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## January's Important Dates and Meetings

- CITY COUNCIL:** Monday, January 9 and 23; 5:30 p.m.
- PLANNING & ZONING:** Tuesday, January 10 and 24; 6 p.m.
- UTILITIES MEETING:** Tuesday, January 3; 6 p.m.
- PARK BOARD:** Thursday, January 5 and 19; 6 p.m.
- WAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Tuesday, January 10; 6:30 p.m.; Library
- CITY OFFICES CLOSED** Monday, January 2 in observance of the New Year's Day holiday
- CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP** will be Monday, January 2 and 9

## January 2012 Maple Street Community Center Activities

- EXERCISE** will take place from 9:00–9:30 a.m. every day except for the following: Friday, January 6
- CONGREGATE** meals are served every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.
- SENIOR POT LUCK** is Friday, January 6 at 12 noon with Program/Business meeting following
- WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO** will take place on Wednesday, January 11 at 1 p.m.
- TRIAD** will take place on Wednesday, January 25 at 12 noon
- Any **QUESTIONS** please call 987-8390



## THANK YOU!

Thanks to all those who made Fire Prevention Week and our Fall Pancake Event a success!

The Waukeee Fire Department is proud to introduce a new program for the residents of Waukeee. The Temporary Residential Knox Box program provides a secured means of access in case of an emergency. Knox Box key boxes are safe and secure.

These boxes are a short term answer for residents living at home who may need medical assistance from time to time. Imagine if you were hurt and/or unable to get to your locked door while the ambulance was coming. Once the ambulance crew arrived to your house the crew would try to find an unlocked door or window to make entry. If the crew is unable to find an easy way in, the next option is forcible entry through your door or window. Occasionally doors and other parts around the door are damaged and require replacement. Sometimes these repairs can be costly. However this could have been avoided if a Knox Box was in place.

What is a Knox Box? A Knox Box is a secured key box containing your house key. These key boxes can be temporarily hung on your door with the attached over the door hanger. Knox Boxes are keyed for a special key carried only by the Waukeee Fire Department. The key is electronically locked in the fire apparatus and is released by Dallas County Sheriff's Office communications center. When a crew member requests that the Knox key be released it is documented who will have the key and again documented when the key is returned. These keys are only released in the case of an emergency or if no key holder is immediately available. Use of a Knox Box avoids forced entry and any property damage. When a Knox Box is opened by a crew member, they can then use your key, to open your door, to help you. Afterwards, prior to leaving your residence, your house key is then re-secured into the Knox Box. (This also eliminates revealing your hidden key location to other).

The Temporary Residential Knox Box program was designed to help those residents still living independently at home. The Fire Department does not want to cause you any more hardships or unnecessary repair bills. The Temporary Residential Knox Box program allows you to use a Knox Box free of charge for up to one year. Supplies are limited in this program and a waiting list may be created as the need arises. Having a Knox Box at your residence will provide you and your family with peace of mind in the event of an emergency.

In addition to the Temporary Residential Knox Box Program, the Waukeee Fire Department would be happy to assist residents in purchasing a permanent Residential Knox Box. Knox Company has many different options in three colors for the Residential Knox Box 1650 series. These boxes can be permanently mounted or recessed at your residence. These models range in cost from \$169 to \$265 plus shipping and handling. If you have questions, contact the Waukeee Fire Department @ 515-987-4712. More information is also available on our website at <http://www.waukeee.org/knoxbox.html>.

## AUTHOR READING & BOOK SIGNING

Thursday, January 19, 6:30 p.m.

Waukeee Public Library, 950 Warrior Lane

Local author D. Mark Davis will share excerpts from his latest book, "Left Behind and Loving It: A Cheeky Look at the End Times." This witty and wise book takes a look at popular writings about the end times and invites readers not to fear but to trust in God's steadfast love. Books will be available for purchase.

## WAUKEE POLICE

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** The Waukeee Police Department wishes all citizens a happy, healthy and very safe new year.

## BAD CHECKS AND FORGERIES

As our City continues to grow, we are seeing a large increase in commercial businesses. These businesses are giving the best services possible to the citizens and all that come to Waukeee to shop in our stores and eat at our



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restaurants. More and more bad checks have been turned in to the Police Department for investigation and to have criminal charges filed. We have arrested more individuals on insufficient funds and account closed checks, along with forgeries, than ever before. There are several warrants for arrests out for individuals committing these crimes. They range anywhere from a simple misdemeanor to felonies.

We, at the Police Department, are very committed to our business community to support and help those businesses as much as we possible can. To those individuals writing bad checks, remember that sooner or later you will be paying for those checks. If criminal charges are filed, not only will there be the face value of the check and service charges, but the court, in most cases, will impose restitution on top of that fine or jail time.

