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As part of their class project, the West Des Moines Leadership Academy organized a fundraising event for West Des Moines Human Services called “Dueling for Humanity.” The event took place May 2, 2019 at Blue Moon Piano Bar in West Des Moines and drew more than 200 attendees. It was an evening of live music, beverages, delicious food, and exciting raffle items. Proceeds from the event benefit the programs of West Des Moines Human Services.

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WELCOME to the WDM Magazine...
The City of West Des Moines’ premier communication sent to over 34,000 homes and businesses throughout the City.

The WDM Magazine is published 3 times per year to highlight city news and information as well as community events and programming available through WDM Parks and Recreation, the WDM Library, and WDM Human Services.
With the approval of the one-cent sales tax in Polk County, the West Des Moines City Council was able to make good on its promise to further reduce the City’s property tax rate.

When combined with the reduction for Dallas County, taxpayers in West Des Moines will see their total City tax rate reduced by $1.01 per $1,000 of valuation. To help you understand how this will affect what you pay in taxes, City Manager Tom Hadden has written an excellent article on page 6 that explains all the factors that determine your final tax bill.

With visitors to our community now contributing to offset some of the costs associated with maintaining our city, we’re already seeing several projects come to life. Work is underway to hire five firefighters and seven police officers to ensure our public safety needs are met.

We also have a tremendous amount of construction projects underway. We’re working on nearly 35 lane miles of paving and over $66 million in projects ranging from the construction of our West Public Services Facility to work on Veterans Parkway, Grand Avenue west of Jordan Creek Parkway, and the reconstruction of South 88th and Mills Civic Parkway. This amount of activity requires an enormous amount of planning and although road work and detours can be inconvenient at times for motorists, the payoff is huge for our community.

I’m also excited that we’re beginning to move some dirt to start construction of our new MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex just south of Grand Avenue and west of the DMACC campus. In addition, we’re taking steps to begin construction on the boathouse at beautiful Raccoon River Park. This new facility will offer restrooms as well as bicycle and boat rentals, including canoes, kayaks, paddleboats and more.

We expect to approve construction bids soon for the new amphitheater that will be located next to the pond by City Hall. We look forward to hosting family events and performances at this wonderful setting. I can assure you that all three of these projects will be exceptional additions to our community.

Not far from the amphitheater’s future site is the West Des Moines Public Library, and as you know, they are preparing to launch a major renovation that includes the creation of a new young adult/teen area, added meeting and study space, extensive bathroom renovations, new carpet and paint, and the installation of new public and workspace furniture. Though a formal schedule has been announced, the work is expected to start in mid to late fall of this year.

Our library is a busy place that allows kids, teens and adults to enjoy an amazing selection of programs and activities. Special thanks to the Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library who dedicate countless hours to meeting the needs of this community treasure.

Staff also have been busy with outreach regarding efforts to update our comprehensive plan. Over 13,000 ideas have been generated through face-to-face conversations, the www.ourwdm.com website and social media. All these comments and observations from our residents will help guide the growth and development of our City. It’s been gratifying to watch this effort engage our residents and ask what they want for our community as we continue to grow and expand.

Your continued input is appreciated and essential as we all work together to make West Des Moines an even better place to live, work and play.
FROM THE CITY MANAGER

What you need to know about property taxes

Voters in Polk and Dallas County recently approved a one cent local option sales and services tax (LOSST) with the hope of making additional improvements in our community and receiving a reduction in their property taxes.

Some residents may have questions about property tax relief now that the Polk County Assessor has increased the assessed value of homes by as much as 10 percent or more.

A number of moving parts make up the total amount of taxes you pay each year, so it’s important to know what those are and who is responsible for them.

Keep in mind that increased property valuations don’t necessarily mean you’ll see a similar increase in property taxes.

In general, four things significantly impact the total amount of property taxes you pay:

1) The County may increase or decrease your tax bill by adjusting the assessed value of your property.

2) Taxing authorities, such as the City, the County and your School District, may increase or decrease your tax bill by changing their tax rate (also called their levy rate).

3) The state of Iowa rollback that is calculated each fall sets the amount of your property valuation that may be taxed by all taxing entities.

4) Credits or exemptions you receive as a property owner.

Let’s take a closer look at each variable.

1. The County Assessor

Valuations are set by each County Assessor every two years.

This year, because of a strong and growing housing market, valuations increased significantly. Does this mean your tax bill will also increase significantly? Not necessarily.

The answer depends on your valuation, the tax rates levied by other taxing entities (No. 2), the state rollback (No. 3) and credits and/or exemptions (No. 4).

2. Other Taxing Entities

The second piece that impacts your property taxes concerns taxing authorities, such as the City, the County and your School District, that can increase or decrease your tax bill by changing their tax rates.

The back of your Property Tax Statement shows which entities are receiving a portion of your property tax payment. Depending on where you live, you will see that your total tax bill includes taxes charged by your School District, your City and your County. You also pay taxes on a much smaller scale for amounts assessed by Broadlawns Medical Center, Des Moines RTA (DART), Des Moines Area Community College, County Assessor, County Ag Extension and the state of Iowa.

If you are a resident of Polk County in the West Des Moines Community School District, here’s approximately how your tax dollars are distributed:

Continued on page 8.
The City's tax rate, as you might expect, is controlled by the City and is approved by the City Council. The City has no say in how other taxing entities (such as the County or a School District) set their tax rate. What this means for you as a taxpayer is that even if one entity lowers its rate, another entity or entities might increase their rate(s). The combined effect is all these rates impact your final tax bill.

**Property tax rate reduction due to LOSST**

During the Local Option Sales and Services Tax (LOSST) elections, the City of West Des Moines pledged to reduce our City tax rate. The City's tax rate, like other entity's rates, is expressed as an amount per $1,000 of property valuation.

After LOSST passed in Dallas County, we lowered the City’s tax rate for property owners from $12.00 per $1,000 of valuation to $11.79.

