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## October's Important Dates and Meetings

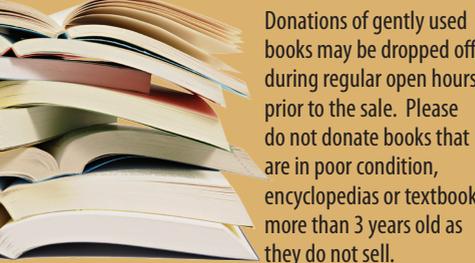
- CITY COUNCIL:** Monday, October 1 and 15; 5:30pm
- PLANNING & ZONING:** Tuesday, October 9 and 23; 7pm
- UTILITIES MEETING:** Tuesday, October 2; 6pm; City Hall
- PARK BOARD:** Thursday, October 18; 6pm
- WAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Tuesday, October 9; 6:30pm; Library
- BEGGAR'S NIGHT** Tuesday, October 30; 6–8pm

## October 2012 Maple Street Community Center Activities

- EXERCISE** will take place from 9:00–9:30am every day except for the following: Friday, October 5
- CONGREGATE** meals are served every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30am
- SENIOR POT LUCK** is Friday, October 5 at 12 noon with Program/Business meeting following
- WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO** will take place on Wednesday, October 10 at 1pm
- TRIAD** will take place on Wednesday, October 31 at 12 noon
- Any **QUESTIONS** please call 987-8390

## Saturdays @ Your Library SEMI-ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Delectable baked goods and great deals on books! The Friends of the Waukee Public Library's semi-annual Book and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, October 6, 8:30am–3:00pm in the library meeting room.



Donations of gently used books may be dropped off during regular open hours prior to the sale. Please do not donate books that are in poor condition, encyclopedias or textbooks more than 3 years old as they do not sell.

**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.

## HARVEST SEASON REMINDERS

Harvest season has already started. Therefore, motorists should be aware of slow-moving tractors and harvest equipment on the roads, as well as entering and exiting from farm fields. We are still a farming community and traffic congestion may occur at various times in and around the grain elevator.

## WALKER/JOGGERS/BICYCLISTS SAFETY

REMINDER: Since it is staying darker in the morning and getting dark earlier in the evening, it is very important for walkers, joggers and bicyclists to take extra precautions regarding their apparel and equipment. If you are riding a bicycle, it is imperative that you have some type of light equipment, reflectors or a combination of both. Walkers and joggers please wear light or reflective clothing. We want you to enjoy your relaxation time while being safe.

## HALLOWEEN AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!

The Waukee Police Department will be handing out Halloween bags, starting Monday, October 8, with police related safety tips and other items to young children. We are open from 8am–5pm, Monday–Friday. We look forward to seeing you.

## BEGGAR'S NIGHT

Beggar's Night will be held on Tuesday, October 30 from 6:00pm–8:00pm. Parents are reminded to instruct their children in proper safety. Reflective materials are a great idea and confining trick or treating to households you are familiar with is an even better idea. Only go to houses with their front porch light on. Additionally, small children should always have an adult chaperon and older children need to be instructed as to responsible behavior. So have fun and happy trick or treating with these safety tips:

- Walk, slither and sneak on the sidewalks, not in the street.
- Before crossing the street, look both ways for cars, trucks and low flying brooms.
- Cross the street only at corners.
- Do not hide behind or cross the street between parked cars.
- Put reflective tape on bikes, skateboards, brooms and clothing so you are more visible to motorists.
- Plan your route and share it with your family.
- Carry a flashlight to light your way.
- Keep away from open fires and candles. Costumes can be extremely flammable.
- Visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers.
- Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating and do not eat candy if the package is already open. Small, hard pieces of candy can be a choking hazard for young children.



## OLD PHOTOS OF WAUKEE WANTED

The Police Department is looking for old photographs or sketches of Waukee. If you or anyone you know has some, please let us know. We would like to BORROW them to make reprints for display at the Waukee Police Department. Please contact us at 987-1073. Feel free to stop in and see our gallery Monday–Friday from 8am–5pm.

## SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

**CROSSWALK SAFETY:** Motorists need to be aware of the crosswalks in all school areas. We are noticing many motorists do not stop to allow pedestrians to use crosswalks. Parents, please remind your children to walk on the sidewalks, cross only at the corners and use the crosswalks for their safety.

**SCHOOL BUS COURTESY:** We have many buses trying to make their way around our town and in the country to try to get our children to and from school safely. Do not pass when the bus "Stop" arm is out! This is for our children's protection.

**LIMITED SPEED ZONES:** The speed zones around schools change from 35 MPH to 25 MPH when the lights in the zones are flashing. There are three lights in these zones. The first is at Warrior Lane and University on Ashworth Drive. The second is at Eason Elementary on Boone Drive. The third is at Middle School South on SE LA Grant Parkway.

