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Grand Prairie Parkway Will Open Tuesday, Dec. 1!

Grand Prairie Parkway and the new I-80 Interchange will open to the public Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 12 p.m. (noon)!

Check out the most recent flyover [video from NAI Optimum](#).



Winter Festivities Planned for December 3 & 4

Winter in Waukeee is shaping up to be a fun one!

The festivities kick off Thursday, Dec. 3 with the [Waukeee Public Library's Festival of Trees and Wreaths](#). The community is invited to the library to enjoy refreshments, live music, a silent auction and a magical lighting ceremony to kick off the holiday season. Wreaths and trees will be lit at 6:30 p.m. before Children's Storytime at 6:45 p.m. Here's a [video preview of the event](#).



Then, join Waukeee Parks and Recreation and the Park Board for





Waukeee Mayor
Bill Peard

Over the past year, I've been asked almost daily by residents, "When will Grand Prairie Parkway be open?". We're now just days away from that monumental day, and I couldn't be more proud as we anticipate the grand opening on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Grand Prairie Parkway will have an immense impact on traffic flow in the Waukeee area and beyond. For years, we have needed a more direct route to I-80 and to West Des Moines, and after much planning and hard work, it's becoming a reality.



Crews have been putting the finishing touches on Grand Prairie Parkway.

Planning for this project began 15 years ago. Construction on the roadway kicked off in November 2013, and work began on the interchange portion in November 2014. We predict that from day one, 12,000 drivers will utilize Grand Prairie Parkway daily.

Not only will this relieve many Waukeee drivers, but it will also be a new gateway into our community. It opens the door to residential, office and commercial development for Waukeee's new Kettlestone Development and beyond. That development will bring more resources and amenities to Waukeee, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for those who live and work here.

On behalf of the City Council and City staff, I'd like to thank everyone who supported this project, especially the residents of Waukeee.

one of Waukeee's favorites - [WinterFest!](#) Bundle up and head to Waukeee's Historic Downtown Triangle on Friday, Dec. 4. Downtown Business open houses are from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and the rest of the festivities kick off at 6 p.m. when Santa himself arrives and lights the Downtown holiday tree! The free event features cookies, hot cocoa, holiday arts and crafts, an ice sculptor and more. Check out the [complete schedule of events](#). And, here's a [fun video about WinterFest](#).



Census Workers Now Canvassing

Last week, U.S. Census workers began canvassing all Waukeee Census blocks that have seen any new construction since 2010. The population counts from this year's special census will be added to the 2010 census counts to estimate the whole city's current population.



Waukeee residents who are visited by a Census worker are urged to participate. If they miss you at home, please follow up with them in a timely manner, if possible. It is important to have an accurate count of Waukeee's population, especially as it pertains to funding sources for adding and maintaining City roads.

Sign Up for Nixle and Receive Snow Ordinance Alerts

The City of Waukeee works diligently to keep residents safe and informed during winter weather storms. When a [snow ordinance](#) is in effect, the City will send an alert via text message and email through the free alert system, Nixle. Visit [Nixle.com](#) to sign up today.



Waukeee Police Give Thanksgiving

Baskets to 17 Families

The Waukeee Police Department was able to provide 17 Waukeee





was able to provide 17 Waukee families with Thanksgiving food baskets purchased from the Waukee Fareway. The officers delivered the baskets on Saturday, Nov. 21. The PD would like to thank the various Waukee residents and City employees who donated to the cause as well as Stivers Ford, Gilcrest Jewett and Shottenkirk Chevrolet. These area businesses provided funds for this project and the Shop With a Cop program. See the [full photo gallery](#).



Waukee.org Headlines

[Please Claim Bicycles at Waukee Public Safety Building](#)

[Trash Pick-Up Schedule Will Change Due to Thanksgiving Holiday](#)

[City of Waukee Unveils New Brand Identity](#)

[Temporary Traffic Signals Activated at Alice's Road and Olson](#)

Reminders

- **Upcoming City Council Meeting** dates are Monday, Nov. 30 (special meeting at 12:30 p.m.), Monday, Dec. 7 and Monday, Dec. 21.
 - **All City offices will be closed** Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
 - **Trash pick-up will be delayed** during Thanksgiving Week. Thursday pick-ups will shift to Friday and Friday pick-ups will shift to Saturday.
 - **[Apply for City Boards and Commissions](#)** by Monday, Nov. 30.
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Waukee Community Center Activities

- **Saturday Night Cards with the 50 Plus Club**
 - Saturdays at 7:15 p.m.
 - Call 515-778-6422 with questions.
- **Social & Bingo**
 - Will resume in March
- **TRIAD**
 - Will resume in January

The Waukee Community Center is located at 675 Walnut

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