When LOSST was recently approved for Polk County, we lowered the City's tax rate again (as promised) from $11.79 to $10.99 per $1,000 for property owners.

Combined, that’s a reduction of $1.01 per $1,000 of valuation for all property owners in West Des Moines.

We believe this is a good move for our residents with the end result being that visitors to our community are contributing towards paying the expenses of the City.

Below is a chart that shows how West Des Moines' tax rate after the LOSST vote compares to other cities in Central Iowa.

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This results in a lower annual property tax rate for owner-occupied homes. Property owners may also apply for other exemptions or credits such as those offered for veterans, seniors and the disabled.

**Your 2019 Property Valuation**

The most recent valuation for your property by the County Assessor will be used to calculate your property taxes due in September 2020 and March 2021.

Later this fall, the state will announce the rollback that will be used to determine the percentage of your property valuation used to calculate your taxes. We'll also know early next year what tax rates other taxing entities will levy, and this will help determine your property tax bill.

**West Des Moines kept its promise**

As for your City tax rate, West Des Moines has kept its promise. With the passage of LOSST in Dallas and Polk County, we have reduced the City's portion of your total tax rate by $1.01 per $1,000 of valuation for property owners in West Des Moines.

As a taxpayer, you should know that West Des Moines is focused on lowering the city's property tax rate without negatively impacting the level of services you enjoy as a resident. Your City Council and staff are committed to using your tax dollars wisely.

**Tom Hadden,**
City Manager
Greg France

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

As Vice Chair of the Bicycle Advisory Commission, Greg is also the longest serving Bicycle Advisory Commissioner. As our bicycle trails and facilities continue to expand, this is a perfect time to thank Greg for his countless hours of community service. Thanks Greg and see you on the trails!

What attracted you to bicycling? Greg: Necessity. I lived in a single parent house and my mom worked during the day. If I wanted to go anywhere, I had to peddle to get there!

Do you remember your first bike? How could I forget? It was a hand-me-down yellow banana bike with those tall handlebars.

When did you move to West Des Moines? In 1992, we (my wife, Patti, and our children, Brendan and Brady) moved to West Des Moines.

Why did you get involved in the Bicycle Advisory Commission? I have always wanted my kids to experience the lifestyle I had growing up riding bikes with all my buddies and wanted our City to be more accessible to bicycle riders of all ages and levels from families riding together on weekends to serious cyclists.

How much time do you devote to the Commission and how does one become a Commissioner? Our Commission meets once a month for about 2 hours. You can apply online and when there’s an opening, the Mayor appoints the next Commissioner(s). You don’t need special skills, just a willingness to volunteer your time.

What benefits have you received from all your years as a volunteer? I’ve had the satisfaction of knowing that I am helping to improve the facilities, the community, and the quality of life where I live. We have a great city now, but it would be even better if more people would give back.

What’s on your bucket list? I would love to take a big RV and hitch-up our bikes and ride across the U.S. with our entire family.
As the summer comes to an end, parents are getting ready to send their children back to school. And while fire drills are taught and practiced with students at school, it is not the same as fire safety guidelines for the home.

Introducing or reviewing fire safety guidelines with your children is just as important as becoming familiar with new classes, homework and friends. Did you know that 25% of K-12 youth care for themselves after school? If your child or children are mature enough to stay home alone, they need to have the knowledge on how to prevent fires or survive a fire, if one should occur.

Below are fire safety tips you can share with your children if they are home alone.

- Playing with matches, lighters and candles is never allowed.
- If they can cook for themselves, never leave the cooking area unattended.
- Leave phone and media devices out of the kitchen as not to avert attention from cooking.
- If using the microwave, don’t use any metal objects inside the microwave, including tinfoil.
- When finished cooking, double check that all appliances are off.
- Never put anything over a lampshade.
- Never drink anything in an unmarked container.
- Remind children of your evacuation plan. Where is the safe place outside?
- Call 9-1-1 from outside the home.

If you have college-age children who may be leaving home for the first time, these are things parents can ask.

- What is the evacuation plan for the dorm?
- Are the smoke alarms in working order?
- What are the two exit routes the student needs to follow?
- Is cooking allowed in the dorm room? If so, what can you do to prevent cooking fires?
- Are candles allowed?
- Make sure all roommates keep each other informed of their activities in the event of an emergency.

Many children do not realize how quickly a fire can occur. Studies show, on average, a person has three minutes to safely escape. Fortunately, they can take some simple steps to protect themselves, no matter where they live.

Our community enjoyed a great turnout for the yearly National Public Works Week celebration in Valley Junction. Free fun, giveaways, equipment to explore and lots to learn about Public Works.
West Des Moines Community Foundation
SUPPORTING QUALITY OF LIFE

The West Des Moines Community Foundation (WDMCF) was created in 2007 in order to make a positive impact in our community. To date, the Foundation has received and is managing over $1 million from families, individuals, businesses, the City, and Polk and Dallas Counties for our various funds to support artistic, cultural, recreational, historic, social and natural resources.

Grant Submissions Reviewed Quarterly
The Foundation serves as a catalyst for specific community projects and a champion for promoting quality of life within our city. This past year, grants have been awarded by the WDMCF to support a variety of community initiatives in West Des Moines, including:

- Ballet Des Moines – Nutcracker scrimmage
- Iowa Youth Rugby – Scholarships for youth
- Nine Square Feet – Healthy Soil Workshop and produce exchange
- Opportunity On Deck – Athletic program at Hillside
- Planet 7 – WDM Parks and Rec – Scholarships for youth
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Bunk beds for youth
- Tiger Lacrosse – Scholarships for youth
- WDM Chamber – Leadership Scholarship

Non-profit organizations serving citizens in West Des Moines are eligible to submit a grant to the WDMCF. Grants are reviewed on a quarterly basis by the WDMCF Board of Directors, and awarded on a selective basis, according to established bylaws and policies.

Donations (of any size) Always Welcome
Donations to the WDMCF are accepted through the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, which also administers and manages the five funds. No donation is too small.

