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THE MAYOR'S COLUMN



Veterans and their families sacrifice in many ways, large and small, in the service and defense of our country. Too often, it seems those sacrifices go unrecognized, especially when their time in the military comes to an end. Those veterans possess tremendous professional skills and outstanding work traits like discipline, ingenuity and focus, but they're left to find their own way. Home Base Iowa is changing all that — and that's why West Des Moines' leadership jumped at the opportunity to do our part to help.

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Officials Cookout held on the Wells Fargo Campus in conjunction with the West Des Moines Chamber's Economic Development Bus Tour of our city. More than 200 leaders in our community experienced a great afternoon of activity and discussion that highlighted the growth and development occurring in our area.

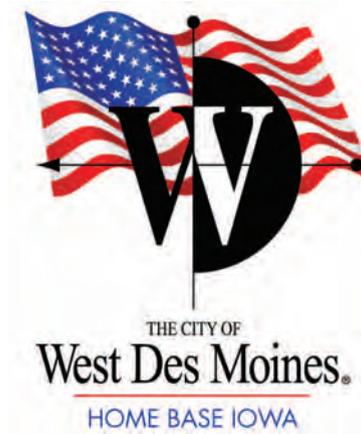
We'll know more once our Special Census results are tabulated, but we think our population has increased by about 22 percent in the last 10 years. During this period, we've seen the number of new businesses grow by 16.5 percent and jobs increase by 25 percent. Retail sales grew from \$914 million in 2004 to \$1.6 billion in 2014, an increase of over 80 percent. From 2005 to 2015,

the city issued building permits with a combined value of \$2.6 billion. From 2004 to 2014, the total valuation of property subject to tax in West Des Moines rose from \$4.34 billion to \$6.41 billion, a 47.7 percent increase.

These numbers send a strong message about growth in our community during the last decade, and it was exciting to see so many enthusiastic people come together and discuss what makes West Des Moines such a special place to live and work. We were fortunate to be joined at the Chamber event by Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds, who welcomed the crowd and announced that West Des Moines had just become the 21st community in the state to achieve the Home Base Iowa designation.

If you haven't heard of this before, Home Base Iowa is a program designed to help veterans return to civilian life and find jobs, pursue educational opportunities or continue service through the Guard or Reserves.

To become a Home Base Iowa community, a city or county must have 10 percent of its businesses pledge to hire a specific number of veterans by Dec. 31, 2018, and commit to posting jobs on the Home Base Iowa website. As an



employer, your city government also has made a pledge to support our veterans, and I encourage other businesses in West Des Moines to join us. To date, the city and 25 other employers at 46 locations in our community have signed up as Home Base Iowa businesses. That's because they know the outcome will improve their businesses, benefit our community and move veterans' careers down the best path.

In a relatively short time, this statewide program is making a difference for the men and women from across our state who have served our country. It's also helping our economy because Iowa needs these highly skilled individuals in our workforce.

It's been a pleasure to partner with the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce to help recruit new businesses in this program. If your business is not in a position to commit to hiring additional employees, I encourage you to participate by offering incentives in the West Des Moines Community Welcome Package.

Veterans who live in our city or who have recently relocated here are eligible for Community Welcome Incentives which include items such as a guided tour of West Des Moines, a free entrepreneurial consultation with the Greater Dallas County Development Alliance, a WDM Leadership Academy Scholarship, VIP shopping discounts at Valley Junction and a copy of our Veterans Guide. To receive your Veterans Welcome package, call McKinlee Ritter in the City Manager's Office at (515) 222-3598.

I'm extremely proud of West Des Moines for recognizing the important role military members and veterans play in our community. Please take a few minutes today to learn more about this important program by visiting our website at www.wdm.iowa.gov/homebaseiowa.

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Eye On West Des Moines Winners Announced!

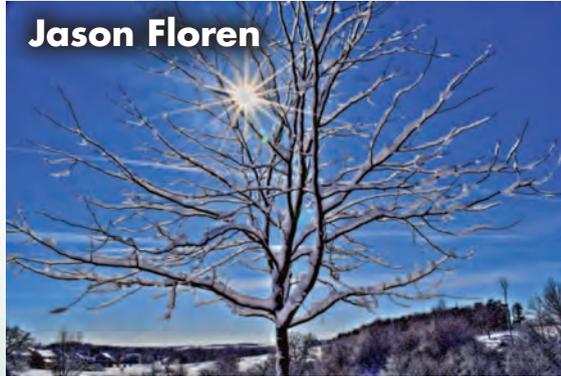
Thank you for entering this year's Eye on West Des Moines Photo Contest. The judging is completed and the winners have been determined.

We will be offering this contest again next year, so keep shooting those pictures and send us your entries as you collect them!

For complete details and rules, interested photographers can call **515-222-3441** or email **Mark.Brewick@wdm.iowa.gov**.

BEST OF SHOW WINNER

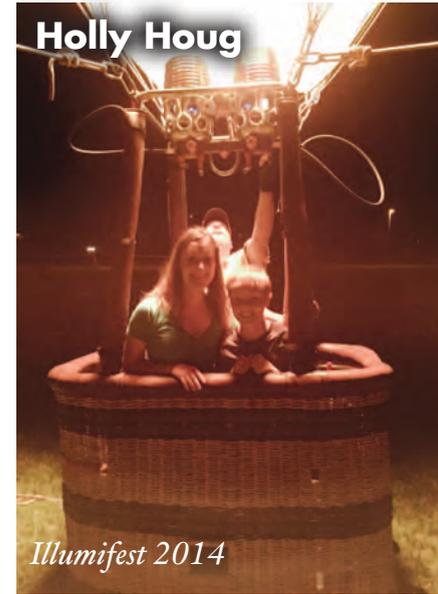
Jason Floren



Winter Sun
Category: Seasons in WDM
Location: Quail Cove Park

Living - Activities/Events

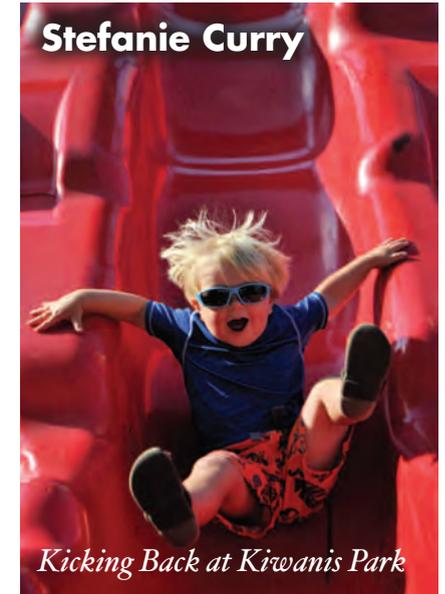
Holly Houg



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Raising Families

Stefanie Curry



Kicking Back at Kirwanis Park

Living - Plants/Wildlife

Ruth Hummel



Summer "Fairies" - Ruby Throated Hummingbird

Seasons in WDM

Wendy Sorensen



Maplenol Barn at Valley Community Center

CATEGORY WINNERS

Doing Business

Sharon Powell



Ghost Busters

Computer Artworks

Winter in West Des Moines

With an estimated population of over 64,500, more than 770 lane miles of streets, and high expectations from the motoring public, the City takes a serious approach to the problems associated with snow and ice control.

The City's responsibility is to conduct winter maintenance activities expediently, efficiently and safely.

Priority of Snow Removal

1. Major arterial streets
2. Collector streets
3. Residential streets, public sidewalks
4. Cul-de-sacs, alleys and City trails

Snow Emergency Parking Ban

To accomplish the effective removal of snow, a Snow Emergency Parking Ban is implemented by the Public Works Department.

ticket. The parking ban is effective from its proclamation through 5:00 p.m. the following day, unless it is extended by an additional proclamation due to the length of the storm or large volume of snowfall.

If you normally park in any of these areas, now is the perfect time to make a plan for when an Emergency Parking Ban is in place and parking is not allowed.

We don't want to tow your car when it snows. You can be proactive!

When snow is forecast, park your car off the street. If you'll be gone during the winter months, don't leave your car on the street.

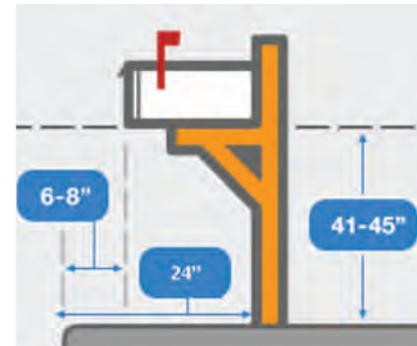


My vehicle was towed during a Parking Ban. What do I do?

- Go to the Police Dept., 250 Mills Civic Pkwy. (open 24/7)
- Provide ID showing the vehicle is yours or you were the driver
- Ask for an impound release (no charge)
- Go to Roy's Towing, 155 S. 13th St., WDM
- Pay Roy's Towing fees (such as towing, storage) and pick up your vehicle.
- If a City ticket has been issued, that fee is due at City Hall, 4200 Mills Civic Pkwy. (open Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
- Be proactive in the future by keeping vehicles off the street during winter weather.

Citizen Responsibilities

Snow can be beautiful, but it can also create hazards. When residents fail to clear sidewalks, falls and injuries may occur. Residents are required by ordinance to clear sidewalks (including those crossing alleys, crosswalks and driveways) within 24 hours of the end of a storm. Please place the snow on private property or adjacent to the right of way, not in the street. A helpful hint for residents — clear your sidewalk after the snowplows have completely finished plowing the street to the curb. If your sidewalk is icy, please apply sand or applicable deicer product to alleviate the hazard and reduce pedestrian injury.



Mailboxes

The City will plow the snow within the confines of curb line to curb line of a street. During extreme winter events there may be times when City plows cannot physically place the snow onto the public right-of-way (commonly referred to as the "parking"). During these times the resident will be responsible for clearing the snow around their mailbox to assure delivery of mail. It is also the resident's responsibility for assuring that their mailbox is properly installed with the face of the door at least six (6") inches, but no more than eight (8") inches, behind the face of the curb. The post should be at least 24" away from the face of the curb, and it should be adequately constructed to withstand snow clearing efforts but meet "breakaway" criteria. In the fall of the year, staff conducts pre-season inspections of mailbox placement throughout the community. If a mailbox is found to be out of compliance, the resident will be notified with a door hanger so the proper corrections can be made before winter begins. Damage to mailboxes that have not been repaired or brought into compliance will not be eligible for a claim adjustment.



If a prediction for snow or winter weather conditions exists, check the City's website at www.wdm.iowa.gov or call the Snow Hotline at 273-0766 to see if there is a Parking Ban in place! Both are available 24/7.

Vehicles must be removed from all City streets, alleys and city-owned parking areas when a Snow Emergency Parking Ban is in effect. Vehicles parked in these areas are subject to being towed and/or a \$50

For a taste of what it's like for our WDM snow fighters in the winter, view a video on the City website at:

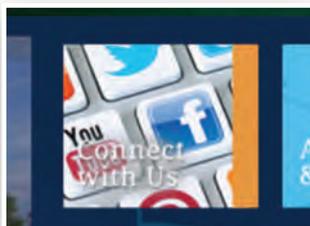
www.wdm.iowa.gov/snowfighting



Frequently Asked Questions About Snow Control

How do we know when the Snow Emergency Parking Ban is in effect?

1. **Snow Hotline** — Call **2730-SNO**. (273-0766).
2. Check the home page of the WDM website: www.wdm.iowa.gov



3. While on the WDM home page, sign up for **E-UPDATES** to automatically receive notices of snow emergency parking bans.
4. “Like” the City of West Des Moines on **Facebook**
5. “Follow” the City of West Des Moines on **Twitter**

Can't the city remove the snow they put in my driveway or sidewalks?

Unfortunately, we cannot. When you consider the vast number of driveways and sidewalks throughout the City, it would be very expensive to taxpayers for us to provide this type of service. The City has over 770 miles of public streets to plow during storm events and we typically do this with approximately 18 operators per shift. While we try our best to minimize the amount of snow that is placed on these areas, it can't always be avoided.

Who do I call to get the public to shovel their sidewalks?

City ordinance requires property owners to shovel their sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of a storm. You may report unshoveled walks to Code Enforcement at 222-3304.

May I shovel/plow/blow the snow from my sidewalk or driveway into the street?

No. City ordinance prohibits this activity due to the hazardous conditions it can create in the street. Violators may be fined. See City Code Sections 7-1-4 and 7-1-5.



I am elderly or disabled. Can the City help clean my sidewalk?

West Des Moines Human Services offers a Handyman program to remove snow for income qualified households in the event of 2 inches or more of snow. This service is available to WDM Elderly (60+) and medically disabled households who are at or below 180% of federal poverty guidelines and prioritized according to the following criteria:

- #1 – low-income disabled households (medically verified), or
- #2 – low-income elderly;

Households must pre-qualify through an application process with HS staff requiring income and/or medical documentation.

Staff hours for the snow removal program are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

While we strive to provide quality service, it is important to note we cannot guarantee your sidewalk will be cleared within the 24 hours since we have just one employee. For more information concerning this program, please contact WDM Human Services at 222-3660.

If/my group would like to volunteer to help an elderly or disabled person shovel their sidewalk. Whom should I contact?

Human Services is always looking for volunteers to help clear snow in the winter and we appreciate the help. Please contact the Human Services Department at 222-3660.

When will my street be plowed?

The City has established priorities for the various classifications of streets. Major arterial streets that must be kept open to provide a transportation system for emergency vehicles will be our highest priority. Depending on storm conditions, crews may have the opportunity to start plowing some residential streets before the storm ends. Ongoing weather conditions and the number of vehicles obstructing plow maneuverability in the roadways have a major impact on the effectiveness of the operation. Please keep in mind that crews may be coming down your street more than once to fully plow the snow to the curb. The City's goal is to have all paved streets completely plowed within 24 hours after the storm has ended.



For More Information, Please Contact

The City of West Des Moines:

- By phone:**
- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Snow Hotline | 2730-SNO (273-0766) |
| Public Works | 222-3480 |
| For Emergencies | 222-3321 |
| Human Services | 222-3660 |
| Sidewalk Violations | 222-3304 |

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How can I help during a winter event?

