Leisure Services Monthly Minute January 2023

New Year NEW GOALS

<u>BE INVOLVED!</u>

PLANT A TREE!

JOIN A COMMISSION!

BE AWESOME!

WHETHER YOU'RE LOOKING TO BE A PART OF THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMISSION, GOLF COMMISSION OR LOOKING TO JOIN A LOCAL NON-PROFIT LIKE WAVERLY TREES FOREVER, WE WOULD LOVE TO LEND A HAND TO GET YOU TO HELP YOU ACHEIVE YOUR GOALS!

CONTACT THE LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 319-352-6263 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION FOR ONE OF OUR COMMISSIONS!



FLIP THE PAGE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WAVERLY TREES FOREVER!

WAVERLY TREES FOREVER T-SHIRTS ARE AVAILBLE!

THESE SOFT. SAGE GREEN. T-SHIRTS ARE **BOUND TO BE ONE OF YOUR WARDROBE FAVORITES! WITH A** FUN, CLEVER SAYING OF 'SHADE HAPPENS' ON THE BACK. THIS NEEDS TO BE A PART OF YOUR WARDROBE! CONTACT THE (BACK) LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT **TO SNAG YOURS TODAY FOR ONLY \$20!**

(SEE BACK PAGE FOR SAMPLE OF THE WAVERLY TREES FOREVER LOGO, WHICH IS ON THE FRONT OF THE T-SHIRT IN BLACK PRINT). ***LIMITED SIZES AVAILABLE**

STAY IN THE LOOP

WONDERING WHERE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN, PARK & OPEN SPACE PLAN, AND MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN ARE? VISIT THE QR CODE BELOW FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AND SUBMIT ANY







IN 1991 A GROUP OF PEOPLE MET TO TALK ABOUT AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PLANT, MAINTAIN, AND EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT TREES. IN 1992, WITH THE BACKING OF (AT THE TIME) WAVERLY LIGHT AND POWER, WAVERLY TREES FOREVER WAS BORN. THE CITY OF WAVERLY AND WAVERLY UTILITIES HAVE BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE WAVERLY TREES FOREVER COMMITTEE. STAFF FROM THE CITY WORK EXTRA HOURS TO PLAN PROJECTS AND HELP ENSURE THAT PLANTING PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED AND ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN THE LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE OF THE PROJECTS. STAFF FROM THE UTILITES IS ALSO AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ORGANIZATION WITH STAFF BEING PART OF THE COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERING FOR PROJECTS AND ALSO MONETARY SUPPORT. THERE IS ALSO REPRESENTATION FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WARTBURG COLLEGE. WITH THE COMBINATION OF THESE PARTNERS, WAVERLY HAS BECOME AN AGGRESSIVE MID-SIZE COMMUNITY IN IOWA WITH REGARD TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWAL ENERGY. WAVERLY UTILITES ALONE INVESTS \$10,000 ANNUALLY TO THE WAVERLY TREES FOREVER PROGRAM.

THE VOLUNTEERS WITHIN THIS GROUP HAVE BEEN ADVOCATES FOR TREES AND GREEN ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR YEARS. FROM EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE WORTH OF MATURE TREES AND THE ADVANTAGES OF PLANTING FOR EFFCIENCY AND SPECIES VARIETY. THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN LEADING TREE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOPS, ADVOCATING RECYCLING AND THE USE OF MULCH AND MAKING THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES AWARE THAT TREES ARE VALUABLE AND IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE WAVERLY TREES FOREVER PROGRAM HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL AWARDS INCLUDING: IOWA URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY COUNCIL: OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER TO KATHY SUNDSTEDT IN 2002, OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL TO TAB RAY IN 2000 AND 2019, OUTSTANDING LOCAL PARTNER TO WAVERLY LIGHT AND POWER IN 1998, OUSTANDING MEDIA PARTNER TO WAVERLY NEWSPAPER IN 1999 AND OUSTANDING YOUTH PROJECT TO THE WAVERLY- SHELL ROCK HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB IN 1996.

TREES FOREVER OVER THE YEARS HAS MADE THE PEOPLE OF WAVERLY AWARE FOR THE TRUE VALUE OF TREES. THEY HAVE MADE A LASTING CONTRIBUTION TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN WAVERLY. EVERY PARK, PUBLIC AREA AND BUILDING HAVE BENEFITED FROM A TREES FOREVER PLANTING PROJECT. MANY CHURCHES, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE MANY PROGRAMS AVAILBLE FROM TREES FOREVER. THOUSANDS OF TREES HAVE HAD THEIR ROOTS PLANTED INTO WAVERLY SOIL BECAUSE A GROUP OF PEOPLE MET TO TALK ABOUT TREES OVER 30 YEARS AGO.

WAVERLY TREES FOREVER MEETS THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT NOON VIA ZOOM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A MEETING TO SEE WHAT TREES FOREVER IS ALL ABOUT, PLEASE CALL 319-352-6263. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!

