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## Eye On West Des Moines Photo Contest

The City of West Des Moines is partnering with WDM Magazine to sponsor the Eye on West Des Moines Photo Contest. Submissions for the 2015 contest are accepted anytime through Friday, June 12 at 4:00pm. Entries must be electronically submitted to [parkrec@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:parkrec@wdm.iowa.gov).

- Grand Prize/Overall Winner: **\$100** and featured on the cover of a future edition of WDM Magazine.
- Category Winners: **\$50**

All submissions must be received by **June 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**

Photographs must be entered in one of five categories that represent life in the City of West Des Moines:

- Living – Activities/Events
- Living – Plants/Wildlife
- Seasons in WDM
- Raising Families
- Doing Business

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The citizens of West Des Moines can be proud of the number of successful ventures occurring in our community. Not only have we been effective in attracting a number of large employers, but we've also seen significant progress in our ability to assist small business growth and development. This is important to the health of our community because a significant percentage of new jobs come from small businesses.

Last November, the West Des Moines Business Incubator celebrated its fourth year in operation as a nonprofit 501(c)3 designed to help emerging start-ups and small businesses grow and prosper. Small businesses face enormous obstacles as they transition from a home environment to a professional office. Entrepreneurs who graduate from an Incubator have a higher success rate than those who don't receive support. Incubators with strong mentoring systems have an even higher success rate.



With this in mind, the West Des Moines Incubator has assembled an experienced group of coaches to assist and mentor clients. The Incubator also offers clients and members of the public an opportunity to attend educational lunch and learn sessions, monthly roundtable coffees that feature speakers, and "sweat equity" sessions on Saturday mornings that connect participants with the help they need.

The West Des Moines Incubator, located at 2829 Westown Parkway, currently has thirteen clients representing a variety of industries ranging from a technology start-up offering online fitness to a company that sells the Oh Ball, a device that offers relief for sore and aching feet. Each client is provided professional office space at an affordable cost, furniture, janitorial services, wireless connectivity, a conference room, free membership with the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, and access to a 100 Mbps Internet connection provided by Iowa Network Services. Since the Incubator

is a recognized BizSpark Partner, Microsoft's developer software and support also is provided free of cost to Incubator clients.

The combination of a professional work environment and mentoring services has proven to be a tremendous asset for clients. Doug Wilson from eVizit, a company that offers psychiatric telemedicine services, said recently that there was a good chance his business wouldn't exist without the Incubator. He said introductions to important contacts in the community and exposure to business development and networking opportunities were key to his success.

Another Incubator client, Ini Augustine from SocialWise Media Group, runs an online marketing firm that tells client stories through social media platforms such as Pinterest, Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. Ms. Augustine recently was awarded the 2014 Iowa Women in Innovation Award from the Technology Association of Iowa.

In just four years, two clients have graduated from the West Des Moines Incubator and moved to new locations. Appcore, a company of 60 employees focused on simplifying the complexity of cloud management, was the first graduate to move to a new location in the metro area. KCL Engineering, a business that provides mechanical, electrical, plumbing and lighting consulting services, moved to Valley Junction last January. KCL now employs 13 mechanical and electrical engineers who work on a variety of projects with a heavy emphasis on energy efficiency.

These two Incubator graduates represent quite an achievement for our evolving Incubator program. Look for more positive changes later this year as the Incubator moves to a new location in Valley Junction. Once renovations are complete, the Incubator will occupy the former West Des Moines Human Services building at 318 Fifth Street.

**Steven K. Gaer**

10th Annual

April 19 | 9am - 12pm

# Earth Day in the Junction



Join us for the 10th Annual Earth Day in the Junction Celebration on Sunday, April 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This celebration of Earth Day includes a diverse group of exhibitors, children's activities, live music, 5K Run/Walk, and Children's Fun Run.

- **5K Run/Walk** | 9:30am
- **Children's Fun Run** | 10:30am
- **Toyota Hybrid Mileage Contest** 11am
- Visit our **exhibits** and enjoy **live music** and **activities** at the **WDM Community Center** 9am - 12pm

Earth Day in the Junction will celebrate its tenth year in the Des Moines metro in 2015. This family friendly event focuses on education about earth friendly, recyclable, sustainable practices and reducing our carbon footprint.

Historic Valley Junction, in West Des Moines, is six square blocks of antique and specialty shops, art galleries, fashion boutiques, hair salons, service businesses and restaurants. Many of these businesses will be open to the public during the Earth Day Celebration.

For more information visit  
[www.EarthDayInTheJunction.com](http://www.EarthDayInTheJunction.com)



## Big Fun in Valley Junction



Historic Valley Junction, a Main Street Iowa community, a Cultural and Entertainment District, an Iowa Great Place and a Great American Main Street Award winner, will be hosting a variety of family-friendly events this spring and summer. With over 65 event days, which are always FREE to the public, there is something for everyone - whether you are a lover of food, produce, live music, art, antiques, gifts, classic cars or simply meeting up with family and friends.

Signature events, sponsored in part by the City of West Des Moines and the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, include the Historic Valley Junction Farmers Market and Music in the Junction Concert Series. The Farmers Market takes place each Thursday May through late September in the 100 and 200 Blocks of 5th Street. The market features fresh Iowa produce, plants & flowers, breads & baked goods, arts & crafts, a wide variety of prepared foods and much, much more!

The Music in the Junction Concert Series, also held on Thursday evenings in May through September, takes place in Railroad Park. A beverage garden paired with local, live music makes for 22 lively, entertaining and fun-filled evenings.

This year will mark the 11th Anniversary of

Historic Valley Junction's Cinco de Mayo Celebration. This event is a celebration of Latino heritage in the Valley Junction neighborhood. This one day festival held each May since 2005, features live music, prepared foods, children's activities, history references and also includes a formal presentation and coronation by the West Des Moines Mayor of a local King and Queen selected by local Latino community representatives. This event truly celebrates the roots and heritage of West Des Moines' original and only downtown.

Smokin' in the Junction, a two-day festival held over Memorial Day weekend is also sponsored in part by the City of West Des Moines and the West Des Moines Chamber. This Kansas City BBQ Society sanctioned event is held in the 100, 200 and 300 Blocks of 5th Street and includes two full days of live music. Approximately 15,000 spectators attend this event annually and over \$10,000 in prizes are awarded.

Additional Valley Junction annual events include: Spring and Fall Gallery Nights, Earth Day in the Junction Street Fair & 5K Run, Summer and Autumn Antique Jamborees, Summer and Autumn Art Markets, various car shows, Pumpkin Walk and Jingle in the Junction. Historic Valley Junction's complete Calendar of Events is available at: [www.valleyjunction.com](http://www.valleyjunction.com).



# Executive Call Program 2014



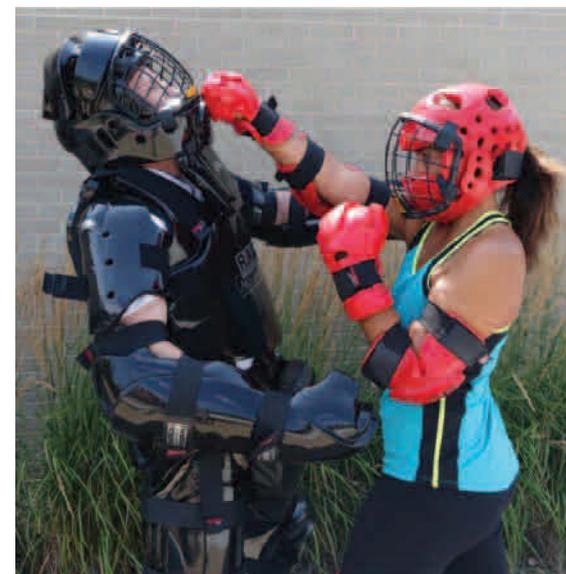
**Thank you** to the following companies that opened their doors to the City of West Des Moines, the Greater Des Moines Partnership, and the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce as part of the City of West Des Moines' Executive Call Program in 2014. Through the Executive Call program, these area Economic Development leaders call on businesses to obtain input about their specific industry and get their opinion on city services. During the call they discuss

specific concerns including workforce traits, job training, potential expansion, business networking, and more. This confidential input is valuable to the City as we learn more about our business community, and it helps us identify ways to serve our local businesses better. If you would like to schedule an Executive Call with the City of West Des Moines, please contact Jo Eckert, Community and Economic Development Department, at 273-0770.

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# R.A.D. SYSTEMS OF SELF DEFENSE

*"To develop and enhance the options of self defense, so they may become viable considerations to the woman who is attacked"*



**The Rape Aggression Defense Systems of Self Defense (R.A.D.)** is a program of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques. This comprehensive course for women begins with a discussion on risk reduction strategies, date rape, use of weapons, while progressing onto the basics of hands-on defense training. The techniques taught are easy, effective, and proven self-defense/martial arts tactics. We reinforce these techniques through practice and dynamic hands-on training.

RAD is for women ages 13 and up. The class is 3 hours a night for 4 nights (12 hours of training). The cost is \$25 and comes with a lifetime return policy. RAD classes are held periodically throughout the year at the West Des Moines Police Department. Classes are taught by RAD certified instructors, Amanda St George and Billy Taylor.

For more information on RAD, contact Officer Billy Taylor at 515-222-3328 or email: [William.taylor@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:William.taylor@wdm.iowa.gov)





## SO WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH ALL THE *Jordans?*

Have you noticed the name Jordan is everywhere! It's in the name of a creek, several streets, a town center, apartment complexes, multiple subdivisions, a house, and even a cemetery. Have you ever wondered why? Except for the creek, it's very likely that none of the other places would exist had it not been for the first settler in Walnut Township – James Cunningham Jordan.



was his involvement in the Underground Railroad movement until the end of the Civil War. Abolitionist John Brown visited Iowa frequently and often stayed at the Jordan House.

James Jordan was also instrumental in bringing the railroad to Des Moines by leading a fund drive to raise \$70,000 for financing.

Jordan was elected to the State Senate in 1853, and during his term the state capital was moved from Iowa City to Des Moines.

In 1891, Jordan and others invested in property along the railroad and platted a town from the railroad tracks on the south to Vine Street on the north and 8th Street on the west to 1st Street on the east. By 1892, the new town had about fifty houses, a dozen businesses, and 300 residents. It was incorporated on October 9, 1893 and was named Valley Junction.

James Cunningham Jordan's influence spread far and wide...beyond the town's 300 residents in 1892 to a city of nearly 60,000 residents today!

Jordan, a cattle farmer, traveled here from Missouri with his family in 1846. He pitched a tent near a grove of oak trees along what is now Fuller Road and later built a grand house on the site. Jordan House is on the National Register of Historic Places and is the only nationally recognized Underground Railroad site in Central Iowa. Jordan also gave the area its first school, a log building constructed at a cost of \$60, and founded Jordan Cemetery. One of the earliest burials in the cemetery was Melinda, Jordan's first wife.

One of Jordan's most notable activities

### West Des Moines Historical Society

The West Des Moines Historical Society is a privately funded nonprofit institution that relies on the generosity of its friends and supporters. Help preserve the legacy of West Des Moines' history through membership. Become a member today by visiting the Society's website at [www.wdmhs.org](http://www.wdmhs.org).

### Discovering Decoration Day – May 17

Discover the history behind Decoration Day by joining the West Des Moines Historical Society and Parks and Recreation Department at the Jordan House and Jordan Cemetery on Sunday, May 17. Bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy on the Jordan House lawn, listen to a free concert of Civil War era tunes by the West Des Moines Community Band, and go on a guided tour of the Jordan House (\$5-adults/\$3-students). A self-guided tour of Jordan Cemetery will also be available. Find more details on page p13 of the WDM Parks & Recreation program guide.



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# WHEN STORMS RESULT IN TREE DEBRIS

## Why doesn't the City pick up all debris after a storm?

*There's a very good reason! Doing so would put the community at risk of not receiving eligible federal disaster funds for collection of debris following a declared event.*

Storms, whether winter ice, thunderstorms or other weather events, sometimes result in tree limbs and debris on the ground. Cleaning up after a storm may not be pleasant, but is part of the responsibility of being a property owner.

The City of West Des Moines, along with many neighboring communities, has approved a vegetative debris policy based on the guidelines adopted by the Polk County Emergency Management Commission. Adopting this plan will help provide consistency in our region for determinations made following a storm event.

A grid of areas that experience either Major or Destroyed category events will be developed for analysis of damage following a storm. A trained Damage Assessment Team will evaluate the storm debris and provide an assessment for all grids in West Des Moines affected by the storm. The three categories of debris damage as determined by FEMA are:

**Minor Damage** – No special collections will be implemented by the City.

**Major Damage** – Residents will place vegetative debris at the curb using routine yard waste collection procedures (brush bundles, branches up to 10" dia.) but will not be required to utilize MWA Compost-It labeled yard waste bags or stickers. This applies only to those grids determined to have major damage.

**Destroyed** – Routine MWA curbside collection procedures (brush bundles, branches up to 10" dia.) will be utilized for smaller debris with no cost to the resident within the applicable grids determined to be destroyed. To view the full West Des Moines' Vegetative Debris Management Policy, visit the City website.

The City may make provisions for private property owners to utilize City-approved drop-off locations. This applies only to those grids determined to be destroyed.

After a storm with tree debris, a graphic of the City grid and storm category determinations will be posted to the City website at [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov) and provided to the media.



# EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE

As of December 2014, eighteen Iowa counties have confirmed Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestations. Although Polk County is not yet one of them, EAB is inching ever closer with infestations in Boone, Story, and Jasper Counties. In preparation, the Parks and Recreation Department started implementing the City's Emerald Ash Borer Management Program in 2014. Here are some of the year's accomplishments:

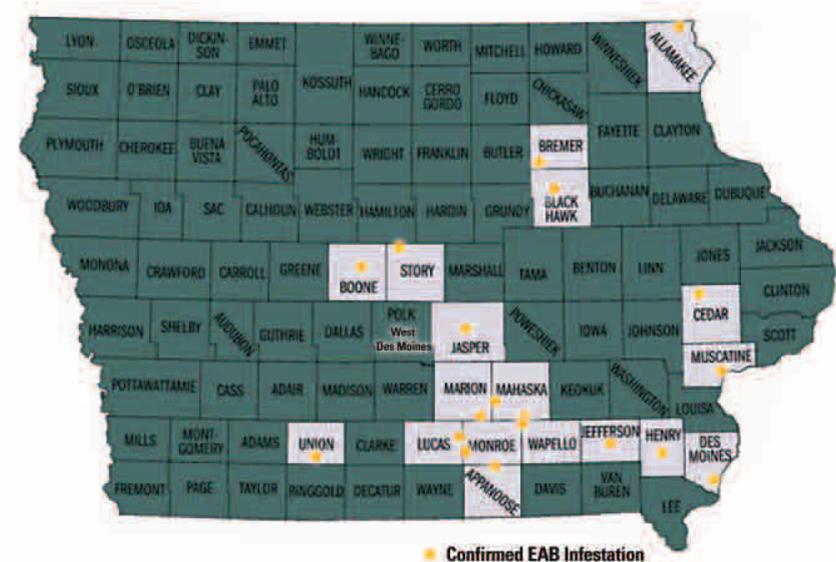


- Full-time Urban Forestry Supervisor, John Olds, was hired in June of 2014 to oversee the City's forestry program including EAB management
- A shift in EAB management occurred with the City Council's approval to treat healthy ash trees rather than pre-emptively removing them
- The 2014 Spring & Fall Tree Removal projects were completed and included the pre-emptive removal of 94 ash trees located in street right-of-way and parks that did not meet treatment criteria

In May and June of 2015, City staff will begin treating nearly 600 public property ash trees to protect them from possible infestation. Additional ash that do not meet the treatment criteria will be removed.

Remember that property owners are responsible for ash trees on private property. For more information on options for your private property ash trees or to read a copy of the City's Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan, visit [www.wdm.iowa.gov/Forestry](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/Forestry) or contact John Olds at 222-3417, [john.olds@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:john.olds@wdm.iowa.gov).

## Iowa Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Infestation Status



# Scrap Appliance and Metal Drop-Off Secure Paper Shredding

**April 11th | 8am to 12pm**

This popular event is a great opportunity to recycle unwanted items! West Des Moines residents may bring their scrap appliances or metal to the gated area at the **Public Works facility – 560 S. 16th Street, WDM.**

## These items will be accepted – FREE

Batteries	Exercise Equipment	Industrial Refrigerators	Rooftop AC Units
Cell Phones	Fax Machines	Metal Shelving	Stoves
Center Isle Cabinets	Freon	Microwaves	TV's – LCD/Flat Screen
Chillers	Furnaces	Milk Coolers	VCR's
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DVD Players	Industrial Freezers	Refrigeration Units	



**CRT/Tube** Televisions and Monitors will **NOT** be accepted.

**LCD/Flat Screen** televisions are accepted at no cost.

Residents participating in City-provided solid waste collection may dispose of TV's and monitors by putting them at the curb by 6AM on their normal collection day with the appropriate sticker(s).

For more information contact the City website at [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov) or Metro Waste Authority at [www.mwatoday.com](http://www.mwatoday.com) for recycling opportunities.

Midwest Recovery is partnering with the City of West Des Moines in this collection and will provide personnel to assist with unloading.

If you have any questions, please call WDM Public Works Department at **222-3480** or Midwest Recovery at **515-957-8000**.

# Secure Paper Shredding

has been added as a service to West Des Moines residents at this Saturday Scrap Appliance & Metal drop-off event. Residents are encouraged to bring their old documents (up to 10 boxes!) where a shredding truck will destroy your paperwork under your watchful eye

No need to remove paper clips, staples, rubber bands, binder clips, hanging file folders, manila file folders, or metal clips. Please no 3-ring binders or plastic.



## Spring Lawn Care Pollution PREVENTION TIPS

As spring is approaching, our focus will again turn to taking care of lawns and open spaces. Lawn care companies and homeowners do an excellent job of maintaining lush and thriving turf areas in our community. However, lawn care products applied excessively or onto streets, driveways, sidewalks, and alleys can pollute streams and rivers. Rainfall washes fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides off these paved areas and into the storm sewer where it directly enters our streams and rivers.

Never dispose of clippings, twigs or other yard waste near waterways. This organic material will break down and reduce oxygen levels in the water, endangering fish and other aquatic life!

Your actions have a direct effect on aquatic life and water quality of these streams and rivers.

Some simple things property owners can do to reduce lawn care related pollution include:

- Do not blow grass clippings into the street
- Spread fertilizers and lawn chemicals only on turf areas and not on paved surfaces
- Sweep excess fertilizers and grass clippings from driveways, sidewalks, and roads
- Dispose of yard waste properly, using the Metro Waste Authority Compost! Program or by composting.
- Do not hose down pavements or use water to clean up spills
- Clean up after pets

*Thank you for doing your part to help protect our environment!*

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## How to dispose of household hazardous waste

Hazardous products are used in day-to-day life, but not all can be disposed of in your regular trash. West Des Moines residents have several options for disposing of hazardous materials.

### 1. Attend a Drop-Off Event

West Des Moines and other communities partner with Metro Waste Authority to offer drop-off events from 8 a.m. to Noon on these dates:

- March 28, Urbandale Public Works, 9401 Hickman Road
- June 27, West Des Moines City Hall, Mills Civic Parkway
- TBA, Windsor Heights

These events are only for residents. For a list of what is accepted, visit [www.WhereItShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com) and click on the Calendar for details.




**What kind of materials are hazardous?**

- Antifreeze
- Corrosive products
- Deck stain
- Pesticides
- Flammable liquids
- Oil-based paint
- Oxidizers
- Motor oil and filters
- Antifreeze
- Needles and sharps
- Cell phones
- Batteries
- CFL lightbulbs
- ...

For a full list of items go to [www.WhereItShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com).

### 2. Leave it Outside Your Door

The City of West Des Moines and Metro Waste Authority offer house-side collection the second Friday of every month for items such as lead and oil-based paints (**not latex**), chemicals (insecticides, poisons and solvents), lawn care products, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), sharps and cleaners.

### Sign Up -\$25 Per Collection

Residents can sign up on an as-needed basis at West Des Moines Public Works, 516 S. 16th St. For a \$25 fee per use, residents receive:

- Up to two 12-gallon bins (if two bins are taken, they both must be set out)
- Handling instructions
- List of accepted and not accepted items

### Schedule Collection with Metro Waste Authority

Once you fill your bins, call Metro Waste Authority at 515.333.4434 to schedule collection. Bins are collected the second Friday of each month. The collected material is taken to the Metro Hazardous Waste Drop-Off in Bondurant where it is recycled or disposed of safely.

For more information, call 515.244.0021 or visit [www.WhereItShouldGo.com/wdm](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com/wdm) and select Household Hazardous Waste.



## Yard Waste Collection Starts March 30

Yard waste curbside collection runs weekly from the first week of April through November. Residents can get rid of yard waste (which is banned from the landfill) right from the curb through Metro Waste Authority's Compost It! program. Pick up is on garbage collection day with two easy options:



### Bags & Stickers

#### Compost It! Bags

The cost of this bag covers the cost of collection. No sticker is required. Do not exceed 40 lbs. per bag.

#### Store-brand Bag + Compost It! Sticker

A Compost It! sticker must be attached to a generic bag. The sticker cost covers the cost of collection. It's a good idea to face the sticker toward the streets so the hauler can see it.

#### Compost It! Sticker + Brush Bundles

Attach a Compost It! sticker to each brush bundle and place it next to carts or bags. Bundles cannot exceed 18 inches in diameter or four feet in length.

### Cart

A Compost It! cart is on wheels, just like your Curb It! cart, making it a convenient alternative to yard waste bags. Simply wheel it to the curb on garbage day during Compost It! season. The 96-gallon cart can hold the equivalent of three yard waste bags, but you can always use the Bags & Sticker program if your yard waste exceeds the cart's capacity.

#### Consider a cart if you:

- Purchase more than 65 bags a year.
- Garden, bag grass clippings, or don't want to hassle with bags.

### Purchase Bags, Stickers and Cart Subscriptions

The cost of the Compost It! bag, sticker and annual cart subscription covers the cost of collecting and processing the material.

Compost It! Bags	\$8 for a bundle of five (\$1.60 per bag). Sold at most grocery and hardware stores.
Compost It! Stickers	\$1.25 per sticker. Sold at most grocery and hardware stores.
Cart	\$105 annual subscription; One-time cart purchase - \$60 or \$80 for delivery. To enroll, call Public Works at 222-3480, or renew at <a href="http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com">www.WhereItShouldGo.com</a> .



# Thinking Outside the Garbage Cart

Need to get rid of an old TV, mattress, paint, stain or other items that can't go, or don't belong, in your garbage cart? Metro Waste Authority offers a variety of services to help you dispose of these items conveniently and safely.

## Use collection stickers

Extra trash bags or items that don't fit in your cart require an Extra Trash (\$1) or Large Item (\$5) sticker(s) to ensure collection at the curb. Stickers are sold at customer service departments of many local grocery stores and City Hall. The cost of the sticker pays for the collection and the item(s) you get rid of will determine how many stickers you need to purchase.

For more information, visit [www.WhereItShouldGo.com/largetrash](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com/largetrash).



## Be safe with hazardous waste

The Metro Hazardous Waste Drop-Off is an outlet for household materials such as nail polish remover, oil paint and other hazardous products at no cost to residents. But did you know you can also recycle computers, TV's and some small appliances for a fee? Go to [www.WhereItShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com) > Locations > Metro Hazardous Waste Drop-Off for more information on items accepted.



And while you're there, find FREE, slightly used products at the Swap Shop. Usable household cleaners, paints, stains and other products brought by the public, and you don't even have to swap to shop.

The Metro Hazardous Waste Drop-Off is located in Bondurant, just 1/2 mile north off the I-80 Adventureland exit on Highway 65.



## Take a trip to the landfill

Residents can take garbage to the Metro Park East Landfill for disposal. In fact, recyclables, yard waste, appliances, tires, scrap metal and yard waste can all be taken to the landfill for disposal. Located 10 miles east of the Iowa State Fairgrounds on Highway 163 (NE University Avenue), Metro Park East is open Mon.-Fri. from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sat. from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (November-March) and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (April-October).



For rates and details, visit [www.WhereItShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com) > Locations > Metro Park East.

## Community Tire Drop-Off **April 18**

Residents can dispose of old car and truck tires from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 18 at Public Works, 560 S. 16th Street. Each household can drop off a maximum of five tires. Rims must be removed.

This drop-off does NOT ACCEPT:

- Tires generated by businesses
- Farm or tractor tires
- Solid tires (lawnmower, forklift or golf cart tires)
- Bicycle tires

Metro Waste Authority has year-round drop-off locations where residents can recycle tires for a fee. Tires can also be recycled with Liberty Tire in Des Moines.



For more information about safe, smart waste disposal and recycling options, call 515.244.0021 or visit [www.WhereItShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com).

# 2015 Solid Waste Events for WDM Citizens



For more details check the calendar on the City's website:  
[www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov)  
or call the Public Works Department at **222.3480**.

*\*On your regular trash collection day*

DATE	EVENT	TIME /LOCATION
March 30	Yard Waste Pick-Up	Begins on normal trash collection day
April 11	Scrap Appliance, Metal Drop-Off & Paper Shredding	8 AM - Noon West Des Moines Public Works
April 18	Scrap Tire Drop-Off	7:30 AM - 4 PM West Des Moines Public Works
May 21	National Public Works Week Celebration	4-7 PM Valley Junction Farmer's Market
June 1 - 5	Annual Spring Cleanup	On your regular trash day <i>Watch for new details!</i>
June 27	Hazardous Waste Drop-Off	8 AM - Noon WDM City Hall
Sept. 12	Scrap Appliance, Metal Drop-Off & Paper Shredding	8 AM - Noon West Des Moines Public Works
Nov. 28	Yard Waste Pick-Up Ends	
Dec. 28 – Jan. 8	Winter Yard Waste & Christmas Tree Collection	

A number of Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Events will be scheduled in our area by Metro Waste Authority, and will be posted on their website when available.