WDMCF funds:
- General Pass-through Fund
- Special Interest Fund: Arts and Culture
- Special Interest Fund: Recreation and Trails
- Endowment Fund – maximum of 5% of endowment funds are available on an annual basis
- Quality of Life Fund

Donating to the WDMCF is a wonderful way to give back to the community and will help to preserve and improve the quality of life in West Des Moines for generations to come.

Questions:
Contact Helen Eddy, WDMCF Board Chair, at helenbikes@msn.com
Donation Form and Grant Application can be found at: www.wdmcf.org

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West Des Moines at War

The West Des Moines Historical Society is proud to announce the opening of a new exhibit at the Jordan House Museum. "West Des Moines at War" examines the contributions of Iowans on the battlefield as well as at home, through artifacts from the Spanish American War, Civil War, World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam and more recent conflicts.

This exhibit is offered as part of the weekly guided tours of the Jordan House Museum. Tours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the summer, at 11am and 1pm. Doors will open 15 minutes before the tour begins at the top of the hour. Space at these weekly tours is limited, so we urge our visitors to arrive at the Jordan House when the doors open.

Jordan House Historical Holiday Hosts

Do you love to decorate your home for the holidays? Are you always looking for new ways and ideas to share your holiday spirit? Are you running out of room for holiday decorations in your own home?

Then we have just the thing for you! We are looking for individuals, organizations, families, or small groups to take on decorating a room in Victorian holiday style in the Historic Jordan House or Bennett School. You are asked to provide period-appropriate decorations that can be showcased during the Tea Time at the Jordan House program and the Holiday Open House event. The room you agree to “host” needs to be decorated between November 15 and December 1. Decorations can be removed anytime in January.

Recognition will be given to each “host” on-site and on social media. Visitors will be asked to vote for the room they like the best, and the winner will receive a prize from a local Valley Junction business.

So, if you would like to be a host for this year’s Jordan House Historical Holiday, contact Gale Brubaker at 515-225-1286 today.

Tea Time at the Jordan House
(page p31 of the P&R Program Guide)

The Iowa Files
(page 39 of the magazine)

The West Des Moines Historical Society is a privately funded non-profit organization that relies on the generosity of its friends and supporters. We kindly ask you to help preserve the legacy of West Des Moines' history by becoming a West Des Moines Historical Society Member.

Become a member today by visiting the Society's website at www.wdmhs.org or by calling (515)225-1286.

Jordan House Museum Public Tours

• Fall Hours:
  Until August 31
  Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays
  11am & 1pm

• Winter Hours:
  Beginning September 1
  Fridays and Sundays
  11am & 1 pm

• Cost:
  Adult (18+)
  Youth (5–17)
  Child (Under 5)
  $5
  $3
  Free

• Tour Length: 1 Hour and 15 minutes

Private Rentals

• Jordan House or Bennett School
  • 2 Hours
  • $150

Call 515.225.1286 to schedule your event today.
SCHOOL CROSSING SAFETY

SAFETY of our CHILDREN going to School

It is time to begin thinking about school crossing safety as West Des Moines students return to school in August. Currently, there are 38 school crossings that serve 15 schools within the City of West Des Moines.

Cooperation among parents, students, motorists, schools, and the public safety and engineering departments is crucial to the safety of children as they walk to and from school. It is important that each group is aware of its responsibility for maintaining safe routes to schools for children.

**PARENTS**

- Determine your child's safest route to school.
- Walk your children along this route several times prior to the start of fall classes and emphasize proper procedures for crossing the streets.
- When dropping off your children, unload on the school side of the street or where your child can cross the street at a designated crosswalk.

**STUDENTS**

- Use established school routes.
- Participate in bike, pedestrian, and bus safety programs provided by your school.
- Practice safe and proper pedestrian behavior at all times.

**MOTORISTS**

- Familiarize yourself with all local school areas and locations used by school children.
- Obey all school crossing controls and be particularly alert near any school area.
- Watch your speed in school zones.
- Respond immediately to any pedestrian accident, regardless of severity, by providing first aid if necessary and calling emergency services.

If you have requests for school crossing controls, visit our website at www.wdm.iowa.gov and navigate to Forms on the Public Services page to download a School Crossing Control Request form.

**SCHOOLS**

- Instruct the children on pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, and bus safety.
- Develop a school route plan with transportation engineers.
- Periodically review routes with special attention given to conditions such as unsafe sidewalks, trees or bushes that obscure vision, and the need for speed limit enforcement.

**PUBLIC SAFETY ENGINEERING**

- Demonstrate and instruct students on the safe way to cross streets.
- Provide training and supervision of crossing guards.
- Respond to emergency situations.
- Investigate and make recommendations on requests received from school administrators and the engineering division.
- Assist in the development of a school route plan.
- Investigate and make recommendations on requests for school traffic control measures.
- Respond to inquiries and develop a maintenance program for all traffic controls.
**Folded Flags Public Art Dedication Event**

On Friday, June 14, over 300 people gathered at the intersection of Brown’s Woods Drive and Veterans Parkway in West Des Moines to celebrate and witness the inaugural lighting of the Folded Flags. The City of West Des Moines collaborated with local veterans groups to create the first of many Veterans Parkway enhancements that honor veterans and encourage moments of reflection. Hy-Vee generously provided apple pie and vanilla ice cream for the event while the West Des Moines Community Band performed patriotic selections. A full Honor Guard carried out a 21-gun salute. Boy Scouts demonstrated the flag folding ceremony for viewers. WDM Mayor Steve Gaer, VFW State of Iowa Commander Carol Whitmore, and WDM Public Arts Advisory Commission Chair Ryan Crane were the featured speakers for the event. The crowd gathered at the front of the Folded Flags as a countdown began, leading to the much anticipated moment when all fifteen flags were lit. The flags are now lit every evening from dusk until dawn. To learn about plans for further Veterans Parkway enhancements, visit www.wdm.iowa.gov/VPWE.

