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November's Important Dates and Meetings

- CITY COUNCIL:** Monday, November 1 and 15; 5:30 p.m.
- PLANNING & ZONING:** Tuesday, November 9 and 23; 6 p.m.
- UTILITIES MEETING:** Tuesday, November 16; 6 p.m.
- PARK BOARD:** Thursday, November 18; 6 p.m.
- ALL CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:** Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day as well as Thursday, November 35 and Friday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday

November 2010 Maple Street Community Center Activities

- EXERCISE** will take place from 9:30-10 a.m. every day except for the following: Friday, November 5 and Wednesday, November 24
- CONGREGATE** meals are served every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.
- SENIOR POT LUCK** is Friday, November 5 at 12 noon with Program/Business meeting following
- WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO** will take place on Wednesday, November 10 at 1 p.m.
- TRIAD** will not take place during the month of November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Any **QUESTIONS** please call 987-8390

SEE A CRIME? TEXT A TIP?

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 **anonymous** as there is no caller ID.



ONLINE BILL PAY IS COMING SOON!

The City of Waukee will begin an online bill pay for utility customers in November 2010. Watch for more information and instructions on how to use the system. We will be posting a brief tutorial on Mediacom public access channel, Facebook, Twitter, and www.waukee.org. In addition, all utility customers will receive an informational flyer in the October utility bill.

PARK BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

The City of Waukee is seeking applicants to fill a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2011, on the Waukee Park Board. Interested applicants must be Waukee residents. If you would like to volunteer for this board, please download an application form at www.waukee.org or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 978-0006. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 12, 2010.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The City of Waukee has several open positions on citizen committees, with terms beginning January 1, 2011. Those committees in need of members are the Board of Adjustment, Board of Appeals, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Utilities Committee. If you are a Waukee resident and wish to volunteer to serve on one or more of these committees, please download an application form at www.waukee.org or contact the deputy city clerk at 987-4522. Applications are due Monday, November 29, 2010, by 5:00 p.m.

WAUKEE'S SARAH BIDNEY RECEIVES TOP AWARD

On September 21, 2010, Waukee Parks and Recreation Director Matt Jermier was notified that Sarah Bidney, one of Waukee's Professional Golf Instructors, will be awarded the 2010 Iowa PGA Teacher of the Year Award. The Iowa PGA Teacher of the Year Award is the highest honor paid to a PGA Teaching Professional. The honoree is



chosen based upon their strengths as a teacher, business person, the character of the nominee, the respect he or she receives from other professionals, and contributions made to the success of the nominee's facility and to the game of golf.

Sarah Bidney will be receiving this honor at the 2010 Iowa Section PGA Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, October 26, 2010. Sarah is a great asset to the City of Waukee and the entire Des Moines Metropolitan Area.

For more information on how to receive professional golf lessons or the Waukee Sugar Creek Golf Course (municipal) go to: <http://www.waukee.org/sugarcreek-waukee.html>.

TRAFFIC CONCERNS ON 6TH STREET AND NORTHVIEW DRIVE

The City of Waukee and Waukee Community School District have been working jointly to address traffic concerns near the new Waukee Elementary School located on 6th Street and adjacent to Northview Drive. The City appreciates the cooperation from parents and guardians in working to reduce speeds, use the pick-up and drop-off zones, and observe the new 4-way stop sign. Both the City and school district hope that traffic continues to improve and that all parties can continue to work together to provide the utmost safety for Waukee Elementary students. If you would like more information or have concerns, please contact Waukee Police Chief Larry Phillips at 987-1073.

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE CITIZEN SURVEY

The City of Waukee is working to develop a Comprehensive Plan for the development of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space. The process incorporates a review of current and future community needs along with input from citizens regarding service areas. As part of this process, a random selection of citizens will receive a paper survey to complete and return. The survey is scheduled to be mailed the week of November 8, 2010. The City of Waukee appreciates any feedback regarding these areas and thanks participants in advance. For more information regarding the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Comprehensive Plan or process, please contact Matt Jermier, Waukee Parks and Recreation Director at (515) 978-0006.

PARK SHELTERS & RESTROOMS

The Waukee Park Shelters will be closing for the winter on Monday, November 1st. People are still welcome to use the parks for recreational use, but the

restrooms will be closed after the first of the month. To inquire about a shelter for the 2011 season please call our office at 978-0006 for more information.

Please note that the Ridge Pointe Park Pavilion is available to rent year round.

WINTERFEST 2010: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Santa Claus is coming to Waukee! Come visit Santa and tell him what you want for Christmas. Enjoy FREE horse drawn carriage rides and watch the 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 – 8:00 P.M.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Enjoy a relaxing evening gazing at the surrounding area holiday lights with a tour sponsored by the Waukee Parks and Recreation. We will leave the Waukee Community Center at 6:00 P.M. and arrive back home around 8:00 P.M. For more details and registration information please contact the Waukee Parks and Recreation office at 978-0006. Pre – registration is required.