Visit <http://www.whereitshouldgo.com/>

Yard Waste and Annual Spring Cleanup events are available to all West Des Moines residents who are eligible for solid waste collection (single-family homes up to and including 4-plex units).

## Spring Cleanup | June 1-5

**NEW AND IMPROVED!**

Is that ugly, green chair from the '90s still taking up space in your basement? If you haven't made that trip to the landfill, or if you keep forgetting to buy a Large Item sticker for \$5.00 at the grocery store, then you're in luck! Spring Cleanup is right around the corner on your garbage day during the first week of June.

### Spring Cleanup has a NEW and REVISED LOOK starting this year!

Changes have been made to help reduce:

- The amount of littering taking place during the clean-up event. To the residents who have expressed concern that their boxes and bags of items have been opened and scattered at their curb, "We hear you, and we agree that a change is needed!"
- Misuse of Spring Cleanup. Although most residents are conscientious about using the program, we are seeing instances where that is not the case.



Spring Cleanup is an opportunity to get rid of items that do not fit in your garbage cart. It is available to all West Des Moines residents who are eligible for City provided solid waste collection.

The new **SPRING CLEANUP RULES** are very easy! Follow these simple guidelines to ensure everything is collected from your curb:

- **Garbage Limit:** You can set out as much as will fit in the bed of **one pickup truck**.
- **Weight Limit:** If it's reasonable that two people could lift the item, then it's accepted.
- **No Bagged/Boxed Items:** Since garbage like this can be put in your garbage cart year-round or with a \$1 Extra Trash sticker, we will not be collecting bagged or boxed items during Spring Cleanup. This change will help us eliminate litter and the mess scavengers create in your neighborhood!
- **Construction and Demolition Waste:** Items must weigh less than 40 lbs. each.



Examples of ACCEPTED Items:
Mattresses
Couches
End Tables
Fans
Lamps
Grills (no propane)

Items NOT Accepted:
Appliances
Building materials
Concrete
Household hazardous waste
Tires
Yard waste

*Make sure things you wish to dispose of are to the curb by **6 a.m.** on your normal garbage pick-up day the **week of June 1 - 5.***

If you're unsure whether an item is accepted, call your garbage hauler, Waste Connections, at **(515) 265-7374**.

# National Public Works Week (NPWW) Celebration

May 21 | 4pm – 7pm | Farmers Market | Valley Junction

*You're Invited!*

Come join the Public Works staff at its annual National Public Works Week celebration from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 21st at the Farmers Market in Valley Junction.

NPWW is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as Public Works. Our WDM Public Works staff will be on hand to answer questions. Kids of all ages love checking out the big equipment, and there will be information, activities, balloons, and games for everyone to enjoy.

Please plan on joining us for this free fun family event, and an opportunity to learn more about how West Des Moines Public Works serves the community!

**HEY, STUDENTS!**  
Interested in a career in Public Works? Come, learn, & ask questions!

2015's Theme is:  
**"Community Begins Here"**



## WHAT IS PUBLIC WORKS?



## WANTS TO CREATE A FIRE SAFE COMMUNITY

Community fire prevention is one of the most important areas in the fire service. Through education and awareness, children and adults learn to recognize fire hazards and correct them. The West Des Moines Fire Department strives to share the basics of fire prevention with our residents and our businesses in order to prevent tragedies. We work to achieve this goal by offering fire and life safety programs and resources for children, adults, seniors, and the general public. These programs help to create a stronger link between the fire department and the community.

### After the Fire

The purpose of the "After the Fire" program is to provide our citizens with useful information to aid in the adjustment and recovery period after a fire has occurred. These are usually informal meetings with affected families and their neighbors.

### Evacuation Planning

The fire department is involved with our local businesses and corporations in emergency planning and evacuation drills for their employees.

### Fire Extinguisher Training

This training can help ensure that your employees have the confidence and skills necessary to take action should a fire occur at your facility.

### Fire Station Tours

The fire department opens its doors and provides station tours for groups of all ages. These tours provide our citizens the opportunity to see where firefighters live and work, and the apparatus and equipment used to respond to emergencies.

### Group Presentations

If your club or organizations would like a speaker on fire prevention, we can stop by one of your classes or meetings in West Des Moines.

### Open House/Pancake Breakfast

Our annual fire prevention open house/pancake breakfast is held on the second Saturday of October. This is a great community event attended by many adults and children each year.

### Remembering When

The "Remembering When" program is designed to prevent and/or reduce falls often experienced by seniors. The program also addresses fire safety concerns specific to the senior population. Presentations can be tailored for individuals or large groups.



### School Visits

Firefighters visit our schools every year and share with children fire safety information. The topics include: toys vs. tools, learning the sounds of smoke detectors, how to call 911 for help, family escape plan, learning your address, etc.

### Smoke Detector Program

The fire department can help (or provide advice) on installation of battery operated smoke detectors in your home free of charge. This service has been designed to meet the special needs of senior residents and low income households, but is provided to anyone in need.

One of our most important commitments is to give our residents the knowledge and skills they need to lead safer lives. For more information, contact the West Des Moines Fire Department at (515) 222-3420.

*"Dedicated to Saving Life and Property"*



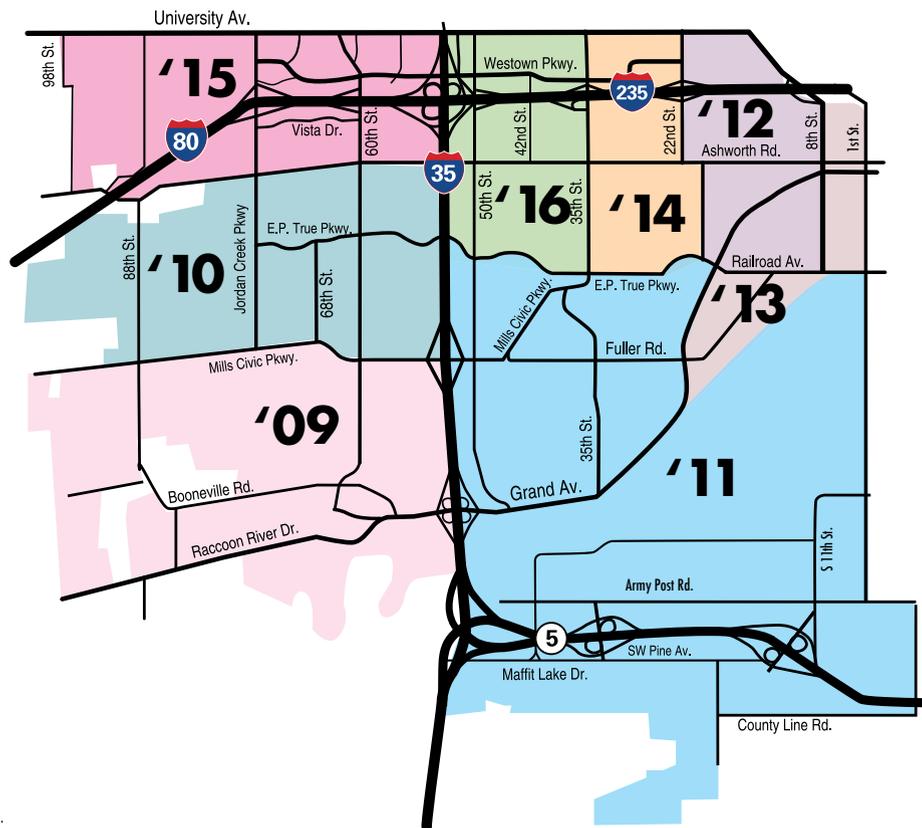
# City of West Des Moines' Annual Sidewalk Program

Sidewalks are an integral part of the transportation system for the City of West Des Moines. While sidewalks have always been popular, the number of residents walking, jogging, and enjoying our neighborhoods is steadily increasing.

The sidewalk program provides a means of reviewing the condition of existing sidewalks and the need for new sidewalks throughout the City. A map (shown below and available on the City website) displays the areas scheduled for sidewalk inspection and improvements. Notices of defective sidewalks are sent to the owner of record according to the County Auditor's office. Residents have the option to repair

individual sidewalk panels on their own, or they may elect to have their sidewalks included in the City-wide repair project which may be more economical. If repairs are not completed by the property owner, the City will proceed with the identified repairs and bill the property owners. This sidewalk program helps protect pedestrians who actively use the sidewalks and property owners from liability issues. More information is available on the City's website.

West Des Moines will be implementing a more efficient method of handling sidewalk issues starting with the 2015 Sidewalk Program.



# TRAFFIC SIGNALS GO ADAPTIVE

Since October 2011, the City of West Des Moines has installed real-time adaptive traffic signal control systems at 44 signalized intersections on some of the City's busiest traffic corridors. The installations include 9 intersections on Valley West Drive, 2 intersections on 1st Street, 15 intersections on Jordan Creek Parkway, 13 intersections on Mills Civic Parkway, and

system automatically adjusts, or adapts, in real-time to changes in the traffic flow.

The vehicles at a traffic signal are not only detected but also the system knows how many vehicles are waiting in a lane and how long they have been there. The equipment uses this information to determine which signal movement to answer next, how long that movement

should be on and which signal sequence should be implemented to maintain traffic progression on the corridor. If the traffic camera's image of the approach is obscured by snow or fog then the equipment will use accumulated historical signal timing data for those movements. The camera views are brought back to our Traffic Operations Center where the traffic flow, current signal display, traffic count and time waiting information is shown on the view.



5 intersections on 22nd Street. In early 2015, an adaptive traffic signal control system will be installed at 18 intersections along the University Avenue corridor.

The adaptive equipment located in each signal cabinet along the corridor communicates with each other so they know when traffic is approaching from the adjacent intersections. This is like having a person at each intersection controlling the signal and looking up and down the street to see if traffic is approaching and if traffic is waiting on any of the other approaches at the intersection. The

Deployments of the real-time adaptive traffic signal systems have shown reductions in delay, stops, travel time, fuel, emissions and crashes. On the Jordan Creek Parkway corridor, the before and after travel time studies indicated a 24% decrease in travel time, a 55% decrease in stops, and a 48% decrease in delay to the motorists traveling the West Des Moines street. This amounts to a daily savings of \$4,800 in fuel, time and stops for the almost 40,000 motorists using Jordan Creek Parkway. This next generation of traffic signal control equipment is making a difference for the motorists in West Des Moines.

# COMMUNICATION FIBER NETWORK EXPANSION

## West Des Moines and Surrounding Area

Unite Private Networks (UPN) has begun construction on a major communication fiber network expansion in West Des Moines. The state-of-the-art high speed network will create a diverse ring around the state, connecting all major metro areas in central and eastern Iowa providing businesses and government entities access to the suite of products UPN provides, including Ethernet services from 10 Mbps to 100 Gbps, wavelength services, Internet access, and dark fiber.



“Impact to residents should be minimal,” said Clark Lundy, Regional Vice President of Construction at UPN. “We will follow all sidewalk and roadway signage policies dictated by the city of West Des Moines, and city street lane closures will be limited.”

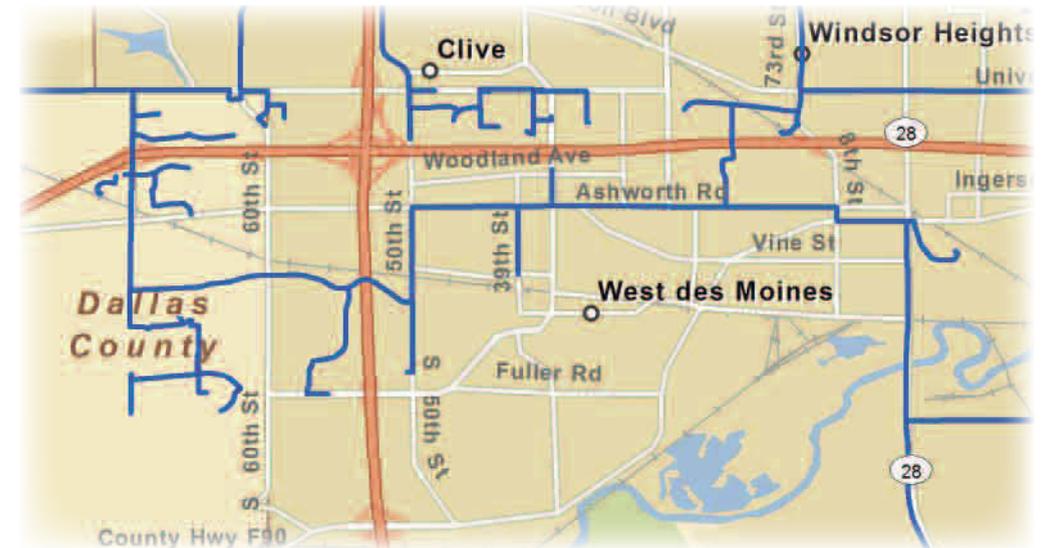
Throughout the duration of the project, all excavation will take place in the public right-of-way only. Additionally, underground facilities will be placed in the public right-of-way as well. Should any disruption occur, a UPN contractor will complete restoration and clean up in a timely manner, in accordance with the City of West Des Moines excavation policies. A UPN construction supervisor will be on site to monitor construction and cleanup activities.



Construction is scheduled to be completed by October 2015. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact UPN at 866.813.3608.

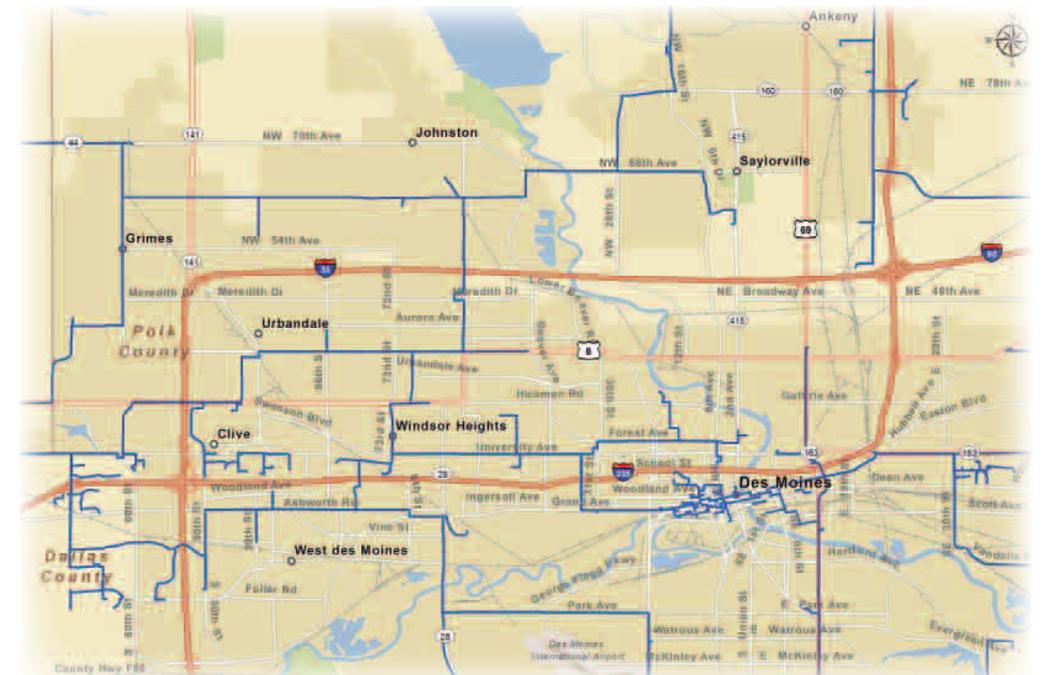
## West Des Moines Area Networks

*(Blue lines are UPN's proposed fiber locations)*



## Des Moines Networks

*(Blue lines are UPN's proposed fiber locations)*



# WDM Street Maintenance and

# Rehabilitation Program

West Des Moines residents consistently rate maintaining streets among the most important services provided by the City. Currently the City has approximately 780 lane miles of public streets to maintain. The replacement value of the City's public street network is estimated at over \$825 million in today's market. The City's street network is probably the highest valued item owned by the taxpayers of West Des Moines.

To preserve this critical asset, the City's Public Works Department uses a Street Management System (SMS) for maintaining streets and pavements in the most cost-effective manner. A SMS computerized database system is utilized to inventory streets, inspect road conditions, predict maintenance needs, and to determine annual repairs and budgets. The concept behind the SMS

is to schedule proactive cost preventative maintenance activities that will extend pavement quality and life cycles. This results in substantial cost savings over the service life of the streets. This concept is similar to having regular oil changes for a car to extend engine quality and life and save on expensive future repair and replacement costs.

For 2015 approximately \$4 million worth of street maintenance and repair is proposed throughout the city. The 2015 street repair program will cover about 34 lane miles of City streets. The type of street maintenance and rehabilitation that will be constructed in the City this year includes asphalt overlays, street patching, pavement sealing, sidewalk replacement and pavement reconstruction.

*As always, please keep care, caution, and safety in mind when driving through construction work zones.*

## 2015 Construction Season Proposed City Street Rehabilitation Projects

### Legend

- RECONSTRUCTION (0.6 LN. MI.)
- PCC PATCHING (FULL DEPTH) (11.8 LN. MI.)
- PCC PATCHING (PARTIAL DEPTH) (3.7 LN. MI.)
- PAVEMENT JNT/CRK SEAL (5.3 LN. MI.)
- ASPHALT OVERLAY (5.8 LN. MI.)
- CLIVE/WDM/MPO UNIVERSITY AVE. RESURFACING & MEDIAN REPLACE (7.3 LN. MI.)
- STREET REHAB SW RAMPS ADA REPLACE (40 to 60 RAMPS) (NOT SHOWN)

## Bicyclists!

*For your safety, bicyclists should avoid roadways under construction or repair.*



# WDM STREET MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM



## *your*GOV

PUT THE CITY OF  
WEST DES MOINES  
TO WORK FOR YOU

YourGOV is a FREE service that allows citizens to report non-emergency issues and service requests via the web, or directly from an Apple iPhone or Android Phone.

Visit <http://yourgov.wdm-ia.com> to start using the YourGOV web-based request portal.

Users of the Apple iPhone™ can download their free YourGOV iPhone app by visiting the iTunes App Store. Users of Android™ enabled smartphones can download their free YourGOV app at Google Market and the Amazon App Store.

By using YourGOV, you can help West Des Moines become a more responsive, more sustainable, and more collaborative community.



## STREET LIGHT OUT?

Call MidAmerican Energy at **1.888.427.5632**  
or Submit the information at  
**[www.midamericanenergy.com](http://www.midamericanenergy.com)**



*Raccoon River as it curves around Gray's Lake*

## West Des Moines Treated Water is Free of Nitrates

“High levels of nitrates can create acute problems for infants and pregnant women, most notably blue baby syndrome or methemoglobinemia,” noted Diana Wilson, general manager of WDMWW. “It is important to note that high nitrate levels can only be addressed at the watershed or at the treatment facility. Boiling will not remove nitrates from water and actually has the reverse effect of intensifying the concentration.”

Wilson explained that wells—the sources for WDMWW’s drinking water supply—avoid nitrate contaminants because the geological characteristics of the soil and subsoil act as a filter with naturally occurring bacteria consuming the nitrates.

West Des Moines buys about 25 percent of the water it distributes from DMWW. Customers in the northwest portion of West Des Moines and south of the Raccoon River who receive DMWW water can be assured that it is safe for drinking and other uses.

“The nitrate removal system decreases levels to below the federal standard,” Wilson explained. “If the problem persists, we have the option in certain areas for blending our water with the purchased water from Des Moines to dilute nitrate content to a safe level.”

Nitrates are in the news these days. Des Moines Water Works said in January 2015 that it intends to sue three rural counties [no lawsuit had been filed as of this writing] that it believes are not properly managing drainage districts that flow into Raccoon River. The Raccoon constitutes a major source of water for DMWW, which also sells water to many surrounding suburbs. High nitrate levels—above 10 milligrams per liter—in both the Raccoon and Des Moines rivers have forced DMWW to activate its nitrate removal system at an operating cost of approximately \$7,000 per day, for the second time in a year.

### WDM Water Free of Nitrates

A couple things you need to know: First, West Des Moines Water Works uses a combination of deep and shallow wells as its source water, which virtually eliminates any risk of high nitrate levels. Second, nitrates pose a health risk only in high concentration.



*WDMWW treatment plant where water from 3 deep wells and 22 shallow wells is treated to produce safe drinking water. There are virtually no nitrates in these water sources.*

### So, What Are Nitrates?

A nitrate is a molecule composed of one nitrogen atom and three oxygen atoms (NO<sub>3</sub>), explained Keith Schilling, research scientist with the Iowa Geological Survey. Although there are many forms of nitrogen in the environment, NO<sub>3</sub>-N is the mobile form of nitrogen commonly found in ground and surface waters.

Iowa soils are loaded with nitrogen in both organic and inorganic forms. Farmers use nitrogen in the fertilizer cocktail for crops, and it also results from legumes such as alfalfa and soybeans, animal manure and to a far lesser extent human waste and industrial discharge. The largest portion of nitrogen in the soil leaves through crops with only about 5 percent finding its way into streams.

“That 5 percent is what we’re talking about when we look at ways to reduce nitrate output,” Schilling said. That 5 percent also amounts to about 200,000 tons, which is 11 pounds of lost nitrogen for each acre of the state.

### Standards Set in 1992

The passage of the Safe Drinking Water

Act of 1974 served as the catalyst for establishing maximum contaminant level goals (MCLG) and maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for a variety of substances including nitrates. In 1992, the Environmental Protection Agency determined the “enforceable” MCL standard for nitrates in drinking water to be 10 milligrams per liter.

“The limits established by the EPA reflect a great deal of science and statistical analysis,” Wilson said, noting that along with complying with the MCL, utilities are charged with conducting regular testing for nitrates that increase in frequency once levels exceed the standard.

“These standards are very protective and very conservative,” Schilling adds. “There have been very few documented cases of methemoglobinemia, especially in the United States. In fact, there have been discussions in the scientific community that maybe the standard is too conservative.”

The state of Iowa has introduced a voluntary program to reduce nitrates. The initiative has been in place for two years.

