater Dallas County Alliance.

Expenditures you may see in the community include new police cars, laptops for the fire engines to aid in locating addresses, thermal imaging camera, and book circulation system for the Waukeee Public Library. In addition, funds have been allocated for new amenities along the Raccoon River Valley Trail extension that include shade structures, benches, planters, bike racks, pet stations, and kiosks.

For more information on the City Budget, go to [www.waukeee.org](http://www.waukeee.org).

## Spring and Summer Program Registration

We are currently taking registrations for our spring and summer programs. Check out our programs and events online at [www.waukeee.org](http://www.waukeee.org). If you have any questions about our programs you can call the Parks and Recreation Department at 978-0006.

Register online at [www.waukeee.org](http://www.waukeee.org) under the "play" section you will click on "online registration" and that leads you to our program registration site.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Waukeee Parks and Recreation will be sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Centennial Park. The event will be held Saturday, April 3rd at 10:00 AM rain or shine. There will be three age groups: under 4, 5-7, and 8-10.

## Men's Softball Leagues

We entering our 2nd year of Men's Softball Leagues and we anticipate them to fill up fast! We will be offering a Wednesday night league and can take up to a total of 8 teams. Each season will include a 7-game schedule with the first season starting April 21. There will be a total of 3 separate seasons throughout the spring and summer of 2010. Contact the Waukeee Parks and Recreation Department at 978-0006 for team packet and registration information.



## Ball Field Practice Time

Any team wishing to reserve a ball field for practices may call in every other Monday morning starting March 22nd at 8:00 AM. The phone calls will be taken in the order that they are received. Each team may schedule up to 1 hour of practice time a week. Ball field space is limited and teams are encouraged to share a field with other teams. Waukeee Parks & Recreation Department has 3 fields at Centennial Park and 4 fields at Warrior Park. Please keep in mind that our fields will be used for Girl's Rec Softball games. Only weekday reservations will be taken and the weekends are first come - first serve. Reservations will only be accepted over the phone; walk in reservations will not be accepted. Be prepared to be flexible with dates and times for practice.

To reserve a field, please contact the Waukeee Parks and Recreation Department at 978-0006.

Call-In Date	Reservation Weeks
Monday, March 22	March 29 - April 2 & April 5 - 9
Monday, April 5	April 12 - 16 & April 19 - 23
Monday, April 19	April 26 - 30 & May 3 - 7
Monday, May 3	May 10 - 14 & May 17 - 21
Monday, May 17	May 24 - 28 & May 31 - June 4

## Yard Waste Pick-up

Yard waste will start to be picked up on Monday, April 5th and run through Monday, November 29th. It will be picked up every Monday. All yard waste is to be placed in clearly marked containers, not your regular garbage toter. You may also use recyclable yard waste bags, not plastic bags. All limbs should not exceed a length of 4 feet and all should be bundled with biodegradable twine.

## Sign Ordinance Update

Over the past several months the City has taken steps to improve upon its sign ordinance. The new ordinance, targeted for adoption in March 2010, is intended to be more user friendly with a new format and should address concerns from the business community by facilitating signage opportunities in a down economy.

Throughout the local campaign season of 2009, concerns were brought before the City Council related to the amount and type of signage allowed in the City. In January, 2010 the City Council made a request for City Staff to look into potential changes that would help to address some of the concerns from the public while maintaining the integrity of the City's signage interests. The Waukeee Chamber of Commerce assisted in the research of measures and alternatives that would be in the best interest of the Waukeee community by engaging their members in a questionnaire. The questionnaire aimed to identify concerns existing businesses had with the current ordinance and allow for suggestions of alternatives they felt would promote a level playing field and meet the needs of the changing economy.

The revised ordinance presented to Council for their consideration and adoption will allow businesses to utilize temporary signage continuously for 56 days, an enlargement of the current ordinance restriction of 14 days per event. Another new provision added to the ordinance would allow businesses in a C-1 Community and Highway Service District to utilize an electronic message board - with a catch. The electronic board would need to be a part of a monument sign and would be limited to changing its message on a 5 minute interval. Signs would still be restricted from flashing, blinking, or turning as a means of preventing distractions to drivers, but the new provisions would allow Waukeee businesses to keep residents informed of products, services, and special promotions. For more information on the details of the revised ordinance, please visit the city website at: <http://www.waukeee.org/citycode.html>.

## Public Safety Building Achieves Recognition

Recent energy efficiency improvements have catapulted the Waukeee Public Safety Building into the nation's Top 20th percentile following its completion of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ENERGY STAR Challenge. This national recognition for the Public Safety Building, which is located at 1300 LA Grant Parkway, Waukeee, reflects definitive steps taken by the Waukeee City Council to promote energy efficiency measures that have produced significant savings for tax payers. The Next Generation Operations (NxGO) team within Terrus Real Estate Group directed the building enhancements and served as the ENERGY STAR Energy Services Provider on the project. The 26,000 square foot Public Safety Building was awarded an Energy Star rating of 80, which means the facility is now operating more efficiently than 80% of other public safety buildings across the nation, using only 79 kBtu/sqft/year and only \$1.10 /sf/year in energy costs. This compares to the national average for public safety buildings of 103 kBtu and \$1.44.

