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December's Important Dates and Meetings

- CITY COUNCIL:** Monday, December 3 and 17; 5:30pm
- PLANNING & ZONING:** Tuesday, December 11; 6pm
* Please note new time change *
- UTILITIES MEETING:** Tuesday, December 4; 6pm; City Hall
- PARK BOARD:** Thursday, December 20; 6pm
- WAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Tuesday, December 11; 6:30pm; Library
- ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday
- ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED** Tuesday, January 1, 2013 in observance of New Year's holiday
- Garbage and recycling** will be delayed ONE DAY the week of December 31–January 5 due to the New Year's holiday
- Christmas tree pick up** will be January 7 and 14, 2013. Please make sure all decorations, lights and tinsel have been removed before placing trees at the curb. NO bags.
- Garbage and recycling** will be one day later due to the New Year's Holiday. Thursday's will be on Friday and Friday's will be on Saturday.

December 2012 Maple Street Community Center Activities

- CONGREGATE** meals are served every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30am
- SENIOR POT LUCK** is Friday, December 7 at 12 noon with Program/Business meeting following
- THERE WILL BE **NO WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO** DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
- THERE WILL BE **NO TRIAD** THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
- Any **QUESTIONS** please call 987-8390

TEXT A TIP

This is a new program available to help you in assisting us fight crime. By using your cell phone you can text a message with any tip or information that may help us solve crimes occurring to the police at 515-490-2190. You will remain private and anonymous as there is no caller ID.

SEASONS GREETINGS

The officers and staff at the Waukeee Police Department want to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year. Children are welcome to stop by the Public Safety Building to see our fun decorations and pick up a candy cane.

CHRISTMAS DRIVE REMINDER The annual Waukeee Christmas Drive is still going on. Donations of canned goods, paper products and personal hygiene products along with new, unwrapped toys will be accepted at the Waukeee Police Department through December 17. Items may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make the check payable to the "Waukeee Christmas Fund". We anticipate the needs will be greater this year due to financial hardships so we can use all the help we can get. If you would be interested in adopting a family, please contact Ann at 978-4016 or contact Marggie at the Waukeee Police Department, 987-1073.

Names of families needing assistance will only be taken until November 30. Applications must be obtained online at www.waukeee.org/2012christmasdrive.html.

OUTDOOR PETS The Waukeee Police Department encourages residents to "winterize" outdoor houses for pets. Moving the doghouse out of the wind, insulating and bedding are a few tips to help pets endure the winter temperatures. Dogs and cats are subject to hypothermia and for this reason, the Waukeee Police Department will remove animals if owners are found negligent in their care.

PARKING FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS Please contact the Waukeee Police Department in advance with plans of a larger family gathering. Often, the Police Department will help establish special parking for events. However, guests must only park on one side of the street to allow for the passage of emergency vehicles.

SNOW ORDINANCE If an inch or more of snow is forecast, Waukeee, along with most all other metro cities will implement our snow ordinance. If the snow ordinance is put into effect during the overnight hours, consideration will be given to allow citizens time to move their vehicles the next morning. Every attempt is made to get our streets clear of snow as quickly and safely as possible after a snow storm. Please give consideration to moving your vehicle off the street prior to retiring for the evening or departing for work in the morning when snow is forecast.

The ordinance is announced on the following television and radio stations: Television: KCCI (8), WHO (13), WOI (5), WAUKEE CABLE STATION (7) Radio: WHO, KKDM, KPTL, KXNO, KDRB, KIOA (AM & FM), KRNT (AM & FM), KSTZ, KAZR, KPSZ, KWKY, KJJY, KBGG (AM & FM), KGGG, KLTI, KHKI. It will also be posted on Waukeee Facebook, Twitter and City of Waukeee website.

To be aware of these alerts you may also sign up at nixle.com. Click on *register now*. This program is free and easy. Once registered you will automatically receive information from the Waukeee Police Department by text, email or both. In some cases, vehicles will be towed at owner's expense. If you are issued a violation citation the fine is \$25.00. For more details or for questions, please visit www.waukeee.org or call the Waukeee Police Department administrative office between the hours of 8am–5pm Central time, Monday through Friday at 987-1073.

CARBON MONOXIDE: Seasonings Warning Carbon Monoxide is both colorless and odorless and causes symptoms much like a cold or flu. Please remember to check your furnace, reduce time spent inside running vehicles and never warm the vehicle up in the garage. Stay safe this winter with a few regular maintenance tasks.

START YOUR HOLIDAYS RIGHT AT WAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

MAKE HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Saturday, December 1, 10:00am–12:00pm. For kids of all ages; adult helpers appreciated. Make decorations, ornaments and gifts.

SEVENTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES

If you act quickly, there's still time to enter a tree or wreath – call the library at 987-1280 for more information! The trees and wreaths will be lit on Thursday, December 6 at 6:30pm before family storytime and a craft at 6:45pm. Trees and wreaths will be on display through December 20, during which time you may donate a dollar to vote for your favorite tree or wreath. The winner will be announced after the votes are counted on December 21. Proceeds from the Festival purchase new books for the library.



WAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thanks to all who attended our Fall Pancake Event! It was a great success and with your food donations we were able to donate 262 pounds of food to the Waukeee Area Christian Food Pantry!

TIME CHANGES MEAN BATTERY CHANGES

Get into the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every fall and spring when changing the clocks for Daylight Savings Time. It is also a good idea to make it standard procedure in your household to verify that all fire extinguishers are fully charged and in working order when you adjust the clocks each season.

HOME HEATING TIPS

No matter what type of device you use to heat your home, making sure your heating devices and/or systems are in good working order is an important part of learning some fall fire safety tips. Many things can go wrong with heating equipment during the spring and summer months. Verify that everything you need to keep your home warm throughout fall and winter is in good working order before you experience the first cold snap of the season.

CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM SAFETY TIPS

- Get your central heating system cleaned, inspected and serviced by a certified HVAC (heating, venting and air conditioning) contractor every year before using it.
- If you have a gas heater, make sure that you have a sufficient quantity of fully functioning carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.

SPACE HEATER SAFETY TIPS

- Make sure that any space heaters are surrounded by at least three feet of empty space.
- Never place clothing or any other objects on a space heater to dry.
- Do not place space heaters near furniture or drapery.
- Turn space heaters off when you leave the house or go to bed.
- Avoid storing any combustible items near heaters.
- Never plug space heaters into extension cords.

FIREPLACE SAFETY TIPS

- Get your chimney inspected and cleaned each year to make sure that it is safe.
- Repair any cracks in fireplaces.
- Use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside the fireplace.
- Do not ever use gasoline to start a fire in the fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Make sure that combustible materials are not stored within three feet of your fireplace.
- For natural gas fireplaces, get all connections and lines inspected before use each season.
- Remember that outdoor fireplaces can be just as dangerous as indoor units.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO LEARN THE PROPER WAY TO DISPOSE OF FIREPLACE AND WOOD-STOVE ASHES TO PREVENT YOUR HOME FROM FIRE:

- Do not discard your ashes into any combustible container like paper or plastic bags, cardboard box or a plastic trash can.
- Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed.
- When a fire is ceasing, leave it alone and do not remove any ashes that accumulate until they have cooled when a gray color prevails in the ashes and when heat does not emanate from the ashes. The cooling process for ashes should take between 10–15 hours. Once the ashes have cooled, use a metal scoop and bucket to remove them from the fireplace. Using metal objects is another safety precaution in case there are any hot ashes remaining in the fireplace that you did not notice. After ashes have cooled in a metal container, it is necessary to find a suitable disposal site. Never dump fireplace ashes until they have had at least four days to cool.
- If you are not sure whether all the ashes in the bucket have cooled completely, you can also add some water to the bucket to douse any remaining hot spots.
- Do not ever store the ashes inside your house or garage. Keep them at least six (6) feet away from anything that burns including your deck or house. These ashes can smolder for hours and possibly days after they may appear to be out; in addition to the danger of an unintentional fire, they can emit deadly fumes.
- When the ashes have been disposed of properly, clean and sweep out your fireplace. It is ready to be used another time.

WINTERFEST 2012

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Santa Claus is coming to Waukeee! Come visit Santa and tell him what you want for Christmas. There will be an ice sculpting demonstration. Also, stop by the Community Center to warm up with hot soup, hot cocoa, hot cider and cookies!
Where: Triangle Park
Time: 6:00–8:00pm

SEVEN OAKS SKI TRIP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Students can spend a full day skiing at Seven Oaks (Boone, IA). We will be leaving around am from the Waukeee Public Works Building (805 University Avenue) and will return at 5:00pm. We will enjoy 6 hours of skiing and a mini lesson. Participants must dress warm and bring spending money for lunch and snacks. Kids are welcome to bring their own sack lunch and snacks. Grades: 4–8.

SLEEPY HOLLOW SPORTS PARK TRIP

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Participants can enjoy 3 hours of snow tubing during Winter Break. Kids will leave from the Waukeee Public Works Building (805 University Avenue) at 9:15am and will return back at 2:45pm. We will stop for lunch on the way home. Dress warm (gloves, hats and boots) and bring spending money for snacks and lunch. Grades: 3–6.

2013 GIRLS RECREATION SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Waukeee Parks and Recreation offers a recreational girls' softball league and we are asking for all girls to register from kindergarten through 7th grade. We separate the girls into 5 separate leagues. The season will run from middle of April through the first week of June. Online registration begins December 1, 2012 and ends February 15, 2013. Register your daughter for the grade they are currently in for the 2012–2013 school year. Please call the Waukeee Parks and Recreation Department with any questions you have about the upcoming season. Volunteer coaches are needed!