# WDM RESIDENT GUIDE

All City service requests can be directed to the Online Service Desk at

[www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov)

**EMERGENCY** ..... 911  
**Non-Emergency Dispatch** ..... 222-3321  
**ADA Coordinator**..... 222-3603  
**TDD/TTY**..... 1-800-413-4955  
**Aquatic Centers** ..... 273-0700  
**Ambulance Billing** ..... 273-0652  
**Animal Control** ..... 222-3364  
 250 Mills Civic Parkway  
**Animal Licenses** ..... SEE WestPet  
**Better Business Bureau** ..... 243-8137  
**Birth Certificates** ..... SEE Vital Records  
**Building Safety/Inspections**..... 222-3630  
 developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
 Business License Info. .... 1-800-532-1216  
**Cable Television**  
 Mediacom..... 1-800-332-0245  
 Billing, Cust. Service, Connect/ Disconnect,  
 2205 Ingersoll Ave. Des Moines • mchsi.com  
**Jordan Cemetery** ..... 222-3444  
 Sales and Maintenance  
**Chamber of Commerce** ..... 225-6009  
 www.wdmchamber.org  
**City Attorney** ..... SEE Legal Department  
**City Clerk** ..... 222-3603  
 Business related licenses / voter registration  
 application  
**City Council** ..... 222-3610  
**City Hall Offices**..... 222-3600  
 4200 Mills Civic Pkwy  
**City Manager**..... 222-3610  
**Claim for Damages** ..... 222-3601  
**Code Enforcement** ..... 222-3304  
 police@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Community Center** ..... 222-3440  
 Community & Econ. Development ..... 273-0770  
 ced@wdm.iowa.gov  
**County Web Site Addresses**  
 • Dallas County [www.co.dallas.ia.us](http://www.co.dallas.ia.us)  
 • Polk County [www.co.polk.ia.us](http://www.co.polk.ia.us)  
 • Madison County [www.madisoncoia.us](http://www.madisoncoia.us)  
 • Warren County [www.co.warren.ia.us](http://www.co.warren.ia.us)  
**Death Certificates** ..... SEE Vital Records  
**Development Services**  
 Building Division ..... 222-3630  
 Engineering & Planning Divisions ..... 222-3620  
 developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Des Moines Area Regional Transit (DART)**  
 Public Transportation ..... 283-8100  
 dart@ridedart.com

**Des Moines Register**  
 Subscriptions ..... 1-847-424-0225  
**Driver's License**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-6992  
 • Polk County ..... 244-1052  
 • Madison County ..... 462-1542  
 • Warren County..... 961-1144  
**Driveway Permits** ..... 222-3480  
 560 S. 16th St. • publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov  
 Economic Development..... 273-0770  
 ced@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Election Office**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-6914  
 • Polk County ..... 286-3247  
 • Madison County ..... 462-3914  
 • Warren County..... 961-1020  
**Electrical Service** ..... See UTILITIES  
**Emergency Medical Services (EMS)** 273-0768  
 EMS Billing ..... 8055 Mills Civic Parkway  
 CPR and Public Access Defibrillation Classes  
 ems@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Farmers Market (VJ Foundation)** 222-3642  
**Finance Department** ..... 222-3600  
**Fire Administration** ..... 222-3420  
 3421 Ashworth Road • fire@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Gas Service** ..... See UTILITIES  
**Hazardous Waste**  
 Regional Collection Center ..... 967-5512  
**Holiday Pool** ..... 273-0700  
**Housing Rehabilitation Program** 273-0770  
**Human Resources** ..... 222-3616  
**Human Rights Commission**..... 222-3675  
**Human Services** ..... 222-3660  
 318 5th St • humanservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
 Senior & Disabled Transportation, Energy  
 Assistance, Food & Clothing Pantry, Homeless  
 Prevention  
**Illegal Waste Disposal**..... 725-0268  
<http://www.iowadnr.gov>  
 State Dept of Natural Resources Industrial or major  
 hazardous waste and chemical spills.  
**Minor/Household Spills** ..... 222-3321  
**Job Hotline (City of WDM)**..... 222-3616  
[www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov)  
**Library** ..... 222-3400  
 4000 Mills Civic Parkway • library@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Legal Department** ..... 222-3523  
 4200 Mills Civic Parkway  
**Marriage Licenses** ..... SEE Vital Records

**Mayor's Office**..... 222-3610  
**Motor Vehicle License Plates/Registration**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-5812  
 • Polk County ..... 286-3030  
 • Madison County ..... 462-1542  
 • Warren County..... 961-1111  
**Nature Lodge**..... 222-3424  
 Raccoon River Park 2500 Grand Ave.  
**One Call Underground Utility Lines**  
 811 OR 1-800-292-8989  
**Parks and Recreation**..... 222-3444  
 parkrec@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Parking Violations (non-moving)** 222-3600  
**Passports** ..... 1-877-487-2778  
**Planning & Zoning** ..... 222-3620  
 developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Police Administration** ..... 222-3300  
 police@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Police/Fire/EMS/Dispatch (Westcom)**  
 • Emergency ..... 911  
 • Non-Emergency ..... 222-3321  
 250 Mills Civic Parkway  
**Post Office**..... 255-6471  
 430 5th St. WDM 50265 • usps.com  
**Property Tax**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-5808  
 • Polk County ..... 286-3060  
 • Madison County ..... 462-1542  
 • Warren County..... 961-1110  
**Public Transportation** ..... See DART  
**Public Works** ..... 222-3480  
 publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Recycling – Curb IT!**  
 Waste Management..... [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)  
 Missed Pickup/Questions..... 265-5267  
**Recreation Programs** ..... 222-3444  
**Rental Housing Inspector**..... 222-3630  
 developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Senior Citizen Meals** ..... 274-0373  
**Sewer Stoppages/Repair** ..... 222-3480  
 publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Shelter Rentals (Parks & Rec)**..... 222-3444  
**School Districts**  
 • Norwalk  
 981-0676 • [www.norwalk.k12.ia.us](http://www.norwalk.k12.ia.us)  
 • Van Meter  
 996-2221 • [www.vmbulldogs.com](http://www.vmbulldogs.com)  
 • Waukee  
 987-5161 • [www.waukee.k12.ia.us](http://www.waukee.k12.ia.us)  
 • West Des Moines  
 633-5000 • [www.wdm.k12ia.us](http://www.wdm.k12ia.us)  
**Sidewalk Permits** ..... 222-3480  
 560 S. 16th St. • publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Social Security Offices** ..... 800-772-1213  
**Street Light Outages**  
 MidAmerican Energy..... 1-888-427-5632

**Street Repairs/Cleaning** ..... 222-3480  
 publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Taxes** ..... see Property Tax  
**Tickets Moving Violations**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-5816  
 • Polk County ..... 222-3772  
 • Madison County ..... 462-1542  
 • Warren County..... 961-1032  
**Parking Violations (non-moving)**  
**Finance** ..... 222-3600  
**Traffic Signals/Street Signs** ..... 222-3480  
 publicworks@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Trash Collection** ..... 265-7374  
 Waste Connections • [www.wasteconnections.com](http://www.wasteconnections.com)  
**Tree Planting Permits** ..... 222-3417  
 parkrec@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Utilities Mid American Energy**  
 Gas & Electric..... 1-888-427-5632  
 EMERGENCY ..... 1-800-595-5325  
 One Call Line Locator..... 1-800-292-8989  
[www.midamericanenergy.com](http://www.midamericanenergy.com)  
**Valley Junction Foundation** ..... 222-3642  
**Vehicle Registration**  
 .....see Motor Vehicle License Plates/Registration  
**Vital Records**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-5804  
 • Polk County ..... 286-3781  
 • Madison County ..... 462-3771  
 • Warren County..... 961-1089  
**Voter Registration**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-6914  
 • Polk County ..... 286-3080  
 • Madison County ..... 462-3914  
 • Warren County..... 961-1020  
**Iowa Elections Division** ..... 281-8849  
**Water Treatment Plant** ..... 222-3465  
 1505 Railroad Ave.  
**West Des Moines Water Works**.. 222-3460  
 Water/Solid Waste, New Service, Service  
 Changes/Maintenance..... 4200 Mills Civic Pky  
[www.wdmww.com](http://www.wdmww.com) • [waterworks@wdmww.com](mailto:waterworks@wdmww.com)  
**Westcom**  
 • EMERGENCY ..... 911  
 • Dispatch Non-Emergency..... 222- 3321  
**WestPet** ..... 855-434-7567  
 Animal Licenses  
**Yard Waste – Compost IT!**  
 Waste Management ..... [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)  
 General Info/Questions ..... 222-3600  
 Missed Pickup ..... 265-5267  
 Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate in City activities. Those individuals seeking City services and in need of special accommodations should either contact the department sponsoring the event or the ADA Coordinator.



## WDM Public Library

**Mission Statement:** The WDM Public Library is a relevant and integral part of the community. The library enriches the lives of residents by providing convenient and timely access to information and ideas; by offering engaging activities and opportunities for personal and professional growth; by promoting a love of reading and learning; and by remaining responsive to the changing needs of its users.

### WDM Library *Adult Programs*

All programs are free and require registration unless otherwise indicated.  
You may register for most programs online at [www.wdmlibrary.org](http://www.wdmlibrary.org).

#### WDM WRITER'S CLUB

**2nd & 4th Sat @ 10 am**

Informal meetings for accomplished or aspiring writers – share any form of writing and offer/receive constructive criticism. 2nd Floor Library Conference Rm.  
515.222.3413 • [wdmwriters.org](http://wdmwriters.org)

#### CHECKMATES: CHESS AND BOARD GAME CLUB

**Thu from 6:30-8 pm: Mar 26 [3/2] | Apr 23 [3/30] | May 28 [5/4] | Jun 25 [6/1] | Jul 23 [7/6] | Aug 27 [8/3]**

For chess enthusiasts of all ages (children/adults) and skill levels. We'll provide chess sets and feature a different board game each month. Registration required.  
515.222.3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

#### SCRAPBOOK & CARDBAKER CLUB

**Sat, 10 am-4 pm: Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, Jun 13, Aug 1**  
**Sun, 5-11 pm: Jul 10**

Whether you're a scrapbooker or a cardmaker, bring a project and your own supplies. (No sales at the event.) We'll provide space, snacks and cutting tools. Library Community Rm. \$1 donation requested. Registration preferred. 515.222.3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

#### JERRY BARLOW: CELTIC GUITAR

**Sun, Mar 8 at 2pm**

Acclaimed Celtic fingerstyle guitarist Jerry Barlow will play traditional songs from the British Isles, as well as his original Celtic-inspired compositions, and share the stories behind the music. Registration preferred.  
515.222.3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)



#### HOLIDAY CARDBAKING

**Fri, Mar 27 at 6:30 pm: Birthday Cards [Jan 31]**

When you care enough to make it yourself! Make three holiday cards for special friends or family. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Library Community Rm after hours. Registration required. 515.222.3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

### WDM Library *Adult Programs*

#### FRIENDS IOWA AUTHOR SERIES

**Tue at 7 pm (refreshment at 6:30 pm):**

**Apr 28 Mary Brooks – *Bampa's Bag*** (children's book)

Based on actual events, two children find a way to give help, hope, and healing during their grandfather's chemotherapy treatments. No registration.

**Jun 23 Blythe Stanfel – *Out of the Pocket*** (young adult historical fiction) Teens will easily relate to Mercer Murray, whose slightly sarcastic yet sensitive voice offers insight into the life of a typical high school senior struggling with football, girls, and most of all, his father fighting in the Iraq War. No registration. 515.222.3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)



#### CLUB READ: ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

**Tue @ 6:30 pm:**

**May 5 *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman**

**Jun 2 *The Bookman's Tale* by Charlie Lovett**

**Jul 7 *The Homecoming of Samuel Lake* by Jenny Wingfield**

A few copies are available at the Information Desk or you may bring your own copy. Library 2nd Floor Classroom. Books provided by the WDM Library Friends Foundation.  
515.222.3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

#### CLUB READ SOCIAL

**Tue @ 6:30 pm: Apr 7, Aug 4**

Make new friends! Discover new authors! We'll share what we've all been reading lately! Newcomers welcome. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Library Community Rm. Registration preferred. 515.222.3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

#### BOOK FOLDING WORKSHOP

**Fri, Apr 10 | 6-8 pm | Library Community Room**

Book folding is a creative way to repurpose old books into sculptural works of art. Be amazed as you transform simple folds into abstract designs. All materials supplied. NOTE: This is an after-hours program – participants must be in the building before the library closes at 6 pm. For adults and teens, ages 13 & up. Registration begins Mon, Mar 16.  
515.222.3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

#### BEADING BASICS

**Tue, Apr 21 at 6:30 pm**

Learn to wire wrap as we make a simple pair of earrings. Note: Must be able to see well enough to thread a needle. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration required.  
515.222.3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

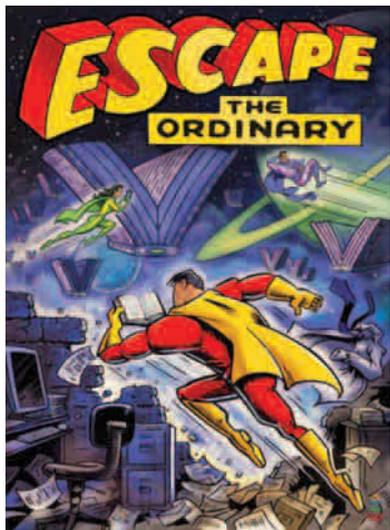
#### OPEN COMPUTER LAB & GADGET PETTING ZOO

**See Our Website Calendar for Dates & Times**

Keeping up with the latest technology can be tough, that's why we offer free one-on-one assistance with Internet, email, attachments, and more. If you're confused by eReaders and tablets, staff can explain the options, and show you how to borrow e-materials from the library! You'll also have a chance to play with the Kindle, Nook, iPad, and other tablets. Laptop lab and devices provided by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration required.  
515.222.3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

# Adult Summer Reading Club 2015

## Escape the Ordinary @ Your Library



Is your life a bit hum-drum...monotonous... routine? ESCAPE THE ORDINARY @ Your Library! Our Summer Reading Club (SRC) includes wondrous weekly prize drawings, colossal contests, astounding displays, and more – just for reading (or listening) to sensational books! Adult SRC registration begins **Monday, May 18**.

Look for more exciting, remarkable, exceptional, amazing, astonishing, astounding, sensational, stunning, incredible, unbelievable, phenomenal, tremendous, stupendous SRC information in May! Visit the Reference Desk or our website at [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org).

*Sponsored by the fabulous  
WDM Library Friends Foundation*

or-di-nar-y (ôrd( )n erē) adjective 1. with no special or distinctive features; normal. synonyms: average, common, standard, unexceptional, unremarkable, dull. antonyms: unusually great, original, exceptional, amazing, astonishing, incredible, outstanding.

## If You Enjoy Our Programs, Please Join The Friends!

Friends memberships pay for many adult and teen programs: Club Read, Holiday Cardmaking, Author Visits, and Teen Craft Nights, to name a few!

**Donations are tax deductible!**

WDM Library Friends Foundation,  
4000 Mills Civic Pkwy, WDM, IA 50265.  
222-3407 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)



### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Programs are for ages 12 & up unless otherwise indicated. All programs are free. Advance registration is required unless otherwise indicated. Sign up by phone, online, or at the Reference Desk. 515.222.3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)



### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

**Wed 3:30-5 pm: Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13 | Library Classroom, 2nd Floor**

Are you interested in making the Library a better place for teens? Then TAB is for you! The WDM Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is an exciting opportunity for area teens age 12-18 (6th – 12th grade) to take leadership roles in our community, have input in teen activities, help with programs and fundraising events, and help develop the collection of young adult materials at the Library. TAB meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, September – May. To find out more, contact Courtney or just stop by a meeting and see what it's all about! No registration. 515.222.3412 • [courtney.bench@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:courtney.bench@wdm.iowa.gov)

### BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH CHALLENGE

**Fri, Mar 13 | 6-8 pm | Library Community Room**

Join our quest to defy superstition! We'll challenge you to "press your luck" by competing in feats that go against the rules. Would you walk under a ladder or break a mirror? Could you open an umbrella indoors? Would you even come to a program on Friday the 13th? Door prizes and snacks provided. Ages 12 & up. Registration begins Mon, Mar 2. 515.222.3403 • [www.wdmlibrary.org](http://www.wdmlibrary.org)



### SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

**Ages 13 & up (completed 6th grade)**

The Library is always looking for student volunteers, especially during the summer months. Volunteers help out Library staff in many ways including assisting with summer programs, shelving picture books, cleaning shelves, and refilling summer reading supplies. If you are interested in becoming a student volunteer, pick up an application or visit the Teens section of the library's website. Positions are limited so turn in your application soon! Applications available at any service desk or online • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

**TEEN CRAFT NIGHTS****Thu: Mar 26, Apr 16, May 21 | 6-8 pm | Library Community Room**

Join us for an evening program full of crafting goodness! A variety of crafts will be featured with a different craft every month. Visit the Library's Calendar on our website for more info on each program. Teens (ages 12 & up). Registration required. 515.222.3403 • [www.wdmlibrary.org](http://www.wdmlibrary.org).

**Mar** – Divergent Crafts | **Apr** – Bleach Prints | **May** – Fimo Clay Jewelry & Charms

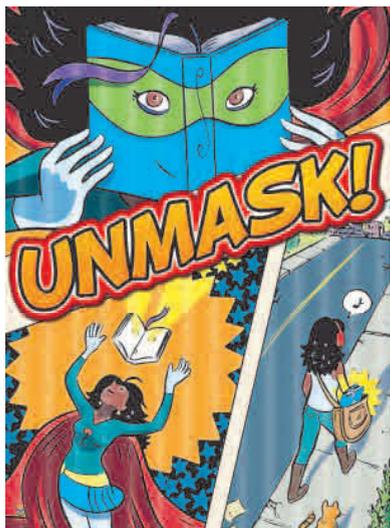
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## Teen Summer Reading Club 2015

# UNMASKED!

Unleash your inner hero at the library! This summer you can earn great rewards by just reading, participating in summer contests, and attending library programs. Sign up at the Reference Desk or online at [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org). Teen Summer Reading Club registration begins **Monday, May 18**.

**TEEN SRC PROGRAMS 2015**

- **Science of the Superhero Workshop** – presented by a real Marvel comic book artist
- **Superhero Training Camp** – an after-hours program presented by The Incoherent Theatre Company
- **Doctor Who Party** – our annual celebration for Whovians
- **Blacklight Glow Party** – discover why things glow in the dark and under black light...and how to make your own stuff glow!
- **Alice in Wonderland Tea Party** – celebrate Alice's 150th anniversary

June program registration begins **Mon, Jun 1**

July program registration begins **Mon, Jul 6**

Register at the Reference Desk, by phone 515.222.3403, or online at [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

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Check the Library's website for more information on upcoming teen programs.

## Summer Reading Club 2015

### Every Hero Has a Story @ Your Library!

The WDM Library invites kids of all ages (babies too!) to join our Summer Reading Club (SRC), **Every Hero has a Story**. Enter contests, win prizes, and meet your reading goals to earn a ticket to our final celebration (Saturday, July 25)! SRC sign-up begins **Monday, May 18**.

**SUMMER READING CLUB PROGRAMS**

You'll love the "super" events we have planned for you this summer. Bravely overcome the challenges in Survivor! Dare to discover the joys of quilting in Kids Learn to Quilt. Marvel at the world of mighty superheroes, resourceful sidekicks, and vile villains during Comic Book Art. And don't miss amazing adventures with the Blank Park Zoo, Dinosaur O'Dell, Jason the Juggler, and more!

June program registration begins **Mon, Jun 1**

July programs registration begins **Mon, Jul 6**.

Register at the Children's Desk, by phone 515.222.3405, or online at [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)



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# Storytime Series

All children's programs are free and require advance registration, which begins at 9 am on the date in brackets. Sign up in person, by phone, or online. children's desk • 515.222.3403 • [www.wdmlibrary.org](http://www.wdmlibrary.org).

## MOTHER GOOSE STORYTIME

**Mon @ 9:30, 10 & 10:30 am:**  
**Mar 9, 16 & 23 [Mar 2]**  
**Apr 6, 13 & 20 [Mar 30]**

Join us for stories, rhymes, flannelboards, gentle tunes and puppets in the storyroom. This program is designed around early literacy skills for children 6 months old through 2 years with an adult. Registration required.

## NIGHTY-NIGHT DROP-IN STORYTIME

**Mon @ 6:45pm:**  
**Mar 9, 16 & 23 | Apr 6, 13 & 20**

Join Nate for stories, rhymes, and songs (same format as Family Storytime). All ages w/adult. No registration.

## LAPSIT LAMBS

**Tue @ 9:30 & 10:30am:**  
**Mar 10, 17 & 24 [Mar 2]**  
**Apr 7, 14 & 21 [Mar 30]**  
**May 12, 19 & 26 [May 4]**

Using rhymes, stories, music, and puppetry, Amy will engage baby and caregiver in language-rich activities designed for pre-walking babies (ages 1-18mo w/adult. Library Storyroom. Registration required.

## DROP-IN OLIVER'S TALES

**Wed @ 9:30 am:**  
**Mar 11, 18 & 25 | Apr 8, 15 & 22**

Join Betsy and Oliver the sheep dog for stories, flannelboards, movement rhymes, and music! Storyroom. (No craft at the drop-in program.) All ages. No registration.

## OLIVER'S TALES

**Wed @ 10:30 am & 1:30 pm:**  
**Mar 11, 18 & 25 [Mar 2]**  
**Apr 8, 15 & 22 [Mar 30]**

Join Betsy and Oliver the sheep dog for stories, flannelboards, movement rhymes, music, and a craft! Storyroom. Ages 3-6. Registration required.

## FAMILY STORYTIME

**Thu @ 10:30 am:**  
**Mar 12, 19 & 26 [Mar 2]**  
**Apr 9, 16 & 23 [Mar 30]**

Join Nate for stories, songs, flannelboards, rhymes, and a craft. Community Room. Ages 2-6 w/adult. Registration required.

## DROP-IN FAMILY

**Fri @ 10:30 am:**  
**Mar 13, 20 & 27 | Apr 10, 17 & 24**

Picture books, action rhymes, flannelboards, puppets, and songs for the whole family! Community Room. All ages. No registration.



### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All children's programs are free and require advance registration, which begins at 9 am on the date in brackets. Sign up in person, by phone, or online. children's desk • 515.222.3403 • [www.wdmlibrary.org](http://www.wdmlibrary.org).

## TALES WITH TAILS

**Thu @ 4 pm: Mar 5 [Mar 2]**  
**Apr 2 [Mar 30]**

Strengthen your reading skills with a 4-legged friend! The West Des Moines Public Library invites you to read with a certified therapy dog and practice your skills as a reader. Ages 6-12. Registration required. Please choose one 15-minute time slot for each child.

## MUSIC TOGETHER

**Fri, Mar 6 | 9:30 & 10:15 am**

Music Together® is an international research-based, developmentally appropriate music and movement program for children ages birth through five, and the adults who love them. In this short sample class we'll sing, move, chant, and play-along with instruments to a variety of music styles, melodies, and rhythms. Presented by Songs and Signs, LLC. For newborns through age 5 with an adult. Registration required.

## HULA HOOP

**Tue, Mar 17 | 10 am & 1:30 pm**  
**[Mar 2]**

What could be more fun than an hour of hula hoop hoopla? There will be skill building, tricks, freestyling, AND each participant can choose and customize a hoop to take home! Presented by Mary Boyvey of Sparkle Hoop Dance. Ages 6-12. Registration required.



For more information, please visit our website or pick up a calendar in the Children's Dept.

## LEGO CLUB

**Wed @ 3:45pm: Mar 25 [Mar 2]**  
**Apr 22 [Mar 30]**

What CAN'T you build with Legos?! Put your creative skills to the test. We'll have a special challenge for you, if you think you're up to it. Community Room. Ages 5-12. Registration required.



## KIDS CLUB READ

**Thu @ 4:15 pm:**  
**Mar 25 – A Dog's Life**  
**by Ann M. Martin**  
**Apr 23 – Little House in the Big Woods**  
**by Laura Ingalls Wilder**

If you like to read and talk about books, this group is for you! Join us for discussion and activities related to each month's book. Ages 8-12. Sign up at the Children's Desk.

## CHECKMATES

**Thu from 6:30-8 pm:**  
**Mar 26 [Mar 2] | Apr 23 [Mar 30]**

Chess and Board Game Club — For chess enthusiasts of all ages (children/adults) and skill levels. We'll provide chess sets and feature a different board game each month. Registration required.

## MAY BASKETS

**Wed, Apr 29 & Thu, Apr 30 at 10 am**  
**[Mar 30]**

Hop on over to the library for a spring story and make May baskets to share with your friends! Ages 2-6 with an adult. Registration required – please choose one session.



## If You Enjoy Our Programs, Please Join The Friends!

- During the 2013-14 Fiscal Year, the library offered 544 children's programs with 36,500 people attending. Friends memberships pay for many of the special children's programs throughout the year.
- Memberships provide incentives to more than 2500 children participating in the Summer Reading Club, which encourages young readers to keep learning when they are not in school.
- Your donation is tax deductible!

### WDM Library Friends Foundation

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## WDM Library services

All services are **free**  
unless otherwise indicated.

**Questions? Call 222.3400**

### GET A LIBRARY CARD... IT'S FREE!

Present a valid ID with proof of current address. Residents of WDM, DSM, Ankeny, Clive, Urbandale, and Windsor Heights may apply. Cards are valid for three years (no renewal fee).

### LIBRARY HOURS

(Labor – Memorial Day)  
 Mon-Thu: 9 am-9pm | Fri: 9 am-6 pm  
 Sat: 9 am-5 pm\* | Sun: 2 pm-5 pm\*  
 \*SUMMER HOURS  
 Sat: 10 am-4 pm | Sun: Closed  
 Call or check our website for holiday hours.  
**222-3400 | [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**

### ONLINE CATALOG... [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

Access the library catalog 24/7 from the comfort of your home...just follow the link on our website. Reserve items that are checked out, or on the shelf!

### RENEWALS/ ACCOUNT ACCESS BY PHONE

Use your library card number to access a list of titles checked out, including due dates; overdue items; titles on reserve with your position on the waiting list; and charges on your account. You may renew all of your items at once, or renew individual titles if you have the barcodes.  
**225-1576 or 225-1586**  
**[wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**



### WE TAKE RESERVATIONS

If the item you want is checked out, use your library card to place a reserve or "hold" on it. Want to read a bestseller? We buy one copy for every six reserves. Holds can be placed by phone or online, and we'll call you when your item comes in. If we don't own the book you need, we can usually buy it, or borrow it from another library within a couple of weeks.  
**222-3400 | [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**

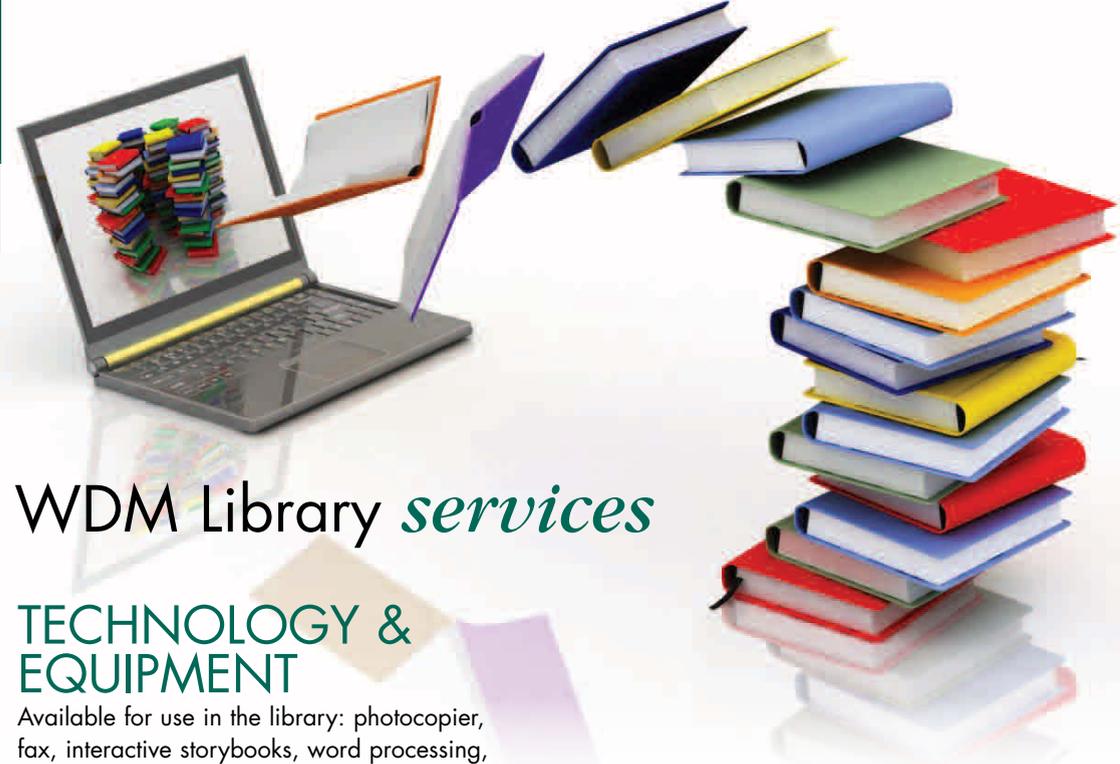
### BOOK CLUB COLLECTION

The library has multiple copies of past Club Read titles available for local book clubs to borrow. Specific titles are listed on our website. Advance reservations required.  
**222-3413 [adult titles] • 222-3575 [children's titles] | [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**

### MORE THAN BOOKS

Your library is more than a warehouse for books. You'll find popular magazines and newspapers; large print materials; puppets and puzzles; recorded books; new releases, classics, and nonfiction DVD's; music CD's; and more. E-books are offered through the WILBOR library consortium. This works similarly to our OverDrive downloadable audiobooks collection. A WDM library card and a small software install are required. For details, look for the eBooks news item on our website and click on the WILBOR link. **222-3403 | [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**





## WDM Library *services*

### TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT

Available for use in the library: photocopier, fax, interactive storybooks, word processing, free Internet access, wireless access, and a 20/20+TV enlarger for the visually impaired. Available for checkout: overhead projector, iPads. Hate long lines? Try the 3M SelfCheck System!