**8th Annual Art on the Campus Call for Artists**

The West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission and Parks and Recreation Department invite regional artists (Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin, South Dakota) to submit an Artwork Application to participate in the 8th annual Art on the Campus public art exhibit. Art on the Campus is a temporary outdoor exhibit, displayed on the West Des Moines City/School Campus from April to November each year.

**Required Artwork Characteristics**
- Artwork that is suitable for public viewing
- Artwork that displays high quality technical skill, imagination, and innovation
- Artwork that is suitable for outdoor display in adverse weather conditions
- Artwork that has soundness of construction, is durable, and is safe for viewing

**Desirable Artwork Characteristics**
- Artwork that creates a sense of discovery, surprise, and emotional connection
- Artwork that uses kinetic devices, optical effects, dynamic shapes, or bright colors to create a vibrant and interesting exhibit
- Artwork that is participatory
- Artwork that is whimsical, uplifting, and creative

**Artwork Applications Only.**
APPLY AT www.wdm.iowa.gov/CallforArtists
Applications due by 5:00pm on September 30, 2019

**Public Art Summer Intern-Anderson Goncalves**

Bravo Greater Des Moines is proud to partner with Americans for the Arts to bring the Diversity in Arts Leadership (DIAL) Internship program to the Des Moines metro. The partnership expands the program for the first time after more than 20 years of success in New York City, and Des Moines is one of only two national pilot sites chosen for a five-year program expansion.

With the focus of creating a more healthy, vibrant and equitable arts ecosystem, DIAL matches undergraduate students from background traditionally untapped for arts leadership with host arts organizations and business mentors to guide students’ personal and professional growth throughout the summer.

The 2019 interns were selected from a competitive nationwide pool of more than 150 applicants and granted paid, full-time, ten-week internships in the Des Moines metro. The City of West Des Moines, with its Public Art program, was selected as one of the seven Des Moines metro host organizations.

Anderson Goncalves comes to West Des Moines from Margate, Florida. He is a current student at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, majoring in Fine Arts: Painting, Printmaking, and Drawing with a strong interest in Printmaking. Anderson’s most recent internship was with the City of Jacksonville Cultural Council where he worked with the Art in Public Places branch, working on public artwork placements and community relations.

**If you are interested in serving on the West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission, please contact the West Des Moines City Clerk at 515-222-3603 to request an application.**

**How is Public Art Funded?**

Annual funding for public art in West Des Moines comes from hotel-motel tax revenue dedicated by the City Council for that purpose.
SCRAP APPLIANCE & METAL DROP-OFF
Saturday, September 14, 2019 | 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon

The City of West Des Moines is offering residents a convenient opportunity to recycle unwanted items!

Residents may bring scrap appliances and metal to the West Des Moines Public Services facility located at 560 S. 16th Street on Saturday, September 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 (noon).

These items will be accepted – FREE – along with general scrap metal:
- Air Conditioners
- Batteries, Lead Acid
- Blenders/Mixers
- Toasters
- Calculators
- Cameras, Camcorders
- Cell Phones
- Chillers
- Computer Towers
- Servers
- Condenser Units
- Copiers
- Dehumidifiers
- Dishwashers
- Dryers
- DVD Players
- Exercise Equipment
- Fans
- Fax Machines
- Freezers (no food)
- Furnaces
- Garage Doors & Openers
- General Scrap Metal
- Humidifiers
- Ice Makers
- Metal - Most anything
- Metal Shelving
- Microwaves
- Mowers - Riding
- Mowers - Walk Behind
- Phones
- Pots, Pans
- Electric Skillets
- Refrigeration Units
- Rooftop AC Units
- Saws
- Speakers
- Stereo systems
- Stoves
- Vacuums
- VCRs
- Video Game Systems
- Washers
- Water Coolers
- Water Heaters
- Water Softeners
- (no salt)

These items will NOT be accepted:
- Anything with food in it
- Chemicals
- Garbage
- Light Bulbs
- Paint
- Plastics
- Wood

Televisions and Monitors are accepted at a cost.

Cash or Check Only

- $15 Each TV or Monitor
- $30 Each Console or Big Screen

Note: Residents participating in City-provided solid waste collection may dispose of TVs and monitors of any type by putting them at the curb by 6AM on their normal collection day with the appropriate $5 sticker(s). For more information on curbside pickup, contact Metro Waste Authority at https://www.mwatoday.com/recycling-guide/item/computer-electronic-waste.aspx and see under “Curbside Garbage.” The TVs/monitors will be landfilled vs. recycled.

H & W Recycling is partnering with the City of West Des Moines in this collection event and will provide personnel to assist with unloading. If you have any questions, please call the Public Services Department at 222-3480 or H & W Recycling at 641-227-3200.

Residents dropping off scrap appliances and anything metal.

FUN FACT!
During the 2018 Spring Scrap Appliance & Metal event, 250 residents brought in over 26 tons of items for recycling.
Good Job!
HOUSESIDE HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION AVAILABLE IN WEST DES MOINES!

Everyone has hazardous waste in their home and Metro Waste Authority wants residents to know where it should go when it’s time to get rid of it.

When hazardous waste ends up in the trash or down the drain, it can cause harm to people, pets, and the environment. Metro Waste Authority wants to make it easier for residents to do the right thing by offering houseside hazardous waste collection.

Household hazardous waste are products considered flammable or corrosive that people have in their homes. Examples include bleach, rechargeable batteries, oil-based paints, lawn chemicals such as fertilizers or weed killer, and CFL bulbs. Residents can have these types of items, and more, removed without traveling to facilities in Bondurant or Grimes to drop-off.

Houseside hazardous waste collection is offered on an as-needed basis per resident request. Each request costs $25 and includes the delivery of two 12-gallon bins and one large item bag. The containers are delivered, then the resident requests a pick-up once they have packed their hazardous waste.

Many of the items collected through the houseside program can be dropped off for free at Metro Waste Authority’s hazardous waste drop-offs in Bondurant or Grimes. For residents looking to avoid the trip, houseside is a convenient alternative. To request the service, residents within the city limits can visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com or call 515.244.0021.

