

CELEBRATE WINTERFEST IN WAUKEE!

Bring on the holiday cheer with Waukeee's annual WinterFest! There's so much holiday fun to have and we're squeezing it all into one great night. Bring the kids and visit Santa, watch an artist create holiday ice sculptures, and warm up with hot cocoa, cider and delicious soup. Experience Waukeee's historic Downtown Triangle and its unique businesses, and meet members of the Waukeee Area Arts Council as they host crafting, stories and more.

The fun begins on Friday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Downtown Triangle where Santa will light the WinterFest holiday tree. From there, he'll head to the Waukeee Community Center so the kids can tell him what they want for Christmas.

While you're in the Triangle, be sure to take a tour on our holiday trolley to see some beautifully decorated homes as luminaries light up the night.

And it wouldn't be a Waukeee festival without an element of giving back to the great community we live in, so we're holding a toy drive. Be sure to bring an unwrapped, new toy for the children in our community who are less fortunate.

Before the festive fun starts, stop by early to attend the downtown businesses open houses from 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Parking: Several of the streets in the Triangle will be closed for WinterFest, so please park in the Vince Meyer Learning Center parking lot located at 400 Locust Street. For more information, visit www.waukeee.org/winterfest.



GET READY FOR THE FESTIVAL OF TREES AND WREATHS!

The Festival of Trees and Wreaths kicks off the holiday season in Waukeee on Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. with a celebratory lighting, holiday music, refreshments, a special story time for kids, and a Teen Advisory Board silent auction. Individuals, families and businesses are encouraged to participate by decorating a tree or wreath in a theme related to their business or hobby. Winning trees and wreaths will be announced on Friday, December 19. Funds raised purchase books, audio books and movies for the library. For more information, check the library's website at www.waukeee.org/library, or call 978-7944.



CITY OF WAUKEEE SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR 2015 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of Waukeee is seeking applications from residents who would like to become members of one of the City's many important boards and commissions. Openings exist on all boards and commissions, including the Board of Appeals, the Community and Economic Development Advisory Council (CEDAC), the Library Board of Trustees, Park Board, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Boards and commissions are an established feature of municipal government offering citizens an opportunity to participate in Waukeee's governmental affairs. Their activities help to shape or influence public policy in many areas. The City of Waukeee's boards, commissions and committees reflect the varied interests of our residents.

All terms expire on January 31 with appointments beginning February 1, with the exception of the Library Board of Trustees, for which appointments begin July 1. For more information, visit www.waukeee.org/boardsandcommissions.



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: 515-978-7904
- City Hall: 515-978-7900
- Fire: 515-978-7998
- Police Department: 515-978-7979
- Public Library: 515-978-7944
- Public Works: 515-978-7920

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; 7:30 p.m.
Call Dolores at 987-5981 with questions.
 - **POTLUCK AND BINGO**
Friday, December 5, 12:00 p.m.;
Bingo at 1:30 p.m.
Potluck catered by Fareway. \$4/meal;
Bingo cards are 10¢ each.
- Please contact Waukee Parks and Recreation at 978-0007 with questions.**

• TRIAD

Will not be held in November or December.
Please contact the Waukee Police Department with questions at 978-7979.

Reminders

- All City offices will be closed December 24–25 for the Winter Holiday.
- All City offices will be closed January 1 for New Year's Day.

WAUKEE WINS COMMUNICATION INITIATIVE AWARD FOR KETTLESTONE

The City of Waukee accepted a Communication Initiatives award from the American Planning Association Iowa Chapter at the group's Upper Midwest Conference in October. The award was presented for the City's work on the Master Plan for the future Kettlestone development. The Communications Initiative award honors efforts to "tell the planning story" while increasing awareness and understanding about the planning profession.

Waukee Development Services Director Brad Deets accepted the award along with members of Confluence, the design firm who worked closely with the City to create the Kettlestone Master Plan.

"It's fulfilling to see the hard work we have put into planning Kettlestone rewarded by a great organization," said Deets. "We are proud of the path we are forging to Kettlestone's future."



Ben Champ, APA IA Chapter President; Chris Shires, Confluence; Brad Deets, City of Waukee Development Director and James Drinan, APA Executive Director pose with the Communications Initiative award presented to Waukee's Kettlestone development.

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Waukee and West Des Moines Break Ground on Grand Prairie Parkway Interchange



Congressman Tom Latham, the Waukee Mayor and Council and West Des Moines Mayor and Council "breaking ground" on the new interchange.

The Cities of West Des Moines and Waukee jointly broke ground in October on the Grand Prairie Parkway Interchange project. I contributed comments along with Congressman Tom Latham and West Des Moines Mayor Steve Gaer, as we celebrated this project that's been more than a decade in the making.

Held on the Grand Prairie Parkway Bridge connecting Waukee and West Des Moines, both West Des Moines and Waukee city councils attended, along with local business leaders. The Grand Prairie Parkway Interchange will be a signature entrance off Interstate 80 and will serve as a vital link in continued commercial and residential growth in both Waukee and West Des Moines. The new interchange will open up access to the future Kettlestone development in Waukee.

I believe we can get more accomplished by working together. We are excited that working with West Des Moines has been so successful and that the results will drive further growth in the Central Iowa economy.

– Mayor Peard