**222-3400 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**

### ASK A LIBRARIAN

Got a question? We can help! Try our electronic resources...EBSCO Host magazine index, Novelist, ProQuest, and more! Business/investment info includes S&P's and The Street publications, Value Line, Investor's Business Daily, and Morningstar Mutual Funds Reports. **222-3403**

### LIBRARY BLOGS

From our Internet home page, click on KIDS, TEENS, or ADULTS (orange box, left side). BLOG is one of the choices you'll find in the green box (upper left). Discover great information on our programs, plus book lists, staff recommendations, reading and literacy tips, and more.

**222-3405 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**

### PUBLIC MEETING ROOMS

Available for public use at no charge: small rooms (8 people), Classroom (20), Community Room (60). Call for guidelines and scheduling information. • **222-3400**

### TEEN AREA

YA materials are located upstairs, along with comfy couches and study tables. Get book lists and recommendations. For info on programs and activities, drop in or check our website.

**222-3412 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**

### WE MAKE HOUSECALLS!

If you are a WDM resident, unable to come to the library for health reasons and interested in receiving regular monthly visits from a volunteer, give us a call.

**222-3400**

## WDM LIBRARY FRIENDS FOUNDATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Our community library is fortunate to have the support of the WDM Library Friends Foundation – a volunteer-based, non-profit organization.

- Friends Memberships fund special projects, like the Laptop Lab, and programs for all ages. Contributions mean more books, music, and movies in the collection, so YOU have a better selection.
- Your donations are tax deductible!

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• 222-3407 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)

### BE A VOLUNTEER

Make a difference! We need reliable volunteers, especially in our homebound delivery program (1-2 deliveries per month). Fill out an application at the Info Desk.

**222-3400 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**

### BOOK SALE AREA

Don't miss the Friends book sale area (just around the corner from the Info Desk) to find great bargains from 10¢ magazines to \$1 hardbacks – adult and children's titles. Proceeds benefit library programs and collections. • **222-3400**

### SOCIAL NETWORKS

Links to our Twitter, Facebook, and Pinterest pages are located on our website home page (upper right corner). "Follow" us on Twitter @ WDMLibrary, WDMLibraryChild or WDMLibraryTeen to receive "tweets" (updates) on library news, programs, and events. "Like" or "Follow" us on Facebook. Visit our Pinterest page to see Activities for Kids, Book Club Picks, Books & Reading (quotes), Staff Picks, and more! Instructions on how to set up accounts are available at the Reference Desk.

**222-3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**



### MOBILE APP PUTS THE LIBRARY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

With our new library app, you can instantly tap into library resources from any mobile phone connected to the Internet. Browse the library catalog, hold or renew a book, check your account, ask a question, find events, and more. Search for "West Des Moines Library" on your phone app store and download. It's free!

**222-3403 • [wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**



### YOUR LIBRARY STORY

Has the WDM Library has made a difference in YOUR life? Tell us about it in 500 words or less. Selected stories will be featured on our website or promotional materials (with permission). For details, visit **[www.wdmlibrary.org/tell-us-your-library-story/](http://www.wdmlibrary.org/tell-us-your-library-story/)**

*See Library Activities pages for adult & children's programs at the WDM Library.*

# WDM Human Services

“The ♥ of the Community”

WDM Human Services has been helping community members since 1979. As a department within the City of West Des Moines, WDM Human Services is a non-profit agency that provides necessary assistance to low-income, elderly and disabled individuals in our service area. Basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, transportation and emergency assistance are a few of the critical services provided by WDM Human Services. For more than 35 years, we have provided support and assistance to community members during emergency and crisis situations to ensure their safety and well being and to improve or enhance their quality of life. WDM Human Services partners with members of the community to provide support and assistance. If you would like to help us meet our community need, please call 273-0633.



## WDM Human Services *programs*

### Human Services Mission:

*“To provide opportunities for citizens to improve and enhance their quality of life and sense of community through the programs and services available.”*



## TRANSPORTATION

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<b>SENIOR DINNER CLUB</b> Seniors (60+) have the opportunity to enjoy one another’s company while they dine at one of our finest area restaurants.	Trans. Supervisor <b>222-3661</b>	First Tuesday of each month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WDM senior residents.</li> <li>Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.</li> </ul>	Cost of your dinner  Transportation FREE (donations encouraged)



## TRANSPORTATION

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<b>WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER</b> Transportation is available for senior residents of West Des Moines, Clive (Polk County), Windsor Heights and Des Moines (Frisbee area). Along with a nutritious lunch, enjoy several fun daily activities.	Trans. Supervisor <b>222-3661</b>  134 6th St. Westside Community Center	M – F 8am – 4pm Lunch served at 11:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior residents (60+)</li> <li>Reservations required at least 24 hours in advance</li> </ul>	donations encouraged
<b>APPOINTMENTS</b> Transportation is available for necessary medical appointments, recreational group trips and Human Services referral trips.	Trans. Supervisor <b>222-3661</b>	M – F 8am – 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seniors (60+), disabled and low-income residents of WDM</li> <li>Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.</li> </ul>	donations encouraged

## CITIZENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

<b>FRIENDSHIP CONNECTION</b> Friendship Connection is a club for young adults with special needs.	WDM Human Services <b>222-3660</b>	Thursdays 10am – 11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young adults with special needs</li> </ul>	NONE
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**Friendship Connection** is offered every Thursday from 10:00 am to 11:30 am through WDM Human Services. Participants socialize, play games, sing, enjoy refreshments and have fun! Organizations throughout the community also make special presentations on occasion. Volunteers are needed to assist with this program. To learn more, or to register as a participant, volunteer or presenter, please call 222-3660 or visit our website [www.wdmhumanservices.com](http://www.wdmhumanservices.com).



**FOOD**

WDM Human Services *programs*

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<p><b>DES MOINES AREA RELIGIOUS COUNCIL FOOD PANTRY</b> Emergency food and personal care items are available at WDM Human Services for households in need.</p>	<p>Program Outreach Assistants <b>222-3660</b></p>	<p>M 8:30am - 3pm T 8:30am - 3pm W 8:30am - noon TH 8:30am - 3pm F 8:30am - noon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Assistance only.</li> <li>• Must provide ID for all household members and proof of address</li> <li>• Must be WDM or Clive resident.</li> </ul>	<p>NONE</p> <p><i>Funding for this program is provided by USDA which is an equal opportunity employer.</i></p>
<p><b>SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM</b> The state of Iowa, in conjunction with WDM Human Services and the WDM Community School District, is providing a free summer lunch program to ensure children from low-income homes receive adequate food while not in school.</p>	<p>Human Services staff <b>222-3660</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crestview</li> <li>• Legion Park</li> <li>• Hillside</li> <li>• Stilwell</li> </ul>	<p>Lunches will be served M-F, noon – 1pm beginning in June – See website for dates.</p> <p>No lunch will be served on July 4</p>	<p>All children 18 years or younger.</p> 	<p>FREE for children 18 years or younger</p>
<p><b>GARDEN PROGRAM</b> Offset the cost of food and have fun at the same time growing your own garden. Tilling is available to elderly &amp; disabled residents of WDM.</p>	<p>Program Outreach Assistants <b>222-3660</b></p>	<p>M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm</p> <p>Sign-up begins May 15</p>	<p>Must meet income criteria of Federal Poverty Guidelines. Elderly (60+) Disabled (SSI and/or SSA eligible)</p> 	<p>NONE</p>
<p><b>BREAD DISTRIBUTION</b> Donated bakery items are available weekdays for households in need.</p>	<p>Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b></p>	<p>M – F 9am</p>	<p>NONE</p>	<p>NONE</p>

**CURRENT NEEDS LIST**

- Personal care items
- Diapers & wipes
- Spring/summer clothing (for all ages)
- Non-perishable food items
- Gift cards for gas, groceries & clothing
- Towels, sheets & blankets

Donations may be dropped off Monday through Friday between 8am & 4pm at **139 6th Street** in WDM.

**HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE**

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<p><b>ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP)</b> The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps qualifying households with their primary heating costs during the winter.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Dallas County Residents receive assistance at the Dallas County Family Development Center, 2814 1st St., Perry, IA 50220 465-5185</p> </div>	<p>Program Outreach Assistants <b>222-3660</b></p> <p>Call for an appointment.</p>	<p>M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm</p> <p>Sign-up by April 30, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low-income households in Western Polk County</li> <li>• Social security card &amp; date of birth for all household members</li> <li>• Copy of your most recent heating/ electric bill</li> <li>• 13 weeks of verifiable income from all sources for all household members</li> </ul> 	<p>NONE</p>
<p><b>EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE/HOMELESS PREVENTION</b> Emergency Assistance is available to avoid housing evictions and utility disconnects to eligible households.</p>	<p>Program Outreach Assistants <b>222-3660</b></p>	<p>M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low income WDM residents.</li> <li>• Residents must show eviction or disconnect notice to qualify.</li> <li>• See above energy requirements.</li> </ul>	<p>NONE</p>
<p><b>ASSISTANCE WITH GOVERNMENT FORMS</b> Government forms are not always easy to fill out. WDM Human Services is here to help.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Assistance is available for the following forms: Iowa Rent Reimbursement, Property Tax Credit, Special Assessment, Iowa Mobile/Manufactured/ Modular Home Owner Application for Reduced Tax Rate and hawk.i insurance. Bring household income and address verification.</p> </div>	<p>Program Outreach Assistants <b>222-3660</b></p>	<p>M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm</p>	<p>Service area residents.</p>	<p>NONE</p>



## YOUTH ASSISTANCE

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<p><b>YOUTH RECREATION ASSISTANCE</b> Limited scholarships for recreational/educational activities, are available to eligible households.</p>	Program Outreach Assistants <b>222-3660</b>	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of income</li> <li>• Proof of address</li> <li>• Documented proof of activity costs</li> <li>• Low income</li> <li>• WDM resident</li> </ul>	Varies depending on household income
<p><b>SCHOOL SUPPLIES</b> School supplies are available on a limited basis in August including classroom supplies and backpacks.</p>	Program Outreach Assistants <b>222-3660</b>	<p><b>DONATIONS NEEDED: Call Mindy Hotovec at 222-3663</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible low-income residents of WDM</li> </ul>	NONE
<p><i>Distribution of donated items will take place at the WDM Human Services office in early August. Call for more information.</i></p>				
<p><b>SWIM PASSES</b> Swim passes are available to low-income residents of West Des Moines.</p>	Program Outreach Assistants <b>222-3660</b>	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible low-income residents of WDM</li> </ul>	Reduced Rate



## HOUSING

### HOUSING SOLUTIONS

An intensive housing and supportive services program that works with homeless families to identify and work to overcome barriers preventing them from providing stable or permanent housing for their families.

Application opportunities will be announced throughout the year.

Housing Solutions Coordinator  
**222-3666**

M – F  
8am – 4pm  
Limited availability.

Eligible homeless participants will need to meet HUD homeless guidelines and income criteria.



## DONATE TODAY!

Go to [www.wdmhumanservices.com](http://www.wdmhumanservices.com) and click on “Donate Now” to make a secure, tax-deductible contribution. It has never been easier to help a neighbor in need!



## CLOTHING CLOSET

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
Gently used clothing articles are available to those in need. Small household items are also available on a limited basis.	Program Outreach Assistants <b>222-3660</b>	M 8:30am - 3pm T 8:30am - 3pm W 8:30am - noon TH 8:30am - 3pm F 8:30am - noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of income</li> <li>• Proof of address</li> <li>• Service area resident</li> <li>• ID required</li> </ul>	NONE (donations encouraged)

This is a community supported program — donations of clothing and small housewares are always needed.

## LIFE SKILLS

### COMPUTER CLASSES

are available on a limited basis to teach or enhance computer skills on a variety of levels.

Human Services Staff  
**222-3660**

Mondays & Wednesdays  
3:30pm – 4:30pm

NONE



NONE (donations encouraged)

## ELDERLY ASSISTANCE

### HANDYMAN/CHORE

Services include lawn mowing, snow removal and minor home repairs for low-income elderly and disabled residents of WDM.

Program Outreach Assistants  
**222-3660**

M – F  
8am – 4pm

- Income - eligible seniors (age 60+) or income-eligible disabled residents of WDM.
- Registration required for new clients.



NONE (donations encouraged)

## VOLUNTEER TODAY!

West Des Moines Human Services extends a heartfelt **THANKS** to all of the wonderful volunteers who donate their time and talents to help us continue to be the heart of the community. Volunteers are currently needed in the food pantry, clothing closet and at the front desk. If you have a passion for helping those in need, please contact **Melinda Hotovec** at **222-3663** or visit [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov).

# WDM HUMAN SERVICES

*“The ♥ of the Community”*

## New Home for WDM Human Services

An open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony were held at the new office of West Des Moines Human Services on Thursday, February 5th. The new office is located at 139 6th Street in Valley Junction - just a few blocks from the old location on 5th Street. Staff was on hand to provide tours of the building and answer questions. If you would like to learn more about the services offered by WDM Human Services, please call 222-3660 to schedule

a tour or get more information. Human Services' staff are also available for speaking engagements – please call Althea Holcomb at 273-0633 to make arrangements.



## Summer Food Service Program

West Des Moines Human Services is pleased to partner with the State of Iowa and the West Des Moines Community School District to provide the free children's summer lunch program. This lunch program is designed to provide nutritional meals for low-income youth (up to age 18) during the summer months. This year's program will be held at the following locations:



- **Legion Park** (301 Vine St., WDM) lunch
- **Hillside Elementary** (713 8th St., WDM) breakfast and lunch
- **Crestview Elementary** (8355 Franklin Ave., Clive) breakfast and lunch
- **Stilwell** (1601 Vine St., WDM) breakfast and lunch

**Please contact Human Services at 222-3660 for specific dates or visit our website at: [www.wdmhumanservices.com](http://www.wdmhumanservices.com)**

## Free Transportation

West Des Moines residents who are seniors (age 60+), disabled, or low income can receive free transportation to necessary appointments and to the Westside Community Center. In 2014, through WDM Human Services, 16,866 rides were provided with a fleet of four vehicles, three wheelchair accessible buses and one van. The service operates Monday through Friday all year. Transportation is also provided for recreational outings like the “Senior Dinner Club”. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. Please call 222-3661 for more information, or to schedule a ride.



## Personal Pantry:

Each month WDM Human Services assists approximately 300 low-income households with personal care products. We need your help to meet the needs in our community. Following is a list of items we need on an on-going basis:

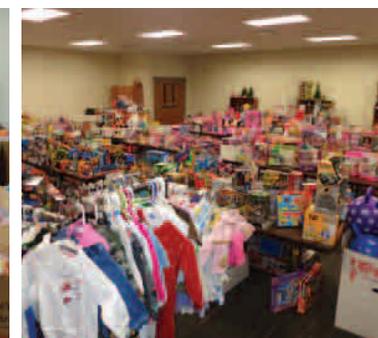
- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste
- Diapers (Sizes 3-6)
- Soap

## Clothing Closet:

Our clothing closet is in need of new or gently used children's, teen, and adult clothing items for the warmer seasons. We also need towels, sheets, blankets and small household items. Clothing Closet donations are accepted Monday through Friday 8am – 4pm at 139 6th Street in West Des Moines. Donation receipts are available.

*Partner with WDM Human Services to help our neighbors in need!*

**Thank You** to everyone who supported the 2014 holiday programs at WDM Human Services including Toyland and Adopt-A-Family. Many individuals had a brighter holiday thanks to our volunteers and donors!



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Greetings to all West Des Moines Residents and Businesses! I hope this message finds you well and excited to embark on new opportunities in 2015.

With the countdown to spring quickly approaching, I would like to provide an update regarding a project that will be at your doorstep in the coming months: the 2015 Special Census. The City of West Des Moines, along with many other cities in the Des Moines Metropolitan area, will be conducting a special census in the coming months to get a more accurate count of the community. While conducting a special census is a big undertaking, the cost/benefit analysis for added State funding shows a positive net gain for the City.

There will be several opportunities to be engaged during the 2015 Special Census. The noteworthy project phases will include: recruitment, training, fieldwork, quality assurance, and of course, participation. I will share details of recruitment within this article, but I would like to take the time to touch upon participation. We encourage all residents to answer census questions at their earliest convenience. Census workers must pass a federal background check; they will provide proof of credentials in the form of a photo I.D.; and they will provide a brief survey for each household including apartments, group homes, and senior living complexes. Every person counts!

## From The City Manager

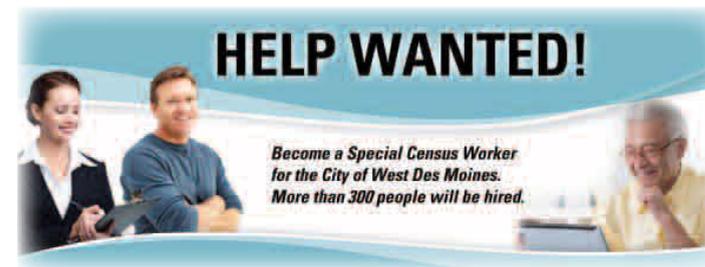
One very large component of the project will be the recruitment of census workers. The recruitment process will begin in March 2015 with a target hire number of more than 300 workers! Different opportunities will be available including operation supervisors, clerical staff, crew leaders, enumerators, and quality assurance with weekly hours starting at 20 hours per week. Hours will be flexible and the duration of employment will be based upon the job duties. Some positions will work upwards 2.5 months while some will work approximately 4 weeks.

Interested applicants can submit their information electronically on the City's website: [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov). Applicants must meet the minimum age requirement of 18, be a U.S. Citizen, not be currently employed by a law enforcement agency, pass a general knowledge test, and be able to pass a background check. Qualified applicants will be required to attend a 3-day training session prior to starting census work.

More information on project milestones will be posted on the City's website and social media accounts. Additionally, questions can be directed to the City Manager's Office by phone (515) 222-3598, online service desk, or email [McKinlee.Ritter@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:McKinlee.Ritter@wdm.iowa.gov). I am looking forward to working with the community and collaborating on a successful project!

Best,

**Tom Hadden,**  
City Manager



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SPRING / SUMMER 2015

# WDM Parks & Recreation

## PROGRAM GUIDE



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Registration Starts:

*Residents*

**Tuesday, March 10 • 8am**

*Non Residents*

**Tuesday, March 24 • 8am**

## West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department Facilities

<b>Administrative Office at WDM City Hall</b> 4200 Mills Civic Parkway	222-3444
<b>Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge</b> 2500 Grand Avenue	222-3424
<b>Raccoon River Park Archery Facility</b> 2500 Grand Avenue	222-3424
<b>Raccoon River Park Softball Complex</b> 2500 Grand Avenue	222-3505
<b>West Des Moines Community Center</b> 217 5th Street	222-3440
<b>Holiday Aquatic Center</b> 1701 Railroad Avenue	273-0700
<b>Valley View Aquatic Center</b> 255 S. 81st Street	273-0700
<b>West Des Moines Teen Center</b> 1401 Vine Street	202-5169
<b>Jordan Cemetery</b> 2950 Fuller Road	222-3444
<b>Weather Cancellation Hotline</b>	222-3500



### Jordan Cemetery

A resting place for many of the founding families of West Des Moines, Jordan Cemetery is located at 2700 Fuller Road. Jordan Cemetery dates back to 1846 when James Jordan arrived in Polk County and homesteaded in the area. The cemetery is now operated by the Parks and Recreation Department, and continues to provide cemetery lots for sale. If you would like information please contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 222-3444.



## West Des Moines Parks

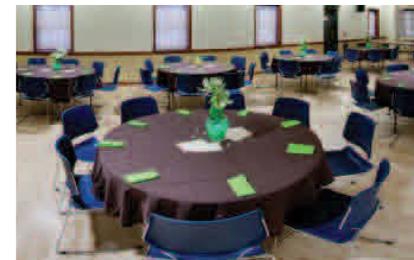
American Legion Park...301 Vine St.	Meadowview Park .....638 Prairie View Dr.
Ashawa Park.....4431 Waterford Dr.	Pearson Park .....1256 19th St.
Brookview Park.....400 81st St.	Peony Park .....1100 63rd St.
Crossroads Park.....5205 Ashworth Rd.	Quail Cove Park.....1515 South 52nd St.
Fairmeadows Park.....543 22nd St.	Raccoon River Park.....2500 Grand Ave.
Florer Park.....1410 Locust St.	Railroad Park .....425 Railroad Ave.
Holiday Park.....1701 Railroad Ave.	Scenic Valley Park.....1223 South 24th Ct.
Huston Ridge Park .....8455 Coachlight Dr.	Southwoods Park.....350 South 35th St.
Jaycee Park.....5608 Center St.	Valley View Park.....255 81st St.
Jordan Creek Park.....310 50th St.	Western Hills Park.....4115 Walnut St.
Kiwanis Park.....3101 Maple St.	Wild Rose Park.....6801 Cody Dr.
Knolls Park .....5150 Aspen Dr.	Willow Springs Park.....5685 Wistful Vista Dr.
Maple Grove Park.....9350 Chalk St.	Wilson Park.....298 9th St.

### West Des Moines Community Center Rentals

Located in the heart of Valley Junction, the West Des Moines Community Center offers a variety of meeting and social function spaces that can meet your needs. On the first level there are several flexible rooms that can accommodate groups from 20 to 100 people depending on your set up requirements.

The Grand Ballroom is located on the second level of the building which offers space for seated functions for groups as large as 200 people. The Ballroom has recently been updated with a new maple wood floor, ceiling and lighting updates, fresh coat of paint, and new windows. It is a great space for large family or business dinner affairs as well as wedding receptions.

Give us a call at 222-3440 to check rates and availability today!



### Nature Lodge Rentals

Looking for a room with a view to hold that family function or business meeting? Then the Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge is just the place for you! The Lakeview Room provides a panoramic view of Blue Heron Lake in Raccoon River Park. This unique setting provides a quality experience for your guests to enjoy and offers a variety of spaces and services to make planning your event and easy as one...two...three!

The Lakeview Room accommodates groups as small as 20 people up to sit down functions for 110 people. Our great rental rates make things affordable and works with your budget. We have preferred caterers if you choose to use them, or feel free to make your own arrangements with your caterer. Only beer and wine are allowed at the Lodge.

Give us a call today at 222-3424 to check availability today!



# PARKS & TRAILS MAP

WEST DES MOINES PARKS & RECREATION



"IOWA BY TRAIL" APP

available FREE on Apple and Android devices

Visit the iTunes Store or Play Store to download

JORDAN CREEK TRAIL



VALLEY VIEW AQUATIC CENTER



RACCOON RIVER PARK

Prepared By

THE CITY OF  
**West Des Moines**  
Parks & Recreation Department

0 5 1 Miles

Existing Trail	Planned Trail	City Hall
Jordan Creek Trail	Trail Distance Marker	Hospital
On-Street Bike Facility	Fire Station	Police Station
	Library	

Nature podge	Loop trail
Boats launch	Pond Farm
Playground	Softball Complex
Cannon/flower Shelters	Archery Facility
Beach	Open Lawn



### Looking for a loop trail? Try

- Raccoon River Park Trail  
3.2 m
- City/School Campus Trail  
.52 m
- Maple Grove Park Trail  
.52 m
- Quail Cove Park Trail  
.46 m
- Wild Rose Park Trail  
.40 m
- Willow Springs Park Trail  
.38 m
- Scenic Valley Park Trail  
.35 m
- Peony Park Trail  
.35 m
- Jaycee Park Trail  
.33 m

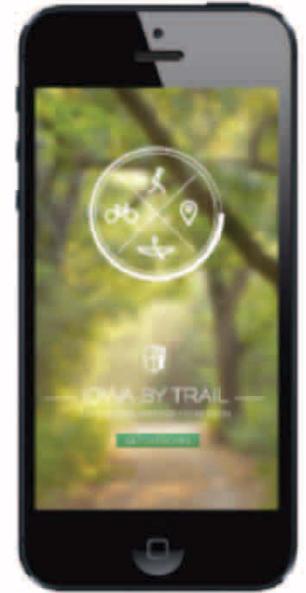


West Des Moines maintains over 1200 acres of park land and open space. There are a total of 27 parks located throughout the city that range in size from 1 1/2 acre Kiwanis Park to 632 acre Raccoon River Park.

