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Waukeee Parks and Recreation will hold its fourth annual [FamilyFest](#) on Saturday, Jan. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will be held at Lutheran Church of Hope - Waukeee. This family-friendly event provides a fun experience to look forward to after all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. The annual event features inflatables plus games and prizes supplied by local Waukeee businesses. [Click here](#) to sign up as a vendor.



Census Workers Hope to Finish Canvassing Soon

Have you been counted in the special census going on right now? If you live in an area that has seen new construction since 2010, please respond promptly to the canvassers. Waukeee could receive nearly \$3 million in additional road-use funding over the next five years based on the census numbers. These funds will go directly into the local roads and transportation system. Be counted!



The Mayor's Corner

Opening of the New Roadway Signifies Great Things to Come

Fire Department Planning Controlled



Waukeee Mayor
Bill Peard

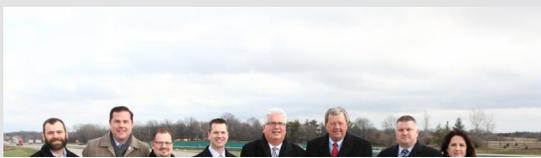
December 1st was a big day for the City of Waukeee. On that cold Tuesday, I stood on the new Grand Prairie Parkway Bridge with Waukeee City Councilmembers and city staff, our counterparts from West Des Moines, the Iowa DOT, former U.S. Congressman Tom Latham, State Senator Charles Schneider, and other legislators and business leaders. We cut a ribbon signifying the opening of Grand Prairie Parkway - a \$50 million project my colleagues and I have worked on for more than 15 years.

I've served as either Waukeee Mayor or on the Waukeee City Council since 1998, and bringing this new gateway to Waukeee has been a high priority all that time. To say I was proud as I first traveled on it, would be an understatement.

Grand Prairie Parkway opened at noon on the 1st. Traffic counts from noon until midnight on day one came in at 8,000 vehicles. Residents have already reported shortened commute times and traffic alleviation on other main arteries. There's no doubt that the 2.25 mile roadway is already a big win when it comes to travel ease. But, we're not done yet.

With the new Kettlestone Corridor open to the public, we are already receiving positive feedback from developers. Over the next few years, we anticipate seeing new jobs come in to the community. Residents can also looking forward to the possibility of additional retail, dining, and personal and professional service options. We're excited to improve the already existing "good living" we have here in Waukeee.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. I'm not sure we'll get a white Christmas this year, but there's sure plenty to celebrate as we head into 2016!



Fire Department Training Controlled Burn for Saturday

The Waukeee Fire Department is planning a controlled house burn for training purposes on Saturday, Dec. 19 beginning at 8 a.m. This is a rare opportunity for the firefighters to practice fire attack and rescue using real fire and smoke. Please note that Warrior Lane north of Park Road to the Waukeee Public Library will be temporarily closed. The library will remain open.



Waukeee Police Launch New Brand

The Waukeee Police Department recently launched a new brand. The new black, blue and white patch identity features the Scales of Justice inside of a triangle. Surrounding the triangle are the words "Integrity", "Honor" and "Pride". A departmental committee worked with the Waukeee High School Art Department - both students and instructors - to come up with the final look. Learn more in [this video!](#)



Shop With a Cop Helps 10 Families

The Waukeee Police Department participated in its annual Shop With a Cop program on Saturday, Dec. 12th. The Waukeee Fire Department served breakfast for the 10 families. Officers created IDs for the children and then took them to Wal-Mart for some holiday shopping. The kids got to wrap their gifts and have a pizza party back at the Public Safety Building. Read the [full article](#) and view [photos](#) from the event.



WinterFest Brings in Toy Donations

Including 572 Handmade Cars

As part of Waukeee's annual WinterFest celebration on





Pictured on the Grand Prairie Parkway Bridge on December 1 (L-R): Councilmember Casey Harvey, Councilmember Rick Peterson, Councilmember Shane Blanchard, State Senator Charles Schneider, Mayor Bill Peard, former U.S. Congressman Tom Latham, Councilmember Brian Harrison and Councilmember Shelly Hughes.

Winter Fest celebration on December 4th, guests were encouraged to donate toys and non-perishable food items for [Waukee Area Christian Services](#). Regular donations totalled 26 toys, 71 food items and \$90 in cash. In addition, Waukee resident Mel Slaybaugh and the [Des Moines Woodworkers Association](#) donated 572 handmade wooden toys! Read the [full article](#) and view [photos](#) of the toys.



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[Christmas and New Year's Day Trash Collection Postponed One Day](#)

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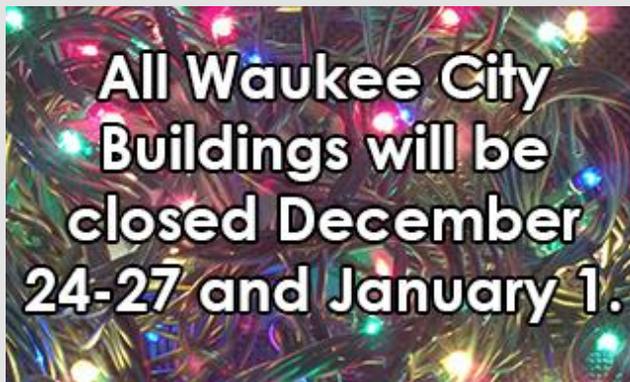
- **Upcoming City Council Meeting** dates are December 21, January 4 and January 18.
- **A reception for outgoing city councilmember Casey Harvey** will be held at City Hall on Monday, Dec. 21 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m with snacks and beverages provided.
- **All City offices will be closed** Thursday, Dec. 24 through Sunday, Dec. 27 as well as Friday, Jan. 1 in observance of Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day.
- **Trash pick-up** will be normal on Thursday, Dec. 24. Friday pick-ups will shift to Saturday during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's.

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**
 - Wednesday, Jan. 27, noon-1 p.m.

The Waukee Community Center is located at 675 Walnut



Click here for a full photo gallery.

The Waukeee Community Center is located at [875 Waukeee Street](#). Congregate meals are now served at Sugar Creek Senior Housing at 1600 L.A. Grant Parkway.

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