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Waukeee Mayor Bill Peard

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The Waukeee Leadership Institute (WLI) announced a new summer celebration.

"Celebrate Waukeee" will be held on June 5 - 6, 2015, in the

Historic Downtown Triangle and Centennial Park. Celebrate Waukeee replaces "WaukeeeFest" as the signature summer celebration for the City.



Celebrate Waukeee is a family friendly event that will kick off Friday, June 5, with a movie in Centennial Park sponsored by the Waukeee Parks and Recreation Department. On Saturday, June 6, the festivities will begin in the Historic Downtown Triangle with a pancake breakfast and a 6K run. A parade will take the fun to Centennial Park where attendees will find a wide range of activities for all ages, including inflatables, food, drinks, live music, fireworks, and much more. Everyone is welcome to come celebrate and unlock all that Waukeee has to offer.

"As a lifelong Waukeee resident, I feel very proud to have our class project working on Celebrate Waukeee," said WLI class member and event co-chair, Kathryn Sandie. "We are excited to feature the Historic Downtown Triangle and Centennial Park."

Event coordinators are currently seeking sponsors. Email celebratwaukeee@gmail.com or visit www.waukeee.org/celebratwaukeee for more information.

Live Healthy with Waukeee's Live Healthy

On Thursday, March 26, I gave my annual State of the City Address at the 2015 State of the City Luncheon hosted by the [Waukee Chamber of Commerce](#).

I was happy to begin by reporting that Waukee's residential tax base will remain at \$13.50, a rate that has not changed for 16 consecutive years. Additional successes Waukee saw in 2014 include:

- **Continuing work on the Grand Prairie Parkway Corridor.** While Waukee has been planning and working toward this project for over a decade, 2014 was the year that finally saw pavement. Construction began on the stretch of corridor from University Avenue south to Ashworth Road, the segment from Ashworth Road to the completed I-80 overpass, and the "diverging diamond" interchange.
- **The public unveiling of the Kettlestone brand.** Since that presentation, Kettlestone has generated a lot of interest in Iowa as a thoughtfully planned corridor that will provide unique opportunities for civic, residential and commercial development and leisure amenities.
- **Public safety was at the forefront of City initiatives in 2014.** Some of the police department successes include the installation of a drug dropbox for unused medications, and the beginning of the process of joining the Westcom dispatch system. While full implementation of the system is not scheduled until later this year, the seeds planted in 2014 will equate to better police, fire and EMS response, the improved safety of Waukee's first responders, and enhanced communication with our neighboring communities.

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Iowa 5K



Live Healthy Iowa selected 14 communities across Iowa, including Waukee, to be a host site for their 2nd annual Live Healthy Iowa (LHI) 5K events. Waukee's Live Healthy Iowa 5K and 1K events will be held Saturday, April 11 at Centennial Park in Waukee. Proceeds from the LHI 5K and 1K will go to support local wellness coalitions, as well as Adaptive Sports Iowa.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with these 14 local communities and co-host these events," said Live Healthy Iowa director, Nicole Bruce. "These events not only serve as a time of celebration for challenge participants, but as a way for Iowans to come together in support of local communities and their wellness efforts."

The 5K portion of the event will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the 1K kid's run following at 9:00 a.m. All participants will receive a Live Healthy Iowa 5K t-shirt, race number, finisher medal and the opportunity to win age-group awards. The cost for the 5K is \$20 through March 30, then \$25 up to race day. Adult 10-Week Wellness Challenge participants can use the discount code in their weekly email to receive a \$10 discount. The 1K kid's run for ages 12 and younger is \$5. Register today at www.livehealthyiowa.org.

Join Waukee Parks and Recreation for a Road Trip to a Kansas City Royals Game



Kauffman Stadium panorama shot by Adam from Flickr Creative Commons.