There are over 50 miles of trails in WDM with Jordan Creek Trail serving as the main spine of the trail system. Jordan Creek Trail is 6.75 miles long and connects Raccoon River Park in the east to Valley View Park in the west.

# West Des Moines Historical Bike Tour

**Are you looking for something FREE, FUN, and EDUCATIONAL for the whole family?** Are you seeking a deeper connection to the place you have chosen to live? Download the Iowa By Trail app onto your Apple or Android mobile device and look for the West Des Moines Historical Bike Tour. The West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department has put together a tour that will take you around the City of West Des Moines by trails and highlights twelve locations that are a part of West Des Moines history. While on the tour, you will learn interesting historical tidbits about the Jordan House, the Red Caboose in Valley Junction, Raccoon River Park, and nine other unique locations. Start at any of the twelve locations, and ride at your own pace. Make a day of it by taking time to further explore each location. We hope you enjoy this new feature and take pride in this great community we call West Des Moines!



# Raccoon River Dog Park

## Dogs in Parks

For the safety and well-being of all park visitors and for the safety of your dog, please remember that the **ONLY** place that dogs are allowed to be off-leash in the City's parks is the Raccoon River Dog Park. In all other parks, rules and regulations require that dogs be on a leash not more than 10 feet long.

Also, please be considerate to other park visitors and clean up after your dog. Waste bags are provided in Raccoon River Park along the trail. Remember to bring a bag with you to all other parks and trails. We appreciate responsible pet owners!

**Dog park permits are now on sale! Don't miss out on the fun!**

### Mail-In

Go to [www.wdm.iowa.gov/DogPark](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/DogPark) download the application form, complete it and mail the form, a copy of rabies & distemper/parvo vaccination records and payment to the address on the form.

### Walk-In

Stop by one of the following locations. Be sure to bring your dog's records showing current rabies & distemper/parvo vaccinations.

#### WDM Parks & Recreation Administration

4200 Mills Civic Parkway – 1B  
8am – 5pm, Monday-Friday

#### Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge

2500 Grand Avenue  
8am – 5pm, Monday-Friday  
Evening/Weekend Hours –  
Call 222-3424

Annual Permit	WDM Resident	Non-Resident
	\$20	\$40
Daily Permit	WDM Resident	Non-Resident
	\$5	\$5



# Raccoon River Park Archery Facility

**The facility is the first of its kind in Iowa and features:**

- Enclosure walls/fencing
- Overhead 'arrow curtains'
- Shelter over shooting area
- Staging area
- 12 shooting lanes
- Target blocks up to 40 yards distance

Learn more about the facility and download permit forms at [www.wdm.iowa.gov/Archery](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/Archery). Questions? (515) 222-3444 or [ParkRec@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:ParkRec@wdm.iowa.gov)

Annual Permit	WDM Resident	Non-Resident
Adult	\$20	\$40
Youth (15 & Under)	\$10	\$20
Daily Permit	WDM Resident	Non-Resident
Adult	\$5	\$5
Youth (15 & Under)	\$5	\$5

**Permits can be purchased at the following locations:**

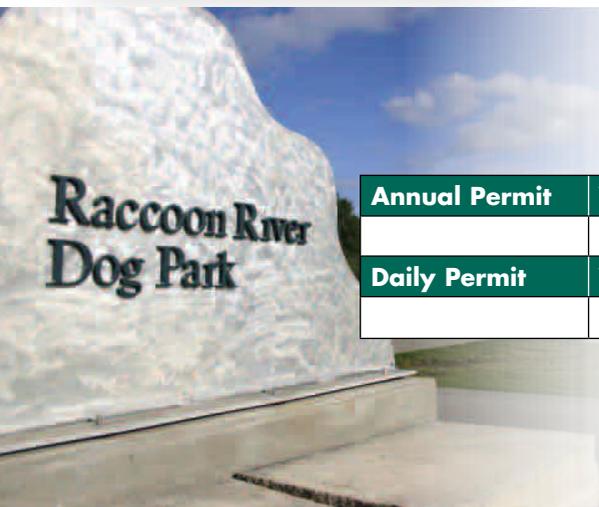
- **West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Office**  
4200 Mills Civic Pkwy, Suite 1B, West Des Moines  
Phone: 222-3444 | Fax: 222-3459  
Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm
- **Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge**  
2500 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines  
Phone: 222-3424 | Fax: 222-3658  
Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm, call for evening/weekend hours

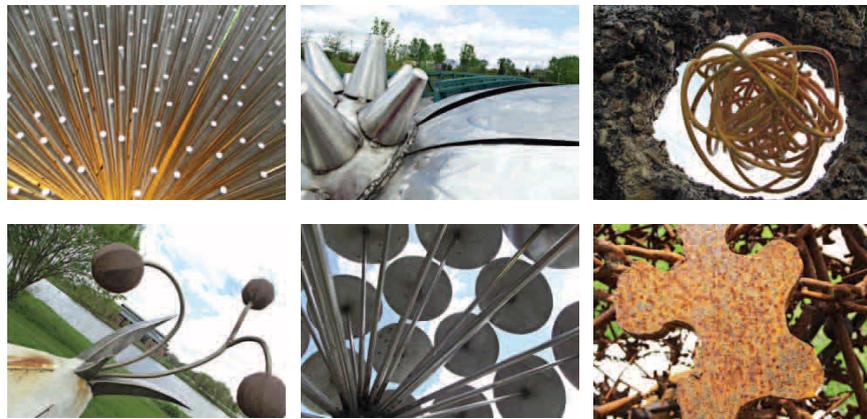


**Using the Facility**

- A permit is required for each person shooting arrows.
- The Archery Facility is open daily for use from dawn to dusk.
- Archers must supply their own equipment and paper targets.
- Children 15 and under must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Stationary target blocks are provided; each serves 2 lanes.
- To increase the life of target blocks, use pins to attach paper targets and aim for different areas. No broadheads allowed.

**See page 34 for Archery programs**





# GRAND OPENING

## 2015 ART ON THE CAMPUS

*You Are Invited to Join the West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission and Parks and Recreation Department as we celebrate the Grand Opening of the 2015 temporary Art on the Campus exhibit*

**WHEN** Thursday, April 30 • 6pm

**WHERE** City/School Campus • 4200 Mills Civic Parkway

## RACCOON RIVER CACHE BASH

This geo-cache bash will have you exploring the Raccoon River Park in search of treasure! A short introduction to geo-caching will be given to those who have not experienced geo-caching before. There will be a limited number of GPS units available for your use.

DAY	Saturday
DATE	May 2
TIME	9am – 12pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	ALL
FEE	FREE

## MAYOR'S BIKE RIDE



Please join the City of West Des Moines' Mayor, Steve Gaer, for a morning of cycling in the City of West Des Moines. Two different routes are set for you to enjoy the City's cycling amenities. Enjoy a recreational 4 mile trail loop or challenge yourself on the 24 mile on-street route which takes you through various terrains and parts of the City. Both routes start and stop at City Hall. (Routes and distances subject to change) All registered participants will receive an event t-shirt.

DAY	Saturday
DATE	May 16
TIME	9am
LOCATION	Starts at WDM City Hall 4200 Mills Civic Parkway
AGES	6+
PROGRAM #	14762
FEE	\$10 per rider

*The event is "Ride at your own Risk". All rules and regulations outlined in the West Des Moines, Iowa: City Code, Title 6 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Chapter 11: BICYCLES shall apply. ([www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov))*

## DISCOVER DECORATION DAY

Discover the history behind Decoration Day by joining the West Des Moines Historical Society and Parks and Recreation Department at the Historic Jordan House and Jordan Cemetery. Bring your blanket, lawn chairs and a picnic lunch to enjoy on the Jordan House lawn as you listen to Civil War era tunes played by the West Des Moines Community Band. While there, children can make a tissue paper poppy, a historical symbol used for decades to decorate the graves of fallen veterans. Tours of Jordan House will be held at 11am, 1pm and 2pm for a minimal fee. After the concert, guests are invited to walk ½ mile to historic Jordan Cemetery. Limited parking is available at the cemetery for those needing to drive. While there grab an educational brochure, complete with a map, that will guide you to the gravesites of notable WDM citizens. This event will be a great way to teach children and adults alike the true purpose of Memorial Day!

DAY	Sunday	
DATE	May 17 (No Rain Date)	
LOCATION	Jordan House (2001 Fuller Rd.) Jordan Cemetery (2950 Fuller Rd.)	
EVENT	TIMES	FEE
Jordan House Tours	11am, 1pm, and 2pm	\$5 Adults, \$3 Students (K-12)
WDM Community Band Concert	12pm	FREE
Jordan Cemetery Tour	1pm	FREE



# GRAND OPENING

## Holiday Park Baseball Complex

*Join us for the Grand Opening of this exciting new renovation at Holiday Park. We will have light refreshments, a ribbon cutting and ceremonial first pitch at 6:00 pm.*

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, MAY 19 • 6PM

**WHERE:** HOLIDAY PARK BASEBALL COMPLEX  
1701 RAILROAD AVE • FIELD #5

*Are you interested in hosting a block party in your neighborhood?*

### BLOCK PARTY

Fill out a City of West Des Moines application that can be obtained on-line or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at **222-3603**. Please contact the Clerk's office 30 days before the planned event. There is no charge for the permit.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT IN VALLEY JUNCTION

Get out of the house and enjoy some good old fashion fun with the West Des Moines Library and Parks and Recreation Department! We will be on 5th Street during the Valley Junction Farmer's Market with a variety of FREE activities for the entire family to enjoy. Highlights include: inflatables, a balloon artist and face painting! Come join the FUN at this family friendly event.



DAY	Thursday
DATE	June 4
TIME	4pm – 7pm
LOCATION	The 300 block of 5th Street in Valley Junction
AGES	ALL
FEE	FREE

## FISHING DERBY

Join the WDM Police Department for the 16th Annual Fishing Derby to be held at the City Hall Pond (4200 Mills Civic Pkwy). Teams must consist of at least one child under 18 years of age and one adult (18 years old and up). Contestants must supply their own bait, tackle and poles. This is a catch and release event where participants will return all fish to the pond once they are measured. Prizes will be awarded in several categories.

DAY	Saturday
DATE	June 6
TIME	9am – 11am
LOCATION	City Hall Pond (4200 Mills Civic Pkwy)
AGES	ALL (teams need to follow listed rules)
FEE	FREE



For more information please call Brent Kock at 222-3320.

## PRINCESS AND PIRATE SPLASH BASH

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! and Yo Ho Ho! All princesses across the land and pirates of the sea are invited to kick off summer with a spectacular SPLASH BASH at Valley View Aquatic Center!! We've enlisted our friends from **Little Princess Parties** to provide "The Little Mermaid" and five of her princess and mermaid friends. They will swim and pose for photos with you. (Be sure to bring your camera!) Our pirate adventure includes a scavenger hunt for buried treasures on the pool deck. Can you find the "X" that marks the spot? Sit back, relax and listen to live Caribbean steel drum music, provided by **Tropical Steel**. This event is sure to be a crowd pleaser for the entire family! Join us as we welcome summer!

DAY	Saturday
DATE	June 13
TIME	6:30pm – 8:30pm
LOCATION	Valley View Aquatic Center
AGES	FEE
3 – adult	\$15
2 and under	FREE
PROGRAM #	14876

*(Please note: Because this is considered a ticketed special event that is offered after public open swim, aquatic season passes will not be honored for admission.)*



Catch Des Moines active. Outdoor exploration. Biking trails and water slides. Experience edge-of-your-seat sports action. The thrill of crossing the finish line. The excitement of cheering in the stands. The connection with nature. Choose your journey. Watch. Do. Engage with health and wellness. It's all here in Greater Des Moines!



[catchdesmoinesactive.com](http://catchdesmoinesactive.com)

# INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS

## INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Parade entry information will be available starting in early May. To have entry information mailed to you please call 222-3444. The parade will be limited to the first 75 entries.

DAY	Friday
DATE	July 3
LINE-UP	5:15pm
PARADE STARTS	6:30pm

Sponsored by



Post-Parade Street Dance will be on 5th Street in Valley Junction.

## HOLIDAY CLASSIC HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

To enter contact the WDM Horseshoe Pitchers Association at 681-1937.

DAY	Saturday
DATE	July 4
TIME	9am – 6pm
LOCATION	Holiday Park

## JULY 4TH AQUATIC CENTER SPECIAL

DAY	Saturday
DATE	July 4
TIME	12pm – 6pm
ADMISSION	\$3 per person

## 32ND ANNUAL MUD VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

DAY	Saturday
DATE	July 4
Pre-registration required. Call WDM Fire Department at 222-3420 for more information.	

## COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

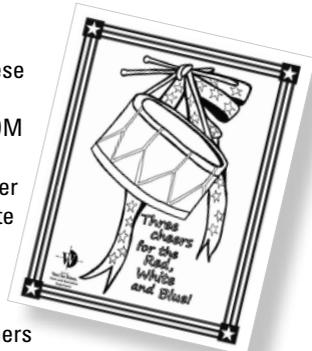
DAY	Saturday
DATE	July 4
TIME	7pm
LOCATION	Coneflower Shelters at Raccoon River Park 2500 Grand Ave.

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY**  
JULY 4TH — THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY WILL START AT DUSK OVER BLUE HERON LAKE IN RACCOON RIVER PARK, 2500 GRAND AVE. • WDM

## JULY 4TH COLORING CONTEST

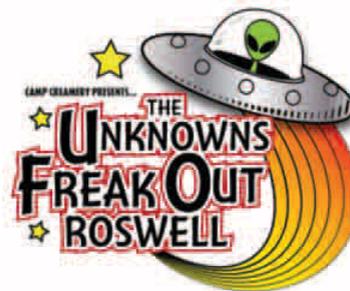
Pick up a copy of the July 4th Coloring Contest sheet at any of these locations: WDM Community Center, Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge, Valley View Aquatic Center, Holiday Aquatic Center, or WDM City Hall. The coloring sheet can also be downloaded to print at [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov). Contest is for children ages 3-10. One winner from each age division will be picked to receive a \$5 gift certificate to a WDM Aquatic Center concession stand.

Coloring sheets will be available starting June 8, 2015. The deadline for submissions will be Wednesday, July 1 at 5pm. Winners will be announced on Friday, July 3. Prizes will be mailed shortly after July 4.



## Camp Creamery Theatre Workshop Presents: "The Unknowns Freak Out Roswell"

We are excited to host this week-long theatre camp, led by a team of three theatre professionals from Amana's Old Creamery Theatre. This week-long workshop is for children who are interested in exploring the exciting and very dramatic world of theatre. The camp is designed to give children ages 7 and up the opportunity to work and perform with professional actors while they rehearse and present a play. *The Unknowns Freak Out Roswell* is a musical with extraterrestrial appeal. Registration is available for up to 60 actors and everyone who signs up will be cast in the show. It's a great way for boys and girls to have an intergalactic theatrical experience this summer! This week long camp will be held in the auditorium at Stilwell Junior High. **Children must commit to attending all rehearsals and the final performance on Friday evening in order to participate in Camp Creamery.**



DAYS	Monday – Friday
DATE	July 6 – 10
TIME	9am – 1pm
LOCATION	Stilwell Junior High Auditorium
AGES	7+
FEE	\$117
PROGRAM #	14894

## SKATEBOARD-XTREME CHALLENGE

### A Skateboard Competition

(Co-sponsored by the cities of Urbandale, West Des Moines, and Clive) All ages welcome! Competition will be divided by age level. This skateboard competition is a great chance for skateboarders to show their stuff and win great prizes.

DAY	Saturday
DATE	August 8
TIME	Competition begins at 11am
LOCATION	Urbandale Skateboard Park, located in Walker Johnston Park (9000 Douglas Ave., Urbandale)
AGES	ALL
FEE	FREE

SAVE THE DATE:  
Saturday,  
September 26

**IllumiFest**  
a Fall Festival of light

## YOGA ON THE LAWN

Get your Sunday off to a great start with some Yoga on the Lawn! This FREE program is a great introduction to Yoga for the beginner and offers new challenges for seasoned yogis. Each week a volunteer instructor from a local studio will lead the group in a great morning stretch! Bring a water bottle and yoga mat.

DAYS	Sundays
DATE	May 31– August 30
TIME	9am
LOCATION	North lawn at WDM City Hall (4200 Mills Civic Parkway)
AGES	6+
FEE	Free



## EXPLORE ARCHERY

Have you thought about trying archery, but you don't have any equipment? These family events are planned just for you! Come to the archery facility at Raccoon River Park to give it a try. We will provide the bows, arrows and instruction for you to try this exciting sport. This activity is free, but registration is required and limited to 35 people.

DAYS	DATES	TIMES	PROGRAM #
Thursday	April 23	5:30pm – 7pm	14827
Tuesday	May 19	5:30pm – 7pm	14828
Wednesday	June 24	5:30pm – 7pm	14829
Saturday	July 18	9:30am – 11am	14830



LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Archery Facility
AGES	6+
FEE	Free

## HUNTER EDUCATION

Anyone born after January 1, 1972 is required to complete a 12 hour Hunter Safety Course before they can obtain an Iowa hunting license. The two-day course includes instruction on safe handling of firearms and archery equipment, as well as information on hunter ethics, conservation management and hunting regulations.

DAYS	DATES	TIMES
Must attend both days		
Thursday	August 20	6pm – 9pm
Saturday	August 22	8am – 5pm
(please bring a sack lunch on Sat.)		
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	12+	
FEE	Free	
TO REGISTER	<a href="http://www.iowadnr.gov/training">http://www.iowadnr.gov/training</a>	



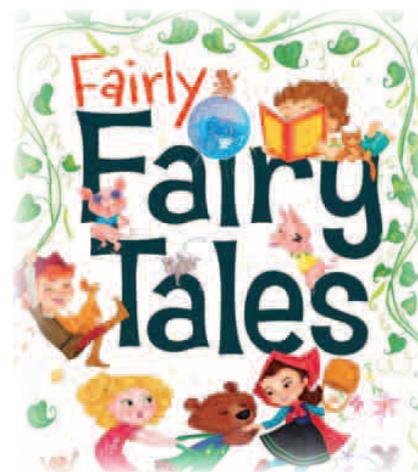
DAYS	DATES
Tuesdays	May 5, 12, 19, 26
Wednesdays	August 19 & 26
Wednesdays	September 2 & 9
TIME	12pm – 1pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	ALL
FEE	FREE

## STORY HOUR AT THE PARK

Join the West Des Moines Parks and Recreation staff for an hour of story power! Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy as our Naturalist shares nature books, stories and games.

## FAIRYTALE TIME IN THE PARK!

Come experience your community park and join the West Des Moines Parks and Recreation staff for a story and a snack or craft. Bring a blanket and a friend! \*Childcare providers – Please let us know if you are bringing your group so we can be sure to have enough supplies for all participants.



DAYS	FRIDAYS
DATES	LOCATION
June 12	Legion
June 19	Quail Cove
June 26	Ashawa
July 3	NO FAIRYTALE TIME
July 10	Jaycee
July 17	Wild Rose
July 24	Kiwanis
July 31	Meadowview
August 7	Pearson
TIME	10:30am – 11:15am
AGES	ALL
FEE	FREE

# MARTIAL ARTS

## TAE-KWON-DO/KARATE

The Korean art of self defense, Tae-Kwon-Do, is recognized as a beneficial method of improving health, balance, agility and poise. As a philosophy of mental alertness and moral ethics, TKD can serve to enhance anyone's life, young or old. Beginner classes are for white through green belts. Intermediate/Advanced classes are for green belts and up.

DATES	June 2 – July 28
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### BEGINNER CLASS

DAYS	TIME
Tuesdays	6:30pm – 7:30pm
PROGRAM #	14517
FEE	\$41

### INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED CLASS

DAYS	TIME
Tuesdays	7:30pm – 8:30pm
PROGRAM #	14518
FEE	\$41

### TAE-KWON-DO/ KARATE

#### LITTLE NINJAS INSTRUCTOR:

**Phil Dickey:** *Fifth Degree Black Belt in Karate, Fourth Degree Black Belt in Tae-Kwon-Do, International Martial Arts Hall of Fame Inductee*

LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	6+
REGISTER BY	One week before the session starts

## LITTLE NINJAS

Join our early childhood program designed to teach the basic fundamentals of both Tae-Kwon-Do and Karate. This class will focus on building self-respect, self-confidence, coordination of mind and body, and self-discipline.

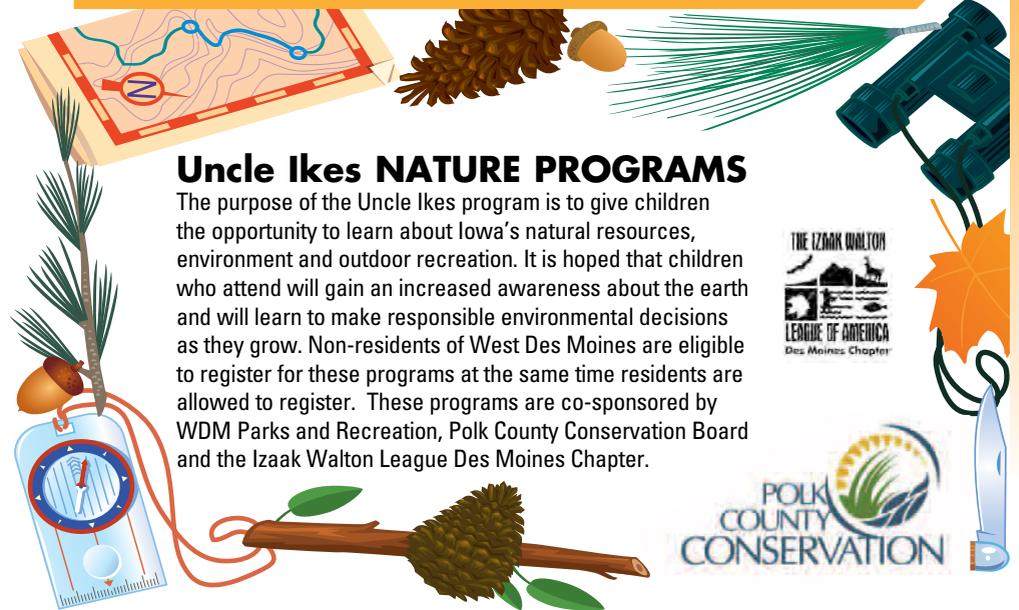
DATES	June 2 – July 28
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DAYS	TIME	PROGRAM #	FEE
Tuesdays	5:30pm – 6pm	14521	\$28
Tuesdays	6pm – 6:30pm	14522	\$28

LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	4 – 5
REGISTER BY	One week before the session starts



## NATURE CLASS FOR CHILDREN 3-5



### Uncle Ikes NATURE PROGRAMS

The purpose of the Uncle Ikes program is to give children the opportunity to learn about Iowa's natural resources, environment and outdoor recreation. It is hoped that children who attend will gain an increased awareness about the earth and will learn to make responsible environmental decisions as they grow. Non-residents of West Des Moines are eligible to register for these programs at the same time residents are allowed to register. These programs are co-sponsored by WDM Parks and Recreation, Polk County Conservation Board and the Izaak Walton League Des Moines Chapter.



### NATURE FRIENDS - PRESCHOOLERS EXPLORING

#### NATURE Nature Class for children 3-5 with an adult

We will explore a different nature topic each evening through stories, sharing time, guided exploration, and art activities. Snacks will be provided.

Participate in a Park Passport Program. Attend five different programs, each located at a different park and receive a Nature Friend Explorer pack. Participants must record program name, location and date with the speaker's initials on their passport. Turn the passport in at the office at Jester Park or Raccoon River Nature Lodge to receive your Nature Friend Explorer pack. One Nature Friend Explorer pack per child please.

Day	Date	Location	Program Name	Program #
Mon.	May 4	Planting a Rainbow	RRP Nature Lodge	14749
Tues.	May 19	Feathered Friends	Jester Park Shelter #6	14750
Mon.	June 1	Fishing	RRP Nature Lodge	14751
Tues.	June 16	Silly Salamander	Ft. Des Moines #2	14752
Tues.	July 7	Woodland Walk	Southwoods Park	14753
Tues.	July 21	Pollination Celebration	Easter Lake Shelter #4	14754
Mon.	August 3	Frog Hop	Meadowview Park	14755
Tues.	August 18	Water Wonders	Jester Park Shelter #5	14756
<b>Time</b>	6:30pm – 7:30pm			
<b>Ages</b>	3 – 5 and an adult			
<b>Fee</b>	\$7			

# BURNT MARSHMALLOW DAY CAMP



YOUTH

Each session of Burnt Marshmallow Day Camp is specifically designed for ages 4 to 6, with a variety of activities that include: games, songs, stories, sharing, crafts, visits from special guests, and field trips. Each camper receives a t-shirt with their registration. Burnt Marshmallow Day Camp is led by one Camp Director and two assistants. Registration is limited to 20 children per session, so sign up early. \*Each camper is asked to bring a sack lunch every day, with the exception of Thursday, when WDM Parks and Recreation will be providing a "Burnt Marshmallow" Cook-out.

