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Waukeee Mayor Bill Peard

Waukeee Announces "BACooN Sizzles Waukeee" Event to Kick Off BACooN Ride



The City of Waukeee announced a new name and logo for their event the night before the second annual BACooN Ride. "BACooN Sizzles Waukeee" will be held on June 19, 2015, in Centennial Park, the night before "[BACooN Ride Too: A Second Helpin'.](#)" BACooN Ride first rode through Waukeee in 2014, when Iowa's world-famous RAGBRAI® joined with the

founders of the Blue Ribbon Bacon Festival® and the Iowa Bicycle Coalition to create the unique ride. The 71-mile ride on the Racoon River Valley Trail combines the love of bacon and the love of bike riding, with bacon stops in each town along the route.

BACooN Sizzles Waukeee will be held in Centennial Park the night before the ride, kicking off the weekend full of bacon and bikes. All bacon lovers are invited and those who attend the party on Friday night will enjoy two great live bands - [Members Only](#) and local band, The New Mexicos. Mouth-watering bacon delicacies from a host of vendors and a beer garden with a variety of local and national brews will be a part of the festivities. Visit www.waukeee.org/baconosizzles for more details to come on this sizzling event.

Waukeee Named "Safest Place in Iowa" by Movoto for Second Year

Waukeee was again named "Safest Place in Iowa" by Movoto, a national online real estate brokerage.



I am excited to announce the schedule for upcoming improvements on two of our popular city parks - Windfield Park and Grant Park.

Bids for renovations on each park were approved at the February 17 regular Waukee City Council meeting. Construction will begin on Grant Park in early Spring and is estimated to be complete by June 1. Construction on Windfield Park will begin May 1 and is estimated to be complete by August 1.

Following the remodel, Windfield Park will be equipped with age-appropriate play areas, a full basketball court, a new baseball/softball backstop, a new shelter house with enclosed restrooms, along with walking and biking paths. [See a drawing of the Windfield Park plan.](#)

Grant Park's remodel will include increased walking paths, new playground equipment, and a half-court basketball court. [See a drawing of the Grant Park plan.](#)

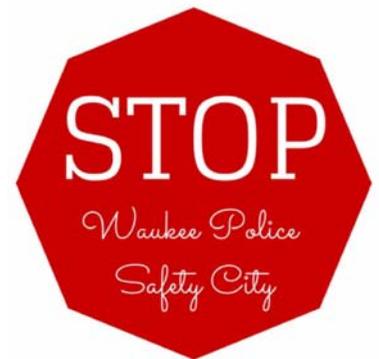
We hope you enjoy these great improvements to Windfield and Grant Parks this fall.

Waukee was also named "Best Place in Iowa" by Movoto in an earlier ranking.

According to Movoto: "In 2013, Waukee had the lowest number of total crimes per person in the state, with just 144 for its population of 16,633. That's even fewer than in 2012 when it had 154 - and the population grew by over 2,000 people over that year! It also had just 10 violent crimes in 2013 (including no murders) and 134 property crimes, which ranked it second in both categories. All in all, Waukee residents were the least likely in the state to be the victim of a crime, with just a one in 115 chance." For more information, visit www.waukee.org.



Registration Now Open for the Waukee Police Department's Safety City



Parents in the Waukee School District with incoming kindergarten students are encouraged to register their children for the Waukee Police Department's annual "Safety City." Attendees will learn about safety through one-on-one contact with volunteers during this week-long course, featuring eight different sessions throughout the month of June.

A miniature city will be used to teach students correct street crossing techniques while on foot, along with vehicle safety by using tricycles as automobiles. Safety City will also include lessons on bullying, pedestrian rules, street crossing, stop lights, the Waukee Safe House, window safety, bus rules and more. Each student will receive a bicycle helmet and t-shirt. Students will also have the opportunity to ride a school bus, and tour the Waukee Police and Fire Departments. Online registration is available at www.waukee.org/safetycityreg. Contact the Waukee Police Department with questions at 515-978-7979.

Registration for Parks and Recreation Spring/Summer Programs Starts March 1

The City of Waukee Parks and Recreation Department has a great spring and summer planned just for you and your children - filled with programs, activities, trips and festivals that will make 2015 your most active year yet. Keep a look out for the new 2015 Spring/Summer program guide to land in your mailbox around the beginning of March, with registration starting March 1. Highlights of the new program guide include:



Easter Egg Hunt Scheduled for

Live Healthy IOWA
5K

APRIL 11, 2015

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Decorah • Dike • Fairfield
Glenwood • Hlawatha • Mount Ayr
Osage • Perry • Storm Lake
WAUKEE • West Liberty

T-SHIRT RACE NUMBER FINISHER MEDAL
POST-RACE REFRESHMENTS PRIZES

5K RUN/WALK • 8 AM 1K KID'S RUN • 9 AM

REGISTER NOW
LIVEHEALTHYIOWA.ORG

Saturday, April 4

Enter the Easter Coloring Contest



Children line up for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Waukee's Centennial Park

Hop on over and fill your baskets full of candy at Waukee's annual Easter Egg Hunt! Three age groups get to take off and grab their share of eggs including 4 years and under, 5-7 and 8-10 years old.

NEW Easter Coloring Contest

Help the Waukee Parks and Recreation Department spread some Easter cheer around Waukee's Downtown businesses by participating in our Easter Coloring Contest! To participate in our coloring contest, please email Alicia. The contest will start March 1 and the last day to turn in finished coloring pages is March 23. Please have your child color the page and return it to the [Waukee Public Works Building](#). Coloring pages will be displayed in the Downtown Businesses' windows and Waukee Parks and Recreation will vote for a winner and announce it on April 4 at the Easter Egg Hunt. The winner will receive an egg'cellent Easter basket filled with goodies.

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- Details on the new summer festival, "Celebrate Waukee: Unleash Yours"
- The latest updates on the returning "BACooN Ride Two: A Second Helpin'" and the new festival that will celebrate the ride the night before called

"BACooN Sizzles Waukee"

- Mini Sluggers T-ball league information
- Summer camps including All-Star Sports Camp and Summer Fun Camp
- Adult sports and activities including slow-pitch softball and sand volleyball leagues
- Senior trips to the Iowa State Fair and Downtown Des Moines
- Results Bootcamp and Family F.I.T. Bootcamp classes

Look for the digital version of the 2015 Spring/Summer program guide at www.waukee.org/parksandrec.

Waukee.org Headlines

[Waukee Fire's Adam Hilgenberg Helps to Save High School Wrestler's Life](#)
[Read more ...](#)

[Boxes Available for Waukee Fire Department's Residential Knox Box Program](#)
[Read more ...](#)

[Dallas County Named Richest In State by MSN Money](#)
[Read more ...](#)

[Safety Alert! Important Recall Information from the Waukee Fire Department!](#)
[Read more ...](#)

[Moody's Investors Service Upgrades the City of Waukee's Sewer Bonds from A1 Rating to Aa3 Rating](#)
[Read more ...](#)

Reminders

***Waukee's Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held Saturday, April 4.

***Waukee City-Wide Garage Sales** will be held Saturday, May 2.

***Waukee City-Wide Clean-Up Day** will be held Saturday, May 9.

***Waukee Household Hazardous Waste** drop off 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, March 6 at Noon.

Bingo at 1:30 p.m.

Lunch catered by Fareway for \$4 per meal.

BINGO cards are \$0.10 each.

* **TRIAD**

Wednesday, March 25 at Noon.

Please contact Officer Mackenzie Sposeto with the Waukee Police Department with questions at msposeto@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