

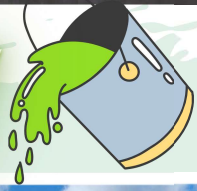


AUGUST 2023

CITY OF WAVERLY

Leisure Services Department
Monthly Minute

GRANT UPDATES!



The City of Waverly was awarded 4 gallons of paint to help beautify some of the shelters in our parks through the Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant! On July 10 & 11 our Parks Department painted the Droste and Lions shelters, which are located in Memorial Park. The Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant has partnered with Diamond Vogel to assist communities by providing them with the chance to enhance their projects and parks with new paint. Over 12,000 gallons of paint have been provided to nearly 1,300 community projects in Iowa through this grant program.

The Leisure Services Department was also awarded the Bremer County Community Foundation Grant for assistance with purchasing lights for the Waverly Bark Park! In addition, the Bremer County Community Foundation awarded the Economic Development Department with a grant to help repair the raised beds located in the northwest Community Gardens!



Community Gardens GARDEN & ORCHARD OPEN HOUSE



THE WAVERLY COMMUNITY SHARING GARDEN & ORCHARD OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 FROM 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. TOPICS FOR THIS FREE PUBLIC EVENT WILL BE PRODUCE GROWING TIPS AND HOW TO PREPARE FRESH HARVESTS. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND OUTREACH SPECIALISTS JILL WEBER AND DAN FILIUS WILL BE ON HAND SPEAKING. TOURS OF THE GARDEN & ORCHARD WILL FOLLOW SPEAKERS. GARDENS ARE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF 2ND ST SW & 5TH AVE SW.

Let's talk **CROSSWALKS**

We have all seen it happen. A hesitant pedestrian waiting on the sidelines of a crosswalk looking for an opportunity to cross the street as vehicles pass by. Do you know who has the right of way in this real-life game of 'Frogger'? The traffic laws in Iowa state that pedestrians must obey the rules of the road and the traffic control signals. Pedestrians also determine whether motorists or themselves have the right of way.

Pedestrians do have the right of way at intersections where there are no traffic lights and when walking within the crosswalk, whether it is marked or unmarked. As a matter of fact, motorists have to yield to pedestrians when they are entering or leaving driveways, parking lots or alleys.

Pedestrian Law also notes that a pedestrian must give right of way to motorists (including cyclists), when crossing a road at any point other than an intersection, where there are no marked or unmarked crosswalks. They also have to give the right of way to motorists and cyclists when crossing a roadway where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead crossing is available.

Crosswalks are scattered throughout Waverly and not all of them are the same. Some have Yield signs planted in the center of the crosswalk, while others might adorn large yellow signs with flashing lights to help attract motorists's attention. Although there might be differences in the inanimate objects that may be there, if you are in a crosswalk, know what your obligations are as a pedestrian.

No matter if by foot or by motor, we all are in a hurry to get to our next destination. Do your part to help ensure everyone (including yourself) gets there safely! In other words, know your role when you're out for a stroll.



FAMILY TEES NOW AT WAVERLY GOLF COURSE!

The Waverly Golf Course recently added Family Tees to their course! The Family Tees are designed for players with a driving distance of 120 yards or less. With advantages like shorter approach shots, these younger players have a better chance of keeping up with the adult(s) in their group! So load up the car and bring in the family for an afternoon of fun!





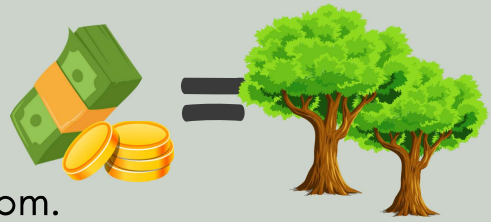
X MARKS THE SPOT

Just like a treasure map where an 'X' generally shows you the location of a long-lost treasure, the above photo shows where we have planted some of our most valuable treasures- trees! The value of a well-established tree can be debatable, but on a hot summer's day during a long baseball or softball tournament, we think that the shade that these trees will provide will definitely put them in the running to be the MVP of the weekend!

Not only do trees provide protection from the sun on those hot summer days, but they also provide protection to spectators from foul balls, homeruns or wild pitches that find their way over the fences. Trees are huge assets for any sports complex!

Let's help the next generation of ball players and the generation after that, by donating to the Cedar River Park's 'Swing for the Trees' tree campaign today! We are looking for donations to not only kick off Phase 3 this fall, but to hopefully see it to completion all in the same 'swing'. If a business or individual decides to complete not only Phase 3, but Phases 4 and 5 as well, maybe we'll give the donors the infamous nickname of 'The Great Bambino' for the entire tree campaign!

Find out more by calling 319-352-6263 or email leisureservices@waverlyia.com.





MASTER CONSERVATIONIST PROGRAM



Planting the seeds of conservation in Iowa

COURSE TOPICS

- History and current opportunities for conservation in Iowa
- Iowa's landform, forests, prairies, wetlands and rivers
- Communicating conservation

COURSE FORMAT

Online, self-paced lessons from Iowa State University experts paired with in-person demonstrations and discussions led by local conservation leaders and educators.

When: 7 weeks starting Tuesday, August 17, 2023

Where: Online with required in-person, outdoor field trips in Bremer and Black Hawk County

To register, contact: Steven Eilers at seilers@iastate.edu or (319) 234-6811

Additional Information: \$110 per person. No volunteer hours required. 18 yrs and older

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