HELP YOUR YARD WHILE YOU WEED AND WATER LESS!

Hazardous waste doesn’t belong in the trash or down the drain. Houseside collection is available for residents in West Des Moines.*

Visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com or call 515.244.0021 to request.

*If you live in a Home Owners Association, you must have city trash and recycling services to participate.

It might sound too good to be true but that’s exactly what adding compost to your lawn and garden can help you do!

In the spring and fall, adding compost to your lawn, planting beds, or garden promotes stronger, healthier plant growth. Compost is made from yard waste that is ground, then turned and maintained for up to nine months as it decomposes. The finished product is a nutrient-rich soil additive that can turn your thumb green!

Compost gets mixed with your soil and increases moisture absorption, meaning less watering for you. Due to the increased soil quality, your plants will thrive, which reduces the need for chemical fertilizers. Plus, with all that lush plant growth and strong root structure, weeds will have a harder time breaking through!

There are three easy ways to get Metro Waste Authority's Grow Gold Compost. Bring a truck for one cubic yard, load up bags in your car, or call a metro-area retailer who will haul or even spread the compost for you.

For more information, visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com or call 515.244.0021.
Plastic bags, plastic bottles, plastic buckets, plastic toys; only one of these things goes in the recycling!

Surprised? Please keep reading!

The only plastics that belong in the Curb It! recycling cart are **plastics with twist-off lids**. Things like water and mustard bottles, mayonnaise and peanut butter jars, shampoo and soap, even laundry detergent. Notice a theme, these all have twist-off lids!

This means plastic bags from the grocery store, garbage bags, and food storage bags do not belong. In addition, plastic produce containers, like the ones spinach and berries come in; Tupperware, laundry baskets, toys, and buckets also don’t go in the Curb It! cart. Residents can take plastic grocery bags back to an area grocer to be recycled. Just remember, putting them in a curbside recycling cart will only direct them to the trash.

Another option is to reduce the amount of plastic brought home. Consider purchasing vegetables in different packaging or using reusable dishware instead of throw-away baggies. Each small step can make a difference.

One of the most important things residents can do to help recycling is the twist! If the plastic item doesn’t have a twist-off lid, it doesn’t go in the Curb It! cart.

Questions? Visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com or call 515.244.0021 to request.
When Weather Comes Rollin’
Down the Highway, It’s
No Accident

Leading Iowa climatologist lifts the fog on the relationship between the
paths of storms and the roads we travel.

No doubt, you’ve heard the
meteorologist on the 6 o’clock
news say something to this effect:
“We’re seeing a low-pressure system that
will stay north of I-80.” Or perhaps you’ve
catched the forecast calling for: “Storms
rolling along the I-35 corridor.”

Did you ever wonder if that was merely
a convenient descriptor to help listeners
understand the path of the rain, wind or
other inclement weather? Or do the heavy
storm paths really follow heavily traveled
highways?

One of Iowa’s foremost climatologists helps
lift the fog, explaining whether the weather
is really related to our roadways.

“The highways do not cause climate
boundaries; the highways follow them,”
says Elwynn Taylor, retired Iowa State
University Extension Climatologist and
professor of Ag Meteorology at ISU.

Cities develop where there is a sudden
change of climate, Taylor explains. “Note the
major change on Earth is from ocean to land
and 70 percent of the world’s population is
within 70 miles of the coast. The highways
connect the big population centers, hence
the highways are located where the weather
has always had a major change.”

Take Des Moines, for instance. “The city
lies at the termination of the latest Ice
Age,” says Taylor. Des Moines is where
several small rivers come together and
where a north-south climate zone line
crosses an east-west elevated ridge of land.

This land feature created a natural trail
that by the 1840s encouraged thousands
of spirited adventurers across the plains to
the Rockies and beyond.

Wait a minute. Did he just describe
Interstates 35 and 80? Yes he did.

Interstate 35 extends from the Gulf of
Mexico to the border with Canada –
Laredo, Texas, to Duluth, Minn., to be
exact – marking the north-south dividing
line between the Midwest and the West,
Taylor continues. And wouldn’t you know
it, Taylor points outs, “The moisture that
falls in Iowa originates in the Gulf of
Mexico.”

In general, from sea to shining sea, roads
tend to follow ridges in forested areas;
and the high ground in swampy areas.
Interstate 80 is a handy example.

Major groups of travelers have crossed
Iowa; some staying, some just passing
through to whatever promise lay ahead.
Mud, creeks and small rivers plagued
the pioneers who, over time, found the
better byways for man and beast. Two
things determined their trails: Water, as
the people and animals both needed it
to survive; and dry land, often a ridge, to
avoid the infernal sticky mud along the
river. In other words, close enough to
drink, but not close enough to sink the
whole wagon train.

So the next time you’re zipping out of
town on the third longest north-south
Interstate Highway in the country,
listening to the forecast on the radio
calling for storms blowing up from the
south, you’ll know it’s not that the rain
is hitching a ride on I-35, but rather, the
other way around.
A Few Notes from Our Urban Forestry Supervisor, John Olds

West Des Moines’ “Shade Crusade” has two years under its belt and as a result, over 800 trees have been planted throughout the city. No doubt, countless more have been established by passionate, tree loving residents. Trees provide beauty, habitat for wildlife and can reduce your energy bills by providing cover to your home; but like a child, they need to be cared for in their early years in order for them to grow into tall, strong adult trees.

A tree’s roots can be damaged by the transplant process. The larger the tree planted the more likely a significant portion of the root system was left behind in the nursery, causing what is known as ‘transplant shock.’ This condition results in slowed growth or even a cessation of growth in the first year and can take up to three years to recover. On the other hand, healthy, extensive root systems support vigorous top growth as the roots are able to take up water and nutrients in the soil. They also ‘anchor’ the tree sooner, reducing its vulnerability to wind, snow and ice. The first couple years of care should focus on promoting the healthiest root system possible. Hopefully, the tree was planted correctly including the trimming or straightening of all potential girdling roots (roots that appear to be circling the root ball).