Waukee Parks and Recreation invites you to join them on a trip to Kansas City on Sunday, July 26 to watch the 2014 American League Champion Kansas City Royals take on the Houston Astros. The game will be held at Kauffman Stadium and game time is 1:10 p.m. The bus will depart from the Waukee Public Works Building at 8:00 a.m.

There will be one stop for restrooms and food each way, and travelers are welcome to bring food and beverages on the bus. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Danae Edwards at dedwards@waukee.org or 515-978-0007 for more information.

Waukee Library Plans Friends and Foundation Book and Bake Sale for May 2



Yard waste collection starts for City of Waukee garbage customers on Monday, April 6. Waste Management will be collecting yard waste every Monday until November. If there is a holiday on a Monday, collection day will be one day late.

Items considered yard waste: Yard waste is vegetation; materials such as grass clippings, leaves, brush and garden waste.

Yard waste must be put into biodegradable bags or reusable containers with a 50-pound maximum weight. Sticks, brush and branches must be cut into four-foot lengths and bundled (with string or twine) with a 50-pound maximum weight per bundle. If the sticks will fit into a small reusable container they will not need to be bundled. **Please do not use your Waste Management garbage or recycling containers for yard waste.**

Place the approved items at the curb for collection. Items can be set out the night before, or before 7:00 a.m. the day of collection. Please contact [Waukee Utility Billing](#) at 515-978-5502 with any questions.



Spring Book and Bake Sale is May 2

The annual Waukee Public Library spring book and bake sale is Saturday, May 2 at the library from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. All books and items will be half-price after 2:00 p.m. There are countless children's books, nonfiction and fiction titles for sale. Delicious baked goods will be on sale, as well.

New! Pre-Sale on Friday Evening

For Friends and Foundation members only, a special book pre-sale will be held from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1. This special event is for members only! Not a member? You can renew your membership at the door. Annual memberships are only \$15.

Volunteer at the Spring Book and Bake Sale

If you would like to donate baked goods to the sale, please drop them off at the library before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1. Also, contact wplfoundation@gmail.com if you would like to work a shift at the book sale. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Friday afternoon, work Friday evening and throughout the day on Saturday.



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Waukee Announces "BACooN Sizzles Waukee" Event to Kick off BACooN Ride ... [Read more](#)

Waukee Citywide Clean-Up Planned for May 9 ... [Read more](#)

Safety Alert: Spring Weather Means More Pedestrians and Cyclists in Waukee ... [Read more](#)

Reminders

***Waukee Cemetery Clean-Up** is April 1-15.

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



Submits Iowa Reinvestment Act Pre-application for Kettlestone Lakes Reinvestment District



The City of Waukee submitted a pre-application for funding through the Iowa Reinvestment Act on March 13, 2015. The pre-application is for the "Kettlestone Lakes Reinvestment District" located just north of Interstate 80 and west of Grand Prairie Parkway. This 25-acre hub of entertainment and activity offers high visibility and direct, convenient access from I-80, and will feature a hotel and conference center, an amphitheater and events center, trails and greenway, and mixed-use retail.

The Waukee City Council approved the "Kettlestone Lakes Reinvestment District" for the pre-application process in a special meeting on March 9. The total project cost is estimated at \$91,388,700 and the City of Waukee is applying for \$20 million in funding.

Heart of America Group is the proposed hotel and convention center developer. The 175-room hotel and convention center would feature a 12,000 square foot event space just across the lake from an amphitheater. The hotel and convention center would also be home to a rooftop restaurant and bar.

Visit the [Kettlestone website](#) to read more about the projects in the Kettlestone Lakes Reinvestment District in the "Unique In Nature" narrative portion of the pre-application.

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- *Waukee City-Wide Garage Sales will be held Saturday, May 2.
- *Waukee Citywide 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, April 3 at Noon.

Bingo at 1:30 p.m.

Lunch catered by Fareway for \$4 per meal.

BINGO cards are \$0.10 each.

* **TRIAD**

Wednesday, April 29 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



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