Thanks for asking!

- ✓ Be sure your vehicle is off the street if it snows.
- ✓ While you're shoveling your sidewalk, dig out the fire hydrant also!
- ✓ Volunteer (if you're able) to help others remove snow by contacting Human Services at 222-3660.
- ✓ Give the snowplows plenty of room on the roadway.
- ✓ If you must venture out, check weather, road conditions and traffic.
- ✓ Relax and enjoy the beautiful winter scenery!

WDM City Code

The following is the City's regulation on snow emergency parking bans which is being published in accordance with the City Code regulation:

6-6-7: SNOW REMOVAL:

No person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or city owned off street parking area during any snow emergency proclaimed by the mayor, public works director, or their respective designees. A snow emergency parking ban shall continue from its proclamation through five o'clock (5:00) P.M. the following day. The mayor, public works director, or their respective designees may extend the duration of the parking ban if conditions require additional time to clear the snow and ice. Notice of an extension shall be posted in the same manner as a proclamation of snow emergency and shall contain the date and time the parking ban shall expire. Such a parking ban shall be of uniform application. The city shall publish information regarding the responsibilities of vehicle owners under this section in the fall and/or winter editions of the "WDM Magazine" distributed to city residents, as well as post such information on the city of West Des Moines website in the fall and/or winter of each year. When predictions or occurrences indicate the need, the mayor, public works director, or their respective designees, shall proclaim the snow emergency and direct the appropriate city employee to post said proclamation on the city of West Des Moines website and forward notice of the proclamation to at least two (2) radio and two (2) television stations that broadcast their signals into the city of West Des Moines. Such emergency may be extended or shortened as the emergency warrants or when conditions warrant. This section shall not be construed as suspending parking limitations or restrictions imposed by any other section of this title. In addition to enforcement of this section by police officers, code enforcement officials and public works employees have the authority to enforce the provisions of this section. The code enforcement officials and public works employees shall have the power to issue citation-complaints for violations of this section and impound vehicles found in violation of this section as provided in subsections 6-6-15A and G of this chapter. (Ord. 1844, 10-5-2009)

West Des Moines City Code is available 24/7 on the City's website at www.wdm.iowa.gov.



NEW to West Des Moines! A HAWK Pedestrian Signal

Where is it?

At the intersection of 65th Street and Ashworth Road

What is it?

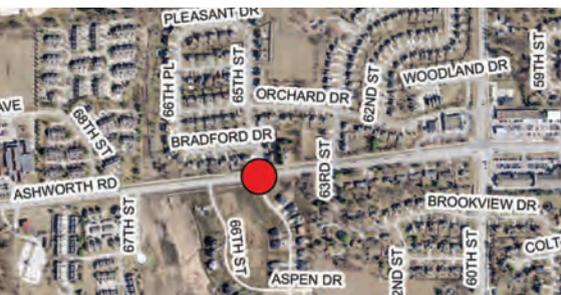
HAWK stands for "High-intensity Activated cross Walk beacon"

Why?

To provide a safer environment for pedestrians crossing a busy street



Approaching the intersection as a pedestrian is crossing.



A group of citizens petitioned the West Des Moines City Council, asking that the City examine installation of a traffic control device in the vicinity of 65th Street and Ashworth Road. The group was concerned with the safety of pedestrians trying to cross Ashworth Road to access Peony Park and school children who had to cross this heavily traveled street. After being made aware of the concerns, the City initiated an analysis of the area that verified the need for some type of traffic control device to minimize the hazards associated with crossing Ashworth Road. Based upon the citizens' request and the information provided from the analysis, the City Council approved the project and directed the Public Works Department to initiate the installation of the traffic control device.



Approaching the intersection, no pedestrians wishing to cross.

While one option would have been to construct a full scale traffic signal, the City elected to install a new type of pedestrian crossing device called a HAWK (High-intensity Activated crossWalk beacon). This device has proven very successful in other communities and was a more cost-effective method to safely move pedestrians across the street.

How Does the HAWK Pedestrian Signal Work?

The Driver Sees

Dark



Flashing Yellow



Steady Yellow



Steady Red



Alternating Red



Dark



1. The signal is dark for traffic until a pedestrian pushes the pushbutton at the crossing.
2. The signal will then flash yellow to warn drivers that a pedestrian will be using the crosswalk.
3. The flashing yellow changes to a steady yellow, advising drivers to stop if safe to do so.
4. Next the signal turns solid red, requiring vehicles to stop at the stop line. The pedestrian will now see the walk indication and proceed into the crosswalk.
5. The pedestrian sees a countdown of seconds during which they should be able to safely cross the street. Once the walk time is completed, the signal will go to alternating red to let the driver know that once they come to a complete stop, if there are no pedestrians in the crosswalk, they may proceed through the intersection.
6. The signal returns to the dark (or "off") position until the pushbutton is activated.

The Pedestrian Sees

Don't Walk



Don't Walk



Don't Walk



Walk



Flashing Hand/
Countdown Timer



Don't Walk



Would you like to see a similar system in action? Watch this YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRWFKBH5s7c&feature=feedf>

Grant funds were provided by the Dallas County Foundation to assist in providing this new addition to our pedestrian traffic system.

Maintaining our City Streets

Every summer as you travel the City you'll see the signs that indicate streets are being maintained or reconstructed. Traffic, weather and other factors will cause the roadway to deteriorate and it's only a matter of time before maintenance or reconstruction is necessary. Patching may occur and asphalt overlays may be applied, but eventually streets need to be torn out and reconstructed.

Typical Life Cycle of a WDM Street

WDM street constructed with concrete pavement:

Every 7-10 Years	Joints/Cracks are sealed
20-30 Years Old	Patching – Partial & Full Depth
40 Years Old	Asphalt overlay is applied to surface
55-60 Years Old	Asphalt is milled and replaced
70-75 Years Old	Asphalt is milled and replaced
85-90 Years Old	Asphalt is milled and replaced, or street is considered for total tearout and reconstruction

Crack Sealing
23rd Street



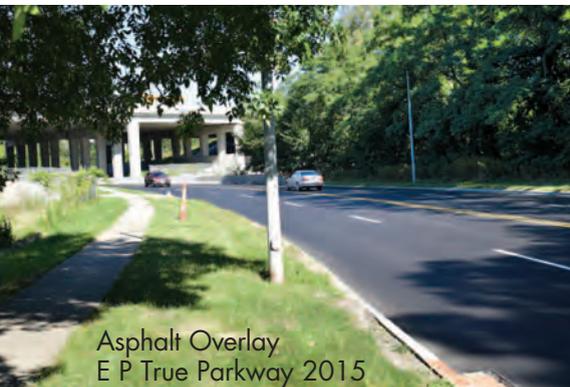
Partial Depth PCC Patching
Westtown Parkway • 2015



Full Depth PCC Patching
60th Street • 2015



Asphalt Overlay
E P True Parkway 2015



Take a look at 2nd Street in the Valley Junction area undergoing reconstruction in 2015.

This photo shows just a snapshot toward the end of the construction process.

You don't see what occurred previously, such as:

- Design and engineering of the work.
- Sending the project out for bid.
- Communication and coordination with residents, businesses, contractors and utilities who may have pipes for water, electrical, communications, etc. in the right-of-way adjacent to the street.
- Tearing out and hauling away the existing roadway.

You can see the work coming to a close . . . and yet there is much to do. Any appropriate painting and striping will be applied. The right-of-way next to the street will be re-graded and restored. Sodding and seeding take place in the fall and spring when it is cooler (never during summer months) to provide the best opportunity for success.

These residents have put up with noise, dust and inconvenience, and yet they will enjoy their new street for many years to come.

Here's an example of street reconstruction recently completed on Vine Street.



Another construction season has come to a close. In 2015, West Des Moines invested \$3,750,000 from the Capital Improvement Project budget in rehabilitating and maintaining our City streets.

How do you perform street maintenance on a busy street?



Public Works has found the best way to accomplish maintenance on an extremely busy street quickly and with minimal disruption is to work around the clock:

During The Day: Tear out the existing surface and prepare for the new. This is noisy, dusty, yet necessary work of removing the deteriorating roadway. The goal is to have at least one lane of traffic open.

At Night: Close the street to all traffic and pour concrete or apply asphalt. Crews can pour concrete for 5-6 hours, allowing the material to cure before opening a lane of traffic in the morning and moving on to the next section of roadway.

As each section of the street is reconstructed, crews work quickly around the clock to keep disruption to a minimum.

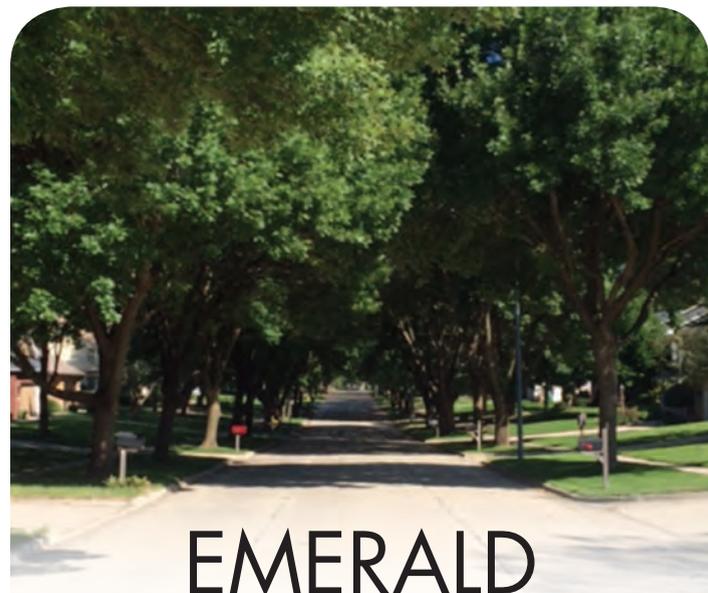
An excellent example of this 24-hour schedule is the recent patching of University Avenue from Jordan Creek Pkwy. to 60th Street in West Des Moines/Clive.

Thank You!

Public Works and contractor crews greatly appreciate the patience and understanding of our residents, businesses, and commuters during the construction season!



The treatment done by City staff, an injection of a 4% solution of emamectin benzoate, has been proven to be nearly 100% effective at killing the EAB larvae and adult beetles over the course of two years. The treated trees will be re-evaluated in 2017 to determine whether or not to treat them again.



EMERALD ASH BORER

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was confirmed in ash trees in several locations within the Des Moines metro area in May of 2014, including a residential ash tree in West Des Moines. Fortunately, the City of West Des Moines already had plans in place to chemically treat public ash trees. Treatment of 710 ash trees, approximately 76% of all ash trees on City-owned property, was initiated in May and completed in late July.



The effects of an EAB infestation start out slowly. The level of damage to untreated trees will likely be more advanced two years from now, but history shows that 4 years from now EAB populations will finally reach a tipping point. Trees that were perfectly healthy one year may die the following year. Within 6 to 10 years from now, nearly all UNTREATED ash trees will be killed by EAB.

Even though EAB is currently not in the headlines or on the nightly news, private property owners are urged to not become complacent. If you have an ash tree on your property, you are encouraged to either make plans to begin treatment in the spring of 2016 OR plan to remove the tree in the near future. Be sure to get multiple prices from reputable local tree companies prior to any tree treatment or removal.

For more information, contact **John Olds**, Urban Forestry Supervisor, at **222-3417** or **john.olds@wdm.iowa.gov**.

Check out the City's EAB webpage at www.wdm.iowa.gov/EAB

You Play a Role in Improving Water Quality

What can YOU do to help improve local water quality? While water treatment is a technical and highly regulated process that most of us prefer to leave to the lab coat-wearing engineers, scientists and trained professionals down at the Water Works treatment plant, we all play a role. Believe it or not, how you care for your lawn can have an effect on keeping our community drinking water both cleaner and cheaper.

It's A Small World ... After All

When water drains away from your yard, it also washes fertilizer, grass clippings and other yard waste way into an underground storm drainage system, which then empties into the rivers that make up a portion of our local source water.

If you've been listening to the water quality discussion in the news lately, you've heard words such as "nitrates" and "phosphorus" and the problems that too much of these substances poses for water quality. Nitrogen, which is key to plant growth, is commonly used in fertilizer as nitrate or NO₃.

Rivers, lakes and ponds with too much phosphorus and nitrogen can have unwanted outbreaks in the growth of algae, which can adversely affect water quality. Since these substances are contained in many fertilizers, the water running from your yard into the storm system generally deposits nitrates and/or phosphorus into our water supply.

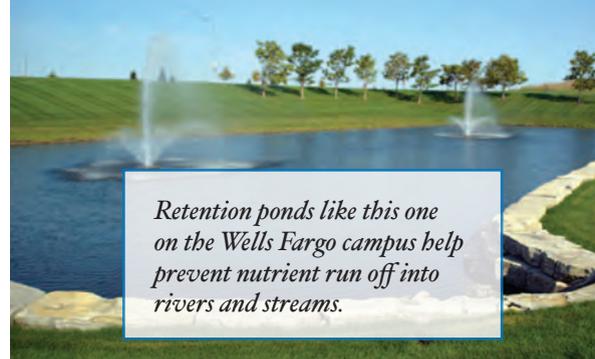
"But rest assured, lush green lawns and high quality water are not mutually exclusive," said Diana Wilson, general manager for West Des Moines Water Works. "Homeowners don't have to suffer brown, barren lawns in order to make a positive impact on clean water."

Source water for the West Des Moines Water Works comes from shallow and deep wells. Deep wells are not impacted by today's nitrogen use, but rivers and streams are. Approximately a quarter of West Des Moines' water is purchased from the Des Moines Water Works, which frequently does need to remove nitrates in order to comply with EPA standards.

Less is Sometimes More

If the grass is greener on the other side of your fence, your neighbor is probably using fertilizer. Too much fertilizer can leave your grass burnt out and brown, using LESS fertilizer will often be MORE effective than using too much.

Homeowners in Iowa can easily determine the ideal amount of fertilizer for their lawn simply by utilizing Iowa State University's free soil test kits. These kits are available at no cost from Iowa State University at local extension offices. Your lawn's nutrient levels will be assessed and recommendations will be given that detail how much fertilizer you should use.