The ENERGY STAR Challenge, launched by EPA in March 2005, calls for an energy efficiency improvement of 10 percent or more for the more than 5 million commercial and industrial buildings in the United States. EPA estimates that if the energy efficiency of commercial and industrial buildings in the U.S. improved 10 percent, Americans would reduce greenhouse gas emissions equal to those from about 30 million vehicles while saving about \$20 billion.

## Sump Pump Maintenance

As the weather gets warmer and the record snow fall begins to melt, remember to take some time to check your sump pump. On occasion, sump pump failure does happen, leaving your basement area vulnerable to costly damage. The owner's manual accompanying your sump pump will clearly explain how to maintain your sump pump to its maximum potential. Your sump pump plays an important role in your home, so take the time to read the manual carefully and know how to keep it in good working order.

## Seat Belts & Child Restraints

The Waukeee Police Department has seen an improvement in adult seatbelt usage; however, children are sometimes overlooked in this area. Be sure to securely fasten all passengers in a vehicle with high priority on infants and children. Citations will be issued for any violation of the seatbelt law. Please protect your children by securing them in seatbelts or safety seats.

## Speeding

In recent weeks, the Police Department has seen an increase in vehicular speed in every section of the city. We are increasing our efforts to control speeders by targeting certain areas at certain times of the day and night. Periodically we are asked to provide special enforcement in certain areas of the city. During these special enforcements we find that approximately 90% of the citations written are for citizens that live in that area. We concentrate very heavily on rush hour traffic and we also monitor school traffic very closely. Police officers hear every excuse for speeding. No matter the reason, we do and will continue to enforce posted speed limits within our city.

## Parking Violations

The Police Department gets complaints from residents regarding motorists parking on the streets over 48 hours; facing the wrong way; blocking mailboxes, sidewalks and crosswalks; and parking in handicap spots. As parking violations and complaints have become more frequent patrol units have increased enforcement of parking violations. Before you park, please take a moment to consider if you are parking correctly.

## New Public Works Facility

The City of Waukeee will begin construction on a replacement Public Works Facility in April of 2010. City leaders and staff were notified August 31, 2009 that a grant application in support of a new public works facility was approved by the I-Jobs Review Committee. The grant application was made for approximately 50% of the cost to construct a new facility that will give the Waukeee Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments a more efficient and cost effective building and work space.

As the City of Waukeee has experienced remarkable growth in recent years, several city departments, especially Public Works and Parks and Recreation, have seen growth in equipment, capital investments, and staff to meet service demands. The new facility will address the growth and provide adequate space to house large equipment, additional project management information, and personnel.

The City of Waukeee Public Works Facility will also be the first public building in Waukeee designed and built to a LEED Certified Standard. The building will have several components of energy efficiency and sustainable practices serving as an example for future public building construction.

City Administrator Jeff Kooistra speaks to the benefit of a new facility, saying, "Staff has done a great job in researching and completing applications for grant opportunities for this facility. The new facility will be energy efficient and reduce operating costs of both departments while allowing for the expansion and maintenance of the high quality services the citizens of Waukeee have come to expect."

The new facility will be located on city property west of 6th Street and north of 300th Street in Waukeee. Construction will begin in Spring of 2010.

## Emergency Siren Testing, Safety Tips from NOAA

This is a reminder that tornado siren tests will be made every Saturday at noon through the month of September.

Tornado season and severe weather season is upon us again. We are fortunate enough to have a warning system in place to alert the general public of any approaching tornadoes headed toward Waukeee. If you hear the sirens go off, you should immediately seek shelter. If the warning sirens are blowing, a tornado has been sighted, and Waukeee is very likely to be in its path.

Even though the warning sirens are helpful tools, the public should always take additional steps to ensure their safety:

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or television for tornado warnings and instructions.
- If you hear that a tornado or a storm threatens, seek shelter immediately.
- If you are in a building, go to the designated shelter, the building's basement, or an interior room, such as a bathroom or closet.
- If you are in an automobile, do not try to out-drive a tornado. Abandon your vehicle and seek shelter in a ditch or depression.
- If you are in a mobile home, leave it for a more substantial structure. You should plan on heading for the storm shelter at the first sign of severe weather. As we all know from countless news stories, mobile home parks are often the scene of numerous deaths or injuries. **DO NOT RISK IT!**
- Protect your head and body from flying debris.
- Stay safe and be alert to weather conditions around you!!

