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**Department of Public Works**

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**2024 Water Projects**

**West Water Tower Reconditioning**

The West Water Tower is undergoing reconditioning this summer. Built by Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company in 1939, it celebrates its 85<sup>th</sup> birthday this year! Located at 1301 West Bremer Avenue, it is approximately 135-feet tall with a reservoir diameter of 40-feet. It holds 250,000 gallons of drinking water.

Work on the tower involves sandblasting and painting all interior and exterior surfaces. This will freshen it up and provide an improved layer of corrosion protection.

The process is being done by contractors that specialize in reconditioning water towers. To control the drift of dust and paint during blasting and painting, the tower is enclosed in a tarp system while work is occurring. In addition, air filtration equipment and a specialized blasting abrasive ensures the work is safe for the surrounding community. Each evening when work is complete, the tarps are lowered to the ground, providing a glimpse of the daily progress.



**North & East Water Tower Cleaning**

The North and East Water Towers are scheduled for cleaning this summer. Exterior cleaning and inspection of water towers should be performed every 5 years to maintain and extend the life of the protective paint coating. These towers were last cleaned in 2019.



**Did you know?** The area of Waverly served by the West Water Tower is also served by the North Water Tower. This allows for one of the towers to be taken off-line without disrupting water service for residents.

## Wood Mulch

Check out wood mulch at the Yard Waste Site, located at 2800 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW (behind the Recycling Center). Leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, tree branches and brush are accepted from Waverly residents at no charge. The tree branches and brush are then processed into wood chips/mulch.

Wood mulch is great for moisture retention – covering the soil with 2 inches of wood mulch slows moisture evaporation from the soil. Wood mulch helps with temperature moderation – it blocks the sun and helps to keep the soil cool. Wood mulch also helps with weed control – weeds have difficulty emerging from beneath a cover of wood mulch.

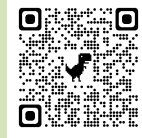
Wood mulch can be hand shoveled at any time during regular Yard Waste Site hours, or can be loaded onto your pick-up or trailer by a City employee on Fridays from 1-3 p.m. at no charge.

We also offer delivery of wood chips/mulch within City limits.

\$25 for 3 cubic yards

\$30 for 6 cubic yards

\$35 for 12 cubic yards



\*\*One cubic yard of wood mulch covers an area of approximately 100 square feet at 3 inches thick.

Order your wood mulch delivery by completing the order form at <http://www.waverlyia.com/mulch>

## 2023 Annual Drinking Water Report

The Waverly Water Division is pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. For the reporting period covering January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, the water supplied by the Waverly Water Division did not have any water quality violations. It met the standards set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

The Waverly Water Division routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water in accordance with federal and state laws. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants monthly, annually and some less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary from year to year.

To view the complete report visit [www.waverlyia.com/waterreport](http://www.waverlyia.com/waterreport) or click on the QR Code. You may also call or stop by the Public Services Center at 2900 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW to request a copy of the report.



## Water Service Line Reporting Reminder

The Waverly Water Division will be working on completing a water service line inventory in 2024. Water service lines are the pipes that connect your household plumbing to the water main located under the street. This inventory is required by the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) and must be submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources by October 2024.

There are over 4,000 water services in the City of Waverly. You can help us complete a more thorough inventory of our water service lines by taking a few minutes to check your water service line. The scratch & magnet test is simple and requires only a coin and a magnet. Your assistance in completing the scratch & magnet test and reporting your results through the survey below could eliminate the need for the City to schedule a site visit to your home. You'll find instructions on the online reporting form.



Report your findings by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.waverlyia.com/serviceline](http://www.waverlyia.com/serviceline) and completing the form.

Contact the Water Division at (319) 352-6247 if you need assistance identifying your water service line material.



# Baskins Creek Trail Bridge



Baskins Creek Trail Bridge – Demolition in Progress



Baskins Creek Trail Bridge – Demolition Complete

## Baskins Creek Bridge

The Baskins Creek Bridge was originally constructed in 1903 as a railroad trestle bridge. It was converted to a pedestrian bridge in 1999 as part of the Rolling Prairie Trail. Portions of the wooden structure were deteriorated to a condition that would no longer support heavier weight.

## Why Reconstruction?

The trail bridges need to be able to handle the heavy weight of City equipment and vehicles, which use the bridge to provide maintenance along the trails. The bridges also serve as an access route for emergency vehicles.

## Background Information

During budget discussions in January 2023, City Council agreed to start gradually replacing the rail-trail bridges. Baskins Creek was selected as the first for replacement due to having the most significant restrictions identified during the recent bridge inspection.

## Timing

The demolition of the bridge began at the end of April. Construction of the new trail bridge started after the demolition and clean-up were complete. Construction is estimated to take up to 15 weeks.

## Trail Closed

That portion of the Rolling Prairie Trail is closed to the public during the demolition and construction process. Signs identifying the closure are located along the trail. There are no official bike detour routes.



# Bituminous Seal Coat Program

The Bituminous Seal Coat Program is a road maintenance procedure that consists of the placement of oil and rock upon a street.

View the site map that shows all of the streets that will be seal coated this summer on Waverly's website at [www.waverlyia.com/sealcoat24](http://www.waverlyia.com/sealcoat24) or stop by the Public Services facility at 2900 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW to view the map.

Approximately 100 City blocks will be seal coated, with the majority of the work occurring within the northeast side of Waverly. This project will be completed by mid-August.



Contractor placing rock over oiled street. As soon as the rock has been placed on street, vehicles may drive slowly on the new surface.

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### Plan to Detour!

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) will be replacing the Bremer Avenue (IA3) Bridge over the Cedar River. The project is slated to begin this summer.

During construction, traffic will be detoured onto 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW and Cedar River Parkway.

The detour is likely to add time to your commute through town. Plan ahead to allow for extra time. The detour will also substantially increase traffic on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW and Cedar River Parkway. Use caution and obey all traffic laws.

Stay up to date on road closures and detour information on the Iowa DOT's website – [www.511ia.org](http://www.511ia.org)



Department of Public Works

### Garbage & Recycling Notes

We know that you know that our solid waste operators work hard to provide great service to the citizens of Waverly.

What you may not know is that our operators switch routes on a monthly basis. This means that your garbage and recycling may not be picked up at a regular time, as different operators may complete the route in a different order. The timing of pickup can also be affected by equipment issues, weather or holidays.

Play it safe and have your carts to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your pickup day. If you had your cart out by 7 a.m. and it has not been emptied by 2:30 p.m., you can report it as a 'missed' by filling out our online form [www.waverlyia.com/gabagereport](http://www.waverlyia.com/gabagereport) or calling 319-352-6247.

### Calendar for Curbside Recycling & Garbage Containers with Yellow Lids

This quarterly calendar shows the weeks (highlighted) for collection of Waverly's Curbside Recycling & Yellow-Lid Garbage Containers.

**City offices CLOSED Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.** Garbage picked up Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**City offices CLOSED Monday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Garbage & Recycling picked up Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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JULY		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
AUGUST	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
SEPT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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