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Waukeee Mayor Bill Peard

It has been another fantastic year of growth for the City of Waukeee! For the fiscal year ending June 30th, the City issued 815 total permits with an estimated valuation of \$131 million. That is approximately a 9.2% increase in total valuation over last fiscal year and an 85% increase in total valuation over the average of the past five years. Growth has been so tremendous that the city is conducting a [special census](#) to accurately count the the number of residents.

Waukeee schools are continuing to see growth, as well, as the school district prepares to welcome more than

**Waukeee Police and Fire Departments Host Public Safety Day**



In 2014, the Waukeee Police and Fire Departments joined forces to create Public Safety Day.

The event continues in 2015, featuring an array of activities and demonstrations, including a child safety seat check, tours of the Public Safety Building, and a child ID station where parents can have an ID made in case of emergencies. Kids will have the opportunity to use a fire hose, view the insides of emergency vehicles, and look through Fatal Vision Goggles, which simulate impaired driving. Residents can meet members of the Waukeee Fire and Police Departments at this fun and educational family event.



Public Safety Day will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4th, 2015, coinciding with National Night Out. Food and drinks will be provided free of charge. For more information, visit [www.waukeee.org/fireevents](http://www.waukeee.org/fireevents).

**City Elections to be Held November 3**

Waukeee residents interested in running for mayor or for one of two city council positions, all with four-year terms beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2019, are welcome to submit affidavits and nomination petitions. The Dallas County Auditor is now the filing officer for city elections and petitions will no longer be accepted by the Waukeee City Clerk. Below is some information on the

9,000 students back to school on August 24! The newest facility, Timberline School, will open its doors to 8th and 9th graders this fall. Construction is underway for Waukee's eighth elementary school, Grant Ragan Elementary, which will be located at 645 NE Dartmoor Drive in Waukee. Crews are hard at work installing traffic signals at the intersection of Hickman and Dartmoor to keep traffic flowing smoothly.

Waukee has worked diligently to promote a strong sense of community, recruit and retain business amenities, and improve city services. It's no surprise to us that Waukee was recently named one of Family Circle's [Best Towns for Families](#) in 2015.

It has been very rewarding as mayor to look back on the last year and observe all of the great progress we have made as a community. Our success is a direct reflection of the active participation of our citizens and businesses, and I am looking forward to another wonderful year of hard work and dedication in making Waukee a great place to live.

## Lt. Greg Breuer Retires from Waukee Police Department



It is with warm wishes that the City of Waukee and the Waukee Police Department announce the retirement of Lieutenant Greg Breuer after 29 years of dedicated service. Lieutenant Breuer began as a patrol officer with the Waukee police force in 1986. At that time, the police force consisted of the Chief of Police and three full-time patrol officers. Lieutenant Breuer has been there every step of the way as Waukee's population swelled from 2,400 residents in 1986 to more than 17,000 residents today.

Through his dedication to public safety and his exemplary leadership skills, Breuer rose through the ranks to Sergeant, and eventually to Lieutenant in the early 2000's. During his time with the Waukee Police Department, Breuer has demonstrated a strong commitment to public safety and community outreach. He has contributed to innovative community outreach programs like Safety City, Shop with a Cop, and the Citizen's Police Academy.

It is with sincere appreciation and gratitude that we congratulate Lieutenant Greg Breuer and wish him the best in his retirement.

A celebration in Lieutenant Breuer's honor will be held on August 21, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Waukee Public Safety Building, 1300 SE L.A. Grant Parkway. The public is welcome to attend.



Office at 910 Court Street, Adel.

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 3.

nomination process:

- Waukee follows Code of Iowa Chapter 45 for elections. Waukee does not have a ward system and elections are non-partisan. Candidates must submit at least 25 signatures from Waukee residents. The filing period for affidavits and nomination petitions is August 24 through 5:00 p.m. on September 17. Papers must be filed with the Dallas County Elections

Affidavits and nomination petitions are available at Waukee City Hall or from the [Iowa Secretary of State website](#). Please contact the Dallas County Auditor at 515-993-6950 or Waukee City Clerk Becky Schuett at 515-978-7904 if you have any questions about the nomination or election process.

