

CITY OF  
**WAVERLY**

# Leisure Services Monthly Minute

NOVEMBER 2019



## NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS & HIGHLIGHTS:

### DEADLINE REMINDER

The Trees Forever Tree Replacement Program deadline is Monday, Nov. 4.

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

City Hall will be closed  
Thursday & Friday, November 28-29  
For Thanksgiving



### DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Waverly website event calendar is full of area community events and activities including the Library, Chamber, City and more! To check it out visit:  
[www.waverlyia.com/events](http://www.waverlyia.com/events)

### NOW TAKING HOLIDAY RESERVATIONS!

Contact the Leisure Services office at 352-6263 to reserve the Civic Center for your upcoming Holiday gathering.

## Leisure Feature:

### *Leisure Services Commission*

The Leisure Services Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters related to Parks, Vegetation Management, Cemetery, Outdoor Swimming Pool, and Civic Center operations and facilities.

They work closely with the Leisure Services staff to promote leisure services activities which will benefit all the citizens of Waverly.

### *Current Commissioners*

Sharon Cashman, Derek Solheim, Tara Winter, Brian Pins, Joel Johnson, Randy Neuendorf, James Carver, Brian Birgen; Council Liason, Garret Riordan; Leisure Services Director

The commission meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor with confirmation of the City Council.

## Places to Play:

# ROLLING HILLS PARK

Visions for the Rolling Hills subdivision date back to the 1950s, a project originally started by John Monaghan's father. In 2002 John and Betty Monaghan began developing the 60-acre subdivision that would eventually include one of Waverly's newest parks to-date, Rolling Hills Park.

In 2017 Leisure Services held a neighborhood meeting to decide how the park area should be developed. By October of that year, new playground equipment was approved for purchase from Boland Recreation. The following summer, in June of 2018 the neighborhood came together over a weekend to help the parks staff install the unit. Volunteers stayed through rain and wind to get the project completed.

The park has been a well loved addition to the thriving neighborhood. In addition to the playground equipment, a basketball slab was added in 2019. Residents of the neighborhood came together once again and raised the necessary funds to purchase a basketball hoop system, which was completed in October.

This is just one of many fantastic neighborhood parks and opportunities to bring residents together to continue to make Waverly a great place to call home.



## Waverly Rail Trail Candlelight Walk Event

A Candlelight Walk Event will take place Saturday, November 9 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the Waverly Rail Trail. Enjoy a candlelit stroll on a mile of the trail beginning at the Trail Head Shelter at 412 1st Ave. SE behind Kwik Star East in Waverly. Complimentary hot cocoa provided by Nestle Beverage is at the bonfire turn around. This is a great family and dog friendly event. There is no fee.

For additional information, call Waverly Leisure Services Dept. at 352-6263.



## Meet Sharon Cashman

Sharon lives in Waverly and has served on the Park & Recreation (Leisure Services) Commission for the past 20 years. During that time, she has been active in various recreational events, including RAGBRAI and the Ride Right Committees in 1999 and 2014, Candlelight Ski, Best Dam Run, and headed the Waverly Amphitheater Project (Vision Iowa Grant and local fundraising). She also helped start the Head Over Wheels bicycle safety group that works with the Bremer County Community Partners to fit and provide bike helmets to children at the annual Family Fun Fair.

Sharon leads the area cycling group, organizing weekly rides and promoting cycling and group events to local riders. In recent years, she started instructing Indoor Cycling at The-W, encouraging new cyclists and keeping the outdoor riders active in the winter. She has enjoyed working with many different people and organizations within the community to make Waverly a destination for recreation. The rest of her time has been spent managing the hospital and retail pharmacies at Waverly Health Center, running and biking. Sharon's family has always supported her interests in recreation, all four of her children have volunteered numerous hours or worked summer jobs for the City Parks Department. Her most recent hobby is retirement, after more than 30 years in the healthcare industry she plans to focus on disease prevention and healthy communities. She also looks forward to volunteering and continuing to help the City of Waverly with events and the Waverly Rail Trail. Her two favorite places in town are the Shades of Rhythm Amphitheater (Kohlmann Park) and the Rail Trail.

Sharon will be retiring from the Leisure Services Commission in December 2019. We are certainly going to miss her, as she has helped facilitate many great activities throughout the years. We wish her well in her retirement and would like to say THANK YOU Sharon!