## STAR WARS

June 8 – 12  
# 14865

Join our crew and BLAST OFF

into a week of high adventure. Our mission will be to explore far away galaxies and learn about outer space. We'll make our own light sabers, and "Darth Vader" masks. This week our activities will allow your mind to travel into creative dimensions. Our special field trip will be to the Science Center of Iowa, where we'll tour the planets and see the stars. "What on Earth..." could be better?



## MY LITTLE PONY

June 15 – 19  
# 14866

Calling all Cowboys and Cowgirls. Have you ever wondered what life would be like living on a farm? What type of animals would we see? We'll do plenty of "horsing around" this week as we create, discover and imagine life in Ponyville. We'll feature a different Ponypal each day and discover why "Friendship is Magic!" Our field trip will take us out to the Jester Park Equestrian Center. Giddy UP!



## BUBBLE GUPPIES

June 22 – 26  
# 14867

Something fishy is going on this week. Join us as we explore amazing aquatic life and have fun with those famous fish named Molly, Gil and Mr. Grouper! We'll paint fish T-shirts and create an awesome ocean in a bottle! Our field trip this week will take us on an unforgettable fish themed trip to Bass Pro Shop in Altoona. We'll view live fish in a tank and go bowling at the FISH BOWL. "What time is it? It's time for LUNCH!"



## LITTLE MERMAIDS AND WONDERFUL WHALES

June 29 – July 2 \*  
# 14868

\*No class on Friday, July 3rd. The fees are pro-rated this week.

This week we will journey "Under the Sea" for a whale of a good time at the Pearson Park beach house. We'll make our own water slide and learn how to turn your backyard into a slippery, silly water wonderland. Pack your swim suits and plan to get wet. The highlight of our week will be the private use of Valley View Aquatic Center... including all the spray and splash features of the leisure pool.



## THE ADVENTURES OF CURIOUS GEORGE

July 6 – 10  
# 14869

No monkey business here....we'll swing into an action-packed week of monkey-games and excitement! Find out about good sportsmanship, sharing, and play a different game or sport each day. We'll do craft projects and make a special treat with bananas. The "man in the big yellow hat" will encourage us to play fair and have fun! Our active, monkey-themed field trip will take us to Monkey Joe's on Friday.



## FROZEN

July 13 – 17  
# 14870

"Do you wanna build a snowman?" It may be summer outside, but our theme this week features things that are cold and FROZEN. Join us as we create various types of Olaf snowmen and feature some of the adventures of Anna, Elsa, Kristoff and Sven! We'll focus on acts of kindness this week and make friendship bracelets. Our field trip will take us ICE SKATING where it will be nice and cool inside. Join the FROZEN phenomenon as we feature activities from one of Disney's more popular movies.



## FROZEN II

July 20 – 24  
# 14871

Because of the popularity of our FROZEN camp, we added a second week. This is a repeat of themes and activities from the previous week, just a second offering.



## MICKEY AND MINNIE'S CLUBHOUSE

July 27 – 31  
# 14872

"Oh, TOODLES!"

Everything is more fun when Mickey and Minnie

are involved! This week we'll explore the fascinating wonders of floating, flying and bouncing objects. What goes up must come down. We'll play several games with balloons and balls and try to keep them up in the air. We'll fly a kite and make paper airplanes. See how high you can bounce and jump as you take flight at "Pump It Up" on Friday.



## ONCE UPON A TIME...

August 3 – 7  
# 14873

Just as all good stories begin with the phrase, "Once Upon a Time..." so will our week. We're featuring several of our favorite prince and princesses this week as we discover the wonderful world of imagination. We'll build Cinderella's sand castle and dress up like Knights in Shining Armor. We'll have a tea party with Mrs. Potts and Chip and ride Aladdin's magic carpet! "Be Our Guest" on Friday as we watch an animated mouse come to life at Chuck E. Cheese.



TIME	9am – 12pm
AGES	4 – 6
LOCATION	Pearson Park (19th & Pleasant Street)
FEE	\$69 per week * \$56 the week of June 29 (No class Friday, July 3)
REGISTER BY	1 week prior to each session

### FIRST STEPS DANCE CLASSES

First Steps Dance classes are designed to introduce children to the fundamental skills of dance at a cost and time commitment that is minimal to parents. All classes are led by Josalynn Agnew, an instructor with many years of studio experience.

Let your child learn basic dance movements in a non-threatening, recreational environment!

- 3-4 year olds will receive instruction in ballet and jazz.
- 5-7 year olds will receive instruction in ballet, jazz, and tap.

No special shoes are required. The registration fee covers all 6 weeks of instruction and a t-shirt.

DAY	Tuesdays	
DATES	April 14 – May 19	
AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #
3 – 4	5:30pm – 6pm	14444
3 – 4	6pm – 6:30pm	14445
5 – 7	6:30pm – 7:30pm	14446
LOCATION	WDM Community Center	
FEE	\$39	



### BEGINNERS TWIRL CAMP

Sign your child up for this very popular program! Let them experience the thrill of learning to twirl the baton. Your child will learn the basics of baton twirling each day of the camp. A special highlight of the program will be the opportunity for the campers to show off their new-found skill as they march together in the West Des Moines Independence Days Parade (held on July 3rd). A t-shirt and baton are included in the program fee. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity!

DAYS	Monday – Thursday	
DATES	June 29 – July 2	
AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #
5 – 7	10:30am – 11:15am	14470
8 – 10	11:15am – 12:15pm	14471
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
FEE	\$49	

### INTERMEDIATE TWIRL CAMP

Did your child participate in Twirl Camp in previous summers? Does she want to build upon what she already learned? This program is the follow-up to the Beginners Twirl Camp. Your child will learn intermediate skills involved with baton twirling each day of the camp. And once again campers will get to show off their perfected skill as they march in the West Des Moines Independence Days Parade (held on July 3rd). A t-shirt is included in the program fee. **Participants should use the baton they used in previous summers or are responsible for purchasing a new one to fit their measurements.**

DAYS	Monday – Thursday	
DATES	June 29 – July 2	
TIME	1pm – 2pm	
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	6-13	
FEE	\$25	
PROGRAM #	14469	



## The Right Start...Start Smart

Start Smart Programs, created by the National Alliance for Youth Sports, help kids get ready for sports...and succeed in life. It is a step-by-step approach that builds confidence and self-esteem, and makes sports fun. The Start Smart philosophy is based around the idea that kids and parents will be able to have a positive sports experience together. Start Smart was developed by top motor skill development specialists in the field of youth sports. Parent-child groups perform motor skill tasks that gradually build confidence in children while they are having fun at the same time. Also, parents spend quality time together with their child while learning how to properly teach and support them in sports.

**Please note that this program is not a competitive game setting. Skills are taught in stations each week. All materials needed for participation are included in the registration fee, and a parent must attend and participate with their child. It is recommended that non-registered siblings do not attend as it makes it difficult for parents to fully participate in the program.**

Tennis	
DAY	Mondays
DATES	PROGRAM #
June 8 – July 6	14451
July 20 – August 17	14452
TIME	5:30pm – 6:30pm
LOCATION	Jaycee Park tennis court
AGES	5 – 7
FEE	\$55
MAXIMUM	10



Soccer			
DAY	Tuesdays		
DATES	TIME	AGES	PROGRAM #
June 9 – July 7	5:30pm – 6:30pm	3-4	14453
June 9 – July 7	6:30pm – 7:30pm	5-6	14454
July 21 – August 18	5:30pm – 6:30pm	3-4	14455
July 21 – August 18	6:30pm – 7:30pm	5-6	14456
LOCATION	Peony Park		
FEE	\$59		
MAXIMUM	20		

Baseball			
DAY	Wednesdays		
DATES	TIME	AGES	PROGRAM #
June 10 – July 8	5:30pm – 6:30pm	3-4	14457
June 10 – July 8	6:30pm – 7:30pm	5-6	14458
July 22 – August 19	5:30pm – 6:30pm	3-4	14459
July 22 – August 19	6:30pm – 7:30pm	5-6	14460
LOCATION	Willow Springs Park		
FEE	\$59		
MAXIMUM	20		



**WEATHER HOTLINE: 222-3500**

Information regarding cancellation of sessions will be posted after 4pm the day of the session.



## PEEWEE T-BALL

Are you looking for a way to introduce softball or baseball to your 5-7 year old but don't want to enroll them in a program that is too competitive or time-consuming? Register them for our youth sports program, PeeWee T-Ball! This program is designed as a fun way for children to learn the basics of softball and baseball. Our staff will help guide each team through the fundamentals of hitting, catching, fielding, and base running. Teams are determined upon arrival each night of play.

### Basic Game Format:

- No score kept
- No strike-outs
- No walks
- No pitching (only a tee will be used)
- 4 innings = standard game
- 1 inning = all players batting through

### Supplies To Bring:

- Tennis shoes
- Glove
- Water bottle
- Program Jersey  
(handed out on 1st night of play)

### Supplies Provided:

- Bats
- Balls
- Tee
- Bases

DAYS	Thursdays	
DATES	June 11 – July 9	
AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #
5 – 6	5:30pm – 6:30pm	14447
6 – 7	6:30pm – 7:30pm	14448
DATES	July 23 – August 20	
AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #
5 – 6	5:30pm – 6:30pm	14449
6 – 7	6:30pm – 7:30pm	14450
LOCATION	Legion Park Ball Diamond	
MAXIMUM	20 per session	
FEE	\$55	



## CYCLE INTO SUMMER

Here is a camp for the younger child who loves to ride bikes! They will explore the bike trails of West Des Moines. The trails are nice and flat, so one speed bikes are fine, but each day we will be riding 5-6 miles. Bike helmets required!



DAYS	Thursday & Friday
DATES	June 25 & 26
TIME	9am – 2pm
LOCATION	TBA
AGES	7 – 9
FEE	\$35
PROGRAM #	14826

## BIKE BASH

Does your child love to bike? If so, this may be the camp for them. They will spend two days exploring the bike trails of Des Moines and West Des Moines. They will bike the trails of Greenwood Park, Waterworks, Grays Lake and Jordan Creek. There will be lots of time for picnics, splashing in the creek, learning basic bike maintenance, and relaxing rides. Bike helmets required!

DAYS	Thursday & Friday
DATES	July 9 & 10
TIME	9am – 4pm
LOCATION	TBA
AGES	10 – 12
FEE	\$49
PROGRAM #	14825

## TOM KARPAN RELAYS

Don't miss this special annual track and field event for kids ages 5-14! Winners of qualifying events\* will be eligible to take part in the Iowa State Track and Field Meet in Marshalltown in June!

Races will be grouped according to age (5, 6, 7, 8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14) and gender. **A participant's age is as of December 31, 2015** An award ribbon will be given to each participant for each event. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will also be given for each heat/event. The fastest time or longest distance recorded for each event (ages 9-14) will be eligible to attend the State Track and Field Meet in Marshalltown in June. These participants will be notified of their eligibility shortly after May 26.

DAY	Thursday
DATE	May 21
TIME	Registration starts at 4:15pm Meet starts at 4:45pm

EVENT	AGE
200 Meter Dash	9 – 14*
Softball Throw	9 – 14*
Standing Long Jump	9 – 14*
50 Meter Dash	5 – 8, 9 – 10*
100 Meter Dash	5 – 8, 9 – 14*
400 Meter Dash	9 – 14*
1600 Meter Run	13 – 14*
4 x 100 Meter Relay	9 – 14*

LOCATION	Valley High School Track
FEE	FREE

# SUMMER CAMPS

## KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Kids in the Kitchen is an introduction to cooking for young boys and girls. Children involved in the preparation of their meals prove to be healthier eaters, so start them on the right path with this three week program. The students will be taught everything from mixing and measuring to kitchen safety. In each class, the children will make a snack while learning kitchen basics and cooking techniques. Please feel free to bring an apron to protect clothing from any kitchen messes!



DAYS	Tuesdays and Thursdays	
DATES	July 7 – 23	
AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #
6 – 7	4pm – 5pm	14874
8 – 9	5:30pm – 6:30pm	14875
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
FEE	\$29	

## NATURE EXPLORERS

Join the West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources as we co-sponsor this camp held at Walnut Woods State Park. Here, your child will explore their natural surroundings to find materials for some cool crafts. They will learn about nature with games, hikes and songs. A cookout on Thursday will end this fun filled week!

DAYS	Monday – Thursday	
DATES	June 15 – 18	
TIME	9am – 12pm	
LOCATION	Walnut Woods State Park Lodge 3155 Walnut Woods Drive, WDM	
AGES	6 – 8	
FEE	\$44 (Includes camp t-shirt)	
PROGRAM #	14757	



## CREEPY CRAWLERS CAMP

This week is for kids who love to hunt insects, pick up worms and play in the creek. Your child will have lots of fun learning as we go on frog hunts, insect safaris and look under every rock or trash can for “cool” critters!

DAYS	Wednesday – Friday	
DATES	July 15 – 17	
TIME	9am – 12pm	
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	6 – 8	
FEE	\$39 (Includes camp t-shirt)	
PROGRAM #	14758	

## MYTH BUSTER CAMP

Can eggs cook on a sidewalk on a hot summer day? Can you dissolve a metal screw with cola? Is yawning contagious? Does spitting on a worm attract fish? Join our “mythbusters” team and put these and other myths to the test.

DAYS	Monday – Wednesday	
DATES	June 29 – 1	
AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #
7-9	9am – 12pm	14821
8-10	1pm – 4pm	14822
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
FEE	\$39	



## CAMP FISH

This camp is for the boy or girl who really enjoys fishing and being outside! Of course they won’t fish all the time. Your child will be introduced to the wonderful world of nature with a cook-out, outdoor games and geocaching.

DAYS	Monday – Friday	
DATES	June 8 – 12	
TIME	9am – 4pm	
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	10 – 12	
FEE	\$109 (Includes camp t-shirt)	
PROGRAM #	14820	

## LET’S GO FISHING

You can’t beat a summer day, sitting next to Blue Heron Lake and fishing. Get out of the house and enjoy the summer as you learn about fish and some of the secrets to catching them. We have the poles and bait so what’s keeping you from joining the fun?!

AGES	DAYS	DATES	TIME	PROGRAM #
7-9	Wed. – Fri.	June 17 – 19	1pm – 4pm	14760
8-10	Mon. – Wed.	July 20 – 22	9am – 12pm	14761
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge			
FEE	\$39 (Includes camp t-shirt)			

# SUMMER CAMPS

## WATER ADVENTURE CAMP

Join us for some water adventure! Your child will canoe, fish, kayak, hike and cook out on a Raccoon River sand bar (All participants must wear a life jacket during all water activities.) This camp is sure to be lots of fun. Registration is limited, sign up early.

DAYS	Monday – Thursday	
DATES	August 3 – 6	
TIME	9am – 4pm	
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	11 – 13	
FEE	\$89 (Includes camp t-shirt)	
PROGRAM #	14759	

## WILD FOR WATER

Be ready to have lots of fun in the sun as you explore the water worlds around you. You will go fishing, hiking and creek sloshing. You will get to try your hand at kayaking and spend a day at Valley View Aquatic Center. Water games and contests will be the rule as you learn and have fun at the same time!

DAYS	Monday – Friday	
AGES	DATES	PROGRAM #
7 – 9	July 20 – 24	14763
9 – 11	July 13 – 17	14764
TIME	1pm – 4:30pm	
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
FEE	\$59 (Includes camp t-shirt and day pass to aquatic center)	



## EXPLORE

Do you have a child that can't stand to stay indoors regardless of the weather? If so, these day camps may be just what you have been looking for. Your child will have the opportunity to really explore Raccoon River. You may sign them up for one or all of the Explore days.

DAY	DATE	THEME	PROGRAM #
Monday	August 10	<b>Creek Hikin'</b> – Your child will spend most of the day in Jordan Creek looking for frogs, fish and fun!	14765
Tuesday	August 11	<b>Archery</b> – Your child will spend some time learning the basics of archery. They will learn target style archery and have some outdoor fun in the process!	14766
Wednesday	August 12	<b>River Rats!</b> – Your child will have the time of their lives exploring river sand bars and floodplain forests of the Raccoon River!	14767

TIME	9am – 4pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	9 – 12
FEE	\$24 per day



### ARCHERY AND THE OUTDOORS!

During these camps your child will learn about archery equipment, safe archery techniques and how to safely shoot competition style archery. These classes will be taught by a certified NASP teacher. Your children will get a taste of the great outdoors and the opportunities it holds while at this half-day camp.

DAYS	Monday – Thursday	
DATES	July 27 – 30	
TIMES	LEVEL	PROGRAM #
9am – 12pm	Beginner	14823
1pm – 4pm	Novice	14824
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	10 – 13	
FEE	\$44	



**Beginner** – No archery experience needed

**Novice** – This student has had some archery experience

**New!**

### YOUTH ARCHERY LESSONS

Does your child want to learn more about archery? Maybe they would benefit from some group archery lessons. Each lesson time will be limited to five archers. Lessons will be taught by a NASP certified teacher.

DAYS	Wednesdays	
DATES	June 10 – July 1	
TIMES	PROGRAM #	
3:15pm – 4pm	14831	
4pm – 4:45pm	14832	
4:45pm – 5:30pm	14833	
LOCATION	Raccoon River Archery Facility	
AGES	10 – 13	
FEE	\$29	



### YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS

Lessons for youth from beginner to advanced will feature fun, skill development, footwork, games and lots of hitting. Our instructor to student ratio is 1:8.

DAYS	Monday – Thursday		
DATE	AGES	TIME	PROGRAM #

#### FUTURE STARS

June 8 – 25	5 – 8	9am – 10am	14498
July 6 – 23	5 – 8	9am – 10am	14495

#### ACES (last half hour is game time)

June 8 – 25	8 – 12	10am – 11:30am	14493
July 6 – 23	8 – 12	10am – 11:30am	14497

#### HIGH SCHOOL (last half hour is game time)

June 8 – 25	13 – 17	11:30am – 1pm	14494
July 6 – 23	13 – 17	11:30am – 1pm	14496

LOCATION	Crossroads Park Tennis Courts
MAXIMUM	24 per class
FEE	\$108 per person



#### Tennis Director — Bunny Bruning

Bunny played on the WTA Professional tour for 9 years and acquired rankings of #41 in singles and #8 in doubles. She has been a USPTA professional since 1987 and has been teaching and coaching for over 30 years. She also held office as USPTA National Vice-President from 2009-2011 and works on countless national committees. Bunny was also inducted into the USPTA MV Hall of Fame. She is a specialist in Competitive Player Development (High Performance Coach) and has won the USPTA MV Professional of the Year award four times along with the Lessons for Life, Continuing Education, and Iowa Pro of the Year awards. She is also the Head Tester in the division. Bunny is also the Past-President of the CTA, Central Iowa Tennis Alliance which she founded in 1996. She is also a Past-President of the Iowa Tennis Association, and member of the Price Ad Staff Team.

### YOUTH GOLF LESSONS

Whether you are an experienced golfer or just starting out, this class can help you. Group instruction will be provided along with individual instruction as needed. Lessons are held at West Grand golf. Amenities include: Target Greens, Putting Greens and Practice Bunkers. Participants will learn Putting, Chipping, Iron Play and Woods and/or Metals. Registrants will need to bring all clubs to the first class.

DAYS	Monday – Thursday	
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DATES	TIME	PROGRAM #
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#### Session I:

June 8 – 11	8:15am – 9:15am	14628
June 8 – 11	9:30am – 10:30am	14627

#### Session II

June 29 – July 2	8:15am – 9:15am	14630
June 29 – July 2	9:30am – 10:30am	14629

LOCATION	West Grand Golf, 6450 Raccoon River Road (1 mile west off of west I-35)
AGES	8+
MAXIMUM	12 per class
FEE	\$52 per person

**NEW!**

## CIRCUS PERFORMANCE

Want to learn amazing new skills that will impress your friends and family? Come and learn circus arts right here in West Des Moines from a real circus performer. In this class, you'll try out fun activities like juggling, aerial and floor acrobatics, and even roll around in a human-sized hamster ball! Sign up today for an experience you won't find anywhere else!

**You can learn more about the instructor at [www.LauraErnst.com](http://www.LauraErnst.com).**

DAY	Thursdays
DATES	March 26 – April 16
TIME	5:30pm – 6:30pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	9 – 13
FEE	\$50 (includes a set of juggling balls)
PROGRAM #	14513

DAYS	Monday – Friday
DATE	June 22 – 26
TIME	1pm – 5pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	9 – 13
FEE	\$150 (includes a set of juggling balls)
PROGRAM #	14514



## LEE COLE'S MAGICAMP

Magicamp is for anyone who likes to have fun. You'll spend two days learning from professional magician **Lee Cole** on how to entertain and amaze your friends, family and classmates. You'll learn tricks that can be done anywhere, at any time, and for the rest of your life. This two day camp will be held at the West Des Moines Community Center. All magic materials are provided.

DATES	TIME	PROGRAM #
June 22 & 24	9am – 11:45am	14649
July 20 & 22	9am – 11:45am	14650
August 4 & 6	9am – 11:45am	146451
LOCATION	WDM Community Center	
AGES	8 – 15	
FEE	\$45	

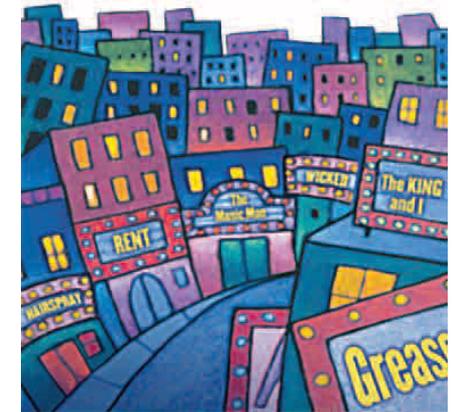
## WDM CHILDREN'S THEATER

Do you feel like your child has a knack for being dramatic? Register them for the West Des Moines Children's Theater Musical. We will spend two weeks learning about the basics of theater and productions all while we practice our own musical. We will then perform for you on the final Friday, and you just might be amazed at what your child can do!!

### BROADWAY BEAT

Do you hear that beat? It's the sound of people entering the theater on the most famous street in the world. It's the sound of dancing feet and orchestras tuning up. It's the sound dreams are made of. It's the sound of Broadway! Celebrate musical theatre with hits from *Hairspray*, *The Music Man*, *The King and I*, *Wicked*, *Rent* and *Grease*, and a medley of favorites from George M. Cohan!

DAYS	Monday – Friday
DATES	June 8 – 19
TIME	
TIMES*	PROGRAM #
9am – 12pm	14645
1pm – 4pm	14646
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	8 – 13
FEE	\$95
MAXIMUM	15 per session



**\*Please note performance times: 9am-12pm session will perform at 11am on Friday, June 19; 1-4pm session will perform at 3pm on Friday, June 19**

## HOUSE AND HOME DAY CAMP

How do things like climate, population, agriculture, travel, local industry, and economy affect how we build our homes? What makes a house a "home"? What household items have changed the way we live? In three days, visit Living History Farms, Salisbury House, and Jordan House to explore the architecture and material culture that tells the story of historic homes and families within our community. Your days will be filled with tours of the houses, history of the area and/or the families that lived there, crafts, and games.

DAYS	Monday – Wednesday
DATES	June 29 – July 1
TIME	9am – 4pm
AGES	entering 3rd – 5th grade
LOCATION	drop-off and pick-up at Living History Farms
FEE	\$150
REGISTRATION FOR THIS PROGRAM MUST BE DONE THROUGH THE LIVING HISTORY FARMS WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.lhf.org">www.lhf.org</a>	



**New!**



## IOWA STEAM INNOVATION ZONE

### COLLABORATING TO INSPIRE INNOVATION

At the Iowa STEAM Innovation Zone, we innovate! Innovation is a process. When we experience an innovation process, we develop the skills and concepts that can be applied to any process. We offer experiential and project-based learning opportunities for youth to work with mentors to develop ideas, evaluate, learn from the process, iterate, and share what we have learned with others. Ideas are driven by participants. We innovate not just physical objects or engineering devices, but we also foster social and artistic innovation.



The mission of the Iowa STEAM Innovation Zone is to inspire our youth to engage in mentor-based programs that develop leadership and 21st century skills in the areas of Science • Technology • Engineering • Art • Math through development of creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship.



DAY	Monday
DATE	June 22
TIME	8am – 12pm
LOCATION	West Des Moines Community Center
AGES	8 – 11
FEE	\$45
MINIMUM	10
PROGRAM #	14881

DAY	Monday
DATE	June 22
TIME	1pm – 5pm
LOCATION	West Des Moines Community Center
AGES	8 – 11
FEE	\$45
MINIMUM	10
PROGRAM #	14882

### TROUT ARE MADE FROM TREES/ IOWA'S LAND/ IOWA ROCKS!

Discovering the life cycle of leaves, how they become part of a fish's diet; learn about Iowa's farming ecosystem; and, discover Iowa's unique geological history through interactive play and stories.

### THE ART OF STORYTELLING/ FASCINATING FOLK INSTRUMENTS/ EXPLORING CULTURE THROUGH ART

Learn to tell stories in your own style by tapping into one's own creative talents; play a variety of ethnic folk instruments while exploring musical traditions of different cultures; and, enjoy a hands-on exploration of traditional forms of tribal art with decorative masks, carvings, shields, pottery, and textiles from Africa, Asia, and the Americas.

