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Grand Prairie Parkway To Open In Late Fall



Crews work on the water main on August 10th.

The Mayor's Corner

Wrapping Up A Great Summer



Waukee Mayor
Bill Peard

There's always so much going on in the community. Summertime in Waukee truly was full of fun in the sun. WaukeeFest, the BACooN Ride and the 4th of July celebration brought a grand total of 8,000 people out into our parks and onto our trails.

Grand Prairie Parkway from the interchange on I-80 to University Avenue is set to open in late fall, weather permitting. Crews have been hard at work; however, heavy rains this summer contributed to some construction delays.

Work on the new bike trails wrapped up in mid-July, and the majority of the roadway paving is finished. Crews are currently installing the water main which will feature 2.4 miles of underground pipes placed between the bike paths and the road. Street lights along the roadway still need to be installed. The final step is for MidAmerican Energy to energize power to the area. Working traffic signals are the key piece to opening the road safely.

Stay tuned for an official opening date. This opening will not only improve traffic flow to and from I-80, but it will also be the foundation to begin Kettlestone's development.

- **NAI Optimum:** [View a flyover video of the progress](#)
- **KCCI story:** [Corridor connecting Waukee, West Des Moines to open at end of the year](#)

More Than 1,000 Attend Public Safety Day

The Waukee Police and Fire Departments joined forces again to host Public Safety Day. More than 1,000 attended the event on August 4th and enjoyed great food, fire truck rides, fire extinguisher interactions, turns at the fire hose, a rock-climbing wall, a rollover simulator, a child ID station and more!



"It's important for Police and Fire officials to have good relationships with Waukee residents," said Police Chief John Quinn.

[View photo coverage from the Des Moines Register](#)

"Often we are dealing with each other under tense circumstances. Public Safety Day helps us get to know the residents in a calm setting so we can educate people about safety and prevention."



Ribbon Cutting at Grant Park

On July 30th, about 65 residents turned out for the reopening of [Grant Park](#).

Children got to try out the new equipment, play on the added half-court basketball area and eat ice cream, served by the Park Board. Commitment to park improvement throughout Waukee continues. We will reopen Windfield Park soon!

The school year just kicked off for the [Waukee Community School District](#)! More than 9,000 students went back to classes on Monday, August 24. The [Waukee Police Department](#) and the school district are hard at work keeping everyone safe, but are asking for the community's help as well.

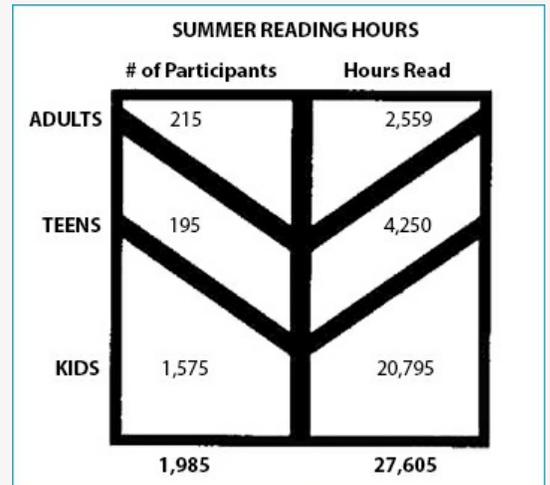
[Please read about the traffic advisories in place for the new school year.](#)

Thanks for a great summer! As fall approaches, be sure to mark your calendars for Beggars Night October 30, and check out the new Fall/Winter Program Guide below to see all the great offerings from Parks and Recreation. Plus, you've got through mid-November to enjoy great golfing at [Sugar Creek Golf Course](#)!

Summer Reading Program Wraps Up With Great Success

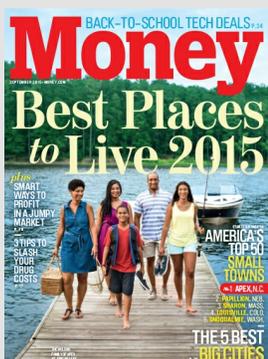
The [Waukee Public Library](#) wrapped up its eight-week Summer Reading Program at the end of July.

