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Waukee Sees Influx of Households and Businesses in 2014

The City of Waukee saw enormous growth in 2014, with record numbers of households and businesses added to the growing city. [Saint's Pub](#), [Louie's Wine Dive](#), [1908 Draught House](#), [Polished Nails Salon](#) and more created footprints in the Hickman Road Corridor. And the City issued a record-breaking 674 building permits in 2014, of which 279 were single-family. Compare that to 189 single-family building permits in 2013, and it's easy to see why Waukee is the fastest-growing city in the state of Iowa.



"The building permit numbers are the highest we've seen since 2005-2006," said Waukee Development Services Director Brad Deets. "We've already received several building permits for the month of January, showing even snow won't deter builders in Waukee."

Waukee Parks and Recreation has the Program for your Child!



Waukee Mayor Bill Peard

I am proud to announce the newest appointees to the City of Waukee boards and commissions. I appointed or reappointed members at the Waukee City Council meeting on January 19.

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

Our boards and commissions include the Park Board, the Library Board of Trustees, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and more. [Read more about the newest appointees.](#)

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Watch the Waukee Fire Department Practice Ice Rescues

The Waukee Fire Department performed ice rescue training on the frozen lake in the Southfork subdivision in Waukee in early January. The ice was approximately six inches thick and a large hole was cut to accommodate simulated victim rescue and self-rescue. 20 firefighters participated in the training including using ropes, poles, ice awls, and of course suits to keep them warm. [Watch the training via this great local news coverage.](#)

Don't let the cold weather keep you from checking out all the best programs Waukee Parks and Recreation has to offer this winter and spring. **Little Ninjas** and **Taekwondo/Karate** kick off on February 25. Both classes teach the basic fundamentals of Taekwondo and Karate in a developmentally appropriate format for different age ranges. The classes focus on building proper use of martial arts, self-respect, self-discipline and coordination of mind and body.



Bricks 4 Kidz starts its second winter session on February 5, called "Forces of Nature." These evening classes allow students to build models and simple motorized machines using LEGO basic and technic bricks. "The Forces of Nature" session will focus on the wild and powerful forces of nature experienced around the world. Students will build models based on specific weather events. Class sizes are limited so register your child today at www.waukee.org/registration.

Waukee Public Library Announces 2014 Festival of Trees and Wreaths Winners



Assistant Waukee Public Library Director Devon Murphy-Peterson poses with the 2014 Festival of Trees and Wreaths winners.

The Waukee Public Library announced that Waukee's First American Bank won "Best Tree" and resident, Audrey Dunbar, won "Best Wreath" in the 2014 Festival of Trees and Wreaths contest. This annual event and contest kicks off the holidays each year in Waukee with individuals, families and businesses participating by decorating a tree or wreath. Funds generated from submitted trees and

wreaths, and through voting, go towards buying books for the Waukee Public Library.

The 2014 event raised \$1,100 for the Library and the Teen Advisory Board raised \$900 during their silent auction. "We are planning to put special book plates in the books we purchase with the funds generated to identify and thank those who participated," said Waukee Public Library Director Kristine Larson. "We had a great turn-out this year and are grateful for the support of the Waukee community."

It's never too early to start generating ideas for your tree or wreath submission for next year. For just \$50 per tree or \$25 per wreath, you can capitalize on your creativity while supporting the Waukee Public Library. For more information, visit www.waukee.org/library.

The City of Waukee seeks nominations for



Waukee Police Department Citizen Academy Attendees Ready for Graduation

The inaugural class of the Waukee Police Department's Citizen Police Academy are preparing for graduation from their 10-week session on January 29. Most recently, academy attendees practiced shooting at the West Des Moines Police Department's indoor shooting range. [View a photo gallery](#) from the course or [read more about the Academy](#).

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Reminders

- *All City offices will be **closed February 16** for President's Day.
- ***Waukee City-Wide Garage Sales** will be held Saturday, May 2.
- ***Waukee City-Wide Clean-Up Day** will be held Saturday, May 9.

Waukee Community Center Activities

[675 Walnut Street](#)

* **Congregate meals** are now served at Sugar Creek Senior Housing at 1600 L.A. Grant Parkway

* **Cribbage and Cards with the 50 Plus Club**
Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

Call Dolores Betzold at 987-5981 with questions.

***Potluck and Bingo**

Friday, February 6 at Noon.

Bingo at 1:30 p.m.

Potluck catered by Fareway for \$4 per meal.

BINGO cards are \$0.10 each.

* **TRIAD**

Wednesday, February 25 at Noon.

Please contact Officer Mackenzie Sposeto with the Waukee Police Department with questions at mposeto@waukee.org.

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