### WATER IN ART/SNAKES/ ANIMALS IN ARTS!

Use images of water to generate expressive words that describe water in its many forms, explore Haiku poetry, illustrate it, and explore different calligraphy systems to combine their Haiku with illustration; create soft snake sculptures using men's ties, this also teaches students about recycling objects; and, experience mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects and birds by observing taxidermy provided by Polk County Conservation. Use the animals as inspiration for artworks like sculpture, and watercolor.



DAY	Tuesday
DATE	June 23
TIME	8am – 12pm
LOCATION	West Des Moines Community Center
AGES	5 – 8
FEE	\$45
MINIMUM	10
PROGRAM #	14883

### ARTISTIC JOURNALS FROM REASSIGNED BOOKS

Create themed journals from discarded books using various artistic techniques.

DAY	Tuesday
DATE	June 23
TIME	1pm – 5pm
LOCATION	West Des Moines Community Center
AGES	11 – 14
FEE	\$45
MINIMUM	10
PROGRAM #	14884



**NEW!**



## IOWA STEAM INNOVATION ZONE

COLLABORATING TO INSPIRE INNOVATION

### THEATRICAT TELLS WORLD TALES/HOOKED ON BUGS SESSION 1/HOOKED ON BUGS SESSION 2

Students develop storytelling, language, theater techniques and even early math skills while being educated on one of four cultures Peru, China, Nepal & Australia, a traditional folk tale, which works with the curriculum. Students participate with finger puppets; students learn all about insects and the important part they play in our ecosystem; and, each student will create their own original insect puppet using recyclable materials.

DAY	Wednesday
DATE	June 24
TIME	8am – 12pm
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	5 – 8
FEE	\$45
MINIMUM	10
PROGRAM #	14885



### CARTOONING/ILLUSTRATING YOUR STORIES/ZINES: MAKING YOUR OWN BOOKS

Fun, interactive drawing games give students a taste of cartooning; this class uses cartooning fundamentals to teach about creative thinking and narrative. Students explore humor and drawing as they learn to illustrate their lives; and they learn to make zines - hand-drawn, photocopied booklets which empower students to publish their own stories, comics and drawings.

DAY	Wednesday
DATE	June 24
TIME	1pm – 5pm
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	10 – 12
FEE	\$45
MINIMUM	10
PROGRAM #	14886



DATE	TIME	AGES	PROGRAM #
<b>Session 1 — READING/WRITING</b>			
June 15 – 19	10am – 11:30am	5 – 7	14887
June 15 – 19	6pm – 7:30pm	8 – 10	14888
<b>Session 2 — SCIENCE</b>			
July 6 – 10	10am – 11:30am	5 – 7	14889
July 6 – 10	6pm – 7:30pm	8 – 10	14890
<b>Session 3 — MATH AND NUMBERS</b>			
July 27 – 31	10am – 11:30am	5 – 7	14891
July 27 – 31	6pm – 7:30pm	8 – 10	14892

LOCATION	WDM Community Center
MINIMUM	10
FEE	\$125 per session

### CREATIVE GENIUSES SUMMER CAMP

A new academic theme is offered each session. Students will explore a variety of art mediums. We will have fun with music, games, and stories that make connections to their projects. The last day will end with an art show for students to present their works of art to their loved ones. All supplies are provided with program fee. This camp is led by instructor Gina Bartlett, a licensed teacher K-12 and a professional artist.

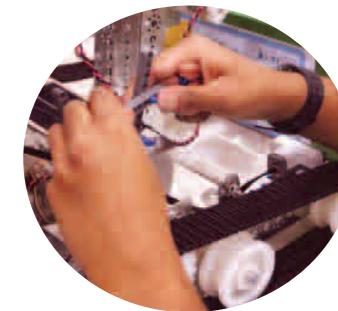
### MAD SCIENCE AT ITS BEST!!!

Parents and Kids, this could well be the most exciting Mad Science Summer Camp in years! You will enjoy a great mix of Chemistry, Physical Science & Engineering, and NASA Space. Tons of Fun with a nice dose of education ... what more could you ask for summer, while staying sharp for the next school year? In addition, each camp day you will build and take home a couple of our ever-pleasing Make-&Takes (M&Ts).

TOPICS	MAKE-&-TAKES
Atmospheres of Our Solar System's Planets.	Meteorological Station
Basics of Engineering	Pulley System
Frozen CO2 ... a.k.a. Dry Ice!	Thermo-Color Cup w/ Dry Ice
Minerals & Elements	Panning for Gems
Polymers ... think: Slime!	Cup of Mad Science Slime
Sonic Sounds	Sonic Horn
Space Phenomena – Meteors & Comets	Space Telescope
Water Pollution	"Polluted" Super Bouncy Balls



DAYS	Monday – Thursday	
DATES	August 3 – 6	
TIME	AGES	PROGRAM #
9am – 12 pm	6 – 7	14745
1pm – 4pm	8 – 10	14746
LOCATION	WDM Community Center	
MINIMUM	10	
FEE	\$139 per session	



**Youth Tech Inc. in cooperation with Des Moines Area Community College West Campus's "Celebrate! Innovation" program is an interactive computer camp that focuses on providing enrichment opportunities to students in the world of computers. With a caring environment at the core of camp values, Youth Tech strives to create a positive learning community that encourages creativity, fun and academic excellence. For more information about Youth Tech Inc., please visit our web site at [www.youthtechinc.com](http://www.youthtechinc.com)**

AGES: Our age suggestion is ages **10 – 17** on most classes. Commonly we accept students who may be younger. Ultimately, we leave the final decision to the parents as to what you think your student is capable of doing. Our courses are open to any student with a passion for learning.

LOCATION	DMACC West Campus 5959 Grand Ave • WDM
MAXIMUM	16

## WEB DESIGN

This course is an in-depth look at the world of web design and development. Students enrolled in this session will learn how to build their own web site from start to finish using Adobe's award winning suite of products. The learning for this camp does not end at the door. Students will have access to their web site with free hosting for one year.

DATE	June 8 – 11
TIME	9am – 12pm
FEE	\$155
PROGRAM #	14836

## VIDEO GAME DESIGN

This course provides students with a fun interactive look at the world of video game design and development. Students enrolled in this camp will learn the basics of video game design and produce several different interactive video games to share with their friends and family.

DATE	June 8 – 11
TIME	1pm – 4pm
FEE	\$170
PROGRAM #	14837

DATE	June 30 – July 1*
TIME	9am – 4pm
FEE	\$170
PROGRAM #	14838

\*Please send a sack lunch with your child.

DATE	July 13 – 16
TIME	9am – 12pm
FEE	\$170
PROGRAM #	14839

## ROBOTICS

This course offers hands-on opportunities to build and program robots. Working in small teams, students will design robotics systems to compete in fun real-world activities. Each day will bring a new challenge, and your team's robot will have to morph to better adapt and compete. Students will compete in the battle bots competition at the end of the camp to prove their robot is the best. This class is perfect for the student who has a big imagination and likes to build things.

DATE	June 15 – 19
TIME	1pm – 4pm
FEE	\$160
PROGRAM #	14840

DATE	July 20 – 23
TIME	1pm – 4pm
FEE	\$160
PROGRAM #	14841



## 3D GAME DESIGN

**Video Game Design is a prerequisite for this course.** This class offers an interactive look at the world of 3D Game Design. This awesome 3D video game design course offers the chance for students to create and immerse themselves in a 3D world. If you are looking to design professional 3D games that both look and feel just like the ones you play at home, then you don't want to miss this course.

DATE	June 15 – 19
TIME	9am – 12pm
FEE	\$160
PROGRAM #	14842

DATE	July 2 – 3*
TIME	9am – 4pm
FEE	\$160
PROGRAM #	14843

\*Please send a sack lunch with your child.

## THE GAMING ACADEMY

The gaming academy is an all day course for students who love games. During this course students will be immersed into the world of 2D and 3D game design. The gaming academy is a combination of our Video Game Design, Advanced Game Design and 3D Game Design courses. The course offers students a variety of hands on experience designing and building their very own games.

DATE	June 22 – 25*
TIME	9am – 4pm
FEE	\$300
PROGRAM #	14844

\*Please send a sack lunch with your child.

## ANIMATION STUDIO

This class is a combination of our 2D and 3D Animation classes. Students enrolled in this course will work from beginner to advanced animation concepts. If you like animation and animated movies then this is the perfect class for you. Students who are interested in how things move and creating fun animations for everyone to enjoy will enjoy this fun interactive classroom.

DATE	July 6 – 9
TIME	9am – 12pm
FEE	\$165
PROGRAM #	14845

## GAME DESIGN APPS

**Video Game Design is a Prerequisite for this course.** This course provides students with a fun interactive look at the world of mobile video game design and development. Students enrolled in this course will learn how to publish games to their favorite Apple® or Android™ devices.

DATE	July 6 – 9
TIME	1pm – 4pm
FEE	\$170
PROGRAM #	14846

DATE	July 27 – 30
TIME	9am – 12pm
FEE	\$170
PROGRAM #	14847

## MUSIC STUDIO

Everyone loves music! This class offers an interactive look at digital music production. Students will go through the creative process of developing their own tracks and look at the integration of music into our everyday world. This class is perfect for the student who loves music and wants to learn how to create and share their own digital music to share with the world.

DATE	July 13 – 16
TIME	1pm – 4pm
FEE	\$160
PROGRAM #	14848

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**iVIDEO GAME DESIGN**

Want to create video games? This is an introductory course for younger students who want learn to build simple video games. This course combines the art of video game design and animation to create interactive characters that fly around the screen. Amaze your friends and family with your fun interactive games.

DATE	July 20 – 23
TIME	10am – 12pm
AGES	6 – 10
FEE	\$105
PROGRAM #	14849

**MOVIE MAKERS**

This hands-on, interactive course will instruct students on the world of digital video design and production. Students will film, direct and edit their own digital video creations. Students enrolled in this course amaze their peers with green screen and special effects work.

DATE	July 27 – 30
TIME	1pm – 4pm
FEE	\$150
PROGRAM #	14850

**PLANET 7**

Do you want your child to have a chance to see what Jr. High has in store for them? The Planet 7 program will offer an opportunity for 6th graders entering 7th grade to:

- build self-esteem
- learn how to deal with peer pressure
- meet new friends
- learn time management and study skills
- familiarize themselves with a new school

Other fun aspects of the program include trips to Val Lanes, Valley View Aquatic Center, The Adventure Learning Center at Living History Farms, and Friday's trip to World's of Fun in Kansas City, MO.

All incoming 7th graders in the fall of 2015 in the West Des Moines School District are eligible to enroll in the program.

TIME	DAY
9am – 4pm	Monday – Thursday
6:45am – 8:30pm	Friday
LOCATION	Indian Hills or Stilwell Junior High
AGES	Incoming 7th Graders
FEE	\$149

**AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION, THE DATES FOR PLANET 7 WERE NOT ABLE TO BE DETERMINED DUE TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE WDMCSD'S 2015 START DATE. INFORMATION IN FLYER FORM WILL BE GIVEN DIRECTLY TO EACH 6TH GRADER IN THE WDMCSD ONCE THE DATES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED.**



DAYS	Monday – Friday
TIME	12pm – 5pm

**SUMMER AT THE WEST DES MOINES TEEN CENTER**

Did you know a recent study found that children spend 75.5% of their day being inactive? Does your child fit into this category? Want to change that statistic? If you are looking for recreational opportunities for your 6th-9th grader, have them try out the WDM Teen Center! Each week of operation will include games, crafts, activities, and a field trip; and the regular Teen Center staff members are sticking around to ensure everything is safe and fun. So, come on! Enrich your child's summer with the WDM Teen Center!

DATES	PROGRAM #
June 8 – 12	14461
June 15 – 19	14462
June 22 – 26	14463
July 6 – 10	14464
July 13 – 17	14465
July 20 – 24	14466
July 27 – 31	14467
August 3 – 7	14468

LOCATION	WDM Teen Center @ Rex Mathes (1401 Vine Street)
AGES	entering 6th – 9th grade in 2015
FEE	\$65 per week



# ADULT FITNESS

## WATER AEROBICS

Get out and enjoy some fun in the water and get a workout at the same time. This 45 minute cardio workout with water resistance is perfect for people of all ages and abilities. Classes are held in shallow water so even non-swimmers can enjoy this unique workout.

DAYS	Monday – Thursday
DATES	June 1 – August 6
TIME	5:45pm – 6:30pm
LOCATION	Valley View Aquatic Center (81st and Bridgewood)
FEES	2x a week \$45 3x a week \$59 4x a week \$69
PROGRAM #	14524

## ZUMBA Fitness®

Starting to exercise, returning to it or want the newest dance fitness program in town? Are you ready to party yourself into shape? ZUMBA Fitness® provides an invigorating, effective, easy to follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance for the active enthusiast. No previous experience is necessary. 12 yrs and older welcome. You will be taught the steps and encouraged to groove at your own pace. Wear comfortable clothes, athletic shoes and bring a water bottle! Good time guaranteed! Please check with your physician prior to starting any fitness routine. No classes on any holidays.

JOIN AT ANY TIME!



DAY	TIME
Monday	5:15pm – 6:15pm
Tuesday	4:15pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday	5:15pm – 6:15pm
Thursday	5:15pm – 6:15pm
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	12+
FEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlimited monthly classes for \$35</li> <li>• 8-class punch card for \$50</li> </ul>
REGISTRATION INFORMATION	EVA: 515-419-9523 • 515-779-0467 zumbafunfiesta.com

## WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

The Women's Self-Defense Class is designed to empower women with the information and tools they need to protect themselves. In just over 2 hours, participants walk away with the confidence, knowledge and skills needed for self-preservation. The simple, easy to learn self defense techniques will show how to effectively fight back and escape attack situations, even against someone much larger and stronger. All participants receive an educational booklet to take home.

**Instructor:** Amanda Kruse, MSW, Des Moines Area Self Defense, LLC

DAY	Wednesday
DATE	June 24
TIME	6:30pm – 9pm
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	20 +
FEE	\$45
PROGRAM #	14642

## JUST YELL FIRE: CAMPUS LIFE

This class is designed for young women preparing for or attending college. It is specifically geared to address the issues facing female college students, including dating violence, date rape, date rape drugs, hall cruising and housing safety, among others. Participants leave class with the skills and confidence that they could use the simple, easy to remember street fighting techniques to defend and escape in the case of an assault. Each participant receives a training DVD, educational booklet, and date rape testing coaster.

**Instructor:** Amanda Kruse, MSW, Des Moines Area Self Defense, LLC

DAY	Wednesday
DATE	June 10
TIME	6:30pm – 9pm
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	16 – 25
FEE	\$45
PROGRAM #	14640



# MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?

## MIXED LEVEL I & II

### ABSOLUTE AND BEYOND BEGINNER BALLROOM

This ballroom class is for anyone who is an absolute beginner, never danced before, or may have 2 left feet and for anyone who has some knowledge of various ballroom dances. It will be a great class for those who need to review their Level I – Absolute Beginner Ballroom class and for those who would like to add additional figures beyond that class. This course teaches 6 dances: Foxtrot, Swing (East Coast), Waltz, Rumba and introduction to Tango and Cha Cha except in the 6 week class when only the first 4 dances will be taught. Jim and Suzi will teach 4-6 figures in each dance as we progress through the class. When you complete this course you should be comfortable going to wedding reception dances, cruises, or social dances at business functions and various venues around the Greater Des Moines Area.

DAY	Sundays		
TIME	12:30pm – 1:30pm		
DATES	# OF WEEKS	PROGRAM #	FEE per person
May 10 – June 21 (No class May 24)	6	14527	\$50
July 12 – August 30	8	14528	\$65
LOCATION	WDM Community Center		

DAY	Thursdays		
TIME	6:45pm – 7:45pm		
DATES	# OF WEEKS	PROGRAM #	FEE per person
April 30 – June 18	8	14525	\$65
July 9 – August 27	8	14526	\$65
LOCATION	WDM Community Center		

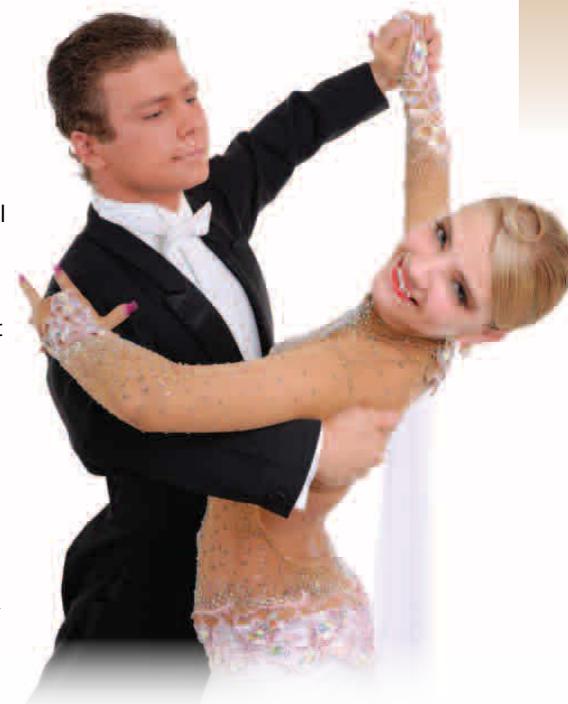
## MIXED LEVEL II AND LEVEL III INTERMEDIATE BALLROOM

This ballroom class is for anyone who has completed Level I and Level II classes or has equivalent experience in dancing and training. These classes are intended as a follow-on course for the Level I and Level II Ballroom students. It you have not had this previous class but you know 5-8 figures in Foxtrot, Swing, Waltz, and Rumba, and a few figures in Tango and Cha Cha; you are welcome to join this class. If you know some of these dances well you may attend the associated classes.

This course teaches 1 dance for 2 or 3 weeks before moving on to another dance. Jim and Suzi will review all the figures taught in previous Level I and Level II Ballroom classes. They will then add figures and technique with an additional 3-4 figures being added to each dance as we progress through the class. This is not a single course and as many as 6 months will be required to cover all the various dances being taught at this level. Any dance not included in the normal Level I and Level II Ballroom class curriculum will be taught at a beginning level as we introduce new dances to the students.

*When you complete this course you should be very comfortable dancing at any social event anywhere and perhaps using your dancing for formation teams, showcases, or even (for the more daring) competing at some event.*

DAY	Sundays		
TIME	1:30pm – 2:30pm		
DATES	# OF WEEKS	PROGRAM #	FEE per person
May 10 – June 21 (No class May 24)	8	14529	\$50
July 12 – August 30	8	14530	\$65
LOCATION	WDM Community Center		



# ADULT SPORTS



## COED BADMINTON OPEN GYM

Drop in for recreational pick-up badminton matches.

DAYS	Sundays
DATES	March 1 – August 30
TIME	2:30pm – 5pm
LOCATION	Valley Southwoods – 625 S. 35th St.
FEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2 WDM school district residents</li> <li>• \$3 non-residents due on site</li> </ul>

## ADULT TENNIS LESSONS

### Cardio Tennis

Cardio Tennis is a workout prior to evening lessons. This is a fast paced, pounding workout for all tennis and fitness levels. Go at your own pace! Cardio tennis registrants are not required to participate in the adult evening lessons.

DAYS	Tuesdays and Thursdays
DATES	PROGRAM #
June 9 – 25	14501
July 7 – 23	14503
TIME	5:30pm – 6pm
LOCATION	Crossroads Park Tennis Courts
MAXIMUM	24 per class
FEE	\$27

### Lessons at Crossroads Park

Lessons for adults new to tennis as well as beginner to advanced will be focused on improving student stroke, technique, skills, footwork, strategy and match play. Courts and students will be organized by ability and experience to maximize student improvement and enjoyment.

DAYS	Tuesdays and Thursdays
DATES	PROGRAM #
June 9 – 25	14499
July 7 – 23	14500
TIME	6pm – 7pm
LOCATION	Crossroads Park Tennis Courts
MAXIMUM	24 per class
FEE	\$54

### Tennis Director — Bunny Bruning

*Bunny played on the WTA Professional tour for 9 years and acquired rankings of #41 in singles and #8 in doubles. She has been a USPTA professional since 1987 and has been teaching and coaching for over 30 years. She also held office as USPTA National Vice-President from 2009-2011 and works on countless national committees. Bunny was also inducted into the USPTA MV Hall of Fame. She is a specialist in Competitive Player Development (High Performance Coach) and has won the USPTA MV Professional of the Year award four times along with the Lessons for Life, Continuing Education, and Iowa Pro of the Year awards. She is also the Head Tester in the division. Bunny is also the Past-President of the CTA, Central Iowa Tennis Alliance which she founded in 1996. She is also a Past-President of the Iowa Tennis Association, and member of the Price Ad Staff Team.*



## HORSESHOE PITCHING LEAGUE

### Summer Season

This coed league is designed for all levels of ability (players will be handicapped). Prizes and traveling trophy awarded. Free pitching instruction available through the week.

DAYS	Wednesdays
DATES	April 29 – July 29
TIME	6:30pm – 8:30pm
AGES	12+
LOCATION	Holiday Park Horseshoe Courts
FEE	One \$3 league fee due 2nd night of play
TO REGISTER	Call LeRoy Law at 681-1937



## ADULT GOLF LESSONS

Whether you are an experienced golfer or just starting out, this class can help you. Group instruction will be provided along with individual instruction as needed. Lessons are held at West Grand golf and amenities include: Target Greens, Putting Greens and Practice Bunkers. Participants will learn Putting, Chipping, Iron Play and Woods and/or Metals. Registrants will need to bring all clubs to the first class.

DAYS	Monday — Thursday	
TIME	6:30pm – 7:30pm	
SESSION	DATES	PROGRAM #
Session I	May 18 – 21	14637
Session II	June 8 – 11	14638
Session III	June 29 – July 2	14639
LOCATION	West Grand Golf – 6450 Raccoon River Dr. (1 mile west off of I-35)	
MAXIMUM	15 participants	
INSTRUCTOR	Brian Larson	
FEE	\$52	

# ADULT SOFTBALL

## Summer Season



### MEN'S COMMERCIAL SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Competitive 12" slow pitch softball leagues. Games are staffed with one umpire and an official score keeper. Teams play a 14-game round robin schedule.

LEAGUE	DAY	START DATE	PROGRAM #	AGES
Men's DBHD B	Wednesday	June 24	14472	Adults (18 & older and out of high school)
Men's DBHD C	Tuesday	June 23	14473	
Men's 50+	Sunday	June 21	14437	50 yrs & older (Must turn 50 by 12/31/15)
FEE	\$365 entry fee + tax, ASA., WDM Adult SB Player Fee, Non-resident fees			

### MEN'S RECREATIONAL "50 PLUS" DRAFT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Recreational 12-inch slow pitch softball league for men over 50 years old. Teams play a 9-game schedule. All games are staffed with an umpire and an official score keeper.

LEAGUE	DAY	START DATE	PROGRAM #	AGES
Men's 50+ Draft	Wednesday	July 15	14510	50 yrs & older (Must turn 50 by 12/31/15)
FEE	\$25 individual entry fee (WDM Adult SB Player Fee, Non-resident fee and tax included)			

### COED COMMERCIAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Competitive 12-inch slow pitch softball leagues. Games are staffed with one umpire and an official score keeper. Teams play a 7-game schedule.

LEAGUE	DAY	START DATE	PROGRAM #
Coed	Thursday	June 25	14483
Coed	Sunday	June 21	14484
AGES	Adults (18 & older and out of high school)		
FEE	\$275 entry fee + tax, ASA., WDM Adult SB Player Fee, Non-resident fees.		

CONTACT	Please call 222-3444 to have application mailed, emailed or faxed to you.
DEADLINE TO APPLY	Wednesday, May 20 by 4pm
GAME TIMES	Generally 6:15pm – 9:15pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park

### MEN'S RECREATION SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Recreational 12" slow pitch men's softball leagues. Teams play a 14-game round robin schedule. Carpet used to call balls and strikes, umpire your own games. All games staffed with an official score keeper.

LEAGUE	DAY	START DATE	PROGRAM #
Men's DbHd Rec.	Monday	June 22	14474
Men's DbHd Rec.	Thursday	June 25	14475
AGES	Adults (18 & older and out of high school)		
FEE	\$225 entry fee + tax, ASA., WDM Adult SB Player Fee, Non-resident fees.		



### COED RECREATION SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Recreational 12" slow pitch coed softball leagues. Teams play a 6-game schedule. Carpet used to call balls and strikes, umpire your own game. All games staffed with an official score keeper.

LEAGUE	DAY	START DATE	PROGRAM #	AGES
B	Sunday	June 21	14478	Adults (18 & older and out of high school)
C	Sunday	June 21	14479	
D	Sunday	June 21	14480	
E	Sunday	June 21	14481	
C/D	Wednesday	June 24	14476	
C/D	Thursday	June 25	14477	
FEE	\$175 entry fee + tax, ASA., WDM Adult SB Player Fee, Non-resident fees.			



### \*ADULT ATHLETIC LEAGUE TEAM ACCEPTANCE POLICY

The Adult Athletic League Team Acceptance Policy applies to all adult athletic leagues. The order of priority is as follows:

- 1.) Returning Teams. Defined as having at least 51% of last season's roster.**
  - a.) Teams who participated in the league the previous season.
  - b.) Teams who participated in the league the previous year.
  - c.) Teams may be placed in another division at Department's option to equalize competition.

**2.) New Teams. Teams that did not participate in the league the previous season or year.**

**3.) Late Teams. Any team that does not meet the established deadlines will be accepted at the Department's discretion.**

If more teams apply than we have space for, priority will be given to teams with the highest percentage of players on their roster residing within the City of West Des Moines School District in all cases except softball, where City boundaries apply.