Watering
A young tree must have regular and controlled watering. Use a deep watering method to promote deep root growth. Water every second day for the first two weeks, twice a week for the next month and weekly after. Monitor weather conditions to determine whether more or less watering is needed. If you aren’t sure, place a finger an inch under the soil, if the soil is dry then it is time for another watering.

Fertilizing
First year planted trees with no apparent symptoms of stress or decline typically need little if any fertilization. But if symptoms do exist the best time to fertilize is late April or early May, or late fall once plants are dormant. The recommended fertilizer should be spread evenly across the soil surface. The amount of actual nitrogen applied should be 3 pounds (lbs) per 1,000 square feet. Do not use fertilizer containing herbicides, such as those formulated for use on lawns. The nitrogen content of the fertilizer should be 12% to 30%, with phosphorus and potassium at 3% to 12%. Fertilizer application rates are based upon the area occupied by the roots. Roots spread well beyond the branches on established trees and shrubs; therefore, the area beneath the plant to be fertilized should be 1.5 times the diameter of the branch spread. For groups of plants, estimate the surface area beneath the entire planting to be fertilized. Fertilization can help promote root growth in a new tree.

Staking
Without the ability to anchor into the ground, new trees can be easily damaged by hard winds, rain/snow and its own rapid growth. Top heavy or lanky trees especially need to be staked in order for them not to grow to one side or to be toppled over. Use tree strapping and guying material or run wire or string through pieces of rubber or plastic hose where it touches the tree. Exposed wire or string can cut into the bark and kill your tree or the trunk can grow around it. Remove the stakes when the tree no longer needs their help, typically after two or three years.

Winter Care
Gradually reduce and stop watering and fertilizing as fall approaches to allow your tree to ‘harden off’ before winter. Invest in a plastic or fabric tree wrap and wrap it around the trunk. This will protect your tree from the winter sun, frost cracking and damage done by animals looking for a winter meal. You may also want to provide a barrier from animals (deer and rabbits) with a small wire fence placed around its diameter.

It takes a village to raise a tree, but the hard work is well worth it. With proper care and attention, your tree will grow big and strong, providing you with beauty, shade and the fruits of its growth.
Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Update
By John Olds, Urban Forestry Supervisor

Trips through WDM neighborhoods have revealed that EAB symptoms are at a depressingly high level. I’ve observed infestations in most areas of West Des Moines and in neighborhoods where it has been firmly established up to half of all ash trees (maybe more) are showing varying stages of infestation.

Trees with 20% canopy loss or more at the end of this summer are likely beyond the point of saving after the upcoming winter of feeding by EAB larvae. I encourage all WDM (and beyond) property owners with ash trees to contact a tree care professional for an assessment of ash trees and recommendations on management options.

Trees that succumb to EAB are extremely dangerous! Unlike elms, oaks, and maples, ash trees use a thin ring of conducting tissue to supply water from the roots to the entire tree. Emerald ash borer grubs will damage these functional water pipes as they chew just beneath the bark inside trunks and branches.

This causes the tree to dry quickly and the structural wood to become prone to cracking. Internal breaks in the structural wood that bear the weight of the tree are often hidden from view by tree bark. As such, limbs can break and fall at any point along the branch and at any time. It is not uncommon to have sizable limbs snap 30 feet off the ground on a calm day.

If the tree has lost more than 30% of the canopy, make plans to remove it. Delaying removal allows the tree to become more brittle and the problem more dangerous, even life threatening! Remember, EAB causes progressively more injury to ash trees as time goes on. The dead parts never come back to life. We are at the point folks, where the EAB article I write in May of 2020 is more likely to resemble a eulogy than a summary of treatment options. It is now or never for the remaining healthy WDM ash trees!

It has become imperative for homeowners with ash trees on their property to take action! If your tree appeared healthy throughout the 2019 growing season, a 2020 treatment remains an option (it’s too late for an effective 2019 treatment).

This past May forestry staff with WDM Public Services took down four ash trees that were killed by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). This photo of inner bark from one of the branches reveals the incredible number of larvae that had fed on the once live cambium tissue.

Similarly, this section of wood from one of the trees highlights the paths or “galleries” that each feeding larva leave behind. The grubs feed for 1-2 years before emerging from the tree as an adult, typically in May and June.

The City’s Community Compliance Specialists work diligently to help keep West Des Moines beautiful and in compliance with City Code. Their mission is to help educate residents when a property has issues not in compliance, and work with the resident to avoid abatement.

Receiving a letter or notice posted by a Community Compliance Specialist not only lets a resident know of a violation and how to resolve the issue but provides the opportunity for a conversation with that specialist to answer any questions. The City always favors education over citations and abatements. Here are some common Code issues you may not be aware of:

Weeds or vegetation allowed to grow to a height greater than ten inches (10”) on the average must be mowed.

Trees or shrubs located within private property which are dead, diseased or insect ridden, deemed to be a nuisance and constitute a hazard may require removal by the property owner.

Any collection of dead brush or trees must be removed and properly disposed of.

Vehicles and trailers within the city need to be licensed, operable, and on a hard surface or placed in a garage.
YARD WASTE

Yard waste, including grass clippings, leaves, brush, and tree limbs, should NEVER be placed in the street or near storm drains, ditches, creeks or rivers.

Why? They can clog storm sewers and culverts which can cause flooding! Also, decaying yard waste uses the oxygen in the water, harming aquatic plants and wildlife, causing streams to become unsightly, and causing foul odors.

We can all help prevent flooding if we:

• Bag or mulch our yard waste, and help keep our storm sewers clean and unobstructed.
• Limit lawn chemicals, pick up pet waste, and help keep our water sources clean!

To learn more about yard waste, visit the City’s website at www.wdm.iowa.gov and type “yard waste” in the Search box.

