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## September's Important Dates and Meetings

- **CITY COUNCIL:** Monday, September 13 (rescheduled due to Labor Day holiday) and 20; 5:30 p.m.
- **PLANNING & ZONING:** Tuesday, September 14 and 28; 6 p.m.
- **UTILITIES MEETING:** Tuesday, September 21; 6 p.m.
- **PARK BOARD:** Thursday, September 16; 6 p.m.
- **ALL CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY**

## September 2010 Maple Street Community Center Activities

- **EXERCISE** will take place from 9:30-10 a.m. every day except for the following: Friday, September 3; Monday, September 6; & Wednesday, September 29
- **CONGREGATE** meals are served every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.
- **SENIOR POT LUCK** is Friday, September 3 at 12 noon with Program/Business meeting following
- **WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO** will take place on Wednesday, September 8 at 1 p.m.
- **TRIAD** will take place on September 29
- **PLUS 50 CLUB** will hold a History Class on Monday, September 13 from 10-11 a.m.
- Any **QUESTIONS** please call 987-8390

## Alice's Road Corridor Master Plan Update To Begin



The Waukeee City Council has recently hired Hoisington Koepler Group Inc., a multidisciplinary design firm out of Minneapolis Minnesota to complete an Alice's Road Corridor Master Plan.

The intent of the plan is to update the concepts and recommendations that were approved as a part of the 2004 Alice's Road Corridor Plan based upon the changing economy and changing dynamics within the marketplace. The plan is also intended to help guide sustainable development and will expand the planning area to include areas north of University Avenue that were not previously included in the 2004 plan.

The planning process, which is expected to occur over the next nine to twelve months will include several public meetings and opportunities for input. For additional information on this project and upcoming meetings, please contact the Development Services Department at 515-987-4522. Updates and information on the project will also be provided on the City's website at [www.waukeee.org](http://www.waukeee.org).

## Opening Safe and Alternatives Transportation Routes in Waukeee



The City of Waukeee will hold a dedication for the newly completed Raccoon River Valley Trail Extension and Oasis in September. The 2.35 mile long stretch of trail system extends from just north of Alice's Road/ University Avenue intersection, near Gilcrest Jewett Lumber Company, to just northwest of the U.S. Highway 6/ 6th Street intersection. The Oasis is a gathering spot on the Trail near the 5-way intersection in Waukeee that has drinking fountains, benches, and shade structures to foster a place for citizens to gather and rest while using the trail.

In addition to linking a number of subdivisions throughout the City, the new trail also provides a safe link to many amenities within the community including Waukeee High School, Prairieview School, Waukeee Middle School, several parks and downtown.

The City of Waukeee was successful in securing funds from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources under the Resource Enhancement and Protection program to pay for a large portion of the trail proj-

ect. A majority of the landscaping that has been completed along the trail was paid for through the Iowa Living Roadways Grant program which is administered through a partnership between Iowa Department of Transportation and Trees Forever.

Constructed on the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad, the Waukeee extension is a small part of a much larger 33 mile trail project that will create a northern loop component to the existing Raccoon River Valley Trail system. When completed, the northern loop will extend from Waukeee to Herndon and will increase the total Raccoon River Valley Trail length to 89 miles.

Over the next several years further enhancements are planned for the Waukeee segment of this trail system including additional landscaping, a traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. Highway 6/6th Street to allow for safer access across the Highway, and substantial improvements to the existing trailhead at the intersection of U.S. Highway 6/10th Street. The proposed trailhead improvements will include the construction of restroom facilities, plaza/open space areas, landscaping, paved parking and signage.

For additional information regarding the upcoming Raccoon River Valley Trail Extension and Oasis dedication, please check the City's website at [www.waukeee.org](http://www.waukeee.org) or contact City Hall at (515)-987-4522. Additional information regarding the Raccoon River Valley Trail system can be found at [www.raccoonrivervalleytrail.org](http://www.raccoonrivervalleytrail.org).

