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## August's Important Dates and Meetings

- **CITY COUNCIL:** Monday, August 2 and 16; 5 p.m.
- **PLANNING & ZONING:** Tuesday, August 10 and 24; 6 p.m.
- **UTILITIES MEETING:** Tuesday, August 17; 6 p.m.
- **PARK BOARD:** Thursday, August 19; 6 p.m.

## August 2010 Maple Street Community Center Activities

- **EXERCISE** will take place from 9:30-10 a.m. every day except for the following: Friday, August 6
- **CONGREGATE** meals are served every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.
- **SENIOR POT LUCK** is Friday, August 6 at 12 noon with Program/Business meeting following
- **WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO** will take place on Wednesday, August 11 at 1 p.m.
- **TRIAD** will take place on August 25
- Any **QUESTIONS** please call 987-8390

## The Cities of Waukeee and West Des Moines Cut the Ribbon!



Ribbon cutting ceremony with Congressmen Latham and Boswell along with the Mayors, Council and staff members of Waukeee and West Des Moines.

The Cities of Waukeee and West Des Moines are excited to announce the completion of the Alice's Road/105th Street Bridge. The two communities have been working on this important regional project for many years and will continue to seek funding to complete the approaches, develop a proposed interchange, and extend the roadways to adjoin with the existing Alice's Road in Waukeee and 105th Street in West Des Moines. The Alice's Road/105th Street Corridor will be the longest north-south thoroughfare in the Western Des Moines Metropolitan Area. At the ribbon cutting, the Cities were honored to have Congressmen Tom Latham and Leonard Boswell in attendance. Congressman Latham also spoke briefly on the importance of this phase of an important new regional transportation project.

Please see pictures below of the bridge and Ribbon Cutting held on July 6, 2010 at the Alice's Road/105th Street Bridge.



ABOVE: Alice's Road/105th Street Bridge project will be open soon

## Susan Paglia Presented with 2009 Citizen of the Year Award

On Thursday, June 17, in the Waukeee City Hall Council Chambers, 2009 Citizen of the Year Susan Paglia was recognized during an open house reception. During the reception, Mayor Bill Peard presented Paglia with a framed proclamation and a Key to the City in honor of her years of dedication and service to the community. Paglia will also be recognized as the 2009 Citizen of the Year by riding in Waukeee's 4th of July and Waukeee Fest parades.

## Older Iowans Day at the Iowa State Fair (August 18th)

Do you like going to the Iowa State Fair, but do not like to drive in all of the traffic? Let us do the work! We will be providing transportation to the Iowa State Fair on Wednesday, August 18. We will leave from the Community Center at 8:00 a.m. and will leave the Iowa State Fair at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration required!

## Coed Softball Tournament

The double elimination Coed Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 21. Registration forms can be picked up at the Parks and Recreation office or by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 978-0006.

Be on the lookout in late August for our Fall and Winter Program information!



ABOVE: Mayor Bill Peard presented Susan Paglia a framed proclamation and key to the City in a ceremony that recognized her as Waukeee's 2009 Citizen of the Year

## Waukeee Police Department Back to School Tips

**SPEEDING**  
With school opening August 25, the Waukeee Police Department would like to remind everyone to watch for children. Also watch for the signs! With increased population, there will be more children to watch. We can only advise you to do your very best to watch the signs and drive with the utmost care and concern for these young children so all may arrive at school safely. If everyone cooperates we can make this a safe school year.

### CROSSWALKS

Motorists should be aware of crosswalks in all school areas. We are noticing many motorists are not stopping to allow pedestrians to use these crosswalks.

### SCHOOL BUS VIOLATIONS

We have had many violations of vehicles passing school buses when the "Stop Arm" is out. Violators will be cited for infractions. When the "Stop Arm" is out on the buses, vehicles should stop from both directions and proceed only after the "Stop Arm" is pulled in.

Effective July 1, 2005 a peace officer is permitted to issue a citation to the owner of a vehicle if the officer is unable to identify the driver of the vehicle.

### SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

Drivers need to pay more attention to the school zones that have the flashing amber lights. We have two zones in place this year. Both have been in place for some time. One is between Warrior Lane and University on Ashworth Drive. The normal speed zone is 35 MPH. However, when the light is flashing, it is reduced to 25 MPH. The other zone is located on Boone Drive in front of Eason Elementary. Remember when the light is flashing the zone is reduced from 35 MPH to 25 MPH. A reminder that both the eastbound and westbound lanes of University Avenue from just west of Alice's Road to Ashworth Drive have a reduced speed of 35 MPH. There is a speed limit of 25 MPH on University from Ashworth Drive to Warrior Lane.

### SCHOOL DRIVING PERMITS

Last year we saw students violating their school driving permits through recklessness, driving on weekends, etc. These individuals believe they are able to drive anywhere at any time. However, this is not true. They are only allowed to drive to and from school using the most direct route possible. This does not mean dropping off friends, driving to Des Moines on the way home, or driving around on weekends.

