



CITY OF
WAVERLY

**LEISURE
 SERVICES
 MONTHLY
 MINUTE**

MAY 2020

LEISURE SERVICES FACILITIES COVID-19 UPDATE

WAVERLY CITY HALL and CIVIC CENTER continue to be closed to the public until further notice. Call 319-352-6263 for immediate needs.

ALL CITY PARK PLAYGROUNDS AND SHELTER FACILITIES continue to be closed until further notice.

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2020

THE RAIL TRAIL and WAVERLY DOG PARK will be open to the public, social distancing should be practiced while using these facilities.

WAVERLY MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE will be open.

However, while Bremer County is still subject to further regulation, please understand that the following policies will be STRICTLY enforced:

- No more than 2 customers will be permitted in the pro shop at a time. Only bathroom access will be through the north Country Club doors.
- Players must remain 6 feet apart at all times (social distancing).
- For rental carts, only 1 rider per cart is permitted unless the riders reside within the same household.
- On the green, leave the pin in at all times.
- Bunker rakes, ball washers, club washers, and other high touch items have all been removed from the course.
- Tee times have been spaced out, as groups need to maintain distance. 1 group on the green, 1 group on the tee.
- No gatherings of any type will be permitted pre or post round.
- IF YOU ARE SICK, STAY HOME.

Pro shop staff will continue to keep golfers safe as we work diligently to sanitize golf carts, pro shop, and other high touch areas. Golfers wishing to avoid the pro shop may take advantage of over the phone payments. Please understand that golf is a safe outdoor activity as long as, you, the golfer takes social distancing seriously.

**Please note the Country Club is a separate entity from the City. Please contact the Country Club at 319-352-3855 for information regarding their procedures.

HARLINGTON CEMETERY will be open as normal. Social distancing will be practiced for all burials. Cemetery lot inquiries can be addressed by calling 319-352-6263.

May Happenings & Highlights

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, events within the City of Waverly are ever changing. At this time the best way to view current events is to visit the City of Waverly website at:

www.waverlyia.com/events

The City of Waverly Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.



Meet

JOHN KARSTENS



Caring for Harlington Cemetery is something that the Leisure Services Department takes quite seriously. It is a beautiful part of the community with rich history and holds the memories of over 8,000 buried loved ones.

John Karstens has been involved in caring for the cemetery in some way off and on since 1983. He spent several years working part-time before he became the Cemetery Maintenance Specialist in 2015, and has held that role since. John and the seasonal cemetery staff work relentlessly to ensure proper burial practices are in place with great respect for families involved. In addition they spend extended hours caring for the grounds throughout the cemetery.

John enjoys being outside which makes him a great asset to the Cemetery. He lives here in Waverly with his girlfriend. He has lived in Waverly for 45 years, graduating from Waverly-Shell Rock High School in 1979. He attended Hawkeye Tech for Auto Body Repair and worked for Rada Manufacturing for 20 years. Some of his hobbies include riding motorcycles, doing custom painting on motorcycles and cars, and going for walks. One of his favorite places to visit in Waverly is the Waverly Bowl Inn, as he used to bowl in league for 40 years. Although John enjoys his work in the Cemetery he is looking forward to retiring in a couple of years. Until then, if you see him out mowing or working in the cemetery, don't be afraid to ask him questions or thank him for his hard work.

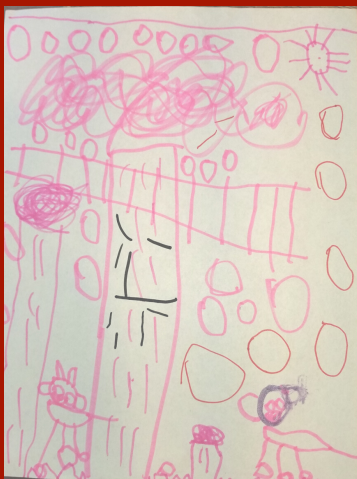
Did you know that before 1831 America had no cemeteries? Harlington Cemetery here in Waverly was established in 1862 by Henry Harlington Couse. The City purchased the Cemetery in 1921. Cemeteries were designed as some of the first "memorial parks", which is why they fall under the care of the Parks department in most cities.

Resource: <https://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2011/03/our-first-public-parks-the-forgotten-history-of-cemeteries/71818/>



CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to the youth that participated in our Arbor Day Poster Contest. The following winners will each receive \$10 in Waverly Dollars.



2-5 Age Division:
Joy Myrmo



6-12 Age Division:
Ellen Wells



13-18 Age Division:
Gretchen Ellerbroek