

LEISURE SERVICES MONTHLY MINUTE - JANUARY 2021



More Raised Beds and Water Line Installed at the Waverly Community Gardens

Every year the Waverly Exchange Club observes a National Day of Service. On Saturday, October 24th, Exchange Club volunteers met at the North Community Gardens to assemble new raised beds for families who wish to plant their own gardens. Six new beds were constructed and will be available for rent in the spring of 2021. Additionally, on December 10th, a new water line was installed at the garden location to allow for easier access to water for garden occupants. These projects were both made possible by a grant received from the Bremer County Community Foundation. The City of Waverly Leisure Services Department is grateful for organizations such as the foundation to help continue making improvements such as this to our public areas. We are also thankful for the Exchange Club volunteers that helped complete this project.

New Year News!

In December 2020 Sharon Abram's term on the Golf Commission ended and she chose to not be re-appointed. We are thankful to Sharon for her dedicated service to the commission through the years. We are accepting applications for a commission member to replace her. Contact the Leisure Services office for more information.

Beginning in January of 2021, the Leisure Services Commission will welcome Liz Weurtz as a new Commission member.

The Leisure Services section of the City of Waverly website has been updated to make it more efficient and user friendly.

Changes include staff listing, online forms, new photos and updated departmental information.

Visit www.waverlyia.com/leisure-services

REMINDER: Face masks are still required in Leisure Services facilities

Beginning January 4, we will take reservations for the park shelters in 2021.

All rental payments are due and payable at the time of the reservation. No reservation will be entered without payment accompanying the completed form.

Shelter fees are \$35 per 4-hour period.

Civic Center Reservations: We are currently still only allowing reservations for groups of 15 or less in the Civic Center and face masks are required. Deposit and rental fees are due and payable at the time of room reservation. No reservation will be entered without payment accompanying the completed form. No reservation can be made more than 6 months from the current date.

Reservation forms can be found online at
www.waverlyia.com/civiccenter



MEET Stu & Sally Thorson



Stu and Sally Thorson have worked and served for the Waverly Golf Course in one way or the other since 2002. Sally has served on the Golf Commission since 2017, and Stu has worked as a seasonal maintenance staff person since 2002. They both served on Waverly Strategic Planning in 2018.

Sally moved to Waverly in 1967 to begin teaching after graduating from UNI. She taught both junior high and high school until 2008. Sally has also served on two philanthropic organizations in Waverly as well as St. Paul's committees. Stu graduated from Wartburg College.

He worked for Martin Brothers Distributing, was an adjunct golf coach for Wartburg College for 9 years, and worked for Prudential Insurance for 25 years before retiring. After retiring, Stu began mowing at the Waverly Golf Course and playing golf more often. Stu has been a member of the Waverly Exchange Club since its formation in Waverly. He also has volunteered for W-SR athletics for 48 years taking stats for football, working the scorers table for basketball and being a timer for track and cross country.

He now enjoys following their grandkids in sports and music. Both being avid golfers, they are proud of the facility and the upkeep that the City has maintained. Sally typically plays golf three times a week, plus the weekends. They have enjoyed playing in couples tournaments through the years. Stu enjoys mowing, watching other golfers and takes great pride in keeping the golf course in prime condition. He has accumulated 10 holes-in-one, 3 at the Waverly Golf Course during his golf days.

The Thorsons both look forward to keeping the Waverly Golf Course a #1 destination for golfers. Sally is also particularly looking forward to growth and teaching opportunities. With increased youth programming, the need for a more structured teaching facility also opens the doors for increased golf course usage. We are thankful for community members like Stu and Sally who are willing to serve on our commissions and as seasonal staff to do their part in keeping the Waverly Golf Course in prime condition.



Rail Line History Sign Donated

Thanks to a recent donation from Connie Miller, an informational sign has been placed by the portion of the railroad track located at the trail head. This was a surprise for her father Ed Brown.

The sign gives a detailed history of the rail line that is now the Waverly Rail Trail.

Thank you Connie for this generous donation and informational piece to honor Waverly's history.



SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Candlelight Ski on the Rail Trail will be held Saturday, February 13.

Please watch for a formal announcement with more details coming soon!

SLEDDING HILL!

When there is a good accumulation of snow, we open the sledding hill at the Waverly Municipal Golf Course, hole 1.

Please watch for open or closed signs at the hill. If the hill is open, feel free to enjoy some good family fun.

REMINDER:

W-SR Science Club Tree Sale

The tree sale is in full swing. The sale is open until March 1, 2021. Order forms can be picked up at W-SR High School, Waverly City Hall Leisure Services office, or from W-SR Science Club students. Order forms are also accessible online at www.waverlyia.com/treesale,

City of Waverly & Waverly Trees Forever Facebook pages, and www.wsr.k12.ia.us on the community flyers page.

For more information contact Renee Borglum at 319-352-2087 or Waverly Leisure Services at 319-352-6263.