Please continue to support your local businesses, however, they do deserve to be paid for services they provide to you.

## WINTER WEATHER TIPS

Citizens should keep alert of the weather conditions and snow advisories. By doing so you can determine if your vehicles should be removed from the street before you retire for the night. Our snow crews are out early in the morning. By leaving your vehicles on the street it could hamper the Public Works Department in their snow removal efforts. You will want to listen to the local radio or TV stations, city website, Facebook, Twitter or use NIXLE as they will all be notified when the snow ordinance is in effect. By paying attention to the weather conditions you can avoid a citation for parking during the snow emergency. In some cases vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

This is also a reminder that no parking is permitted on public streets anywhere in the City for more than 48 consecutive hours. Please see a copy of this ordinance (502.16) at the Waukeee city website, [www.waukeee.org](http://www.waukeee.org).

## SAFE WINTER PLAY AREAS

Within the City there are numerous bodies of water that are very inviting to children. We ask parents to please talk with your children about safety on frozen water. Even though the water may appear to be frozen, it probably is NOT!

We also ask all citizens to watch for children playing on or around these bodies of water. Please call the Police Department at 987-1073 or dispatch at 993-4567 and an officer will talk with the children. Help us keep our children safe!!

## SAFE WINTER DRIVING

With winter upon us, watch the road for frost and be sure to completely clear your windshields and all other vehicle windows before going on the road. It takes only a short amount of time to clear your windows beyond that little hole some people make and that extra time will prevent accidents caused because of reduced visibility.

## PARKING VIOLATIONS

We are receiving numerous complaints of motorists parking on the streets over 48 hours, facing the wrong way, blocking mailboxes, sidewalks and crosswalks, and parking in handicapped zones. We have increased our enforcement efforts in these areas to address these complaints. Before you park, stop and think a moment if you are parking correctly.

If you need further information about parking laws you may call the Waukeee Police Department at 987-1073 or visit the City of Waukeee website and check under the parking code section of 502.

A parking violation is the same as other traffic violations and citations can be issued.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### LITTLE NINJAS (JANUARY 11 – FEBRUARY 15)

This early childhood program is for 4-6 year olds and teaches the basic fundamentals of Taekwondo and Karate in a developmentally appropriate format to suit young children. The class will focus on building proper use of martial arts, self-respect, self-discipline, coordination of mind and body. The instructor Dickey Renshi has been teaching the martial arts for over 25 years and is an early childhood elementary school teacher. He is also 3 time martial arts hall of fame inductee. Class length is 30 min. Cost is \$35 per session. Min/Max: 8/20

Location: Waukeee Public Works Facility Time: 6:00 – 6:30 PM

### TAEKWONDO/KARATE (JANUARY 11 – FEBRUARY 15)

This program is for ages 6 to Adult and teaches the disciplines of Taekwondo and Karate. The class will focus on life protection techniques, building self-respect, self-discipline and coordination of mind and body. The instructor Dickey Renshi has been teaching the martial arts for over 25 years and is an early childhood elementary school teacher. He is also 3 time martial arts hall of fame inductee. Class length is 60 min. Cost is \$40 per session. Min/Max: 8/20

Location: Waukeee Public Works Facility Time: 6:30 – 7:30 PM

### KIDS CAN COOK (FEBRUARY 11, 18, 25)

This program is for boys and girls in 2nd – 6th grade. We will combine food and fun while learning basic cooking skills. Participants will learn how to set the table, read recipes, and proper table etiquette. Cost is \$32. Min/Max: 8/14

Location: Waukeee Community Center (445 Maple Street)  
Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

### YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC (FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18, 25)

This is an introductory clinic to teach young participants the basic skills of basketball, rules, and sportsmanship. Each week participants will be introduced to new skills and drills leading up to playing games at the end. Min/Max: 10/16

Grades: K – 2nd Grade Fee: \$30 (includes a t-shirt)

Location: Eason Elementary

Time: (Session #1: 9:00-10:00 AM) (Session #2: 10:15-11:15 AM)

## WINTERFEST

2011 Waukeee Winterfest was held on Friday, December 2. Santa arrived at the Triangle at 6:00 where he was greeted by the Mayor of Waukeee Bill Peard. The Waukeee Park and Recreation Department would like to "Thank" the following groups and organizations for their help in making this years festival one of the largest ever; Waukeee Fire Department, Waukeee Police Department, Hawkeye Antique Acres, Plus 50's Club, and the Downtown Triangle Business Association.

