



## Labor Day Closures & Trash Delay

All City of Waukeee buildings, including the Waukeee Public Library, will be closed Monday, September 1 for Labor Day. The City Council meeting will be moved to Tuesday, September 2. Find agendas and meeting details at [Waukeee.org/CityCouncil](http://Waukeee.org/CityCouncil).

There will be no City of Waukeee/ASI garbage, recycling and yard waste collection on Labor Day. Your regular pick-up day will be delayed by one day, running Tuesday through Saturday during the holiday week. Yard waste pick-up is delayed until Tuesday.

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## Empty Your Pool or Hot Tub/Spa with Care

Chlorine and other chemicals used to keep your pool or hot tub clean cause BIG problems for fish and other aquatic life. As you prepare to drain your pool or spa at summer's end, follow these steps to avoid compromising water downstream.

1. Allow the pool or spa to sit for at least 7 days without adding chlorine or other chemicals; the chlorine content should be 0.1 milligrams per liter.
  2. Ensure the pH of the pool/spa water is between 7 and 8.
  3. Drain water through at least 15 feet of a grassy landscape first (i.e., not directly onto concrete) to allow remaining chemicals to dissipate before reaching the storm drain.
  4. Keep the flow of water low (aim for 700 gallons per hour = about 12 gallons per minute) to prevent erosion and avoid having to fix the landscaping later.
  5. If you have a saltwater pool, discharge water into the sanitary sewer, so the water can be treated.
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## Fall and Winter Recreation Program Registration Opens September 2

Registration for Fall and Winter programs with Waukeee Parks & Recreation will open September 2 at 8 a.m. for residents and non-residents. Youth basketball, adult indoor volleyball, art classes, karate, group meal prep parties, day trips and more will entertain and educate people of all ages. Visit [Waukeee.org/ParksandRec](http://Waukeee.org/ParksandRec) to learn more about these programs as well as upcoming festivals and special events.

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## Waukeee Canopy Offers Low-Cost Trees

Starting September 2, Waukeee residents can order up to two low-cost trees through the canopy program with Waukeee Parks & Recreation while supplies last. Choose from 12 species, ranging from \$28-53. Find species, prices and registration dates for this year's program at [Waukeee.org/Canopy](http://Waukeee.org/Canopy).

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## Events & Things to Know for September

- September 5, 11 a.m.: Get practical advice on estate and legacy planning in a free Snacks & Facts session at the Waukee Public Library.
- September 5, 1 p.m.: Test your luck with bingo at Waukee Public Library.
- September 7: Waukee Public Library resumes Sunday hours.
- September 11: Economic Development Bus Tour hosted by the Waukee Area Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$5 per person, which includes the tour and a networking social. Register through the calendar at [WaukeeChamber.com](http://WaukeeChamber.com) by September 5.

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## Thank You to Summer Seasonal Staff

Thank you to the more than 200 seasonal staff members and interns who helped deliver great City services, ensured safe infrastructure, ran recreation programs, assisted at the Library and took care of our parks this summer. We appreciate all your contributions to making Waukee a great place to be!

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## Do You Need Help with Energy Bills This Winter?

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs for the winter season. Assistance is based on household income, household size, type of fuel and other factors. People aged 60 and over and those receiving disability payments may apply starting October 1. All others may apply starting November 1. Learn more by typing "Utility Assistance Programs" in the search box at [Waukee.org](http://Waukee.org).

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## Easy Battery Recycling Option

Batteries can be dangerous in your garbage or recycling bin because they can cause fires. Instead, drop them in the battery recycling box at Waukee City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. You can bring household batteries (like AA, AAA, 9V and button types), tool batteries and small electronics like phones or tablets. Bag each battery in the provided bags and drop them in the labeled slot. Metro Waste Authority will handle the rest.

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## Scooter Safety

Riding smart means riding safely. Please talk to your kids about how to avoid accidents and injuries on their scooter: Eyes up. Be alert. And always ride with respect.

1. Always shave a helmet on to protect your brain.
2. Coming up on an intersection? Stop. Look. Listen. Don't assume a driver will see you. Walk your scooter across the intersection or roundabout.
3. Stick to sidewalks or bike paths when you can. If you're on the sidewalk, be polite and share the space with other people.
4. Before you ride, do a quick scooter check. Are the wheels tight? Brakes working? Handlebars straight? 2 minutes before you go can prevent a wipeout later.