QUICK AND EASY WAYS TO REPORT AN ISSUE:

Contact Your WDM City Government using YourGOV

At your fingertips 24/7, citizens can report non-emergency issues and service requests using:

• The Internet – Visit https://yourgov.cartegraph.com/ to start using the YourGOV web-based request portal.
• Apple iPhone™ – download the free YourGOV iPhone app by visiting the iTunes App Store.
• Android™ enabled smartphones – download the free YourGOV app at Google Market or the Amazon App Store.

Or call Community Compliance at 222-3480 during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

DART BUS PASSES

The City of West Des Moines offers free bus passes for DART to qualified individuals who live in the city limits.

To receive a pass, the household must meet the income guidelines. The maximum household income is based on the total number of people (children and adults) living in the household. The maximum income to qualify for a bus pass is:

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The passes are good from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

An application must be completed to receive a pass. You may get an application in person at Human Services (139 6th Street, West Des Moines) or call Kay or Christine at (515) 273-0770 to have an application mailed to you.

As summer comes to a close, we'll soon be looking forward to Winter in the Midwest!

If you were a resident during our last snowy winter season, you experienced first-hand the importance of keeping our transportation systems free of snow and ice.

Remember: When it snows, it’s likely there will be a Parking Ban on City streets.

Parking
When winter weather arrives, the City puts a Snow Emergency Parking Ban in place to allow Public Services crews to efficiently and effectively clear the roadways. If you normally park your vehicle on a City street, you have plenty of time NOW to put a plan in place for where you will park if there is a Snow Emergency Parking Ban.

Where will you park this winter when it snows?

Planning ahead is a great way to help insue you’ll be ready for the winter weather.

The next edition of the West Des Moines Magazine will provide details you’ll want to know about winter weather management here in our niche of the Midwest!
Mission Statement: The WDM Public Library enriches the quality of life of community residents by providing convenient, timely and equal access to information and ideas. The library is committed to offering engaging activities, opportunities for personal and professional growth, promoting the love of reading and learning while remaining responsive to the changing needs of the community.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Unless otherwise indicated, adult programs are free, held in the Community Room, for ages 18 & up, and require advance registration which begins at 9 am on the date in brackets; no registration date means register anytime. Register online, in person, or by phone. reference desk | 515.222.3403 | wdmlibrary.org/calendar

COLOR CONNECTION: ADULT COLORING CLUB
2nd Tue 2-4 pm • Pond View Room
Aug 9 | Sep 10 | Oct 8 | Nov 12 | Dec 10
Guaranteed to cure rheumatism, chill blains, toothache, and warts! Okay, not really, but it is relaxing and F-U-N! Bring your own supplies or use ours. Make the color connection! Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration required.

LET’S TALK: ELL CONVERSATION PARTNERS
2nd Mon | 10-11 am | Sep 9 | Oct 14 | Nov 11 | Dec 9
Perfect for adults who speak English but would like to practice talking and listening. Native English speakers are invited to join us for conversation and friendship! Partners meet for about one hour and are led by a facilitator. The program is informal, fun, and free. Offered in conjunction with WDM Community Schools and the WDM Library. No registration!

BEADING BASICS
Tue, Sep 10 | 6:30 pm • Community Room
Learn to wire wrap as we create a pair of earrings. Must see well enough to thread a needle and be able to follow step-by-step instructions. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration required.

MUSIC 792 & YOU
Sun | 2:30-3:30 pm • Community Room

SEP 22 CELTIC GUITAR
Acclaimed Celtic fingerstyle guitarist Jerry Barlow will play traditional music from the British Isles and his own original Celtic-inspired compositions and share stories behind the music. No registration!

OCT 13 THE HISTORY OF THE BLUES IN AMERICA
Music historian and acclaimed guitarist Joey Leone, along with two other musicians, cover the history, influence, and impact of American blues music through songs, stories and historical facts. Over his long career, Joey has toured as a sideman guitar player for many high profile artists including Etta James, The Coasters, Sam & Dave, Wilson Pickett, Chaka Khan, and more. Refreshments served. Aimed at adult audiences, but content is all-ages appropriate. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. No registration!

HOLIDAY CARDS
When you care enough to make it yourself! Make three holiday cards for special friends or family. Oct – Halloween; Nov – Christmas. Friends sponsored. Ages 18 & up. Registration required.

DROP-IN HOLIDAY TAGS
Sat. Dec 7 | 11-2 pm | Community Room
Stop in to make a few holiday gift tags. We’ll have pre-cut tags, ink, and stamps ready for you. Stamping/embossing experience preferred. No registration!
ADULT WINTER READING CLUB (WRC)
Dec 1 - Jan 31
Beat the winter blues...curl up with a good book! Sign up online or pick up a WRC log in the library. Turn in your log by Jan 31 to be entered for our prize drawings! See our website or the WDM Library Times adult programs flyer for more information. Ages 18 & up. Registration required.

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. Call for details. 515.222.3413

WDM Library
Adult Book Discussions

YA NOT CLUB READ
2nd Thu @ 6:30 pm: Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12 | Locations TBA
If you’re a “grown-up” who loves YA (Young Adult) books, WHY NOT join us for YA NOT Club Read – the not-so-serious book club? Books are distributed at the meetings. Remaining copies are available at the front desk. Anyone who has read the book is welcome. Registration required. courtney.bench@wdm.iowa.gov • 515.222.3403 • wdmlibrary.org

CLUB READ
Tue @ 6:30 pm • Community Room
Sep 3 The Choices We Make by Karma Brown
Oct 1 The Wife Between Us by Greer Hendricks
Nov 5 This Blessed Earth by Ted Genoways (ALL YA READS)
Books are distributed at the meetings. Remaining copies are available at the front desk or you may bring your own copy. Registration preferred.

CLUB READ SOCIAL
Tue 1: 6:30-8:30 pm | Aug 6, Dec 3 • Community Room
Make new friends! Discover new authors! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and we’ll each talk about our top three reads since the last Social. Newcomers welcome. Registration preferred.

