

# CITY OF WAVERLY

LEISURE SERVICES MONTHLY MINUTE  
MARCH 2020

## March Happenings & Highlights

### 14 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](http://www.waverlyia.com/events)

## WAVERLY RECEIVES 2020 HEALTHY HOMETOWN COMMUNITY AWARD

The City of Waverly was presented with a 2020 Healthy Hometown SM Powered by Wellmark Community Award during the Iowa Healthiest State Initiative awards ceremony on Feb. 6, 2020. Along with recognizing the community for its health improvement initiatives, the award earns them the title of 2020 Healthy Waverly and \$5,000 to continue the important work of improving the physical, social and emotional well-being of the community.

### Some noteworthy achievements in Waverly include:

- Traffic calming measures by reconfiguring Bremer Ave/Highway 3 from four lanes to three and added bump outs at various intersections.
- Adding raised garden beds and apple trees to the Community Sharing Gardens; produce is donated to local churches, social service groups and the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.
- Adopted a tobacco and nicotine free policy covering the 21 parks in Waverly and seven miles of trail system.



## Leisure Services Now Hiring Seasonal Positions

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. Employment starts at \$9.50 per hour.

Some duties include:

- \*Flower watering and care
- \*Beautification of the downtown area
- \*Trimming
- \*Painting
- \*Playground maintenance
- \*Ball diamond maintenance
- \*General Park and Golf Course maintenance
- \*Mowing
- \*Weed eating

Positions also available as Swimming Pool Lifeguards, Cashiers, Managers, and Pro Shop Attendants.

Applications are available online at [www.waverlyia.com](http://www.waverlyia.com) on the employment link, or at the Leisure Services Office at 200 1st St. NE, Waverly, IA 50677 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



## DOG PARK

As the weather gets better, the Waverly Bark Park will again be used by dog owners on a regular basis. This is the reminder that the park rules are in place to protect all users, canine and human.

- The most important rule is to have your dog immunized. The State of Iowa requires rabies and distemper shots for all dogs. We highly recommend Bordetella and a fecal screen on a regular basis. This will protect your dog as well as other users of the park.
- Dogs must be at least 4 months old to use the park. Dogs in heat should not use the park.
- Humans must be 8 years of age to enter the park and 15 years of age to bring a dog to the park. Dogs and younger children can't be supervised adequately at the same time. When in the facility, humans must control their dogs at all times.
- Owners are responsible for picking up after their dogs. Failure to do so could result in a fine and loss of the privilege to use the facility. Dog bags are available at the park or bring a grocery bag when you visit the park.
- Dog treats and human food should not be brought into the park. Give your dog a treat after the visit.

Safety is important to all users of the Waverly Bark Park, human and canine. Remember to have all your shots up to date, be of age to enter the dog park, and to always pick up after yourself.

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

## Meet Eric Schares

In 2018, the City of Waverly added the Vegetation Management division in the Leisure Services Department. The purpose of Vegetation Management is to provide the citizens of Waverly with maintenance of natural areas that enhance the beauty of the community and protect the natural resource areas. Eric Schares was the first employee in this role as Vegetation Manager. Although he is new to this position, Eric has been with the City of Waverly for 12 years.

Within the last 5 years he has gotten more excited about tree care and environmental conservation and is eager to learn more about it. These are things he has always been interested in, but recently, his desire to learn more has really started to grow. As the Vegetation Management department looks to the future, Eric looks forward to growing the tree health as well as increasing native prairies in Waverly. He also enjoys his coworkers. He loves some of the deep talks they get into on some random tangents.



Eric and his wife Jacki live in Gilbertville; they have two kids Graham (5) and Sloane (2). Most of his time outside of work is spent with family whether it be going out with Jacki or playing with the kids around the living room. They are huge wrestling and baseball fans. Graham has just started wrestling and Eric also coaches high school baseball in the spring and summer.

Eric says his favorite place in Waverly is the Southeast section of town around the Red Cedar Park area. There are a lot of prairie and natural areas that everyone in the Parks and Vegetation Management departments have put a lot of work into restoring and maintaining.

## Cemetery Flowers

According to the Harlington Cemetery Rules and Regulations, all winter decorations, holly, evergreen, or artificial wreaths that are not placed on concrete foundations or on flower stands must be removed by Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

All flowers left after this date will be removed and kept at the cemetery shop until Monday, April 13, 2020 and then discarded if not claimed.