### SCOREBOARD ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

Please contact Bruce at **222-3454** for details.



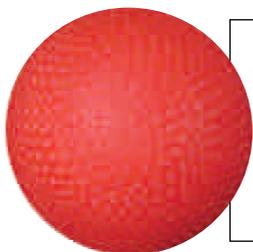
## ADULT MEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUES

**SUMMER LEAGUES** Men's Flag Football Teams now have another season to play the game they love. Applications will be available in late April. Please call 222-3444 to receive an application by mail, email or fax. Seven-man teams will play a seven game schedule. Applications for **FALL LEAGUES** held at Valley Stadium will be available at the WDM Parks and Recreation Office in August.

DAYS	Wednesdays
START DATE	June 10
GAME TIME	6:15pm – 9:15pm
LEAGUE	PROGRAM #
Mens B	14511
Mens C	14512
AGES	18 & older and out of high school
LOCATION	Valley Stadium: 4440 Mills Civic Pkwy
DEADLINE TO APPLY	Wednesday, May 20
FEE	\$435 entry fee, \$26.10 tax, \$6 non-resident fee

## INDIVIDUAL SOFTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, KICKBALL OR FLAG FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Love softball, volleyball, kickball or flag football but just moved to town or don't have a team to play on? Anyone interested in playing in any of our leagues can call Bruce at 222-3454 or e-mail [bruce.mankle@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:bruce.mankle@wdm.iowa.gov) and be placed on an individuals list. We will list your name, phone number and which league you would prefer to play in. This list will then be distributed to all team managers in our leagues and on our website. We can't guarantee you will be placed on a team, but past response has been positive.



### ADULT COED KICKBALL LEAGUE SPRING SEASON

Coed Kickball league play this spring at Raccoon River Park Softball Complex. Leagues offered on Mondays and starts the week of April 27. Call Parks & Recreation office at 222-3453 for registration information.

## MEN'S "50 PLUS" DRAFT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

This Recreational League will take individual sign-up only. Prior to League games beginning April 29 individuals will be placed on organized teams by Volunteer Managers. Team balance will be a top priority with equal number of players from age groups and abilities represented on each team. The April 22 start date will be a drop in practice/ player informational meeting for participants signed-up for the program. Teams will play a 9 game schedule. All games will be staffed with an umpire and score keeper. Recreational only — no standings and awards. Players will receive a league t-shirt.

DAYS	Wednesdays
GAME TIME	6:15pm – 9:15pm
SEASON /DATE	PROGRAM #
Spring starts April 22	14509
Summer starts July 15	14510
Both Seasons	14508
AGES	Must turn 50 by 12/31/15
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Softball Complex
FEES	\$25 per season \$45 for both spring and summer (Player fee, Non Resident fee and sales tax included)
CONTACT	<b>Kevin Fitzgerald</b> phone: 222-3453 e-mail: <a href="mailto:Kevin.fitzgerald@wdm.iowa.gov">Kevin.fitzgerald@wdm.iowa.gov</a>

## MEN'S "60 PLUS" DROP-IN SOFTBALL

Players who are 58 and older can now drop in, split up into teams and play softball. No pre-registration necessary! Just show up!

DAYS	Tuesdays and Thursdays
DATES	April 14 – October 15
TIME	10am – 12pm
AGES	Must turn 58 by 12/31/15
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Softball Complex
FEES	\$2 residents, \$3 non-residents

# Day Trips

## The Grotto Of The Redemption And Tea Thyme

The Grotto of the Redemption at West Bend, Iowa is the largest Grotto in the world. It is frequently considered “the Eighth Wonder of the World.” It represents the largest collection of minerals and petrification concentrated in any one spot. Wear your walking shoes to enjoy a leisurely day outdoors as we stroll through the nine separate Grotto scenes. The Grotto has a Gift Shop with a large selection of souvenirs and religious gifts. Lunch will also be included at the restaurant on the grounds. After departing West Bend, we’ll travel to Fort Dodge for flavorful coffee and desserts at Tea Thyme. It’s a perfect stop on our way home!

DAY	Thursday
DATE	May 28
TIME	8am – 6pm
LOCATION	West Bend & Fort Dodge
FEE	\$54
REGISTER BY	May 7
PROGRAM #	14851

## NEW!! 40th Annual Glenn Miller Festival

Join us as visitors and entertainers from around the world converge in Clarinda, Iowa, the birthplace of Glenn Miller! We’ll celebrate the music and memory of Alton Glenn Miller, American bandleader, trombonist, composer and arranger who disappeared while directing the “Glenn Miller AAF Band” during World War II. Our day will include: A Stage Show concert upon arrival, a tour of historic exhibits at the festival, lunch, a performance by the Toronto All-Star Big Band and a tour of the new Glenn Miller Birthplace Museum.

DAY	Friday
DATE	June 12
TIME	7am – 6:30pm
LOCATION	Clarinda
FEE	\$76
REGISTER BY	May 22
PROGRAM #	14852

## Lady Of The Lake

“All Aboard for Adventure!!” We’re off to the beautiful community of Clear Lake today. This relaxing day by the lake will include free time for shopping downtown and a luncheon cruise on “The Lady of the Lake.” This double-deck sternwheeler riverboat, with an upper sun deck for viewing, will be a splendid way to enjoy the day! Come experience the charm of this lakeside community and take a deep breath of the fresh, summer air!

DAY	Wednesday
DATE	July 1
TIME	8am – 5pm
LOCATION	Clear Lake
FEE	\$54
REGISTER BY	June 10
PROGRAM #	14853

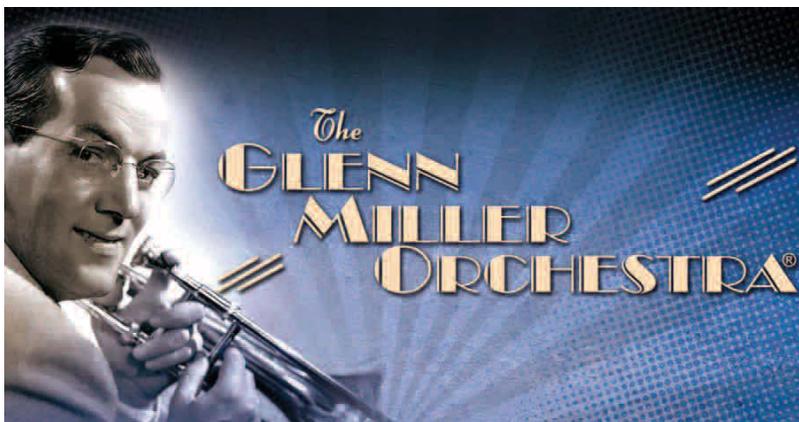
## Discovering the “Art” in DysART

Get ready for “small town hospitality” today as we travel to DysART for a fun-filled, fabulous day appreciating ART. Upon arrival, we’ll be welcomed by the Dysart Hospitality And Tour Team. (AKA: HAT Team) We’ll visit the artwork at Zion Lutheran Church where beautiful, new, modern stained glass art pieces are on display. The Garden Blacksmith will give a unique presentation on welded artworks. Stops will also include “natural art” at Pat’s Potting Shed and the Rose Garden. The HAT team will jazz up our lunch with a style show before we enjoy free time for shopping downtown! Next, we will travel to Gladbrook where matchsticks are used to create incredible works of art at “Matchstick Marvels.” Join us, and be ART inspired!

DAY	Tuesday
DATE	July 14
TIME	7:30am – 6:30pm
LOCATION	Dysart and Gladbrook
FEE	\$49
REGISTER BY	June 23
PROGRAM #	14854

### DAY TRIP INFORMATION

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# Day Trips

## "Shear Madness" At The Amana Theatre

This unique comic-whodunit takes place today in the "Shear Madness" hairstyling salon. During the course of the action, a murder is committed and the audience gets to spot the clues, question the suspects, and solve the funniest mystery seen on stage. The outcome is never the same! Voted "Best Comedy of the Year" seven times by the Boston Globe, rated PG. Lunch is included at the famous Ox Yoke Inn, where food is served "family style." There will also be free time for shopping...making it a wonderful day in the Amana Colonies!

DATE	July 30
DAY	Thursday
TIME	8am – 7pm
LOCATION	Amana Colonies
FEE	\$69
REGISTER BY	July 9
PROGRAM #	14855



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## Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum And Grout Museum of History And Science

The Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum honors the service and sacrifice of all Iowa veterans from the Civil War to present. Step into their stories through traditional exhibits, interactive activities and an electronic Wall of Honor. The Museum consists of over 35 interactive exhibits. Interviews collected via the Voices of Iowa Oral History Project total over 1,500. The Grout Museum of History and Science features permanent and continually changing exhibitions of area history, regional flora and fauna, and the only public planetarium in Northeast Iowa. Lunch will be served in the corn crib of Cedar Fall's "Barn Happy!" Enjoy this relaxing atmosphere in a great old dairy barn built in 1925. They feature homemade baked goodies, delicious coffee, homemade soup & sandwiches, and a unique shopping experience found only in Iowa.

DATE	August 12
DAY	Wednesday
TIME	7:30am – 5pm
LOCATION	Waterloo and Cedar Falls
FEE	\$ 52
REGISTER BY	July 22
PROGRAM #	14856

## St. Louis Cardinals Vs. Chicago Cubs Weekend

Join us as we travel to the "The Gateway to the West" to take in the rivalry between the Cubs and Cards!! This three day, two night package includes: stadium seating on Friday night; premium, all-inclusive seats on Saturday in a box suite on Redbird Row! These seats include: a two-hour, all-you-can-eat picnic buffet; Coca-cola products throughout the game; Bud and Bud Light beverages through the middle of the 8th inning and your game ticket! (Please note: These seats include indoor/outdoor seating in Suite #215, in right field.) This weekend package also includes a two night hotel stay; breakfast each morning at the hotel; and roundtrip transportation. Whichever team you cheer for...GO CUBS! or GO CARDS! This weekend will satisfy all baseball fans.

DAYS	Friday – Sunday
DATE	June 26 – 28
LOCATION	St. Louis, MO
FEE	\$399 / person double \$369 / person triple \$349 / person quad \$499 / person single
REGISTER BY	June 5
DEPARTURE LOCATION	WDM City Hall
PROGRAM #	14857



**A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration, with the remaining balance due three weeks prior to departure. Because all travel expenses are prepaid, we cannot offer refunds for travel programs.**

# Aquatic Centers • Open May 30

## AQUATIC CENTER SEASON PASSES

Aquatic Center Season Passes are on sale NOW at the following locations:

- **Parks & Recreation office**  
at **WDM City Hall 4200 Mills Civic Pkwy**  
**Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm**
- **WDM Community Center**  
**217 5th Street**  
**Monday-Friday, 12pm-5pm**

Season Pass	WDM Resident	Non-Resident
Single	\$80	\$120
Two People	\$110	\$160
Each Additional person	\$35	\$45
Granny/Nanny add-on (no additional discounts)	\$50	\$50
<b>Purchase before March 31 and SAVE 10%</b>		

Daily Admission	Price
Under 3 years old	FREE
3-12 years old	\$5
13 years and up	\$8
Seniors (55+)	\$5

### WEATHER POLICY

If the Aquatic Center closes because of weather (electrical storm or cool temperatures) between 12:30pm – 5pm the pool will not reopen until 5:30pm. If the pool does not open at 5:30pm the pool will not reopen.

Special Admissions	Days & Details
Family Nights	Wednesday & Sunday - \$12/family (all season at Valley View after 6:30pm, at Holiday after 6:30pm only when swim lessons are not in session)
Half Price Evenings	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (all season at Valley View after 6:30pm, at Holiday after 5:00pm only when swim lessons are not in session)

### SEASON PASS DETAILS:

- Valid at 3 locations! (Holiday and Valley View Aquatic Centers in WDM and the Clive Aquatic Center)
- May include any/all household members 3 years and up.
- All pass holders must have a photo on file. Returning pass holders with a current photo on file do not need their photo retaken. New pass holders can have their photo taken at the time of purchase, during any regular office hours or at the pool this summer.

### OPEN SWIM

#### Holiday Park Aquatic Center

1701 Railroad Avenue

Hours:

Monday — Friday: 11:30am – 7pm (Closes at 5:30pm during evening swim lessons)

Saturdays 11:30am – 6pm

Sundays 12pm – 5:45pm

#### Valley View Aquatic Center

255 81st Street

Hours:

Sunday – Friday: 12pm – 5:30pm and 6:30 – 8:30pm

Saturday: 12pm - 6:00pm



## Aquatic Programs

### CURRENT WALKING

Join us at the Valley View Aquatic Center's lazy river for a walk against the river's current. Walkers will enjoy a unique resistance, challenging them to get a greater benefit from their stroll.

DAYS	Sunday – Friday
TIME	5:45pm – 6:30pm
AGES	18+
LOCATION	Valley View Aquatic Center
FEE	\$4 per visit (please pay at the aquatic center)

### ADULT LAP SWIM

Enjoy a great cardio workout by swimming laps. Valley View Aquatic Center features 25 yard lanes for swimmers to use.

DAYS	Sunday – Friday
TIME	5:45pm – 6:30pm
LOCATION	Valley View Aquatic Center
FEE	\$4 per visit (please pay at the aquatic center)

### PARENT & ME SWIM LESSONS

This self-guided program provides an opportunity for parents and their young children to explore the water together. Participants will have a special area of the pool to work together and learn basic water exploration skills.

Parents will be given handouts that will provide directions for activities to do with their child.

DAYS	Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
DATES	PROGRAM #
June 15 – 26	14534
July 6 – 17	14535
July 20 – 31	14536
TIME	5:45pm – 6:20pm
AGES	12 – 36 months & adult
LOCATION	Valley View Aquatic Center
FEE	\$28 per couple

### DOGGIE DIP

Check the Aquatic Centers in late July for details call 273-0700.



## AQUATIC CENTER RENTALS

Looking for a unique outing for your business, church, or youth group? Why not schedule a private rental of one of the West Des Moines Aquatic Centers? Aquatic Center Rentals at either Valley View or Holiday are available **6:30pm to 8:30pm on Saturdays, June 6 – August 1**. Rental fees include all costs. Concessions are available at an extra cost.

### Holiday Aquatic Center

- \$715 - Whole Facility

### Valley View Aquatic Center

- \$660 - Lazy River - Slides
- \$330 - Leisure Pool - Kids Pool
- \$248 - Lap Pool - Diving Boards - Drop Slide
- \$1,045 - Whole Facility



**For more information and reservations please call 222-3440.**

## AQUATIC CENTER BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Have your next birthday party in the sun and fun at Valley View or Holiday Aquatic Center!! Party packages include: reserved space for 2 hours for your group, admission to the aquatic center for your group, one FREE admission for an accompanying adult, and your choice of a food combo from the concessions for everyone in your party! Your group will also get to use the water slides during a special assigned pool break so there are NO lines to wait in!!

\$115 for the first 10 participants plus 1 adult  
(\$15 per additional participant with a max of 15 participants)

### PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Each child learns and excels differently. Your child will learn to swim or further their skills through private lessons with one-on-one instruction. Instructors will use the Learn-to-Swim progressions but at an individualized pace.

**Call 222-3440 for more information and to register**

DAYS	Monday – Friday
DATES	June 15 – 19 June 22 – 26 July 6 – 10
TIMES	9am – 9:30am 9:35am – 10:05am 10:10am – 10:40am
LOCATION	Holiday Aquatic Center
FEE	\$109 per session

### ADULT SWIM LESSONS

Learn to swim or improve your skills in this class for adults.

DAYS	Monday – Friday
DATES	June 15 – 26
TIMES	6:15pm – 6:45pm
AGES	18+
LOCATION	Holiday Aquatic Center
FEE	\$45 per session
PROGRAM #	14537



American Red Cross Skill Progress Levels: 

**WATER PUPS: 3 & 4 year olds**

Water Exploration: Putting face under water, bubble blowing, kicking, supported kick on front and back.

**ADV. WATER PUPS: 3 & 4 year olds**

Children will kick and glide on front and back and learn basic swimming skills.

**Level 1-5 lessons have a minimum age requirement of 5 years old**

**LEVEL 1 – INTRODUCTION TO WATER SKILLS**

Helps participants feel comfortable in the water.

- Enter and exit water using ladder, steps or side
- Blow bubbles through mouth and nose • Bobbing
- Open eyes under water and retrieve submerged objects
- Front and back glides and floats
- Recover to vertical position
- Roll from front to back and back to front
- Tread water using arm and hand actions
- Alternating and simultaneous leg actions on front and back
- Alternating and simultaneous arm actions on front and back
- Combined arm and leg actions on front and back

**LEVEL 2 – FUNDAMENTAL AQUATIC SKILLS**

Gives participants success with fundamental skills.

- Enter and exit water by stepping or jumping from the side
- Fully submerge and hold breath
- Bobbing
- Open eyes under water and retrieve submerged objects
- Front, jellyfish and tuck floats
- Front and back glides and floats
- Recover to vertical position
- Roll from front to back and back to front
- Change direction of travel while swimming on front or back
- Tread water using arm and leg actions
- Combined arm and leg actions on front and back
- Finning arm action

**LEVEL 3 – STROKE DEVELOPMENT**

Builds on the skills in Level 2 through additional guided practice in deeper water.

- Enter water by jumping from the side
- Headfirst entries from the side in sitting and kneeling positions
- Bobbing while moving toward safety • Rotary breathing
- Survival float • Back float
- Change from vertical to horizontal position on front and back
- Tread water
- Flutter, scissor, dolphin and breaststroke kicks on front
- Front crawl and elementary backstroke

**Holiday Aquatic Center**  
1701 Railroad Avenue

**Valley View Aquatic Center**  
255 S. 81st Street

**TO BETTER PLACE YOUR CHILD** *in the American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program, please review these lists of skills taught in each progress level. These partial lists are skills taught in the course and required for completion of the level.*

**LEVEL 4 STROKE IMPROVEMENT**

Develops confidence in the skills learned and improves other aquatic skills.

- Headfirst entries from the side in compact and stride positions
- Swim under water
- Feetfirst surface dive
- Survival swimming
- Front crawl and backstroke open turns
- Tread water using 2 different kicks
- Front and back crawl, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke and butterfly
- Flutter and dolphin kicks on back

**LEVEL 5 STROKE REFINEMENT**

Provides further coordination and refinement of strokes.

- Shallow-angle dive from the side then glide and begin a front stroke
- Tuck and pike surface dives, submerge completely
- Front flip turn and backstroke flip turn while swimming
- Front and back crawl, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke and butterfly
- Sculling

Remember: Please refrain from registering your child for multiple sessions assuming they will advance to the next swim level for the following session. Changes to registrations once processed are charged a \$5 processing fee, and if the class you need is full, your child will not be able to join that class.

**MORNING SWIM LESSONS: VALLEY VIEW AQUATIC CENTER**

DAYS	Week I: Tues – Fri, Week II: Mon – Fri
DATES	Session 1: June 16 – 26 Session 2: July 7 – 17 Session 3: July 21 – 31
LOCATION	Valley View Aquatic Center
FEE	Water Pups, Adv. Pups: \$44 Levels 1 – 5: \$42

All classes are 30 minutes in length

Water Pups	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	14652	14655	14658	14661
Session 2	14653	14656	14659	14662
Session 3	14654	14657	14660	14663
Adv Pups	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	14664	14667	14670	14673
Session 2	14665	14668	14671	14674
Session 3	14666	14669	14672	14675
Level 1	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	14676	14679	14682	14685
Session 2	14677	14680	14683	14686
Session 3	14678	14681	14684	14687
Level 2	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	14688	14691	14694	14697
Session 2	14689	14692	14695	14698
Session 3	14690	14693	14696	14699
Level 3	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	14700	14703	14706	14709
Session 2	14701	14704	14707	14710
Session 3	14702	14711	14705	14708
Level 4	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	14712	14715	14718	14721
Session 2	14713	14716	14719	14722
Session 3	14714	14717	14720	14723
Level 5	8:30	9:10	9:50	10:30
Session 1	14724	14727	N/A	14730
Session 2	14725	N/A	14729	N/A
Session 3	14726	14728	N/A	N/A

**EVENING SWIM LESSONS: HOLIDAY AQUATIC CENTER**

DAYS	Monday – Friday
DATES	Session 1: June 15 – 26 Session 2: July 6 – 17 Session 3: July 20 – 31
LOCATION	Holiday Park Aquatic Center
FEE	Water Pups, Adv Pups: \$47 Level 1 – 5: \$45

All classes are 30 minutes in length

Water Pups	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	14731	14732	N/A	N/A
Session 2	14734	14736	N/A	N/A
Session 3	14735	14737	N/A	N/A
Adv Pups	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	14738	14739	N/A	N/A
Session 2	14741	14743	N/A	N/A
Session 3	14742	14744	N/A	N/A
Level 1	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	N/A	14768	14769	14770
Session 2	N/A	14774	14776	14778
Session 3	N/A	14775	14777	14779
Level 2	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	N/A	14780	14781	14782
Session 2	N/A	14786	14788	14790
Session 3	N/A	14787	14789	14791
Level 3	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	N/A	14792	14793	14794
Session 2	N/A	14798	14800	14802
Session 3	N/A	14799	14801	14803
Level 4	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	N/A	14804	N/A	14806
Session 2	N/A	14810	14805	14812
Session 3	N/A	N/A	14811	14813
Level 5	6:15	6:50	7:25	8:00
Session 1	N/A	N/A	14815	14816
Session 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	14818
Session 3	N/A	14814	N/A	14819

# 4 WAYS TO REGISTER NOW!



Scan & Register with your mobile device.

- **On-Line:**  
<https://reconline.wdm-ia.com>
- **Mail-In:**  
P.O. Box 65320, WDM, IA 50265
- **Call-In:**  
222-3444
- **Fax-In:**  
222-3459



### RULES OF CONDUCT

are established to maintain a positive atmosphere in recreation activities sponsored by the West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department. These rules will be applied to all activities and sports programs in all age groups. Please see our website to obtain a copy of the Rules of Conduct.

### POLICIES

#### REFUND POLICY

Refunds will be gladly given for any reason as long as your request for a refund is submitted before the registration deadline date. Any time after that date, refunds will only be issued with a written medical excuse. *This policy does not apply to travel programs & adult sports leagues.*

#### CANCELLATION POLICY

We reserve the right to cancel a program or activity that does not meet the minimum number of participants necessary to offer the program.

#### REGISTRATION CHANGE FEE

A fee of \$5 will be charged for each Registration Change made after participants are enrolled in a program.

#### RECREATION PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

Fee discounts are available for WDM residents meeting guidelines for assistance. Applications will be available at **WDM Human Services, 134 6th Street.**

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the responsibility of the individual with a disability requiring accommodations to inform the Parks and Recreation Department, at least 48 hours in advance. Please call **222-3444** to have accommodations provided.

WDM Parks and Recreation registration form

First Name(s) (Parent or Guardian)	Last Name
Address	City, State, Zip
Home Phone	Alternate Phone Number
e-mail Address	Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (Circle one)
	Card number <span style="float: right;">/ /</span> exp. date

*\$5 / change fee for program changes made after your registration has been processed.*

#### WDM Parks And Recreation Waiver And Release

In consideration of my own or my child's participation in the Parks and Recreation (hereinafter referred to as "P&R") program or activity through the City of West Des Moines, Iowa (hereinafter referred to as "City"), we hereby release the City, its officials, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses received by my child or by myself through the P&R program that have not been caused by negligence attributable to the City. I also agree and acknowledge that the City is not responsible for any intentional or reckless actions of the City's officials, employees, representatives, and agents since those actions are the sole conduct of the responsible individual(s). I further agree and acknowledge that this release of liability is full, complete, and comprehensive, and it covers all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses, known or unknown, and any and all costs related thereto arising out of or otherwise related to my child's participation or my own participation in programs or activities, and that this release is binding upon our heirs, successors, and assigns.

We certify that my child and myself has received a proper physical examination within the past year and that we are physically able to participate in all P&R activities. We understand that it is our obligation to timely inform P&R of any restrictions or limitations regarding our physical abilities. We also understand that it is our obligation to follow all regulations and rules set forth by P&R in the performance of the activities. We hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officials, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all claims, settlements, and judgments, including all reasonable investigative fees, attorney's fees, and court costs for any injury, damage, or loss, which is due to or arises in whole or in part due to negligent, reckless, or intentional actions taken by my child or by myself.

Participant Name	Birthdate	Activity	Program #	Fee

*Please make checks payable to the City of West Des Moines*

**MAIL to:** WDM Parks and Recreation • P.O. Box 65320 • West Des Moines, IA 50265

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Birthdays are special, and we have some great ways to celebrate them! Choose from various themes and locations, and leave the planning details to us! Our parties include: set up, a reserved space for your event, a party host or hostess, a theme related activity, cake, ice cream, juice, paper goods, and most importantly...the clean up! All parties cost \$110 for the first 12 participants (including the birthday child) and are two hours in length. An additional fee of \$10 per child will be charged for parties larger than 12, with a maximum of 15 participants allowed. \*PLEASE NOTE: All party participants must meet the minimum age required for each specific party!\* To schedule your special date, please call 222-3424. Reservations must be made at least 2 weeks in advance.

THEME	AGE <i>(of all party participants)</i>
Amazing Animals	4-7
Frozen	4-7
Sports of All Sorts	4-7
Flower Power	5-7
Pirate Party	5-7
Pajama Party	5-7



For Birthday Parties at WDM Aquatic Centers please see **p63**

*Party fees and themes are effective April 18th*