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Waukeee Issued Record-Breaking 900 Building Permits in 2015

In 2015, the City of Waukeee's Development Services Department issued a total of 900 building permits - a near 35% increase from the previous high in 2014.



Of the 900 building permits issued by the City, 372 were for single-family housing, 89 were for townhomes and four were for multi-family developments which account for 128 multi-family units. The total valuation of the 2015 building permits added up to \$154.4 million. The single-family and townhome permits account for the majority of that valuation at \$130.6 million.

Nominations Sought for Citizen of the Year

Do you know an exemplary resident who represents the true spirit of community service? The City is now seeking nominations through Friday, Feb. 5 for the 2015 Citizen of the Year.

[Nominate a deserving Waukeee resident for this honor!](#)



Rules and nomination forms are available at Waukeee City Hall or



Waukeee Mayor
Bill Peard

On Monday, Jan. 4, I was sworn in to my fifth term as Waukeee Mayor. Prior to that, I also served on the Waukeee City Council.



City Clerk Becky Schuett administered Mayor Peard's Oath of Office on January 4.

The current councilmembers and I are honored to serve Waukeee - a community that's family-friendly, safe and beautiful, and has access to great amenities while still maintaining that small-town feel.

In case you need a reminder, your current Waukeee City Councilmembers are:

- Rick Peterson (Mayor Pro Tem)
- Shane Blanchard
- Brian Harrison
- Shelly Hughes
- Larry Lyon



Shelly Hughes was reelected to her second four-year term in November, and I'm thrilled to have her back on board. Shelly is very focused on reaching the goals we've set for the City. Shelly owns her own photography business - 123 Eyes On Me Photography. She and her husband Brian have two sons,

and she's very active in the Waukeee community.

Also in November, two-term councilmember Casey Harvey made the choice not to run for reelection. Casey was a very valuable and detail-oriented member of the

[online](#). Contact City Clerk Becky Schuett at 515-978-7904 or bschuett@Waukee.org for more information.

City Snow Reminders

As winter has hit Iowa, here are a few reminders pertaining to snow safety and removal:



1) Dig out at least a foot around fire hydrants down to the ground and all the way out to the street so emergency crews can access them quickly.

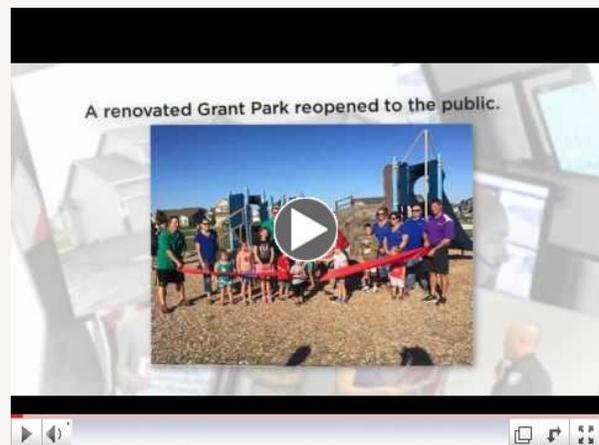
2) When the [City's Snow Ordinance](#) is enacted, parking is prohibited on most City streets to allow for proper snow removal. Violations are subject to \$25 fines and/or towing. Sign up to receive alerts with [Nixle](#).

3) [Sidewalk maintenance code](#) requires property owners to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow event ending. Fines beginning at \$50 may be issued 12 hours after a warning is issued by the City.

Thanks for your cooperation! And, for a full Public Works wrap-up of the most recent snowstorm and a video about the City's snow removal teams, [click here](#).

2015 Year in Review Video

2015 was a great year in Waukeee! Check out this Year in Review video for some of the highlights.



Enjoy a Night of Magic with the

council during his eight years.



Stepping into Casey Harvey's spot is public service veteran **Larry Lyon**, who just finished up more than a decade on the Waukee School Board. Larry was elected to a four-year term on the city council in November, and is a great addition. Larry, owner of Mr. Fix It and Remodelworks, is no rookie to the Waukee City Council. He actually served one term in the late 1990s as well. Larry is married to Lori and has three children. He is also involved in Rotary, the Dallas County Compensation Board and co-founded the Waukee Leadership Institute.

If you ever wonder what we're up to or what we base many of our decisions on, please see the [Strategic Plan summary](#). And, of course, we're always open to feedback. Email councilmembers@Waukee.org to offer your suggestions for making Waukee a better place. Have a happy 2016!

Waukee Public Library

Mark your calendars for Friday, Mar. 4! The Waukee Public Library will welcome the [Quad Cities Magic Club](#) to the Waukee High School Auditorium for a magic show fundraiser. Advance tickets are on sale at the library for only \$5. Tickets will be

available at the event for \$8. Ages 2 and under are free. Proceeds benefit summer programs at the library.



Girls Softball Registration Ends February 16

Registration for the Parks and Recreation Department's Girls Softball League is now open through **Tuesday, Feb. 16**. Girls in grades K-8 are welcome to play. Practices will begin in late March and games will take place from mid-April through early June. [Register today!](#)



- Inflatables
- Games
- Activities
- Prizes
- Area businesses
- Lots of fun!

Lutheran Church of Hope - Waukee  9 a.m. to noon

Waukee in the News

[Waukee Created a Development Rainmaker - Des Moines Business Record](#)

[Waukee Issued a Record Number of Building Permits Last Year - Des Moines Business Record](#)

[Waukee Expects to Keep Growing at a Fast Pace - Radiolowa](#)

[Citizen Academy Lets Waukee Residents Learn About Police - WHO-TV](#)

Reminders

- **FamilyFest** will be held Saturday, Jan. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at Lutheran Church of Hope - Waukee.
- **Upcoming Regular City Council Meeting** dates are January 18, and February 1 and 15.
- **The final Christmas Tree Pick-Up Day** is scheduled for

Season passes now available at Sugar Creek Golf Course!



15% off if purchased by
1/31/16
10% off if purchased by
2/29/16

Call the clubhouse at
515-987-5247 today.

Monday, Jan. 18.

- **All City offices will be closed** Monday, Feb. 15 in observance of Presidents' Day.
- **The City's Easter Coloring Contest** begins February 16 for kids up to age 10.
- **The City's Easter Egg Hunt** will be held Saturday, Mar. 26 at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park.

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 Street](#). Congregate meals are now served at Sugar Creek Senior Housing at 1600 L.A. Grant Parkway.

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