Retention ponds like this one on the Wells Fargo campus help prevent nutrient run off into rivers and streams.

"Also, make sure that the fertilizer you do use is actually going on your grass and not on the cement or other surfaces that are impervious to water," Wilson said. "Use a drop spreader instead of a broadcast spreader, it's much more accurate and saves money by not wasting fertilizer. Using the proper amount of fertilizer helps make your lawn look better, it leaves your wallet with more cash in it and it helps improve the quality of water in our local community."

When It Rains ...

Impervious and flat straightaways in your yard, such as concrete walkways or bare spots in the grass where the dirt is packed down, enables soil erosion and provides easy escape routes for fertilizer and lawn waste.

"The earth has been taking care of itself for a long time," Wilson explained. "Grass clippings are really good for helping your lawn grow, but they're also really good for unwanted algae growth if they wash into the rivers. Try to leave the clippings in your lawn to naturally decompose. Try not to sweep them onto the driveway, sidewalks, or into the sewer system."

If you build it, they will... stay?

Properly designed landscaping can add functionality and improve the overall appearance of your home and yard.

- Walkways made of bricks, interlocking stones, or gravel – instead of walkways made of concrete – will slow down the outflow of water and help retain fertilizer.

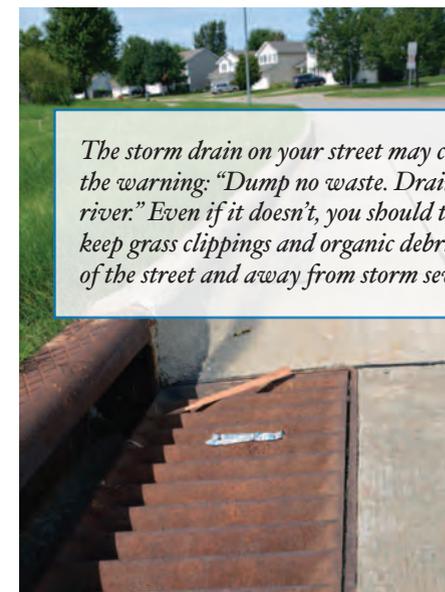
- Plant grass or spread mulch on bare patches in your lawn. Packed down dirt can allow water with an easy route out and will lead to erosion.
- Compost lawn trimmings. Compost can be reapplied to your yard to replenish the makeup of your soil and avoid the need for expensive fertilizer.

To learn more about your West Des Moines drinking water, check out our water quality report on the website. For more information, contact WDMWW at 222-3510 or visit the website at www.wdmww.com.

Local ISU Extension Centers

Polk County
1625 Adventureland Drive
Altoona, IA 50009
nelsonar@iastate.edu
(515) 957-5760

Dallas County
28059 Fairground Road
Adel, IA 50003-4406
xdallas@iastate.edu
(515) 993-4281



The storm drain on your street may carry the warning: "Dump no waste. Drains to river." Even if it doesn't, you should try to keep grass clippings and organic debris out of the street and away from storm sewers.





The West Des Moines
Historical Society
Proudly Presents

Home for the Holidays

Sunday, December 6th &
Sunday, December 13th, 2015
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Step back in time and visit
The Victorian Jordan House at
2001 Fuller Rd., WDM,
near Grand Avenue

Musical Entertainment & Refreshments

-AND-

The 1926 Bennett School
at 4001 Fuller Rd., WDM,
(near Jordan Creek Elementary School)

Children's Holiday Crafts



Costs:
Age 12 and older – \$5
Age 6 -11 – \$3
5 & under – Free

West Des Moines Historical Society
(515) 225-1286
www.wdmhistoricalsociety.org



Proceeds from this fundraiser will continue the preservation of these historic landmarks.

The 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.



Visit us on the web at www.wdm.iowa.gov

James Jordan Scholars Leadership Institute



(Photo from left to right) Jordan Jenkins, Linda Melara, John Liepa, Noab Phillips, Haley Ness, Colton Zimmerman, Ryan Hummel, Rachel Greene, Cheyann Neades, Abigail Dowd, Calla Lloyd, Vivian Broderick, Nick Toulouse, Libbie Skeffington, Elliot Anderson, Cesar Marfal, Allison Tow, Lal Zual, Rob Barron.

The 2015-16 James Jordan Scholars Leadership Institute brings together 17 high school juniors and seniors from Des Moines metro high schools to learn about our community.

Presented by the West Des Moines Historical Society, this ten month program includes students from East, Roosevelt, North, Lincoln, Johnston, Hoover, Dowling Catholic, Walnut Creek and Valley. The Scholars, chosen by teachers and staff, will participate in interactive meetings with community leaders in business, government, agriculture, insurance, education, transportation and social justice, all areas in which James C.

Jordan, an extraordinary leader and 19th Century visionary and abolitionist, excelled.

At the first session, John Liepa, retired instructor of Iowa history at DMACC walked students through Central Iowa's history from 1840-1880. Rob Barron, Political Director for Next Gen Climate, spoke on the qualities of leadership and community service.

The James Jordan Scholars Leadership Institute is sponsored by the West Des Moines Historical Society, the City of West Des Moines, West Bank, Kemm Industries, Polk County, Ruan Transportation and The Jordan Foundation.

Visit us on the web at www.wdm.iowa.gov

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**Yard Waste Season Ends
November 28**

The last of the leaves are falling which is a sign that yard waste season is coming to a close. November 28 is the final day for curbside collection through the Compost It! program. Get your final yard waste bags or cart to the curb for a debris-free winter.

Remember, the "Compost It!" name pays for the cost of collection. You can purchase and use either a Compost It! bag, or a generic store-brand bag, as long as you pair it with a Compost It! sticker.

For more information about yard waste collection, including where to purchase bags and stickers, visit Metro Waste Authority at www.WhereItShouldGo.com or call 515.244.0021.



**Winter Yard Waste Collection:
Dec. 28, 2015 — Jan. 8, 2016**

What about disposing of your real Christmas tree, you ask? Don't fret just yet. West Des Moines provides Winter Yard Waste and Christmas Tree collection through Metro Waste Authority's Compost It! program. Trees are removed from the curb on your regular garbage days from December 28 through January 8, 2016. All trees must have a Compost It! sticker attached and be free of decorations. Wreaths are not accepted. Stickers are sold at participating grocery and hardware stores for \$1.25.

Winter yard waste collection is also the last chance to get rid of remaining yard debris before spring. Be sure to use your Compost It! yard waste cart, Compost It! bags, or attach Compost It! stickers to generic bags to ensure your yard waste is picked up.

For more information about winter collection, visit Metro Waste Authority at www.WhereItShouldGo.com or call 515.244.0021.



Your Guide for
**HOLIDAY
RECYCLING & DISPOSAL**



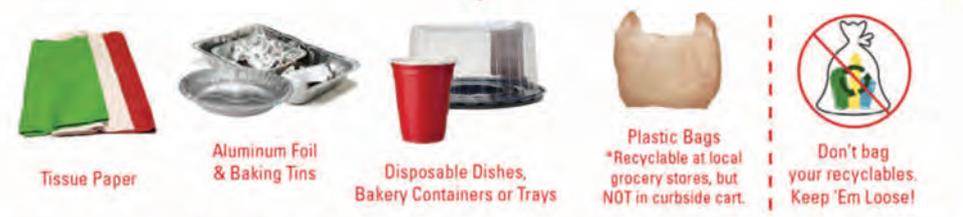
RECYCLE IN YOUR CURBSIDE CART



REUSE OR DONATE (OR TRASH)



THROW IN TRASH



TAKE TO THE METRO HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF



Metro Waste Authority Learn more at www.WhereItShouldGo.com.

Three Common Products You May Be Surprised Are Hazardous

Many of the household products we use daily are made of hazardous materials. Those that say toxic, flammable or keep out of reach of child also need to be kept out of the landfill for health, safety and environmental reasons. While some products, like antifreeze and motor oil may be obvious no-no's for the garbage, some products on the hazardous list may surprise you.

- 1. Cleaning supplies.** Many common cleaning products such as bleach, rust and stain removers, oven cleaners, even glass cleaner, contain chemicals that are harmful to people, pets and the environment.
- 2. Compact fluorescent lightbulbs.** Also known as CFLs, these bulbs contain harmful mercury and need to be kept out of the landfill. The good news is they last longer than the old incandescent bulbs, so they need changed less often. But, when they do, remember not to throw them in the regular trash.
- 3. Nail polish remover.** This product is made of acetone, a highly flammable and therefore hazardous, substance. Unused nail polish should not be poured down the drain or thrown in your regular trash.



As a resident of West Des Moines, you have several ways to get rid of these products and other hazardous material:

- Arrange a pickup at your door. The City of West Des Moines and Metro Waste Authority offer house-side collection for common household hazardous materials. Sign up on an as needed basis for just \$25 per collection. Learn more at www.WhereItShouldGo.com/Houseside.
- Attend the next West Side Drop-Off Event. A number of drop-off events are scheduled every year in the metro western communities. Check the Metro Waste Authority website at www.WhereItShouldGo.com, or the City website at www.wdm.iowa.gov after the beginning of every New Year to learn where and when these events will be held.
- Take it to the Metro Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, located one half mile north of the I-80 Adventureland exit in Bondurant.

Learn more about household hazardous waste and other safe and smart recycling and disposal options at www.WhereItShouldGo.com.



Protect Your Family from Carbon Monoxide Poisoning



Carbon monoxide, also known as CO, is often called the "Invisible Killer." Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, poisonous gas which is created when fuels such

as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane and methane burn incompletely. In your home, furnaces, water heaters, stoves, fireplaces, and generators can be sources of carbon monoxide.

Breathing in carbon monoxide at high levels can be fatal. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 150 people in the United States die each year from accidental non-fire related carbon monoxide poisoning.

Here are a few safety tips to protect your family from carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Install CO detectors in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- If the CO detector sounds, immediately move outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel arrive.
- If the trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.
- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows and vents.
- Remove vehicles from the garage immediately after starting.
- Use gas or charcoal grills outside only.

As the temperature drops and you begin turning up your heating systems, having working carbon monoxide detectors can help your family avoid the "Invisible Killer."

WDM RESIDENT GUIDE

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

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
developmentsservices@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	
• Polk County www.co.polk.ia.us	
• Madison County www.madisoncoia.us	
• Warren County www.co.warren.ia.us	
Death Certificates	See Vital Records
Development Services	
Building Division	222-3630
Engineering & Planning Divisions	222-3620
developmentsservices@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	
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
developmentsservices@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
Missed Pickup/Questions.....	265-5267
Recreation Programs	222-3444
Rental Housing Inspector	222-3630
developmentsservices@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	
• Van Meter	
996-2221 • www.vmbulldogs.com	
• Waukee	
987-5161 • www.waukee.k12.ia.us	
• West Des Moines	
633-5000 • 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	
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	
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 Pkwy
www.wdmww.com • waterworks@wdmww.com	
Westcom	
• EMERGENCY	911
• Dispatch Non-Emergency.....	222-3321
WestPet	273-0651
Animal Licenses	
www.westpet.org	
Yard Waste – Compost IT!	
Waste Management	www.wm.com
General Info/Questions	244-7336
Missed Pickup	244-7336

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*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All programs are free and require registration unless otherwise indicated. Registration dates are in brackets. You may register for most programs online at 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

SCRAPBOOK & CARDBAKER CLUB

Sat, 10 am-4 pm:

**Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 6, March 5, April 2
Fri, 5pm-11pm: April 15**

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

MODEL TRAINS!

Sat, Jan 14, 9am-5pm

Sun, Jan 15, 2-4pm

All aboard! Stop by to see Central Iowa Railroad Club's working layout. Library Community Rm. Adults & children of all ages. No registration. 222-3405 • wdmlibrary.org



"AROUND THE WORLD IN FILM" SERIES

Discover the cultures of the world through award-winning films shot on the inhabited continents. Films subtitled in English with possible discussion before and after the viewings. Light refreshments to be served. Library Community Room. Pick up a list of titles at the Reference Desk or contact Darryl Eschete for more information. 515.222.3409 • darryl.eschete@wdm.iowa.gov

6:30-8:30 pm

Tue, Jan 12 Europe (in Russian)
Mon, Feb 15 South America (Brazilian Portuguese)
Tue, Mar 8 North America (English)
Tue, Apr 12 Asia (in Hindi & Urdu)



HOLIDAY CARDBAKING

Fri at 6:30 pm:

Jan 22 Valentine Cards [Nov 14]

Apr 29 Birthday Cards [Jan 23]

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

CHECKMATES: CHESS AND BOARD GAME CLUB



Thu from 6:30-8 pm:

Jan 28 [Jan 4] | Feb 25 [Feb 1]

Mar 25 [Feb 29] | April 28 [April 4]

For those who know the basics, we'll provide chess sets and feature a different board game each month. Library Community Room. Ages 6-adult. Registration required. 515.222.3403 • wdmlibrary.org

BEADING BASICS

Tue, April 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

CLUB READ: ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Tue @ 6:30 pm:

Jan 5 The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin
Feb 2 Hector and the Search for Happiness by Francois Lelord
March 1 A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

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

CLUB READ SOCIAL

Tue @ 6:30 pm: April 5

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 Room. Registration preferred. 515.222.3403 • wdmlibrary.org

FRIENDS AUTHOR SERIES

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

Dates/Authors TBA

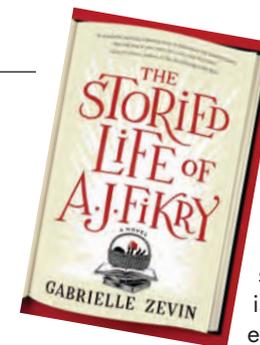
Watch for more information on our website or in the West Des Moines Library Times (adult programs flyer) available in the library. 515.222.3403 • wdmlibrary.org

OPEN COMPUTER LAB & GADGET ZOO

See Our Website Calendar for Dates & Times

=> Need help using the Internet?
=> Having trouble with your email?
=> Confused by e-Readers and tablets?
=> Want to know about our e-Book collections?

