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November's Important Dates and Meetings

- CITY COUNCIL:** Monday, November 7 and 21; 5:30 p.m.
- PLANNING & ZONING:** Tuesday, November 8 and 22; 6 p.m.
- UTILITIES MEETING:** Tuesday, November 15; 6 p.m.
- PARK BOARD:** Thursday, November 17; 6 p.m.
- WAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Tuesday, November 8; 6:30 p.m.; Library
- CITY OFFICES CLOSED** Friday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day
- CITY OFFICES CLOSED** Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

November 2011 Maple Street Community Center Activities

- EXERCISE** will take place from 9:00–9:30 a.m. every day except for the following: Friday, November 4
- CONGREGATE** meals are served every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.
- SENIOR POT LUCK** is Friday, November 4 at 12 noon with Program/Business meeting following
- WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO** will take place on Wednesday, November 8 at 1 p.m.
- TRIAD** will take place on Wednesday, November 30 at 12 noon
- Any **QUESTIONS** please call 987-8390

Yard Waste & Christmas Tree Pickup

The last day for yard waste pickup will be Monday November 28th and Christmas tree pickup will be Monday January 2nd and Monday January 9th.

Author Reading & Book Signing

Come to the Waukee Public Library on Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 PM. Local author Joe Millard will share excerpts from his latest book, "Where Did All the Cowboys Go?," a memoir about attending a one room Iowa school during World War II. Books will be available for purchase.

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8!

Elections for Waukee mayor and city council are Tuesday, November 8. Polls are open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. The following candidates are running for office:

Mayor (4-year term) – Bill Peard
 Council Member (two open positions, both with a 4 year term) – Casey L. Harvey, Chris Colter, Shelly Hughes

Waukee polling locations are:

- Precinct 1 – Immanuel Lutheran Church, 900 Warrior Ln.
- Precinct 2 – Waukee Community School District Administration Building, 560 SE University Ave.
- Precinct 3 – Westview Church, 1155 SE Boone Dr.
- Precinct 4 – St. Boniface Catholic Church, 1200 Warrior Ln.

Contact the Dallas County Auditor (993-4751) for more information on polling locations and the elections process.

CITIZEN COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The City of Waukee is taking applications for vacancies on all appointed boards, commissions and committees. Applications can be found at Waukee City Hall or www.waukee.org. This application process is in an effort to ensure diversity and representation of our community. Submit completed applications at City Hall by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18 for Park Board and Friday, December 2 for all other boards of interest. All applicants must be Waukee residents at least 18 years of age. These are uncompensated positions. All applications are subject to the open record laws of the State of Iowa.

DIABETES AWARENESS

While you may see an individual acting strange and think they are under the influence of a drug, it may not be exactly what you think. Diabetes affects about 8.3% of the population in the United States with a much higher percentage in adults over 65. One of the most common signs/symptoms of a diabetic person with a low blood sugar is an altered mental status. This can range anywhere from anger to unresponsiveness. Since the human brain is very sensitive to sugar levels, a patient with low blood sugar can have a variety of responses including fainting, seizures, unclear thinking, blurry vision, headache, sweating, weakness, and aggressive behavior.

Upon recognizing an individual with these signs/symptoms, call 911 immediately. A person feeling tired and weak may eat some food or drink a beverage as long as they are fully coherent. However, if the patient is unable to follow your commands, don't give them anything to eat or drink as they usually are not able to swallow. Remember to be mindful of your safety and never approach a person acting aggressive or combative. Your best response is early recognition (know the symptoms), and early activation (call 911).

LOOKING FOR PICTURES & MEMORABILIA!

The Waukee fire department is looking for old photos of the Waukee fire department, its members, trucks or events. The fire department will copy the pictures at no cost to you. Please contact us at 987-4712.

PHISHING SCAMS

Many citizens have received recent calls stating the call is from Wells Fargo (these calls are not from Wells Fargo) advising their account has been disabled and to enter the account number into the phone to reactivate the account. IT IS A PHISHING SCAM FOR PERSONAL ACCOUNT INFORMATION. Banks will never call your phone and ask for any of your account number.

Any requests over the phone for any of your secured accounts or personal information should never be provided, which includes your social security number and date of birth.

There are many types of scams occurring in the United States. It is all about receiving personal account information, social security numbers and money. You should never give any account information to any person or business that requests it over the phone. If you are advised that you have won a prize or gift and you only have to pay a few hundred dollars this is a SCAM. If you ever win a prize you should NEVER have to pay ANY amount of money. Please be very careful with your personal information.

PARK SHELTERS & RESTROOMS

The Waukee Park Shelters will be closing for the winter on Tuesday, November 1st. People are still welcome to use the parks for recreational use, but the restrooms will be closed after November 2nd. To inquire about a shelter for the 2012 season please call our office at 978-0007 for more information.

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

WINTERFEST 2011

Santa Claus is coming to Waukee! Come visit Santa and tell him what you want for Christmas. There will be an ice sculpting demonstration. Also, stop by the Maple Street Community Center [445 Maple Street] to warm up with hot soup, hot cocoa, hot cider, and cookies!

When: Friday, December 2nd **Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
Where: Triangle Park

HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

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 978-0007. Pre-registration is required.

Min/Max: 20/50
Fee: Adults - \$10 (Kids are free with paid adult)
Date: Wednesday, December 14th

WAUKEE CHRISTMAS DRIVE STARTS NOV. 1ST

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 118 families to include 304 children and 31 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 16th (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 HELP US HELP OUR COMMUNITY.

PLEASE NOTE: Any families needing assistance MUST CALL IN by December 2nd 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)

SAFE WINTER DRIVING

With winter weather approaching and the likelihood of snow at any time, there are several winter safety tips we would like to pass along.

Before driving your vehicle make sure all windows are cleaned off-not just a small hole to look out of. With slick roads allow yourself a little extra time to get to your destination and increase the distance between yourself and the car ahead of you. With a lot of traffic at intersections they will be extremely slick. If you approach those

in a manner you would in the summer months you are likely to slide through the intersection and hit someone or be hit.

The main safety tip for all seasons is to slow down, drive the speed limit, buckle yourself and your children in, use common sense and drive defensively.

SNOW ORDINANCE

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.

WAUKEE FD PANCAKE BREAKFAST: SUCCESS!

The Waukee Fire Association and Waukee Fire Department would like to thank everyone that attended the breakfast and food drive on October 15th at the Waukee Fire Station. Participants were served a pancake breakfast and also given the opportunity to go through safety education stations as well as donated to the local pantry.



*Picture: Waukee Firefighter Nathan Wise teaching CPR to kids
 Photo courtesy of waukee.patch.com*

RIBBON CUT ON RACCOON RIVER VALLEY TRAIL SEGMENT

On Saturday, October 15, representatives and dignitaries from the Dallas County Conservation Board and the Cities of Waukee and Dallas Center cut the ribbon on a 5.5 mile segment of the Raccoon River Valley Trail system. The segment links Waukee and Dallas Center by running along the former Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way.