Any student found violating their permit will be cited. The permit will be cancelled and could affect their ability to obtain a regular driver's license when that time comes.

The student may also travel to and from extra curricular activities within the school district. The school permit is valid from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. There are no exceptions or waivers of time period.

### SCHOOL LICENSE GUIDELINES

Many questions have arisen about the provision of Iowa Code Section 321.194, governing school licenses. A school license is very restrictive and its use is narrowly construed to protect the public interest. The Iowa Department of Transportation has formulated guidelines applicable to school licenses. Please contact the Waukeee Police Department or the School Resource Officer for a copy of the guidelines.

### SPEEDING

In recent weeks we have seen an increase of speed in every section of the city. We are increasing our efforts to control speeders. We are targeting certain areas at certain times of the day and night. Periodically we have been requested by citizens 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 when people are going to/coming from work. We also monitor school traffic very closely. We have heard every excuse for people speeding. Some drivers believe that since they are the only vehicle on a street at certain times of the day or night that their speed does not make any difference. We have heard from people on their way to/from church that we cannot write tickets on Sundays because they are going/coming from church. We also have individuals who feel the speed zones should be higher than posted. Never the less, we do and will continue to enforce posted speed limits within our city. Please watch your speed, because we are.

As of July 1, 2010 traffic fines have increased LARGELY due to state legislation. Almost all state codes have increased. Below are examples of violations that occur on a regular basis.

Speeding 10 MPH over the limit	\$127.50
Seatbelt	\$127.50
Child Restraint	\$195.00
Stop Sign	\$195.00
Operation Without Registration	\$195.00

DRIVE SAFELY WITHIN THE LAW TO AVOID THE LARGE FINES.

### FIRE LANES AND OTHER SIGNAGE

Each of the school buildings have designated areas that are fire lanes. You are not allowed to park in these areas for any reason or any length of time. New signage may be installed at each of the school buildings to aid parents and students. Additional crosswalks may be installed. BE ALERT. DRIVE CAREFULLY. BE PATIENT.



### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Waukeee Police Department will have three School Resource Officers in the schools this year. The School Resource Officers would like parents to remind their children who drive to school to be more alert. Since our schools are growing, we have more students driving, which mean the parking lots are getting increasingly full. The School Resource Officers will be monitoring these parking lots very closely, and any student who is operating a motor vehicle in a manner that a danger to others will be issued a citation.

### PARKING VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT

We are getting 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.

### ON-STREET PARKING

Periodically during the course of the year we make mention of this in the newsletter for those who are new and old residents of Waukeee.

However, for whatever reason, people are becoming very upset when a parking ticket is issued. Sometimes they can't believe we would issue a ticket for blocking a mailbox even though the resident of the mailbox that is blocked cannot receive their mail. Parking over 48 hours, facing the wrong way, blocking sidewalks and parking in handicap zones are all violations of the parking ordinance. While the Police Department does get complaints of parking violations we also enforce parking violations as a part of regular patrol duties.

The Police Department realizes that parking is, at times, a premium within the city. All new developments and streets will have parking restrictions, which have been implemented for safety reasons. If you should have a special occasion or gathering at your residence you only need to call the Police Department at 987-1073 to request on-street parking. Be sure to adequate notice so officers can be advised of your parking request.

Before you park, please take a moment to consider if you are parking legally.

### DRIVING WITH YOUR CELL PHONE?

Driver distraction is not a new problem. However, the driver distraction of today is far different from years past. Anything that claims the attention of a driver is likely to be hazardous. Cell phones are getting most of the attention these days, perhaps because everyone seems to have one.

The primary responsibility of the driver is to operate a motor vehicle safely. The task of driving requires full attention and focus. Cell phone use can distract drivers from this task, risking harm to themselves and others. The safest course of action is to refrain from using a cell phone while driving.



## Special Collection Event

### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

September 11, 2010 from 8 a.m. to noon.  
Waukeee Middle School Parking Lot

This event is for residents only.

**Accepted Items:**

- Stain and varnish
- Oil and lead based paint
- Aerosol cleaners and paints
- Ammonia-based cleaners
- Antifreeze
- Petroleum-based adhesives
- Gasoline and kerosene
- Metal polishes, rust removers

**Used motor oil and filters**

- Fertilizers and pesticides
- Weed killers
- Lead acid (vehicle) batteries
- Fluorescent lights and CFLs
- Rechargeable batteries
- Mercury thermostats/thermometers
- Sharps

**Non-accepted Items:**

- Ammunition/explosives
- Fire extinguishers
- Latex paint
- Radioactive materials
- Asbestos
- Propane cylinders
- Pharmaceuticals

If you can't make it to the event, you can take your items to the Regional Collection Center in Bondurant.  
For more information, call 967-5512 or visit [www.mwatoday.com](http://www.mwatoday.com)

Metro Waste Authority