We can help! Practice your computer skills and test out various e-Readers and tablets at your own pace. Ask questions and learn from hands-on experience. Note: Basic computer/mouse skills are assumed. Registration preferred. Sign up online or call 222-3403. Please specify what kind of help is needed (email, e-reader, etc.). Individual appointments are also available. Laptop lab and devices provided by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration required. 515.222.3403 • wdmlibrary.org





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 Mill Civic Pkwy, WDM, IA 50265
222-3407 • wdmlibrary.org



WDM Library *Teen Programs*

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. 222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org

WDM LIBRARY'S TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

**Wed 3:30-5 pm: Dec 9, Jan 13,
Feb 10, Mar 9, Apr 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 to take leadership roles in our community, have input in teen activities, and volunteer at Library events. TAB meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, September through May. Ages 12-18 or grades 6-12. No registration. To find out more, Contact Courtney or just stop by a meeting and see what it's all about! 515.222.3412 • courtney.bench@wdm.iowa.gov

GROUP SERVICE PROJECTS (VOLUNTEERS)

Wed 3-5 pm:

Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 2, Apr 6

Are you looking for Silver Cord, Community Service, or volunteer hours? The library is looking for teens to help out with monthly group service projects. Volunteers will perform a variety of tasks to help out the Library – NO experience or training necessary! Space is limited. Group service projects are on the 1st Wednesday of each month, September through May. Ages 13-18. Registration required. To participate or find out more, please contact Courtney. 222-3412 • courtney.bench@wdm.iowa.gov

TEEN CRAFT NIGHTS

Thu: Dec 10, Jan 14,

Feb 11, Mar 10, Apr 14

6-8 pm | Library Community Room

Join us for an evening program full of crafting goodness! A variety of crafts will be provided with a different craft every month. Ages 12 & up. Registration required.

515.222.3403 • www.wdmlibrary.org

- **Dec 10 – Crafty Cinema**

Join us to watch a movie while we make a craft! Popcorn and drinks provided.

- **Jan 14 – Sew What?**

Learn how to sew something you'll actually be proud to show off and use!

- **Feb 11 – Love Key Rings**

Using old keyboard keys we will show you how to make a "love" keychain for yourself or that special someone.

- **Mar 10 – String Art**

With a few pins, a lot of string, and a little work you'll make a cool art piece worthy of any wall!

- **Apr 14 – CD Curtains**

Make your own CD curtain to hang in your room! All supplies provided.



MISS PEREGRINE'S MOVIE RELEASE PARTY

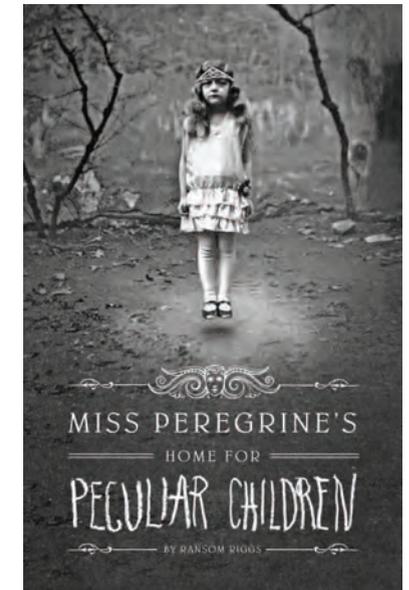
Thu, Mar 3 at 6 pm

Before you see the movie, step into the world of Miss Peregrine and her children! After transforming yourself into a Peculiar take a vintage style creepy picture just like in the books. We will play peculiar games, quiz you on your peculiar knowledge, and eat peculiar snacks too. Registration required.

515.222.3403 • www.wdmlibrary.org.

Registration begins Mon, Mar 2.

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





If You Enjoy Our Children's 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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EARLY LITERACY

"Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they actually learn to read and write. It is not the teaching of reading, but is laying the foundation for reading so that when children are taught to read, they are ready." – from Early Literacy Storytimes @ Your Library by Sarah Nadkarni Ghoting and Pamela Maritn-Diaz

Why is Early Literacy important?

Acquiring early literacy (pre-literacy) skills before school leads to reading achievement and academic success. Children who enter school with well-developed early literacy skills are ready to learn to read.

What are the Early Literacy Skills?

1. Letter Knowledge – knowing the names and sounds of letters, and recognizing that the same letter can look different (upper vs. lower case, different fonts)
2. Narrative Skills – being able to describe events and tell stories
3. Phonological Awareness – the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds that make up words

4. Print Awareness – noticing print, the ability to handle a book, and understanding how to follow the words on a page
5. Print Motivation – being interested in and enjoying books
6. Vocabulary – knowing the names of things

What can YOU do to help your child?

- Allow your child time to talk while you listen attentively
- Encourage your child to handle books and "tell" you the story
- Provide an atmosphere that is fun and language rich
- Read often and make reading time an enjoyable time
- Read, sing, talk, and play with your child
- Write and color with your child to develop fine motor skills

How can the WDM LIBRARY help?

- Ask a librarian for suggestions
- Use one of our many recommended reading lists to find materials your child may enjoy (i.e. 100 Books to Read Before Kindergarten)
- Check out library materials to use at home
- Attend age appropriate library programs (see our Storytime Series)

Visit us on the web at www.wdmlibrary.org

Storytime Series

MOTHER GOOSE STORYTIME

Simple stories, gentle tunes, flannel boards, and nursery rhymes. Each week Jenna will incorporate activities that emphasize and reinforce body part identification, counting, rhythm, sensory stimulation, fine and gross motor skills, and animal sounds. Ages 6 mo-2 yrs w/adult. Registration required.

Mon @ 9:30, 10 & 10:30 am:

Dec 7 & 14 [Nov 30]	Library Storyroom
Jan 11, 18 & 25 [Jan 4]	Mar 7, 14 & 21 [Feb 29]
Feb 8 & 22* [Feb 1]	Apr 11, 18 & 25 [Apr 4]

NIGHTY-NIGHT DROP-IN STORYTIME

Build a lifetime love of books and reading. Nate shares bedtime stories, sing-along songs, and interactive fingerplays with an early literacy focus. Nighty-Night Storytime follows the Family Storytime format. All ages w/adult. No registration.

Mon @ 6:45pm:

Dec 7 & 14 Jan 11, 18 & 25 Feb 8 & 22*	Library Storyroom Mar 7, 14 & 21 Apr 11, 18 & 25
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* No Nighty-Night Storytime on Mon, Feb 15 – library will be closed for staff training.

LAPSIT LAMBS

Using puppets, rhymes, songs, and short stories, Megan will engage baby and caregiver in language-rich activities designed for pre-walking babies. We will spotlight sensory stimulation, animal sounds, fine and gross motor skills, and of course FUN! Includes play ideas that are easily integrated into baby's everyday routine. 1-18 mo. w/adult. Registration required.

Tue @ 9:30 & 10:30 am:

Dec 8 & 15 [Nov 30]	Library Storyroom
Jan 12, 19 & 26 [Jan 4]	Mar 8, 15 & 22 [Feb 29]
Feb 9, 16 & 23 [Feb 1]	Apr 12, 19 & 26 [Apr 4]

All children's programs are free and most require advance registration, which begins at 9 am on the date in brackets. 515.222.3403 • wdmlibrary.org

DROP-IN FAMILY STORYTIME

Lights, camera, action! Nate's stories, songs, felt boards, and rhymes set the stage for children to become successful readers. All ages. No registration.

Wed @ 9:30 am:

Dec 9 & 16 Jan 13, 20 & 27 Feb 10, 17 & 24	Library Storyroom Mar 9, 16 & 23 Apr 13, 20 & 27
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FAMILY STORYTIME

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

Wed @ 10:30 am:

Dec 9 & 16 [Nov 30]	Library Storyroom
Jan 13, 20 & 27 [Jan 4]	Mar 9, 16 & 23 [Feb 29]
Feb 10, 17 & 24 [Feb 1]	Apr 13, 20 & 27 [Apr 4]

OLIVER'S PUPPY TALES

Join Amy and Oliver for stories, rhymes, felt boards, music, and movement. Each week we will introduce and develop specific pre-literacy skills and provide effective tools, tips, and techniques for caregivers to try at home. Ages 1-4 w/adult. Registration required.

Thu @ 10:30 am

Dec 10 & 17 [Nov 30]	Library Community Room
Jan 14, 21 & 28 [Jan 4]	Mar 10, 17 & 24 [Feb 29]
Feb 11, 18 & 25 [Feb 1]	Apr 14, 21 & 28 [Apr 4]

DROP-IN OLIVER'S PUPPY TALES

Amy and Oliver present stories, songs, and rhymes followed by playtime to improve social, motor, and sensory skills! All ages. No registration.

Fri @ 10:30 am:

Dec 11 & 18 Jan 15, 22 & 29 Feb 12, 19 & 26	Library Community Room Mar 11, 18 & 25 Apr 15, 22 & 29
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WDM Library *Children's Programs*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Most programs require advance registration, which begins at 9am on the date in brackets. 222-3405 • wdmlibrary.org

KIDS CLUB READ

Thu @ 4:15: Jan 7 your choice

Feb 4 *Capture the Flag*

Mar 3 *Beezus & Ramona*

Apr 7 *Maniac Magee*

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: Jan 28 [Jan 4]

| Feb 25 [Feb 1] | Mar 25 [Feb 29] |

Apr 28 [Apr 4]

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. Library Community Room. Ages 6-adult. Registration required.



AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES

Wed at 3:45 pm: Jan 13 [Jan 4] |

Feb 24 [Feb 1] | Mar 9 [Feb 29] |

Apr 20 [Apr 4]

Embark on an after school adventure! Library Community Room. Ages 5-12. Registration required.

description days/dates/times/locations ages

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.

LEGO CLUB

What CAN'T you build with Legos?! Put your building skills to the test! We'll have a special challenge for you, if you're up to it!

Wed, Dec 2 at 3:45 pm

[Nov 30]

Library Community Room registration required

5-12



MUSIC TOGETHER

Music Together® is an international research-based, developmentally appropriate music and movement program for preschool children 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.

Thu, Dec 3 at 9:30

& 10:15 am [Nov 30]

Presented by Songs and Signs, LLC Library Community Room registration required

0-5 w/adult



description days/dates/times/locations ages

All children's programs are free and require registration unless otherwise indicated! You may register online at www.wdmlibrary.org, in person, or call us at 222-3405.

HOLIDAY CARD WORKSHOP

Make some ho-ho-holiday cards for your special friends and family!

Wed, Dec 9 at 3:45 pm [Nov 2]

Library Community Room registration required (note early registration date)

5-12



POLAR EXPRESS

Climb aboard the Polar Express and depart for an arctic adventure. Entertainment en route to include the story, refreshments, and more!

Wed, Dec 16 at 3:45 pm

[Nov 30]

Library Community Room registration required

5-12



TRICKY TRACKS

Do you know what animals live in the woods or in your neighborhood? You can learn how to identify the signs that animals leave behind! Presented by Lewis Major of Polk County Conservation.

Mon, Dec 28 at 1 pm [Nov 30]

Library Community Room. registration required

all ages



DROP-IN CRAFT WEEK

"Chillax" at the library! Stop by any time during these four days and we'll have a "cool" winter craft for you.

Mon, Dec 28 – Thu, Dec 31*

Library Children's Department no registration *Holiday Hours: 9 am-noon Thu, Dec 31 • closed Fri Jan 1

all ages

MODEL TRAINS!

All aboard! Stop by to see Central Iowa Railroad Club's working layout.

Sat, Jan 14, 9am-5pm

Sun, Jan 15, 2-4pm

Library Community Room no registration

all ages

VALENTINE CARD WORKSHOP

Join us in the Community Room to make some great valentines for your friends and family!

Wed, Feb 10 at 3:45 pm

[Jan 4]

Library Community Room registration required (note early registration date)

4-12



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

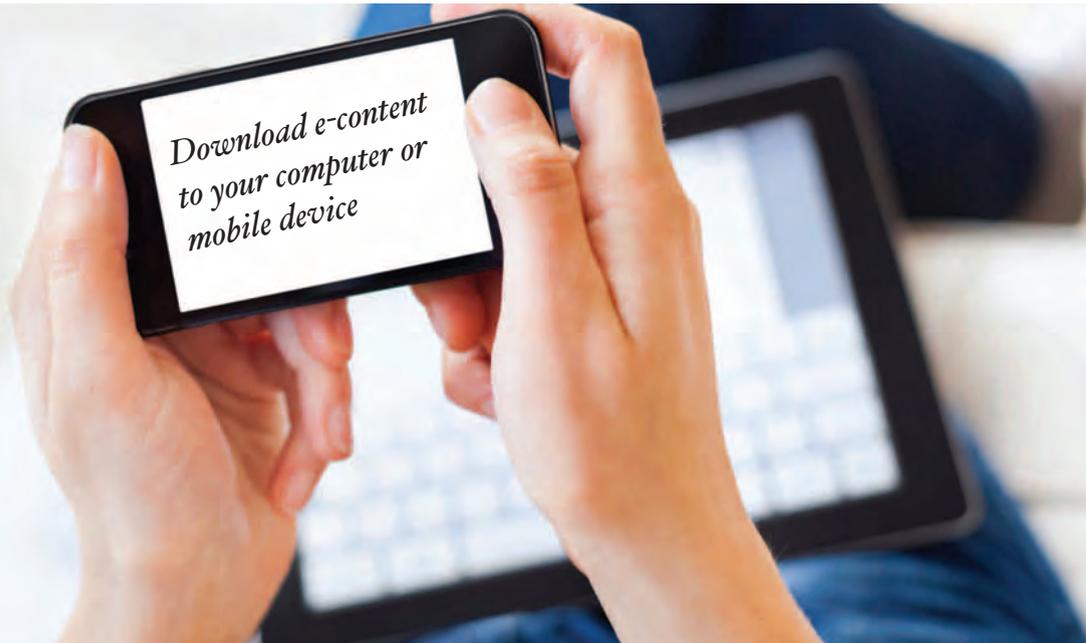
WDM Library *services*

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

Questions? Call 222.3400

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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.

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**225-1576 or 225-1586
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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.

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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.

