

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR WaukeeFest ON AUGUST 23

The City of Waukee Parks and Recreation department is hard at work organizing this year's annual WaukeeFest to be the best ever! The fun starts on Saturday, August 23 with a delicious breakfast provided by the Waukee Rotary Club. Following breakfast, local food and craft vendors will be featured in the Downtown Triangle, along with fire and police vehicle tours, children's art projects and live entertainment. Other great activities will take place throughout the day and into the evening, including:

- The WaukeeFest parade
- Community stage performances
- Kid's activities including inflatables, mini golf and more
- A disc golf tournament
- Bubble gum-blowing and pie-eating contests
- The Waukee American Legion steak fry
- Live band, "The Sons of Gladys Kravitz" from 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
- Beverage garden

We hope to see you there! For more information, visit www.waukee.org.



A WaukeeFest enthusiast walks in the annual parade

WAUKEE HELPS MAKE BACoon RIDE A BIG SUCCESS

Waukee played a special part in making the first annual BACoon RIDE a winner right from the start. RAGBRAI, the Blue Ribbon Bacon Festival and the Iowa Bicycle Coalition came up with the unique idea for the 71-mile ride that started and ended at the Raccoon River Valley Trail Head in Waukee. Around 3,000 registered bicycle fans rode the trail on Saturday, June 28 as they stopped in more than a dozen towns along the way to sample bacon-laden treats.

Waukee hosted a special pre-party for the ride on Friday, June 27 in Centennial Park. Live music, tasty food vendors and a beverage garden made for a lively atmosphere. Many of the registered riders camped right in Centennial Park and mingled with Waukee residents who came to the pre-party for family-friendly fun. On Saturday morning, Waukee's Centennial Park was the first stop on the ride with the Iowa Egg Council and the Waukee Fire Department serving a delicious bacon and egg breakfast burrito. Riders made their way through Centennial Park to the Downtown Triangle where bananas were given to riders by the Downtown Triangle businesses. Following the ride, revelers enjoyed more live music and food at the Mickey's Irish Pub Waukee after-party.



Riders stop for breakfast in Waukee before starting the BACoon RIDE

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Waukee Police and Fire Emphasize Importance of Public Safety with Celebration

The Waukee Police and Fire Departments hosted Waukee's very first Public Safety Day on June 12 at the Waukee Public Safety Building. In an effort to emphasize the importance of safety in our community, the event featured an array of activities and demonstrations, including a child safety seat check, tours of the public safety building, the chance for kids to use a fire hose, the opportunity to try Fatal Vision goggles—which simulate what impaired driving feels like, along with a child ID station where parents could have an ID made in case of emergencies.

Attendees enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers from Fareway, along with refreshments from Atlantic Bottling. The community response was incredible, with more than 700 people attending. There's a reason Waukee was recently named the "Safest Place in Iowa" by national real estate company, Movoto. Our Police and Fire Departments provide a safe backdrop for our citizens to grow and engage in their community each day. I want to thank them for their efforts and thank you for attending Public Safety Day.



Mayor Peard

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Notifications

• The City of Waukee phone numbers will be changing over the next several months. The current phone numbers will continue to roll over to the new numbers during this transition. Please take note of the following phone number changes:

- City Council and City Hall: 515-978-7900
- Fire: 515-978-7990
- Police Department: 515-978-7979
- Public Library: 515-978-7944

Waukee Community Center Activities

675 Walnut Street

- **CONGREGATE MEALS ARE NOW SERVED AT SUGAR CREEK SENIOR HOUSING:**
1600 L.A. Grant Parkway
- **CRIBBAGE AND CARDS**
Saturdays; 7:30PM
Call Dolores at 987-5981 with questions.
- **POTLUCK AND BINGO**
Friday, August 1; 12:00PM; Bingo at 1:30PM
Potluck catered by Fareway. \$4/meal;
Bingo cards are 10¢ each.
Please contact Waukee Parks and Recreation at 978-0007 with questions.
- **TRIAD**
Wednesday, August 27; 12:00PM
- Any Questions please call the Waukee Police Department at 515-978-7979.

Reminders

- **Keep your eyes peeled for the Waukee Parks and Recreation department's Fall/Winter program guide that will be mailed to all Waukee residents in August.**
- **Sign up for email and text alerts from the City of Waukee at www.waukee.org today. You can sign up to receive alerts about city news, newsletters, department news and events.**

WAUKEE PUBLIC WORKS PROVIDES VALUABLE SERVICE WITH CLEAN-UP DAY

Waukee residents showed up in droves for Waukee's annual clean-up day in June. Waukee Public Works has been hosting the weekend of curbside pick-up, hazardous waste drop off and tire drop-off for nearly a decade. Director of Public Works John Gibson said this year the city had one of the biggest turn-outs for hazardous waste and tire drop off his department has seen.

"The tire drop-off is important to keep our city clean," Gibson said. "Without it, tires might be disposed of in ditches or in other public spaces."

Waukee collected a total of 9,024 pounds of hazardous waste this year, while they collected just 5,627 pounds in 2013. Tires collected weighed approximately 4.88 tons this year and in 2013, they weighed in at 4.34 tons.

Although numbers were high for hazardous waste and tire drop-off, Gibson said the city has observed curbside pick-up participation decrease in recent years. Gibson said this is a good sign and means the program is working.

"I think it shows that residents are purging unwanted items on a more frequent basis," Gibson said. "Year after year if people use the curbside pick-up, they eventually have less to get rid of."

NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS IN PLACE FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

New lighted pedestrian crosswalks will be operating on Ashworth Drive between Waukee High School and Centennial Park, and on Wildflower Drive near the South Middle School for the upcoming school year. Pedestrians must engage the button on the poles to make the lighted signals work.



SUGAR CREEK GOLF COURSE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP IS COMING

Sugar Creek Golf Course's annual Waukee City Golf Championship is coming in early August. Check www.waukee.org for the latest updates. We hope to see you on the Sugar Creek greens!



SUMMER READING IS A HIT!

More than 500 people visited the Waukee Library to sign up for the first day of their summer reading program. Attendees enjoyed dipping into a special slime pool that set the stage for the program's "Fizz, Boom, Read!" theme. This summer:

- More than 1,600 kids and teens have signed up for summer reading
- In June, the Waukee Library offered 41 children's programs and had 2,170 people attended
- Kids have read over 10,000 books
- Teens have read over 475 hours

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