Throughout the summer, children, teens and adults enjoyed fun activities such as police officer Storytime visits, meeting the Iowa League of Heroes, learning about animals from the Blank Park Zoo and more! Participants also tracked their pages and hours read, which qualified them for winning prizes. Participants read for a total of 27,605 hours!



Waukee Named to MONEY Magazine's "Best Places to Live in America" List

MONEY Magazine is well known for its annual list of "America's Best Places to Live." Waukee landed in the Top 50 on the 2015 list, with the magazine noting reasons for the ranking such as great jobs in the area, a thriving school district and "stand-out



Filing Period Open for November Election

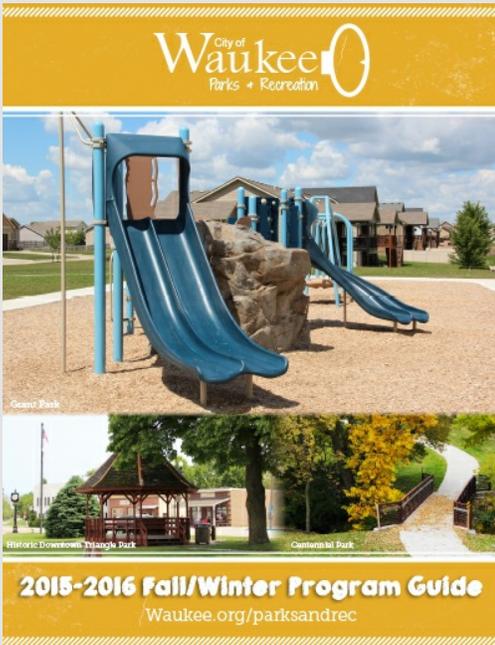
The filing period for Waukee residents interested in running for mayor or for one of two city council positions is now open. All positions have four-year terms beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2019. **The Dallas County Auditor** is now the filing officer for city elections and petitions will no longer be accepted by the [Waukee City Clerk](#). Below is some information on the 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 now through

community pride" being shown through great turnout in events like the BACoon Ride.

Register Now for Fall/Winter Parks and Rec Programs!



Registration is open NOW!



The filing period for affidavits and nomination petitions is now through September 17. Papers must be filed with the Dallas County Elections Office at 910 Court Street, Adel.

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

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.

Waukee.org Headlines

[*Plant Some Shade in Waukee!*](#)

[*Waukee Parks and Recreation Releases 2015-2016 Fall/Winter Program Guide*](#)

[*MONEY Magazine Names Waukee as One of the Best Places to Live in America...*](#)

[*City of Waukee Prepares for First Week of School Traffic*](#)

Reminders

- * **Farmer's Market** will be held each Wednesday through September.
- * **City Offices are closed** on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.
- * **City Council Meeting** dates for September are Tuesday, September 8 (due to the Labor Day observance) and Monday, September 21.
- * **Results Boot Camp** Session 1 starts Tuesday, September 8.
- * **Family F.I.T. Boot Camp** starts Saturday, September 12.
- * **Trap Shoot Benefiting the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation** will be held Saturday, October 3. **MUST REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 3.**
- * **Beggars Night** is scheduled for October 30, 6-9 p.m.

Waukee Community Center Activities

- **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 of each month
 - Lunch at noon; bingo at 1:30 p.m.
 - Lunch catered by Fareway for \$4 per meal.
 - Bingo cards are \$0.10 each.
- **TRIAD**
 - Wednesday, September 30 at Noon.
 - Please contact Officer Mackenzie Sposeto with the Waukee Police Department with questions at msposeto@waukee.org.

The Waukee Community Center is located at [675 Walnut Street](#). Congregate meals are now served at Sugar Creek Senior Housing at 1600 L.A. Grant Parkway.

Notifications

Please take note of the following phone number changes:

* **City Council:** 515-978-7904

* **City Hall:** 515-978-7900

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- * **Fire:** 515-978-7998
- * **Police Department:** 515-978-7979
- * **Public Library:** 515-978-7944
- * **Public Works:** 515-978-7920

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

Contact Us

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