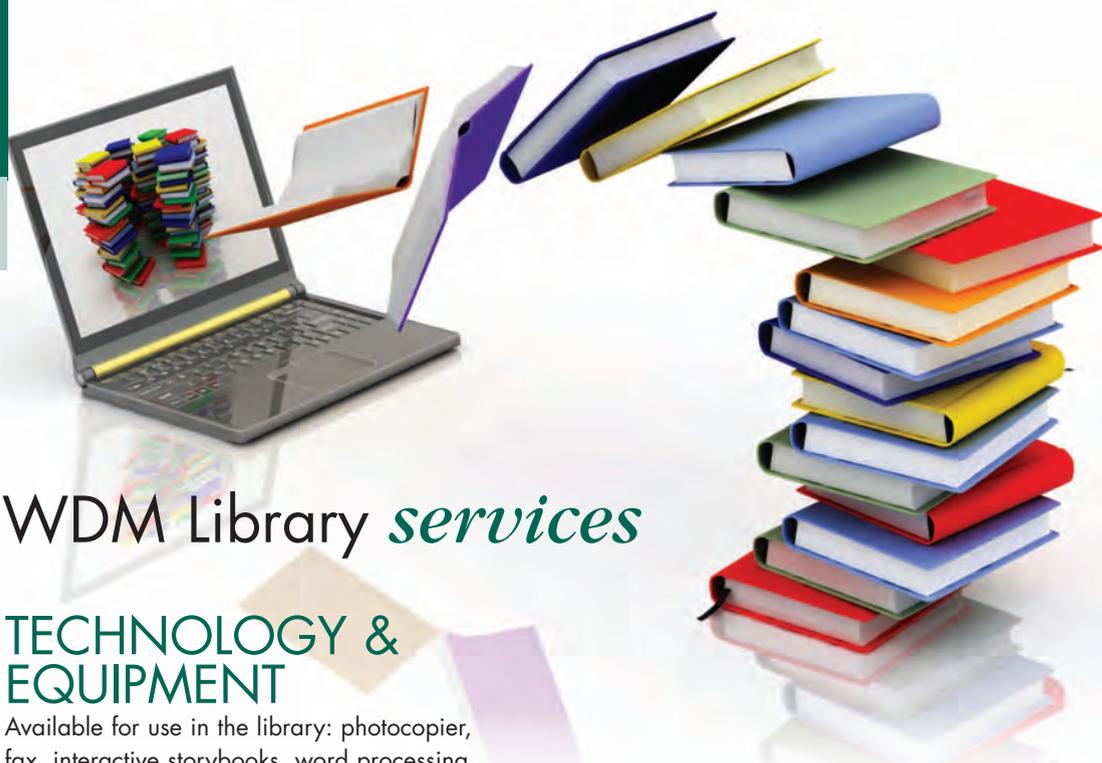
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Your library is more than a warehouse for books. You'll find popular magazines and newspapers; large print materials; puppets and puzzles; recorded books; new releases, classics, and nonfiction DVDs; music CDs; and more.

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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!

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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.

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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.

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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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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.

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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**

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YOUR LIBRARY STORY

Has the WDM Library 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/**

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
<p>WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Trans. Supervisor 222-3661</p> <p>134 6th St. Westside Community Center</p>	<p>M – F 8am – 4pm Lunch served at 11:30 am</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior residents (60+) Reservations required at least 24 hours in advance 	<p>donations encouraged</p>
<p>APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>Transportation is available for necessary medical appointments, recreational group trips, Human Services referral trips and for other trips as time allows (i.e., grocery store, bank)</p>	<p>Trans. Supervisor 222-3661</p>	<p>M – F 8am – 4pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors (60+), disabled and low-income residents of WDM Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. 	<p>donations encouraged</p>

TRANSPORTATION

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



CITIZENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

<p>FRIENDSHIP CONNECTION</p> <p>Friendship Connection is a club for young adults with special needs.</p>	<p>Human Services Staff 222-3660</p>	<p>Thursdays 10am – 11:30am</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young adults with special needs 	<p>NONE</p>
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Friendship Connection

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. To learn more, or to register as a participant, volunteer or presenter, please call 222-3660 or visit our website www.wdm.iowa.gov.



FOOD

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<p>DMARC FOOD PANTRY Food is available at WDM Human Services for households in need.</p>	Human Services Staff 222-3660	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"> Must provide ID for all household members and proof of address 	NONE <i>Funding for this program is provided by USDA which is an equal opportunity employer.</i>
<p>HOLIDAY FOOD ASSISTANCE Food assistance for the holidays is available to eligible households.</p> 	Human Services Staff 222-3660	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call 222-3660 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome. Deadlines apply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must meet income criteria of Federal Poverty Guidelines. Must be in our service area. 	NONE
<p>BREAD DISTRIBUTION Donated bakery items are available weekdays for households in need.</p>	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M - F 9am	NONE	NONE
<p>SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM The state of Iowa, in conjunction with WDM Human Services and the WDM Community School District, provides a free summer lunch program to ensure children from low-income homes receive adequate food while not in school.</p>	Human Services staff 222-3660	Lunches will be served M-F, beginning in June - See website for dates and times.	All children 18 years or younger.	FREE for children 18 years or younger
<p>GARDEN PROGRAM Offset the cost of food and have fun at the same time growing your own garden. Tilling is available to elderly & disabled residents of WDM.</p>	Program Outreach Assistants 222-3660	M 8am - 3pm T 8am - 3pm W 8am - noon TH 8am - 3pm Sign-up in May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must meet income criteria of Federal Poverty Guidelines. Elderly (60+) Disabled (SSI and/or SSA eligible) 	NONE



HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<p>ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP) The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps qualifying households with their primary heating costs during the winter.</p>	Human Services Staff 222-3660 Call for an appointment.	M 8am - 3pm T 8am - 3pm W 8am - noon TH 8am - 3pm Sign-up Through 4/29/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-income households in Western Polk County Social security card & date of birth for all household members Copy of your most recent heating/electric bill 13 weeks of verifiable income from all sources for all household members 	NONE
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Dallas County Residents receive assistance at the Dallas County Family Development Center, 2814 1st St., Perry, IA 50220 465-5185</p> </div>				
<p>EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE/HOMELESS PREVENTION Emergency Assistance is available to avoid housing evictions and utility disconnections to eligible households.</p>	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M 8am - 3pm T 8am - 3pm W 8am - noon TH 8am - 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low income WDM residents. Residents must show eviction or disconnect notice to qualify. See above energy requirements. 	NONE
<p>ASSISTANCE WITH GOVERNMENT FORMS Government forms are not always easy to fill out. WDM Human Services is here to help. Includes forms for DHS and tax rebates.</p>	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M 8am - 3pm T 8am - 3pm W 8am - noon TH 8am - 3pm	Service area residents.	NONE



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 call **222-3663** or visit www.wdm.iowa.gov.





YOUTH ASSISTANCE

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<p>YOUTH RECREATIONAL ASSISTANCE Limited scholarships for recreational/educational activities are available to eligible households.</p>	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of income • Proof of address • Documented proof of activity costs • Low income • WDM resident 	Varies depending on household income
<p>SCHOOL SUPPLIES School supplies are available on a limited basis in August including classroom supplies and backpacks.</p>	Human Services Staff 222-3660	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually in August • Registration begins in July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible low-income residents of WDM 	NONE
<p>HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE Need help with the holidays? Programs are available for qualifying households including Adopt-A-Family and Toys For Tots.</p>	Human Services Staff 222-3660	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 222-3660 to schedule an appointment. • Walk-ins welcome. • Deadlines apply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must meet income criteria of Federal Poverty Guidelines. • Must be in our service area. 	NONE
<p>SWIM PASSES Swim passes are available to low-income residents of West Des Moines.</p>	Program Outreach Assistants 222-3660	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm • Sign-up in May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible low-income residents of WDM 	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.

Housing Solutions Coordinator 222-3666	M – F 8am – 4pm Limited availability.	Eligible homeless participants will need to meet HUD homeless guidelines and income criteria.
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CLOTHING CLOSET

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
Gently used clothing articles and housewares are available to those in need on a monthly basis.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	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"> • Proof of income • Proof of address • Service area resident • ID required 	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)
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ELDERLY ASSISTANCE

HANDYMAN/ CHORE Services include lawn mowing, snow removal and minor home repairs for low-income elderly and disabled residents of WDM.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M – F 8am – 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income - eligible seniors (age 60+) or income-eligible disabled residents of WDM. • Registration required for new clients. 	NONE (donations encouraged)
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CURRENT NEEDS

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 colder seasons. We also need towels, sheets, blankets and small household items. Clothing Closet donations are accepted Monday through Friday 8:30am – 4pm at 139 6th Street in West Des Moines. Donation receipts are available.



Help Your Neighbors In Need

The holidays are approaching and you are invited to add one or more families to your holiday list by participating in one of West Des Moines Human Services' holiday assistance programs.

West Des Moines Human Services is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to low-income, elderly and disabled individuals in our service area. Many of our community members are surviving on very limited incomes and struggle to afford even the most basic of necessities. The holiday season can be particularly difficult for these individuals and families.

Please consider partnering with us to assist these struggling members of our community. Gifts can be delivered directly to a family, or you may deliver your gifts to West Des Moines Human Services. Following are the opportunities available:

Thanksgiving

Sponsors are needed to provide grocery gift cards or food baskets.

Adopt-A-Family Program

Sponsors are matched with a family in need and asked to provide gifts for the children in the household. A "wish list" for the family will be provided consisting of names, ages, genders and gift ideas for the children in the household. Sponsors may deliver the gifts directly to their "adopted" family.

Toys For Tots

This program provides toys for children who are not sponsored through the Adopt-A-Family program. Toys For Tots will take place on December 15, 16, and 17 at WDM Human Services. Donations of new, unwrapped toys are needed for this event.

Monetary Gifts and Gift Cards

Monetary donations are also appreciated as this allows us to assist families during the holidays and throughout the year.

If you know of other individuals or organizations who may wish to participate, please share this information. We have many families and children who need assistance, and adopting a family is a wonderful tradition during the holidays. Please call 222-3663 for more information.

If you are interested in providing assistance, please complete the **Holiday Sponsor Form** by December 4th and send to:

West Des Moines Human Services
ATTN: Mindy Hotovec
139 6th Street, P.O. Box 65320
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265

Melinda.Hotovec@wdm.iowa.gov

Visit us on the web at www.wdm.iowa.gov



HOLIDAY SPONSOR FORM

Contact Name _____ Organization (if applicable) _____
 Street Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Telephone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

I will deliver directly to the family.
 (Note, food baskets must be delivered to the family.)

I will deliver to WDM Human Services.

Do you speak Spanish or have access to an interpreter? Yes No

Have you been a sponsor in the past? Yes No

I would like to participate in the following programs offered by WDM Human Services:

Please check the program(s) and fill in the requested information.

Food Card and/or Food Basket:

Option 1: Purchase a **food card** from a local grocery provider for _____ (holiday)
 \$25 increment(s)
 I will provide a food card(s) for _____ family(s). Maximum size of family(s): _____

Option 2: Provide a **food basket** for Thanksgiving.
 (Food baskets must be delivered directly to the family)
 I will provide a food basket for _____ family(s). Maximum size of family(s): _____

Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program:

Minimum Requirements: Sponsors are asked to **provide gifts for the children living in the household up to age 18** consisting of at least two to three gifts per child. Of course, you may provide more if you desire. **(Optional:** Sponsors may also provide a food basket for the family consisting of the groceries needed for a holiday meal or a food card from a local grocery provider.)

I want to adopt _____ family(s). Maximum size of family(s): _____

Special Preferences: (ie, specific ages) _____

Toys For Tots

(Please deliver new, unwrapped toys to WDM Human Services by December 14, 2015.)

I will provide approximately _____ toys.

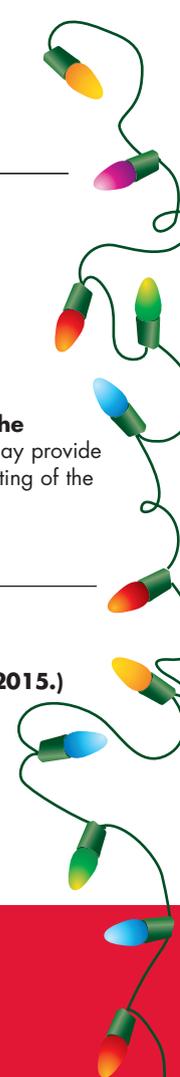
Monetary Contribution or Gift Cards

Your contribution will be used to assist families during the holidays and throughout the year.

Please make your check payable to: West Des Moines Human Services

Sponsor forms or donations should be sent to:

WDM Human Services • Attention: Mindy Hotovec
 139 6th Street, P.O. Box 65320, West Des Moines, IA 50265
 Melinda.Hotovec@wdm.iowa.gov • 222-3663



Sunday Supper In Our Town

RAISES OVER \$50,000

To help low-income, elderly and disabled residents

West Des Moines Human Services held its 6th annual "Sunday Supper In Our Town" fundraising event at Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar on September 27th, 2015. More than 130 guests attended the dinner benefiting low-income, elderly and disabled residents in the western suburbs. Proceeds benefit the programs of West Des Moines Human Services.

It was a wonderful evening of giving back to the community!

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FROM THE CITY MANAGER

When you receive your residential property tax bill, do you know how much of your payment goes to the City of West Des Moines? Do you know how much goes to other entities, such as schools or county government?

Taxes are often a hot topic of conversation, especially when it's time to pay them. It's not always easy to understand exactly where your money goes, and that's because your tax statement includes a lot of moving parts. For example, if you live in West Des Moines but your residence is in Dallas County, you pay a different tax rate than those in Polk County.

Other taxing entities, which the City has no control over, also figure into your total property tax bill, such as schools, counties, Broadlawns Medical Center, Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) and Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC).

If you live in Polk County and you own a home in West Des Moines that is within the WDM School District, approximately 32% of your property tax bill supports your city government and helps pay for services such as public safety, public works, culture and recreation, health and social services, community and economic development and general government services such as finance, legal, human resources and information technology.

Another 35% of your property taxes support West Des Moines Schools, 19.5% goes to Polk County, 8.6% to Broadlawns, 2% to DART, 1.8% to DMACC, .74% to the Polk County Assessor, .11% to Polk County Ag Extension and .008 to the state of Iowa. A breakdown of the taxes you pay is included on the back of your property tax statement.