**SCHOOL PERMIT:** If you are planning to obtain a school-driving permit and you have any questions or would like a copy of the guidelines, please contact the Waukee Police Department at 987-1073.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Join us on October 6 between 7:00am–11:00am for the Waukee Firefighter Association's Pancake Event as we kick off Fire Prevention Week 2012.

This is a great family event for all ages; there will be fire truck rides, demonstrations, a bounce house, kid's tattoos, coloring and more! All funds raised go towards purchasing equipment and upgrading current equipment and facilities. The breakfast will also give us a chance to show our citizens what all the fire department has to offer.

This year we will continue our quest to do something extra for our community and those in need. We are teaming up with the Waukee Area Christian Food Pantry to host our bi-annual food drive at our Pancake Event. With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, we will help kick-start the pantry's "Share Your Feast" collection. The "Share your Fest" program enables the food pantry to distribute Thanksgiving food boxes to those in need so that they can enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Our goal is to collect as many non-perishables as we can in 4 short hours. Below is a list of items needed for the "Share Your Feast" program. We will still graciously accept any donation of non-perishable food, new personal items and baby items that are always in need.

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| Boxed stuffing         | Cranberry sauce     | Evaporated milk |
| Boxed potatoes         | Canned gravy        | Relishes        |
| Cream of mushroom soup | Corn muffin mix     | Jell-O          |
| French fried onions    | Pumpkin pie filling | Canned fruit    |
| Saltine crackers       | Boxed pie crust     |                 |

## WAUKEE FEST 2012!

Thank you to all sponsors, Waukee organizations, City departments, volunteers and all that made Waukee Fest 2012 a (rainy) success. The festival serves as a time for members of the community to join together and celebrate on the historical Waukee Triangle. First Place winner of the Waukee Fest "Celebrate the Past" parade was the newly established Waukee Area Historical Society. The rain may have dampened the weather but the spirit of Waukee Fest was still active throughout the day during the parade, live entertainment, Waukee Area Arts Council Tent and live performance by Throwing Toast. For photos from the event, go to [www.waukee.org](http://www.waukee.org).



## PARK & REC

**TOT LOT** (Wednesdays, Now–April 24)  
NEW this fall/winter is our tot lot gym! Romp, stomp and play. We have the setup to meet your children's activity and social needs this fall/winter. With toddler toys ranging from blocks to tunnels and mats, there certainly is no shortage of action here. We provide the fun, parents provide the supervision. It's open gym for toddlers! Kids love to play and parents get to socialize with one another. This is a non-structured activity. Kids are free to play with your supervision. Cost: FREE! Time: Doors open at 8:00am and remain open until 10:00am.

**LITTLE NINJAS** (Session #1: October 3–November 14)  
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. 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. Sessions are ongoing throughout the school year. Min/Max: 10/20. Dates: Wednesday evenings. Location: Waukee Public Works Facility. Time: 6:00pm–6:30pm.

**TAEKWONDO/KARATE** (Session #1: October 3–November 14)  
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. 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. Sessions are ongoing throughout the school year. Min/Max: 10/20. Dates: Wednesday evenings. Location: Waukee Public Works Facility. Time: 6:30pm–7:30pm.

**TANGER OUTLET** – Holiday Shopping Trip (Thursday, October 4)  
Join us for a day at Tanger Outlet Center in Williamsburg, Iowa on Thursday, October 4. Come check out all the holiday sales and get an early start on your holiday shopping. Cost includes transportation to and from the Tanger Outlet Center. We will make reservations at the Landmark Restaurant for lunch but you will be responsible for your lunch cost. A 15-passenger van will be used for transportation. We will depart from Thomas Place Apartments at 9:00am and return around 5:00pm. Fee: \$15 (must pre-register by 09/28/12).

**RED CROSS BABYSITTING TRAINING** (Friday, October 19)  
The Waukee Parks and Recreation is hosting an American Red Cross Babysitting Certification Class. Participants must be 11 years old and need to bring a sack lunch. Each participant will receive a Babysitter's Training Handbook. The class will be held on Friday, October 19 from 9:00am–4:00pm at Waukee Public Works (805 University Avenue). Fee: \$65.00. Min/Max: 6/10. Ages: 11 and up

**HAUNTED HOUSE 2012**  
The Waukee Park Board will be sponsoring a Haunted House at the Centennial Park Enclosed Shelter house on both Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27. Enter if you dare, but be prepared to be scared. This Haunted House is not suggested for young children. Time: 7pm–10pm. Price: \$5.

**ADULT COED INDOOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**  
Waukee Parks and Recreation will be offering an indoor coed volleyball season running from November 18–February 17 on Sunday afternoons at the Waukee Middle School. We will have one league and it will be split into a "B" division and a "C" division. Bring your children and take advantage of the babysitting service for \$1 per child. For a team registration packet please contact the Josh at 978-0007 or email [jvandekamp@waukee.org](mailto:jvandekamp@waukee.org).