

### **LEISURE SERVICES MONTHLY MINUTE** FEBRUARY 2020





### W-SR Science Club Tree Sale

The tree sale continues through March 1, 2020. For more information contact Renee Borglum at 319-352-2087 or renee.borglum@wsr.k12.ia.us. or Waverly Leisure Services at 319-352-6263. **Reservations** Contact the Leisure Services office at 352-6263 to reserve a park shelter for your upcoming event. Now taking shelter reservations through Dec. 31, 2020.

#### **Tree Trimming**

City of Waverly Public Services and Leisure Services crews are in the annual process of trimming trees in the City right-of-way for clearance. They will be pruned to meet City Code standards. Door hangers will be placed prior to trimming. Questions, contact Waverly Public Services at 352-6247 or Waverly Leisure Services at 352-6263. The tree work and trimming will occur between January 1 to March 1.

### **19TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT SKI ON THE RAIL TRAIL**

Waverly Leisure Services presents the 19th Annual Candlelight Ski on the Rail Trail, Saturday, February 8 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

A mile-and-a quarter of the trail will be illuminated for skiing and walking, beginning at Kwik Star East, 400 E. Bremer Avenue.

Complimentary hot cocoa provided by Nestle Beverage will be available at the bonfire turn around. Snow shoes and cross-country skis are available for rent at CrawDaddy Outdoors, 207 E. Bremer (352-9129).

This event will be cancelled by 3:00 p.m. that day if there is a zero windchill forecasted. For additional information, call Waverly Leisure Services Dept. at 352-6263.

## FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS

### **08** WINTER WAVERLY FARMER'S MARKET

Waverly's own market of local vendors who provide homemade goods, gifts, and foods! One Saturday a month through April. Held at Embassy Vineyard Church (319 W. Bremer Ave.) 8:30-11:30 AM



The City of Waverly website event calendar lists community events and activities including the Library, Chamber, City and more! To check it out visit: www.waverlyia.com/events

# Places to Play: CEDAR HILL PARK

**Fun Fact:** The land that is now Cedar Hill Park was once a cemetery. Lots were moved from the location to Harlington Cemetery sometime after 1949. Some of Waverly's first residents stood on the grounds of the park.

Located on Brown Lane, Cedar Hill Park is a natural stand of hardwoods in the Murphy Addition. The park features sandy soils overlooking the Cedar River. In 1982, nature trails were developed in the park. Today, the trails are marked and identified. Hiking through the woods at Cedar Hill Park offers a pleasant retreat from the sounds of the city.

If you are looking for a peaceful walk through a beautiful park filled with rich history, Cedar Hill Park is the perfect place to do so.



## Opportunities to Give to the Future of Waverly Leisure Services

The City of Waverly Leisure Services has two funds with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. Your gift to either fund will benefit the activities of Waverly Leisure Services now and in the future.

#### Waverly Leisure Services Endowment Fund

A permanent endowment fund, meaning the fund is invested and grows over time, providing a long-term, stable source of income to preserve the future of the department. Gifts to endowment funds are eligible to receive a 25% state tax credit through the Endow lowa Program.

#### Waverly Leisure Services Fund (Quasi)

Also an invested fund, but allows the City of Waverly increased flexibility to access funds when needed. Donors to this fund have the opportunity to specify the projects to which they would like to contribute.

To learn more about these funds, contact the Community Foundation at 319-287-9106 or info@cfneia.org. Gifts can be made at *fund.cfneia.org/waverly-leisure-services* 



# Meet Joel Johnson

After retiring from jobs in the Twin Cities area in early 2013, Joel Johnson and his wife Chris, a Waterloo native, sought to be closer to family and grandkids. Having discovered Waverly, they purchased a home here. They are fond of Waverly for all its opportunities to explore the parks and trails, as well as the great people they have met and the volunteer opportunities they have been involved with.



Joel grew up in western Wisconsin just east of the Twin Cities. It was there that he developed a love for the outdoors. He graduated from St. Olaf College and began a path in retail management in Iowa. That was soon replaced with a sales position in commercial refrigeration as an Inside Sales Rep, with Product Management added through the years. He worked for 35 years with several companies while enjoying fishing, canoeing, yard and gardening chores, camping and exploring the St. Croix River.

Joel was appointed to the Leisure Services Commission about 4 years ago. He has enjoyed getting to know Waverly, the Parks staff, and the great volunteers who make Waverly a real gem. He has appreciated the planning process that the Commission is involved with. Many things are subtle, yet substantial, like the South Riverside Park improvements. He is looking forward to seeing that completed. He is also looking forward to planning the renovation of Memorial Park with Kid's Kingdom and the pool in the future. That will be a fun challenge and exciting to see how we can pull all the ideas together to make it another great family spot for everyone to enjoy.

One of Joel's favorite things to do in Waverly is to walk his dogs through Brookwood Park, Red Cedar Park, Babcock Woods, Cedar Bend Park, along the Rail Trail and other spots where they can sniff, explore and enjoy nature at it's finest

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER 2020

### Leisure Services Seasonal Positions Available

The City of Waverly Leisure Services Department is currently accepting applications for seasonal employees. Positions include 7 month maintenance positions with Parks, Cemetery and Golf Course for mowing, weed eating, and general maintenance work. Positions also available as Swimming Pool Lifeguards, Cashiers, Managers, and Pro Shop Attendants.

Applications are available online at www.waverlyia.com on the employment link, or at the Leisure Services Office at 200 1st St. NE, Waverly, IA 50677.

For more information and a listing of seasonal job openings, come into City Hall or contact the Leisure Services Department at 319-352-6263.