## Waukeee Fest 2010 Sponsors



The Waukeee Fest 2010 Planning Committee would like to thank the generous corporate and citizen sponsors of Waukeee Fest 2010: All Star Gutter and Siding, American Trust and Savings Bank, Peoples Trust and Savings Bank, Shottenkirk Chevrolet, and Waukeee Hardware. Support received for the festival is used to offset the costs of the live band, inflatables, and the community tent.

The Waukeee Area Chamber of Commerce is still accepting sponsorships for Waukeee Fest 2010. Sponsors will be recognized at Waukeee Fest with a printed banner, in all Waukeee Fest advertising materials, and at [www.waukeee.org/waukeefest.html](http://www.waukeee.org/waukeefest.html). A full list of sponsors will be printed in the October Waukeee Living. For more information, please contact Chad Airhart, Waukeee Area Chamber Executive Director, at (515) 978-7115.

## Little Kickers Soccer

(Registration Deadline – 8/23/2010)  
Little Kickers Soccer is an introductory soccer program for kids ages 4-5 (must be 4 years old by 9/9/10). The program is designed to teach kids the basics about the game of soccer while having fun. Little Kickers will play games on Thursday evenings starting at 5:30 PM and will run from September 9 – October 7 (5 games). Game play will be 3 vs. 3 with 4 quarters of 8 minute continuous clock with no goalie. Teams will consist of 5 or 6 players with plenty of playing time for each player. The fee is \$35 and you can register online at [www.waukeee.org](http://www.waukeee.org).

## Fall/Winter Program Guide

The Waukeee Parks & Recreation Fall/Winter Program Guide will be delivered directly to your mailbox around August 27th. Be on the lookout for a few new and exciting things that the Parks and Recreation Department has to offer. Registration will open up on Monday, August 30th. Register online at [www.waukeee.org](http://www.waukeee.org).

## Reiman Gardens Trip

Thursday, September 30th  
All interested Senior Citizens in the Waukeee area please join us for a relaxing morning at the Reiman Gardens located on the Iowa State University Campus in Ames, Iowa. Enjoy the beautiful indoor and outdoor gardens along with the indoor butterfly wing, gift shop, and greenhouses. We will depart from Waukeee at approximately 8:15 AM and return around 1:30 PM. Call Waukeee Parks & Recreation at 978-0006 with any questions. Pre-registration and payment is due by Thursday, September 16th. Fee: \$20 (lunch not included).

## Parent & Child Pre-Blastball

Not quite sure if your child is ready for t-ball? This is a chance for 3 & 4 year olds to learn the game of baseball/softball with the comfort of their parent as their partner. Each participant will do the drills with a parent. Parents will participate in most activities.  
Min/Max: 10/20  
Fee: \$18 (includes T-Shirt)  
Ages: 3 & 4  
Location: Centennial Park Field 3  
Dates: Tuesday's, September 21, 28, & October 5  
Time: 5:30 – 6:15 PM

## Waukeee Fest 2010, A Festival on the Triangle Is Here!



Waukeee Fest 2010, A Festival on the Triangle will be held on August 28, 2010. The festivities will begin at 7 am with the West Side Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. Food vendors along with arts and crafts vendors will be set up and ready for patrons starting at 8 am. The annual Waukeee Fest parade will begin at 11 am at the Waukeee Middle School. Waukeee Area Arts Council will have entertainment and children's art activities from 11 am to 4 pm along with the inflatables that will run from Noon to 6 pm. The American Legion and Freedom Riders will be hosting a Steak Dinner from 6 pm to 8 pm while Gimmikk performs downtown from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm.

There will be fun and activities for all ages. Check the website for more details about vendors, activities, and schedules. [www.waukeee.org/waukeefest.html](http://www.waukeee.org/waukeefest.html). Parade registrations and Disc Golf Tournament participation forms are still be accepted! Call for details on vendor spaces, (515) 987-4522.