When comparing tax rates, it's important to note that taxing entities have different priorities, so tax rates differ. For example, West Des Moines is the only municipality in Iowa that funds a Human Services Department which provides assistance to low-income and elderly people in our community. We're also fortunate to have strong public safety operations from our nationally accredited Police, Fire and EMS Departments. In addition, your tax dollars support an outstanding Public Library and our impressive parks, trail system and recreational facilities.

Property tax rates for Iowa's ten largest cities show that West Des Moines is number 8 on that list. Our property tax rate is \$12 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation while other cities in that group range from Waterloo (with a tax rate just below \$18) to Ames (with a rate of \$10).

West Des Moines' statewide rank for estimated City consolidated tax (which includes all taxing entities for fiscal year 2015-16) is 247 out of 946 total cities in Iowa. That ranking is good news, especially when you consider the high level of services West Des Moines provides for residents.

As we begin the budgeting process for the next fiscal year, I invite you to visit the Finance section of our website at www.wdm.iowa.gov and take a look at our budget to see how your tax dollars support the services you and your family enjoy in our community.

Tom Hadden

WDM Parks & Recreation PROGRAM GUIDE

**Registration
Starts:
November 10**



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West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department Facilities

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



Raccoon River Park Archery Facility

The archery facility is the first of its kind in Iowa and includes features such as:

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

Jordan Cemetery

A resting place for many of the founding families of West Des Moines, Jordan Cemetery is located at 2950 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.
Ashawa Park.....4431 Waterford Dr.
Brookview Park.....400 81st St.
Crossroads Park.....5205 Ashworth Rd.
Fairmeadows Park.....543 22nd St.
Florer Park.....1410 Locust St.
Holiday Park.....1701 Railroad Ave.
Huston Ridge Park8455 Coachlight Dr.
Jaycee Park.....5608 Center St.
Jordan Creek Park.....310 50th St.
Kiwanis Park.....3101 Maple St.
Knolls Park.....5150 Aspen Dr.
Maple Grove Park.....9350 Chalk St.
Meadowview Park638 Prairie View Dr.

Pearson Park.....1256 19th St.
Peony Park.....1100 63rd St.
Quail Cove Park.....1515 South 52nd St.
Raccoon River Park.....2500 Grand Ave.
Railroad Park425 Railroad Ave.
Scenic Valley Park.....1223 South 24th Ct.
Southwoods Park.....350 South 35th St.
Valley View Park.....255 81st St.
Western Hills Park4115 Walnut St.
Wild Rose Park.....6801 Cody Dr.
Willow Springs Park.....5685 Wistful Vista Dr.
Wilson Park.....298 9th St.
Woodland Hills Park230 South 95th 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, a 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 at 222-3424 to check availability!



PARKS & TRAILS MAP

WEST DES MOINES PARKS & RECREATION



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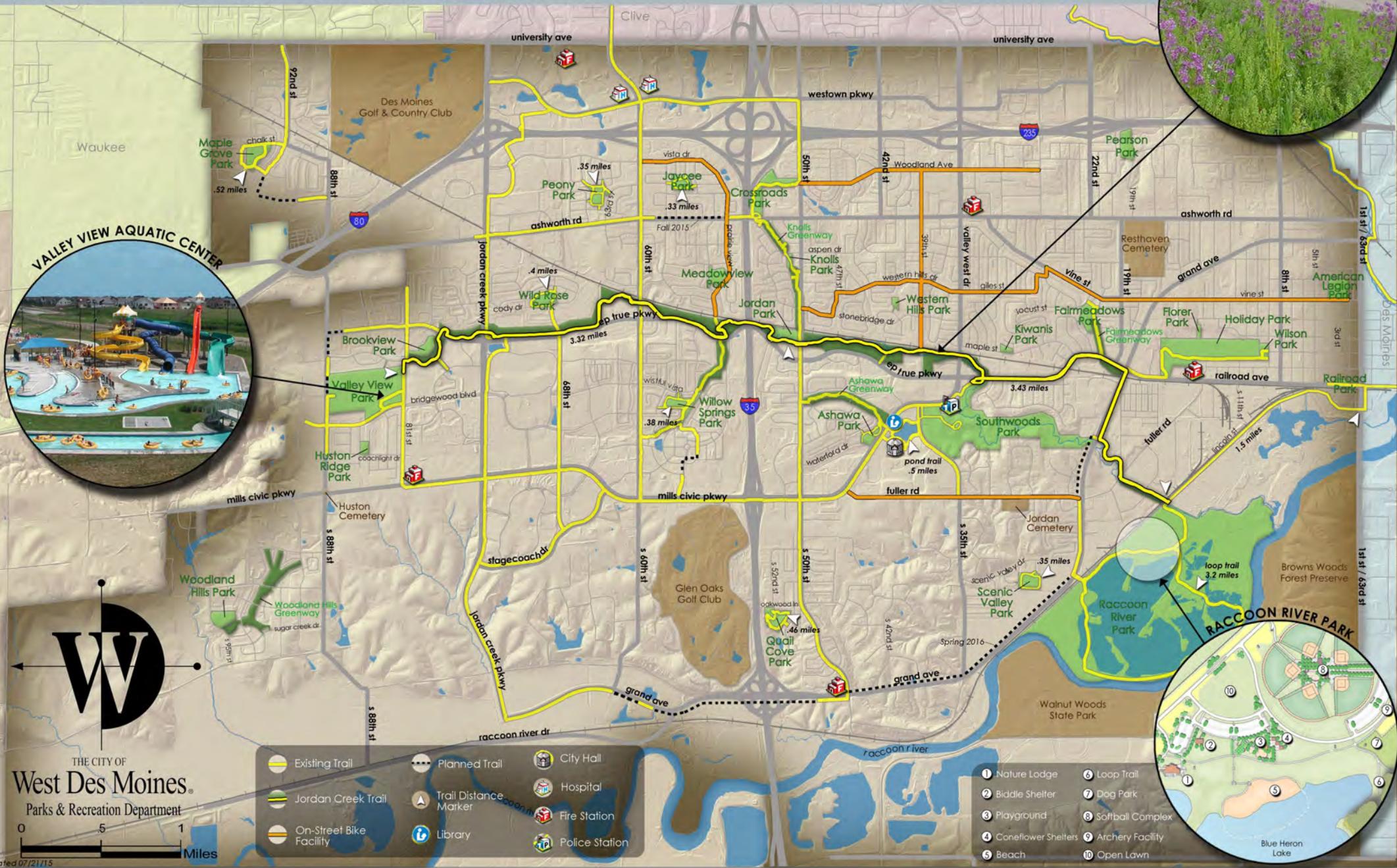
JORDAN CREEK TRAIL



VALLEY VIEW AQUATIC CENTER



RACCOON RIVER PARK



THE CITY OF
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 Parks & Recreation Department

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

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Nature Lodge | Loop Trail |
| Biddle Shelter | Dog Park |
| Playground | Softball Complex |
| Coneflower Shelters | Archery Facility |
| Beach | Open Lawn |

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Breakfast with Santa

Join us for this fun, festive, holiday breakfast featuring Santa Claus himself!! Our event features an all you can eat pancake breakfast, catered by "Chris Cakes." Photos on Santa's lap will be available so be sure to bring your camera! Limited admission tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Please be sure to register early.

All children must be supervised by a paying adult to attend.

DAY	Saturday
DATE	December 12
TIME	8 – 10am (Open house format)
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
FEE	per person
ages 12+	\$6
ages 2 – 11	\$4
under 2 years	FREE
REGISTER BY	December 4
PROGRAM #	15021

Dog Behavior 101

If you are a member of the West Des Moines Dog Park you see all sorts of dog behavior. Do you wonder why that crazy Westie is always ambushing your pooch or why dogs play so rough? Come join Susan Barnes, owner/trainer of MYTDOG, as she explains dog behavior. You will learn tips on how to identify an aggressive dog and how to keep your dog out of dog altercations. This class is free of cost and those who attend will receive a \$5.00 voucher good toward their dog park pass.



DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	PROGRAM #
Saturday	December 12	9:30am	WDM Library	15076
Tuesday	February 23	6:30pm	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	15077
FEE	FREE			



This is Santa Calling

Have you been naughty or nice? This is a free service for children 3-6 years old who are West Des Moines residents. If your child would like to receive a call from Santa, just call the North Pole Extension Office at 222-3444 or email the elves at ParkRec@wdm.iowa.gov. You will be sent an information sheet to **RETURN** to Santa **before the December 10 deadline.**

DAY	Monday
DATE	December 14
TIME	6 – 7:30pm



NEW LOCATION!



Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Dance

Join us for this annual community event that provides a unique opportunity for fathers, or father figures, and their daughters to spend an evening together. This year's event will be held at the **West Des Moines Sheraton Hotel**, providing an added touch of elegance. A child-friendly, light Italian meal will be served buffet style along with a variety of desserts during the festivities. A video DJ, Thunder and Lightning, will WOW the crowd with two huge video screens and family-friendly music. Photos will be available from University Photo for a small additional fee, and a box of conversation hearts will be handed out to each girl at departure. Plan ahead and don't miss out!

DAY	Sunday
DATE	February 14
TIME	4 – 7pm
LOCATION	WDM Sheraton Hotel 50th and University Ave
AGES	4 – 11
FEE	\$18 per person
PROGRAM #	15126

NEW!



Little Princess Parties

“WINTER WONDER PALACE”

Step into a magical world where the cold, harsh winter melts away and fairytales are brought to life! Our friends from “LITTLE PRINCESS PARTIES” are back to help us create the ultimate “Winter Wonder Palace.” During a 90 minute period, your little Princess will experience games, stories, crafts and more! We’ll play some reindeer games with the Snow Sisters, bake cookies with Snow White and relax as Beauty tells a “tale as old as time!”

The \$29 registration fee includes one ticket for the princess and one ticket for the Queen Mother or Prince Father who must be present with the princess throughout the event.

Be our guest! Be our guest! Be our guest!

DAY	Saturday
DATE	January 9
TIMES	PROGRAM #
9am – 10:30am	15128
11am – 12:30pm	15129
1pm – 2:30pm	15130
REGISTER BY	December 18
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	4 – 7
FEE	\$29

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.

**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

Session I	January 5 – February 23		
BEGINNER CLASS			
DAY	TIME		
Tuesdays	6:30 – 7:30pm		
PROGRAM #	15080		
FEE	\$36		
INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED CLASS			
DAY	TIME		
Tuesdays	7:30 – 8:30pm		
PROGRAM #	15081		
FEE	\$36		

Session II	March 1 – April 26 (No Class March 15)		
BEGINNER CLASS			
DAY	TIME		
Tuesdays	6:30 – 7:30pm		
PROGRAM #	15082		
FEE	\$36		
INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED CLASS			
DAY	TIME		
Tuesdays	7:30 – 8:30pm		
PROGRAM #	15083		
FEE	\$36		

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.



Session I	January 5 – February 23		
DAY	TIME	PROGRAM #	FEE
Tuesdays	5:30 – 6pm	15086	\$28
Tuesdays	6 – 6:30pm	15087	\$28
Session II	March 1 – April 26 (No Class March 15)		
DAY	TIME	PROGRAM #	FEE
Tuesdays	5:30 – 6pm	15084	\$28
Tuesdays	6 – 6:30pm	15085	\$28

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

Story Hour at The Nature Lodge

If cabin fever has struck, bring your children to the Nature Lodge to enjoy a story hour with our naturalist. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy as we share nature books, stories and games.

DAY	Wednesdays
DATES	December 2, 9, 16
TIME	12 – 1pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	All
FEE	Free



Fun Time Story Time

Does winter have you down? Looking for someplace new to take your child that is safe and fun? Join us at the Valley Community Center for a little story time fun! We will read a couple of stories, share some cool animals and have plenty of extra play time at the indoor play center. No need to register, just show up and join the fun!

DAY	Tuesdays
DATES	January 12 – February 23
TIME	10 – 10:45am
LOCATION	Valley Community Center (4444 Fuller Road, WDM)
AGES	All
FEE	Free



PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Indoor Playground

Need to get out of the house and let that toddler run off some steam? We've created an indoor playground that can help get the job done. Toys, slides, and riding toys will challenge your child for a day of fun! Parents are required to stay and supervise their children.

DAYS	Mondays & Wednesdays
DATES	October 14 – December 16 and January 4 – April 6
TIME	10am – 12pm
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	4 years & under with adult
FEE	FREE
(No Indoor Playground when school is not in 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.

Beginners First Steps Dance

DAYS	Tuesdays	
DATES	January 5 – February 9	
AGES	TIMES	PROGRAM #
3 – 4	5:30 – 6pm	15095
3 – 4	6 – 6:30pm	15096
5 – 7	6:30 – 7:30pm	15097
LOCATION	WDM Community Center	
FEE	\$39	

DAYS	Tuesdays	
DATES	February 23 – April 12 (no class March 15 & April 5)	
AGES	TIMES	PROGRAM #
3 – 4	5:30 – 6pm	15098
3 – 4	6 – 6:30pm	15099
5 – 7	6:30 – 7:30pm	15100
LOCATION	WDM Community Center	
FEE	\$39	

Intermediate First Steps Dance

DAYS	Mondays	
DATES	January 11 – May 23 (no class on February 15 or March 14)	
AGES	TIMES	PROGRAM #
5 – 7	5:30 – 6:30pm	15101
8 – 10	6:30 – 7:30pm	15102
LOCATION	WDM Community Center	
FEE	\$118	



START SMART

Start Smart Programs will be held once a week for 5 weeks, and each week the exercises become increasingly more difficult as the class progresses and the children show improvement. All supplies needed for Start Smart programs are provided at the first class and are included in the program fee.

A parent is required to attend and participate each week. It is recommended that non-registered siblings do not attend as it makes it difficult for parents to fully participate in the program.

Basketball

Start Smart Basketball teaches children (ages 3-5) the basic motor skills necessary to play organized basketball while they work one-on-one and spend quality time with their parents. The program focuses on teaching children and their parents skills in dribbling/ ball handling, passing/catching, shooting and running/agility without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt.

