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Waukeee Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast and Food Drive Planned for Saturday, May 9

The Waukeee Fire Department is planning their annual Pancake Breakfast and Food Drive for Saturday, May 9 from 7:00-11:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building at 1300 L.A. Grant Parkway. Each year, this family-friendly event draws hundreds of residents who enjoy delicious pancakes, sausage and bacon, while interacting with the Waukeee Fire Department. The event also serves as a fundraiser for the Waukeee Food Pantry, with donations being collected on site.

Bring the kids for breakfast and stay for playtime afterwards as they jump in a bounce house and experience spraying water out of a real fire hose. The cost of the event is \$5 "all you care to eat" for ages five and up; kids younger than five eat free. For more information, visit www.waukeee.org/fireevents.



Citywide Clean-up Planned for Saturday, May 9



Waukeee's annual citywide clean-up will be held on Saturday, May 9 and will feature bagged garbage and bulky

Waukeee Mayor Bill Peard

I am proud to announce that I named long-time Waukeee resident and local photographer, **Terry Snyder**, Waukeee's 2014 Citizen of the Year. I appointed Terry as Citizen of the Year at the regular Waukeee City Council meeting on Monday, April 6, 2015.

Terry received multiple nominations for this honor and is highly regarded in the community for her leadership, volunteerism, and historical preservation efforts. Not to mention her high levels of energy and enthusiasm for all things Waukeee.

As Citizen of the Year, Terry will be honored at an open house reception on **Thursday, May 14 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in Waukeee City Hall. Terry will be presented with a proclamation and Key to the City and will also have the honor of riding in the Celebrate Waukeee and 4th of July parades. On behalf of the City of Waukeee, I would like to thank Terry for being a champion for our city.



waste collection at the curb, a hazardous waste collection site, a tire collection site and an appliance and electronics collection site.

Waukeee Public Works has been hosting the weekend clean-up day for nearly a decade and Director of Public

Works John Gibson said the weekend is very important to keep Waukeee clean. Last year, the City of Waukeee collected a total of 9,024 pounds of hazardous waste alone.

Visit www.waukeee.org/cleanup to learn more about items that can be left curbside, where hazardous waste, tires and appliances will be collected, and what is acceptable for collection.

Get Ready to Spend Your Summertime in Waukeee!



You're going to have a blast soaking up the summertime in Waukeee! There are so many events, activities and more going on this summer that you'll never need to leave the city limits. From sizzling summer festivals to the Waukeee Public Library's summer reading program, and the Waukeee Area Arts Council's weekly shows, Waukeee is the place to get the most out of your summer!

Visit www.waukeee.org/summertime each week to see the "Summertime in Waukeee" calendar and find out how you can maximize your summer fun right here at home. Highlights of this summer include:

- [Waukeee Library's](#) Summer Reading Events: June 1-July 31
- [Celebrate Waukeee](#): June 5-6
- [BACooN Sizzles Waukeee](#): June 19
- [Waukeee's 4th of July Celebration](#)
- [Public Safety Day](#): August 4

Join Waukeee Parks and Recreation for **Home Alone Awareness Camp** on Saturday, May 2



Register today at www.waukeee.org/registration

Park Improvements in Process at Grant and Windfield Parks



Waukeee's Storywalk Opens for the Season on the Heart of the Warrior Trail



Improvements have started at Grant Park in Waukee. Paving of the sidewalks and basketball court will begin the week of April 20 and new play equipment will be installed the week of May 4. View the [Grant Park webpage](#) for site plans, photos and updates.

Play equipment will be removed from Windfield Park the week of April 20 and construction will begin at the park the week of April 27. Visit the [Windfield Park webpage](#) for site plan, photos and updates.

First Section of Grand Prairie Parkway to Open in Late Summer



Construction season is in full swing in Waukee including work on the future Grand Prairie Parkway and the new interchange off of I-80. The section of Grand Prairie Parkway between University Avenue and Ashworth Road is planned to open to traffic in late summer 2015. Paving is complete on the stretch of road but contractors are finishing work on lights, trails, signals, signage and turn lanes.

Public Works Director John Gibson said keeping the road closed to traffic while these amenities are finished will make travel on the road safer and more convenient for drivers when it opens in the late summer.

The stretch of Grand Prairie Parkway from Ashworth Road to the interchange, along with the new interchange are planned to open December 2015.

[View a flyover video](#) of the progress on



Take your family on an adventure with a story! For the second year, the [Waukee Public Library](#) and [Waukee Parks and Recreation](#) have joined forces to promote literacy and exercise. You can enjoy a different book each month along the Heart of the Warrior Trail between 6th Street and the intersection of Ashworth Drive, Northview Drive and Warrior Lane.

The first book of the summer is "[Bounce](#)" by [Doreen Cronin](#) and [Scott Menchin](#). Pages from the story are displayed starting at the 5-way stop and heading west towards 4th Street. Explore the trails with your family while encouraging the love of reading!

Vote for your choice for Movies in the Park on May 4-8

Waukee Parks and Recreation is starting their third year of big screen movies under the Big Dipper with a vote. Which movie would your family like to see for the first Movie in the Park of the season on Friday, June 5? Vote May 4-8 at



www.waukee.org/moviesinthepark for Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day; Big Hero 6; or Paddington.

Waukee.org Headlines

Waukee Police Department Asks Residents to Register Cell Phone Numbers with Smart911 ... [Read more](#)

City of Waukee to Prepare Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan ... [Read more](#)

Local Eagle Scout Installs New Trail Signs at RRVT Trailhead... [Read more](#)

Take a Road Trip to a Royals Game with Waukee Parks and Recreation ... [Read more](#)

Grand Prairie Parkway and the interchange.

Meet the Easter Coloring Contest Winners



For the first time, Waukee Parks and Recreation held an Easter coloring contest for three age groups. Finished coloring sheets were hung in Downtown Triangle businesses for voting, including Classic Floral Design, Waukee Hardware, Charter Bank and Heartland Co-op. Thanks to everyone who participated. The winners are:

- Under 4 years: Cooper Kenkel
- 5-7 years: Cambria Manning
- 8-10 years: Mya Johnson

[View pictures](#) of the big winners.

Reminders

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

***Waukee Library Friends and Foundation Book Sale** will be held Saturday, May 2.

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

***Fire Department Pancake Breakfast** will be held Saturday, May 9.

***Waukee Citizen of the Year Reception** will be held Thursday, May 14.

***City offices closed for Memorial Day** on Monday, May 25

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, May 1 at Noon.

Bingo at 1:30 p.m.

Lunch catered by Fareway for \$4 per meal.

BINGO cards are \$0.10 each.

* **TRIAD**

Wednesday, May 27 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