## Windfield and Grant Parks See Improvements

Waukee kids have two new places to play this summer following renovations at Grant Park and Windfield Park! Construction at Grant Park is complete, and residents can enjoy walking paths, new playground equipment, and a half-court basketball court. At Windfield Park, both the shelter and the park are being remodeled.

Residents will enjoy a new shelter house with enclosed restrooms, and the park will include age-appropriate play areas, a full basketball court, a new baseball/softball backstop, and walking and biking paths. For more information, visit

[www.waukee.org/parks](http://www.waukee.org/parks).



The City of Waukee is seeking special census workers for temporary positions paying between \$10.50 and \$15.05 plus mileage. To apply, visit [www.waukee.org/censusjobs](http://www.waukee.org/censusjobs).

## Waukee Public Library Celebrates Summer Reading Victories

More than 13,154 people visited the Waukee Library this June to participate in the [Summer Reading Program](#). Attendees enjoyed guests from the Iowa League of Heroes that set the stage for the program's "Every Hero Has a Story" theme. This summer:

- More than 1,800 kids and teens have signed up for summer reading
- In June, the Waukee Library offered 49 children's programs and 1,869 people attended
- Kids have read more than 165,555 hours
- Teens have read over 3,240 hours



On July 10, Waukee staff hosted a blood drive, donating

**14 pints of blood**

saving or sustaining lives of

**42 patients in need!**



## Dallas County to Hold Special Election



County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections, Gene Krumm, has announced that any Dallas County Resident may vote at any vote center for the August 4th Special Election. The election is to decide whether Dallas County shall issue its General Obligation Bonds in an amount not exceeding \$16,800,000 for the purpose of designing, constructing, erecting, equipping, and furnishing new Sheriff's Office - Law Enforcement Center, with related site improvements.

Vote center locations are as follows:

- Redfield American Legion, 1116 Thomas Street, Redfield, IA
- Faith Lutheran Church, 602 S. 14th Street, Adel, IA
- McCreary Community Bldg., 1800 Pattee Street, Perry, IA
- Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 1910 Locust Street, Granger, IA
- Dallas Center First Presbyterian Church, 1204 13th Street, Dallas Center, IA
- Van Meter American Legion, 910 Main Street, Van Meter, IA
- St. Boniface Church, 1200 Warrior Ln, Waukee, IA
- Point of Grace Church, 305 NE Dartmoor Drive, Waukee, IA
- Heartland Presbyterian Church, 14300 Hickman Road, Clive, IA
- St. Francis of Assisi Church, 7075 Ashworth Rd., West Des Moines, IA

Absentee ballots may be cast in the Dallas County Auditor's Office at 910 Court St., Adel, IA, during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Monday, August 3, 2015. Those who wish to request an absentee ballot by mail must make their request in writing by 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2015.

For more information visit the Dallas County website at [www.co.dallas.ia.us](http://www.co.dallas.ia.us).



You're going to have a blast soaking up the Summertime in Waukee! Check our Summertime in Waukee Calendar for all the latest events at [www.waukee.org/summertime](http://www.waukee.org/summertime).

## Waukee.org Headlines

*Waukee Named a Best Town for Families... [Read more](#)*

*City of Waukee Plans Streambank Improvements ... [Read more](#)*

*Apply for Waukee Special Census Jobs... [Read more](#)*

*City of Waukee Announces New Non-Emergency Number ... [Read more](#)*

## Reminders

- \***Farmer's Market** will be held each Wednesday through September.
- \***Public Safety Day** will be held on Tuesday, August 4.
- \***Dallas County Special Election** will be held on Tuesday, August 4.
- \***Waukee Students return to school** on Monday, August 24.

## 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**

First Friday each month at Noon

Bingo at 1:30 p.m.

Lunch catered by Fareway for \$4 per meal.

BINGO cards are \$0.10 each.

\* **TRIAD**

Wednesday, August 26 at Noon.

Please contact Officer Mackenzie Sposeto with the Waukee Police Department with questions at [msposeto@waukee.org](mailto:msposeto@waukee.org).

## Notifications



Waukee's new non-emergency number is in effect beginning July 1. The new phone number is 515-222-3321, while 911 will remain the emergency number.

**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

## Contact Us

For more information on the City of Waukee or the content of this newsletter, email us, call 515-978-7900 or visit our website.