## National Night Out 2010

A big "Thank You" to the neighborhoods who participated in 21 block parties on Tuesday, August 3rd for our tenth annual Na-

tional Night Out.

"Thanks" to Mayor Peard, Council Members Stanton, Harvey, Dutcher, Blanchard and Watts, City Administrator Jeff Kooistra, Development Services Director Brad Deets, City Planner Ben Landhauser, Sheriff Leonard, Fire Department, Public Works, Police Department and Block Captains for making this night possible.

Special thanks to Public Works personnel for their delivery and pickup of picnic tables and other items.

Everyone attending had a wonderful time and thanks for letting criminals understand we will not tolerate criminal activity in our neighborhoods.

## Homecoming

Waukeee homecoming will be Friday, October 1st. The last several years the homecoming celebration and game have been going very smoothly. There have been only minimal problems. We would like to thank parents and students for making this event safe and fun. The Waukeee Police Department will continue to monitor this event closely.

## New Schools Opening

There are two new schools opening this year. One is the South Middle School at 2350 SE LA Grant Parkway and Waukeee Elementary School at 850 6th Street. These areas will see a large increase in traffic flow at drop off and pick up times. There will be a large amount of school bus traffic as well.

### SAFETY TIPS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

With school now open please watch out for children. They don't always look for vehicles when going to and coming from school. Parents, please remind your children to walk on the sidewalks, cross only at the corners and use the crosswalks for their 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.

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. Please remember do not pass when the bus "Stop Arm" is out! This is for our children's protection.

The speed zones around schools change from 35 MPH to 25 MPH when the lights in the zones are flashing. There are two lights in these zones. One is at Warrior Lane and University on Ashworth Drive and other is at Eason Elementary on Boone Drive.

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 Waukeee Police Department at 987-1073.

## On Street Parking and Parking Enforcement

The Waukeee Police Department realizes that parking is, at times, a premium within the City. With all the new developments and streets, some parking restrictions have been instituted for safety reasons. If you should have a special occasion or gathering at your residence, you only need to call the Police Department at 987-1073 to request on street parking for your event. In most instances, the requests are granted, but we do need adequate notice so officers can be made aware of the special arrangements and not cite those violators.

While on the subject of parking, we are getting complaints regarding motorists parking on the streets over 48 hours, facing the wrong way, blocking mailboxes, sidewalks and crosswalks, and parking in handicapped spots. We have increased our enforcement efforts in those areas to address these complaints. Before you park, please take a moment to consider if you are parking correctly.

We have also been receiving reports of vehicles parked in the FIRE LANES at the schools. In case of an emergency it is important these lanes remain open at all times.

## Step Program

Waukeee and Iowa Law Enforcement will participate in the Drunk Driving – Over the Limit – Under Arrest project from August 24th through September 6th. Driving drunk is a life threatening proposition not only for those who do it but for all those who use Iowa's roadways. Far too many lives are being lost to this senseless criminal act.

## 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.

## Special Collection Event

### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

September 11, 2010 from 8 a.m. to noon.  
Waukeee Middle School Parking Lot

This event is for residents only.

Accepted Items:	
Stain and varnish	Used motor oil and filters
Oil and lead based paint	Fertilizers and pesticides
Aerosol cleaners and paints	Weed killers
Ammonia-based cleaners	Lead acid (vehicle) batteries
Antifreeze	Fluorescent lights and CFLs
Petroleum-based adhesives	Rechargeable batteries
Gasoline and kerosene	Mercury thermostats/thermometers
Metal polishes, rust removers	Sharps
Non-accepted Items:	
Ammunition/explosives	Asbestos
Fire extinguishers	Propane cylinders
Latex paint	Pharmaceuticals
Radioactive materials	

If you can't make it to the event, you can take your items to the Regional Collection Center in Bondurant. For more information, call 987-5512 or visit [www.mwatoday.com](http://www.mwatoday.com)

**Metro Waste Authority**  
A Division of Metropolitan Utilities Districts