Fee: Adults - \$10 (Kids are free with paid adult)

INFANT/PARENT SIGN LANGUAGE

Baby Sign Language may be the key to achieving simple communication with your baby. Research shows that parents who use it are amazed by both its effectiveness and the satisfaction it gives them to be able to respond quickly to their little one's needs. This program will teach parents simple signs such as milk, all done, more, thank you and many more signs you can use with your little one. We encourage the whole family to come and learn sign language! Program is offered by Waukee Parks and Recreation Department.

Dates: Tuesday's, February 22, March 1, 8, & 15
Time: 6:00 – 6:30 PM
Ages: Newborn – 18 Months
Location: Ridge Pointe Park Pavilion (655 SE Legacy Pointe Boulevard)
Fee: \$10/family Min/Max: 5/12

WAUKEE CHRISTMAS DRIVE UNDERWAY NOVEMBER 1

The annual Waukee Christmas Drive will be held again this year. It should be noted that this is

sponsored by the employees of the Waukee Police Department and is not officially sponsored by the City of Waukee therefore is not a City fund. The Waukee Christmas Drive is a coordinated project to obtain food and gifts for families in need in our school district. The cash donations are used to purchase additional items to 'fill in' on food or gifts. Only new, unwrapped toys will be accepted. No clothing will be accepted. Paper products such as paper towels, toilet tissue, hand soap, laundry aids or cleaning products are greatly appreciated. The food and above items should be delivered to the Waukee Food Pantry at Westview Church.

We also have an 'adoption' program. Families are 'adopted' either by a family, organization or business. They buy and wrap the gifts from a list provided then deliver the items to the Police Department for distribution with the food. We had a great response to this program last year and hope to again this year.

We anticipate the needs will be greater this year due to financial hardships so we can use all the help we can get. Last year we assisted 113 families to include 326 children and 25 senior citizens. We expect this number to be even greater this year.

Donations will be taken at the Waukee Police Department from November 1st thru December 15th (monetary donations are taken year round). We ask that those wanting to make a monetary donation to make checks payable to 'Waukee Christmas Fund'.

PLEASE NOTE: Any families needing assistance MUST CALL IN by December 3rd and this date will be strictly adhered to. Please call Ann at 978-4016 or the Waukee Police Department at 987-1073 (8-5 Mon-Fri)

KIDDIE COLLEGE

At each themed Kiddie College Class there will be a variety of activities that include playing games, reading stories, arts and crafts, snacks and meeting new friends. This program is open to kids ages 3 – 5. Students must be potty-trained!

Location: Ridge Pointe Park Pavilion
655 SE Legacy Pointe Boulevard
Dates: Tuesdays – November 2, 9, 16, 23
Time: 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

STEP PROGRAM

The Waukee Police Department participates in the Special Traffic Enforcement Program through the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau.

Special enforcement will be conducted from November 23rd through November 29th to help

keep all driver's and passengers safe during the Thanksgiving holiday season.

SNOW ORDINANCE REMINDER

Citizens should keep alert of the weather conditions and snow advisories so you can determine if your vehicle should be removed from the street. Snow crews are out early. By leaving your vehicle on the street it could hamper snow removal. You will want to listen to radio/local TV, as they will be notified of the snow ordinance being put into effect. Other alerts can come through NIXLE, Facebook and Twitter. By paying attention to weather conditions you can avoid a citation for parking during the ordinance. In some cases vehicles will be towed at the owners expense. No one shall leave vehicles parked on the street, alley or city owned off-street parking during snow emergencies unless snow has been removed and snow has ceased to fall. Notice: Fines are \$25.00 for snow ordinance violations.

To be aware of these alerts sign up at nixle.com. Click on register now. This program is free and easy. Once registered you will automatically receive information from the Waukee Police Department by text, email or both.

PARKING FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

With holiday parties and family gatherings, special permission for parking will usually be granted if the Police Department is notified in advance of your plans. We do ask that after the permission is given you keep your guests parked on only one side of the street so emergency vehicles can get through.

COMMUNITY POLICING FUND

This time of year we receive calls regarding phone solicitations for police benevolent funds. They make it sound that not only does the Waukee Police Department endorse their solicitations but also that we receive benefits from them. The Waukee Police Department has not endorsed anything along those lines nor have we ever received financial aid/donations from them. If you wish to make a contribution it is up to you. We do not endorse these organizations nor receive benefits from them.

However if you wish to make a donation we have the Waukee Police Department Community Policing fund. These funds are used to purchase class room materials for classes we teach in the schools and daycares. Also throughout the year we have several booths set up at school functions and Fall Fest. We use these funds to purchase pass out materials for children and adults for these events.