DAYS	Thursdays
DATES	January 14 – February 11
TIME	5:30 – 6:30pm
LOCATION	Crestview Elementary 8355 Franklin Ave., Clive
AGES	3 – 5
FEE	\$60
PROGRAM #	15103



Sports Development

The Start Smart Sports Development Program is a developmentally appropriate introductory sports program for children 3-5 years old. The program prepares children for organized sports in a fun non-threatening environment.

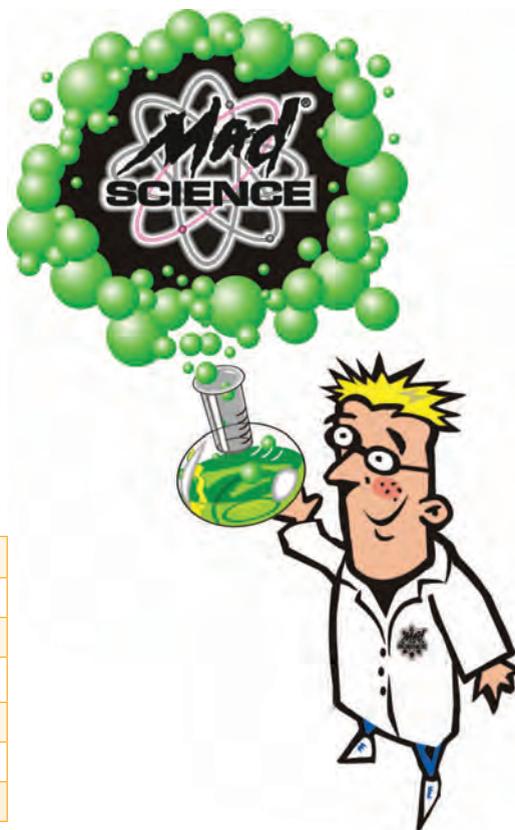
The Start Smart Sports Development Program prepares children and their parents for organized sports without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Age appropriate equipment from Franklin Sports® and Hasbro® is used in teaching throwing, catching, batting and kicking.

DAYS	Tuesdays
DATES	March 22 – April 19
TIME	5:30 – 6:30pm
LOCATION	Crestview Elementary 8355 Franklin Ave., Clive
AGES	3 – 5
FEE	\$65
PROGRAM #	15104

WEATHER CANCELLATION HOTLINE: **222-3500**

Mad Science - Sampling Science – Grades K-2nd

Our country continues to increase its emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), and rightfully so! Where should you go for a truly meaningful STEM curriculum for your child? Well, Mad Science of Iowa of course! This semester we have a nice “sampler plate” of science topics for your budding scientist. We will cover the following topics: Science of Brain, Heart & Lungs, Detective Science, Where’s The Air?, Meteorological Science, Engineering “Gizmos,” and Engineering “Gadgets.” Your child will receive two take homes each time we meet.



DAYS	Thursdays
DATES	March 24 and March 31
TIME	5:45 – 7:45pm
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	Kindergarten – 2nd Grade
FEE	\$52
PROGRAM #	15124

Mad Science - Forensics Science – Grades 3rd-5th

This semester, discover the evidence at crime scenes and learn how different security processes aid in preventing the crimes in the first place! We will cover the following topics: Who Dun It?, Science of Security, Discover Detection, Crime Lab, Agent Undercover, and Crafty Observations. Your child will receive two take homes each time we meet.

DAYS	Thursdays
DATES	March 24 and March 31
TIME	5:45 – 7:45pm
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	3rd – 5th Grade
FEE	\$52
PROGRAM #	15125

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.

DAYS	Monday and Wednesday
DATES	December 28 and 30
TIME	9 – 11:45am
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	8 – 15
FEE	\$45
PROGRAM #	15093

DAYS	Monday and Wednesday
DATES	March 14 and 16
TIME	9 – 11:45am
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	8 – 15
FEE	\$45
PROGRAM #	15094

Spring Break Archery

Looking for something fun to do during your spring break? How about spending some time at the Raccoon River Park Archery Facility? You will have the opportunity to practice your archery skills and possibly learn some new ones in this spring break day camp.

DAYS	Thursday and Friday
DATES	March 17 and 18
TIME	1 – 4pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	9 – 12
FEE	\$25
PROGRAM #	15075



WDM YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Youth sports in West Des Moines are coordinated by a variety of organizations. These groups are not organized by the City of West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department; however some of them may utilize city facilities. For a comprehensive listing of a variety of youth sports information and links to websites, visit:

www.wdm.iowa.gov/youthsports.

The youth sports organizations listed below will begin registration for summer 2016 activities soon. Contact each organization directly for complete information to get your child registered.

WDM Soccer Club

P.O. Box 65815 | West Des Moines, IA 50265 | 515-222-0079
 Email: wmdadmin@wdmsoccerclub.org | Website: www.wdmsoccerclub.org

WDM Girls Softball

P.O. Box 65602 | West Des Moines, IA 50265
 Email: wdmsoftball@gmail.com | Website: www.wdmsoftball.org

WDM Youth Baseball

890 SE Olson Dr. | Waukee IA 50263 | 515-987-0806
 Email: frontdesk@sportsplexwest.com | Website: www.oblofwdm.com



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, a well as information on hunter ethics, conservation management and hunting regulations.



DAY	DATE	TIME
Must attend both days		
Thursday	March 24	6 – 9pm
Saturday	March 26	8am – 5pm
(Please bring a sack lunch on Sat.)		
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	12+	
FEE	Free	
TO REGISTER	http://www.iowadnr.gov/training (Class will be posted after Feb. 1)	

NEW!

Family Craft Night

Come as a family and make a fun craft that you can take home and actually use. We will provide the supplies and instruction. You just provide the fun!

DAYS	Thursdays		
DATES	THEME	FEE per participant	PROGRAM #
December 3	Popsicle Stick Snowflake	\$7	15105
January 7	Braided Yarn Scarf	\$10	15106
February 4	DIY Tic-Tac-Toe Game	\$12	15107
March 3	Stamped Coin Bracelet	\$5	15108
TIME	5:30 – 7pm		
AGES	5+ (children must be accompanied by an adult)		
LOCATION	WDM Community Center		



NEW!

#sELFie

Join WDM Parks and Recreation's holiday #sELFie project starting the week after Thanksgiving! Can you find the three places throughout West Des Moines where you can join in on the #sELFie project? Take your picture and post it to our Facebook page with #sELFie.



NEW!

Calling West Des Moines groups, families, clubs, schools and businesses!

Snowman Building Contest

The Snowman Building Contest is a community wide, family event that gets people outside and enjoying our fabulous winter. You can build a snowman or snow sculpture in your yard, place of work, or in a WDM park. Over the 8-week period we encourage groups, families, clubs, schools and businesses to have a whole bunch of fun building a snowman or snow sculpture to win a prize.

Groups are encouraged to build a snow creation, submit up to 3 photos that include at least one of the builders, and submit it to allison.ullestad@wdm.iowa.gov with contact information by February 28. Community judges will select a winner in each of these 3 categories: **Most Creative Snowman, Most Creative Snow Sculpture, and**

Best Traditional Snowman.

DATES	January 1 – February 28
PRIZE	\$100 in "Park and Rec Bucks" to each category winner



Birthday Parties At The Nature Lodge

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>
Frozen	4-7
Amazing Animals	4-7
Prehistoric Pals	4-7
Flower Power	5-7
Pajama Party	5-7
Star Wars	5-7

Party themes are effective November 1st.



Parties @ THE WDM Teen Center

Are you looking for something new to do for your child's birthday this year? Want to take your youth group somewhere they haven't been yet? Just looking to have fun with your friends for a night?

Then the WDM Teen Center is the place for your next party!

Choose 2 elements for your party from the list below. We will provide the staff, the facility, the snacks, the set-up and the clean-up. All you have to do is come and enjoy yourself and thrill your guests!



Location: 1401 Vine Street
Days/Time: M — F • 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Fee: \$120 for the first 15 participants (\$5 per additional participant with a max of 30 participants)

PARTY ELEMENTS (pick any 2)

Rock Wall Warriors

We have an 18 ft high rock climbing wall that can climb 2 people at a time. We have all the necessary equipment. Anyone wanting to climb must wear tennis/climbing shoes and complete an activity waiver.

Movie Mania

We will set up our sound system and projector to create a movie theater experience for your group. Popcorn is included for your guests. You help pick the movie.

Vigorous Video Games

We will get you set up on the Xbox 360, Kinect, Wii, or Playstation. We have a wide range of games to choose from.

Rec Room Revelry

We have a pool table, ping pong table, foosball table, basketball spot shot, and air hockey table all for you to enjoy. We can even set up a tournament for you and your guests to challenge each other throughout the evening.

Karaoke Kraziness

We will set up our sound system and projector to rock out with your friends. We have loads of songs for you to choose from.

Call 222-3444 to schedule your party today!

Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance.



JOIN IN ON THE FUN!



VIDEO GAMES
TABLE GAMES
ROCK CLIMBING WALL
AND MUCH MORE

1401 Vine Street • 515.202.5169

HOURS:

Monday • Tuesday • Thursday • Friday 2:30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 1:50pm – 6pm

What the WDM Teen Center is all about.

Headed up by the West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department, The WDM Teen Center opened its doors in the Fall of 2006. Working jointly with WDM Community Education and the WDM Community School District (WDMCSD), the Teen Center provides a safe and recreational environment for students from Stillwell Junior High, Indian Hills Junior High and Valley Southwoods! The Teen Center features movie days, cooking classes, pool tourneys, guest speakers, sports, study time, leadership games, and dances, among other activities. User survey results show 76% of youth stay at the Center for two hours or more, and 69% say it is likely they would be home alone if they could not attend the Teen Center. Community support has truly made this a safe and fun environment for the youth of West Des Moines. The Teen Center follows the WDMCSD calendar and is not open when school is closed. The Teen Center will also be closed when there is an early dismissal or when school is cancelled due to inclement weather.



Your kids will find great things to do at the Teen Center.

From video games to Internet access, your child will find a large variety of activities to keep them busy while they are at the Teen Center.

The WDM Teen Center has 8 computers that have Internet access. This access is filtered through the WDMCSD's safety settings. So basically, anything they can access at school, they can access at the Teen Center, or vice versa. Students sign up for time slots each day in which they can use the computers. A staff member is always in the room when computers are being used. The Teen Center has been fortunate in receiving many donations throughout its short history. Some of these include a pool table, foosball table, 2 Wii game systems, an Xbox 360, a rock climbing wall, numerous books, puzzles, craft supplies, and much, much more. One day each week is known as the Snack Shack day. Students can purchase after-school concessions and even help in the management of the Snack Shack.

Field trips are often scheduled where staff take up to 10 students off-site for either a recreational or service-oriented activity. Of course, studying is always allowed and staff members are more than willing to help your child with daily assignments and homework. And finally, most Teen Center attendees like to just sit around in one of our many furnished areas and chat with friends.



Follow the WDM Teen Center on Facebook.

Why you need to register your child today.

To ensure your child's access to the Teen Center, please register them online.

Each student wanting to attend the Teen Center must register. Students will be admitted to the Teen Center by scanning their school ID each day of attendance. This will need to be done when they arrive and when they leave each day. Students can only sign in and out one time per day.

The West Des Moines Teen Center will be charging a yearly registration fee of \$50 per student. Each student is allowed up to 3 FREE visits to the Teen Center. The \$50 fee will be charged if a child has used the Teen Center more than 3 times. If payment is not received after the third visit, admittance will not be granted on the student's next visit. **Your child can be registered and the registration fee can be paid online at <https://reconline.wdm-ia.com> using the program # 14224.**

Discipline Policy at the Teen Center

The Teen center uses the "3 Strikes You're Out" method of discipline. A detailed record of each offense will be kept on file. Parents will be notified their child has received a strike. The first strike will result in removal from the Teen Center for the day. The second strike will result in removal from the Teen Center for 5 school days. The third strike will result in removal from the Teen Center for the remainder of the school year. The Teen Center is a Zero Tolerance facility, and the discipline for all offense will be left to the Teen Center staff members' discretion.

WDM Teen Center Registration Form and Registrant Handbook can be found at www.wdm.iowa.gov/teencenter



American Red Cross



Baby-Sitter Training

This course gives youth ages 11 to 15 years old the knowledge and confidence to care for infants and school-age children. Combining video, activities, hands-on skills training and discussion for a complete learning experience, Babysitter's Training teaches youth how to:

- Respond to emergencies and illnesses with first aid, rescue breathing and other appropriate care
- Make decisions under pressure
- Communicate with parents to learn household rules
- Recognize safety and hygiene issues
- Manage young children
- Feed, diaper and care for infants
- Start their babysitting business

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

For class locations, dates, times, or to register, call

1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.redcross.org/takeaclass



American Red Cross

Adult and Pediatric First Aid CPR/AED and Bloodborne Pathogen*

Training meets OSHA Guidelines for First Aid Programs and combines lecture, interactive video demonstrations and hands-on training to teach participants lifesaving skills.

- **First Aid:** Participants learn to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies, such as burns, cuts and scrapes, sudden illnesses, head, neck and back injuries, and heat and cold emergencies.
- **CPR/AED Adult:** Participants learn how to perform CPR, use an AED, and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults.
- **CPR/AED Child and Infant:** Participants learn how to prevent, recognize and respond to cardiac and breathing emergencies in infants and children under 12.
- **Bloodborne Pathogens:** This training course is designed for workers at risk for on-the-job exposure to blood or other body fluids that could cause infection.

*This full course meets requirements for childcare providers in the state of Iowa. You can also register for a smaller combination such as Adult CPR/AED by calling **1-800-REDCROSS** or visiting our website at www.redcross.org/takeaclass to see all of our scheduled class combinations.



CALL **222.3441** FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR COURSES AND LIFEGUARD TRAINING CLASSES.



Both Classes will be Blended Learning. Students will do most of the book work at home on a computer.



Lifeguard Training Course

PRE-REQUISITES FOR CLASS:

- Minimum age: 15 years
- Swim 300 yards continuously.
- Tread water for 2 minutes using only the legs.
- Complete a timed event within 1 minute, 40 seconds.
- Starting in the water, swim 20 yards.
- Surface dive to a depth of 7 to 10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object.
- Return to the surface and swim 20 yards on the back to return to the starting point.
- Exit the water without using a ladder or steps.

DAYS	Mondays and Wednesdays
DATES	February 15 – March 9
TIME	6 – 10pm
LOCATION	Dowling Catholic High School 1400 Buffalo Road, WDM
FEES	\$125 WDM Parks & Recreation + \$35 Red Cross Online Portion
PROGRAM #	15090
REGISTER BY	February 4

Water Safety Instructor

To train instructor candidates to teach water safety, including the Basic Water Rescue and Personal Water Safety courses, six levels of Learn-to-Swim, three levels of Preschool Aquatics and two levels of Parent and Child Aquatics Prerequisites. Fundamentals of Instructor Training certificate included. Must be at least 16 years of age.

DAYS	Tuesdays and Thursdays
DATES	February 16 – March 10
TIME	6 – 10pm
LOCATION	Dowling Catholic High School 1400 Buffalo Road, WDM
FEE	\$125 WDM Parks & Recreation + \$35 Red Cross Online Portion
PROGRAM #	15092
REGISTER BY	February 11



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

Open Swimming at Valley High School Pool

Bored and need something to do? Check out open swim on Sundays at Valley High School Pool. West Des Moines Senior Citizens over 55 swim free! Program is co-sponsored by West Des Moines Community Education.

DAYS	Sundays
DATES	January 10 – February 28
TIME	1 – 4pm (Lap Lanes Available)
LOCATION	Valley High School – 3650 Woodland Ave., WDM
FEE	\$2 per person (WDM senior citizens 55+ swim free!)

BALLROOM DANCING

Level 1 – Absolute Beginner

This ballroom class is for anyone who is an absolute beginner. If you've never danced before, been accused of having two left feet, or if you have some knowledge of various ballroom dances, this is the class for you. We'll teach 5 dances during each course: Foxtrot, Swing (East Coast), Waltz, Rumba and introduction to Cha Cha. 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	12:30 – 1:30pm		
DATES	# OF WEEKS	PROGRAM #	FEE per person
January 10 – February 28	8	15109	\$70
March 6 – May 1 (No class March 27)	8	15110	\$70
LOCATION	WDM Community Center		

Level 2 – Beyond Beginner

This ballroom class is for anyone who has completed the Level 1 class or has equivalent experience in dancing and training. These classes are intended as a follow-on course for the Level 1 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 1 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 4 months will be required to cover all the various dances being taught at this level. Any dance not included in the normal Level 1 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. **This is a couples only class.**

DAY	Sundays		
TIME	1:30 – 2:30pm		
DATES	# OF WEEKS	PROGRAM #	FEE per couple
January 10 – February 28	8	15118	\$140
March 6 – May 1 (No class March 27)	8	15119	\$140
LOCATION	WDM Community Center		

Level 1 and 2 – Absolute Beginner and Beyond Beginner

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. In the 6 week class 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	Thursdays		
TIME	6:45 – 7:45pm		
DATES	# OF WEEKS	PROGRAM #	FEE per person
January 7 – February 25	8	15111	\$70
March 3 – April 21	8	15112	\$70
LOCATION	WDM Community Center		



BALLROOM DANCING

Level 3 – Intermediate

This ballroom class is for anyone who has completed Level 1 and Level 2 classes or has equivalent experience in dancing and training. These classes are intended as a follow-on course for the Level 1 and Level 2 Ballroom students. If 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 1 and Level 2 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 1 and Level 2 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. **This is a couples only class.**

DAY	Sundays		
TIME	2:30 – 3:30pm		
DATES	# OF WEEKS	PROGRAM #	FEE per couple
January 10 – February 28	8	15113	\$140
March 6 – May 1 (No class March 27)	8	15114	\$140
LOCATION	WDM Community Center		



ADULT FITNESS



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	5:15 – 6:15pm
Wednesday	5:30 – 6:30pm
Thursday	5:15 – 6:15pm
LOCATION	WDM Community Center
AGES	12+
FEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlimited monthly classes for \$35 • 8-class punch card for \$50



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL EVA:
515-419-9523 OR 515-779-0467 • zumbafunfiesta.com

OPEN GYM

Volleyball Open Gym

Bring your friends for an exercise filled evening of recreational volleyball.

DAYS	Tuesdays
DATES	November 17 – March 1 (Not held 12/29)
TIME	7:30 – 10pm
LOCATION	Jordan Creek Elementary 4105 Fuller Road, WDM
FEE	\$2 WDM residents \$3 non-residents

Coed Badminton Open Gym

Drop in for pick-up badminton matches.

DAYS	Sundays
DATES	September 6, 2015 – May 29, 2016
TIME	2:30 – 5pm
LOCATION	Valley Southwoods School 625 S. 35th Street, WDM
FEE	\$2 WDM residents \$3 non-residents

Men's "60 Plus" Drop-In Softball

Get energized by enjoying the outdoors at the Raccoon River Park Softball Complex for a fun game of softball. For men 58 and older by Dec. 31, 2016.

DAYS	Tuesdays and Thursdays
DATES	April 12 – October 20
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Softball Complex
FEE	\$2 WDM residents \$3 non-residents
PROVIDED	Bases, Strike Zone Carpet, Game Balls, and Scorekeeper
BRING	Bats, Gloves, and Back-up Balls



Basketball Open Gym

Stop by the gym and shoot some baskets or play in a pick-up game of basketball.

DAYS	Mondays
DATES	November 16 – February 29 (Not held 12/28 and 2/1)
TIME	6:30 – 10pm
AGES	18+
LOCATION	Westridge Elementary 5500 EP True Pkwy., WDM
FEE	\$2 WDM residents \$3 non-residents

DAYS	Saturdays
DATES	December 5 – March 5 (Not held 12/26 and 1/2)
TIME	1:15 – 4:15pm
AGES	18+
LOCATION	Hillside Elementary 713 8th Street, WDM
FEE	\$2 WDM residents \$3 non-residents



ADULT SPORTS

Adult Mens and Coed Softball Leagues

The West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department will begin accepting applications for our upcoming Adult Mens and Coed Softball Leagues starting in February. For registration information or to be placed on our emailing list, please contact the Parks & Recreation office at 222-3444. Information also will be posted at www.wdm.iowa.gov/AdultSports in February.

START DATE	Week of Sunday, April 17, 2016
DAY	LEAGUE
Sunday	Coed Recreation (Levels C – D)
Thursday	Coed Recreation
Thursday	Mens Recreation Doubleheader
Sunday	Mens Commercial 50+ League
TU & TH AM	Mens Recreation 60+ Drop-In
Monday	Mens Recreation Doubleheader
Tuesday	Mens Commercial Doubleheader C
Wednesday	Mens Commercial Doubleheader D
Wednesday	Coed Recreation Doubleheader
Wednesday	Mens Commercial 50+ "Draft" League
Wednesday	Mens Recreation Doubleheader
Thursday	Coed Commercial

LOCATION	Raccoon River Softball Complex
AGES	Adults (18 & older and out of high school)
DEADLINE	Thursday, March 3, 2016

Scoreboard Advertising Opportunity

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



Adult Athletic League Team Acceptance Policy

A team admission priority policy was adopted by the WDM Recreation Department in 1992. **It applies to all adult athletic leagues.** The order of priority is as follows:

1st	Returning Teams: Teams who participated in the league the previous season of the current year. (If applicable)
2nd	Returning Teams: Teams who participated in the league the previous year.
3rd	Returning Teams: Teams may be placed in another division at the Department's discretion to equalize competition.
4th	New Teams: Teams that did not participate in the league the previous season or year.
5th	Late Teams: Any team that does not meet the established deadlines set forth by the Department for applications, rosters and fees will be accepted at the Departments 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, in all cases.



Raccoon River Park Softball Complex Field Rental

If you need a facility to easily handle a very large (25-45 team) tournament or a small group just renting one field for an employee, family or friendly softball outing, West Des Moines Parks and Recreation welcomes and encourages community use of this facility when not in use by league play or previously scheduled tournaments.

Concessions will be opened for use for all rentals guaranteeing at least 12 teams. Field prep of mowing outfields, grooming and lining infields is included in all rental fees. Tax is also included in all rental fees. Deposit must accompany agreement to reserve dates.

AVAILABILITY

Friday nights	5 – 10:15pm
Saturdays	8am – 10:15pm
Sundays	8am – 4pm
Weekdays	8am – 4pm

RENTAL FEES

Damage/Cleaning Deposit	\$500 per weekend	
Score board Controller Deposit	\$10 per field, per day	
FIELD RENTAL FEES	NUMBER OF TEAMS	PRICE PER GAME
Adult Softball Tourney Rental	20+	\$5
Adult Softball Tourney Rental	Less than 20	\$10
Youth Tourney Rental		\$25
Fall Youth Tourney Rental (after September 1)		\$15
Hourly Rental	\$25 per field, per hour	
*Field Light Usage Fees (assessed only for actual use)	\$35 per hour, per field	
Field Equipment Rental Vehicle (Utility Vehicle and/or Field Groomer)	\$50 per day, per vehicle	
Temporary Fence Set Up/Tear Down	\$100 per field	
Merchandise Sales Commission	10% of gross sales	

* Fridays — FREE Light Fees with Saturday & Sunday Rental

Call Bruce at 222-3454, email Bruce.Mankle@wdm.iowa.gov for more information.

ADULT SPORTS

"The Finals" Men's Basketball Tournament

West Des Moines Parks and Recreation will again be hosting "The Finals" Men's 5 on 5 basketball tournament. CASH PRIZES AND TROPHIES IN EACH DIVISION. Please call 222-3444 to have an entry form emailed or sent to you.

DAYS	Friday night – Sunday night
DATES	March 25 – 27, 2016
DIVISIONS	PROGRAM #
High Power	15069
Low Power	15070
LOCATIONS	Valley High School 3650 Woodland Ave., WDM Valley Southwoods School 625 S. 35th Street, WDM
FEE	\$106 per team (tax included)
DEADLINE	Monday, March 14 by 4pm



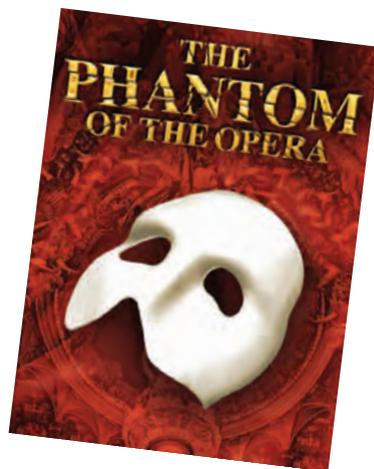
Drake vs. UNI Men's Basketball

It's a SUPER-sized BOWL of a basketball game at the Drake Knapp Center as the Drake Bulldogs host the UNI Panthers! Enjoy the perks and benefits of group travel without traveling as a group to the game. This unique sports package opportunity includes: your reserved seat game ticket (reserved seating, upper level chair backs – Section 1-7); Concession Pack (1 hot dog, 1 16oz soda, 1 small popcorn, 1 small candy item); an exclusive pregame tour of the practice facility/locker room; pregame "chalk talk" given by Drake's assistant coach; and a postgame group photo at center court following the game. This is a perfect opportunity for families and children to experience the game through the eyes of the players. Join us as these two exciting inter-state teams meet at center court!

DAY	Saturday
DATE	February 6
TIME	EVENT
11:30am	Group meets at Knapp Center
1pm	Tip off/ game begins!
LOCATION	Drake Knapp Center 2601 Forest Ave., Des Moines IA 50311
FEE	\$25 per ticket
REGISTER BY:	January 15 (After this date any unsold tickets will be released back to the DRAKE ticket office and normal ticket pricing begins.)
PROGRAM #:	15134



DAY TRIPS



“The Phantom of the Opera” at the Orpheum Theater

Join us for a special day out in Omaha. The Orpheum Theater is Omaha’s “golden palace,” a true historic Midwestern landmark. We will enjoy lunch together with some brief time for shopping in the Old Market area before the matinee performance of “The Phantom of the Opera.” Cameron Mackintosh’s spectacular new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s classic has been hailed by critics as “bigger and better than ever before!”

DATE	April 21
DAY	Thursday
TIME	9am – 7:30pm
LOCATION	Omaha, NE
FEE	\$124
REGISTER BY	April 7
PROGRAM #	15131

Spring Mystery Trip

Jump on board the mystery bus for an adventurous day full of surprises! You should come prepared for both indoor and outdoor activities since our destination will not be revealed. Please be sure to dress casual and comfortable. This trip will include your lunch and any admissions to destinations we may visit.

DATE	May 10
DAY	Tuesday
TIME	8am – 6pm
FEE	\$64
REGISTER BY	April 25
PROGRAM #	15132

DAY TRIP INFORMATION

These trips generally fill quickly, so please register early. The date listed is a registration cut-off date and not a guarantee that seats will be available until the date listed. Space is limited to 52 people. All day trips are open to people 55 years old and over. All trips depart from the southeast corner of the Valley West Mall parking lot.

Senior Craft Craze!

Are you looking to get out of the house and get those creative juices flowing? If so, you may want to sign up for a Senior Craft Craze class. During each class you will leave with a finished or nearly finished item great for decorating or for gifts.

DATE	CRAFT	PROGRAM #
December 3	Rice Sack Heating Pad These little homemade fleece bags make wonderful gifts. You will make a microwave heating bag with fleece and rice. We will add some dried herbs for an added personal touch.	15071
February 25	Retro Necklace Love these “retro” necklaces made from paper, washers and some string. Come see what you can create.	15072
March 31	Watercolor Flower Art Usually I am not a fan of water color, but this project looks so adorable and easy I couldn’t resist. A few splashes of paint and a few lines – just look at this adorable spring painting you can make!	15073
TIME	9:30 – 11am (Coffee will be served)	
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
FEE	\$7 per class	



4 WAYS TO REGISTER



Scan & Register with your mobile device.

- **Online:**

<https://reconline.wdm-ia.com>

- **Mail-In:**

P.O. Box 65320, WDM, IA 50265

- **Call-In:**

222-3444

- **Fax-In:**

222-3459

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, 139 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

Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (Circle one)

e-mail Address

Card number

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 or 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

DROP OFF this form with your payment at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office
4200 Mills Civic Parkway • West Des Moines, IA 50265