SILENT CLUB READ
Mon: Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2 | 6:30-8 pm
6:30 pm: Social Time 1 7:30 pm: Silent Reading
Take time for YOU. We’ll have beverages or you can bring your own covered drink. Spend a few minutes chatting about books with other bibliophiles, then relax with the book of your choice. Give yourself permission to sit back and soak in the quiet. Registration preferred.

SUPPORT ADULT PROGRAMS WHEN YOU JOIN THE FRIENDS!
Friends memberships pay for many ADULT programs: Club Read; YA Not Club Read; Holiday Cards; Color Connection; Paper Crafts C.L.U.B.; Adult Summer Reading Club; Beading Basics; Iowa Author Series; Music 792 & You; Tech: One-On-One; and more!

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!
WDM Library Friends Foundation,
4000 Mills Civic Pkwy, WDM, IA 50265 • 515.222.3407 • wdmlibrary.org

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 Pamela Martin-Diaz and Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting.

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 Six 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. 1000 Books to Read Before Kindergarten)
• Check out library materials to use at home
• Attend age appropriate library programs (see our Storytime Series)
Storytime Series

Advance registration is required [date in brackets] and begins at 9 am. Programs are held in the Library Storyroom unless otherwise indicated. Storytimes are FREE! Register online, in person, or by phone.

Libraries service [515.222.3405 | wdmlibrary.org/calendar]

Daycares with more than five children, please call the Youth Services Desk for information about programming for groups.

Our youth services STAFF are trained in early childhood development. Programs focus on early literacy skills and fun!

STORYTIMES offer an age-appropriate selection of books or stories; felt-boards; music and movement; interactive fingerplays and rhymes; puppetry and/or crafts.

ACTIVITIES reinforce pre-reading skills: • body part identification • counting • rhythm • sensory stimulation • fine/gross motor skills • animal sounds • creative play • and more – so preschoolers can become successful readers! Build a lifelong love of books and reading at the library!

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

0-6 yrs & Parents

Read to succeed! The best and the brightest have parents who read to them. Track me time YOU read with your child. When you reach 1000 books, pick up a free book for your home collection! Register anytime online.

All youth programs are free and most require advance registration, which begins at 9 am on the date in brackets. Programs are held in the Library Community Room unless otherwise indicated. Many events fill quickly and have a waiting list. Please let us know a.s.a.p. if you are unable to attend a program. If you do not arrive within 10 minutes of the start time, your spot will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

Register in person, by phone, or online.

youth services | 515.222.3405 | wdmlibrary.org/calendar

MOTHER GOOSE TIME

6 mo-2 yrs w/adult

Simple stories, gentle tunes, flannel boards, and nursery rhymes. Registration required.

Mon @ 9:30, 10 & 10:30 am:
Sep 9, 16 & 23 [9/3]
Oct 7, 14 & 21 [9/30]
December 9 & 16 [12/2]

LAPSIT LAMBS

1 mo-18 mo w/adult

Language rich activities designed for pre-walking babies. Includes play ideas that are easily integrated into baby’s everyday routine. Registration required.

Tue @ 9:30 & 10:30 am:
Aug 13, 20 & 27 [8/5]
Sep 10, 17, 24 [9/3]
Oct 8, 15, 22 [9/30]
Dec 10 & 17 [12/2]

Thu @ 9:30 & 10:30 am:
Aug 15, 22 & 29 [8/5]
Sep 12, 19 & 26 [9/3]
Oct 10, 17 & 24 [9/30]
Dec 12 & 19 [12/2]

DROP-IN FAMILY STORYTIME

0-6 w/adult

Stories, songs, and interactive fingerplays. No registration!

Mon @ 6:45 pm:
Sep 9, 16 & 23
Oct 7, 14 & 21
Nov 11 & 18
Dec 9 & 16

Wed @ 9:30 & 10:30 am:
Sep 11, 18 & 25
Oct 9, 16 & 23
Nov 13 & 20
Dec 11 & 18

DROP-IN OLIVER’S PUPPY TALES

0-6 w/adult

Enjoy stories and more with little Oliver, followed by gross and fine motor play. Library Community Room. No registration.

Thu @ 10:30 am:
Sep 12, 19 & 26
Oct 10, 17 & 24
Nov 14 & 21
Dec 12 & 19

Fri @ 10:30 am:
Sep 13, 20 & 27
Oct 11, 18 & 25
Nov 15 & 22
Dec 13 & 20

DROP-IN FRIDAY FLICKS JR.

(Short Films)

Fri | 10 am | Aug 2 & 9 | ages 0-8

DROP-IN FRIDAY FLICKS

(Feature Films)

Fri | 1:30 pm | Aug 2 & 9 | ages 5 & up

Enjoy fabulous films with popcorn and water, or bring your own snack and covered drink (NO peanut products). Caregivers must determine which films are age-appropriate. Movie list available at the Children’s Desk. Space is limited. No registration!

KIDS CLUB READ

Thu, Aug 1 | 2 pm | ages 8-12

Thu | 4:15 pm | Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5 | ages 8-12

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. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

SUMMER LEGO ADVENTURES

Wed, Aug 7 | 1:30 pm | ages 5-12
Embark on a LEGO adventure in the Community Room! Registration required [8/5].

BABIES ON THE MOVE: WATER PLAYTIME!

Thu, Aug 8 | 10 am | ages 1 mo-18 mo
We’ll explore water outdoors through multiple stations for active and sensory play. Wear appropriate clothing. Program may be held indoors depending on weather conditions. Crawl, roll, grab, explore…come play with us! Registration required [8/5].

FUN FAIR STORIES (DROP-IN)

Wed, Aug 14 | 10:30 am | ages 1-6
It’s Iowa State Fair time! Come one, come all for a fun morning of fair-themed stories and activities. No registration!

LIBRARY PLAY DAY!

Thu, Aug 22 & Fri, Aug 23 | 10:30 am | ages 2-6
After the big kids head back to school, bring the littles to the library for a story, games, a craft, and more. Registration required [8/23].

Visit us on the web at www.wdmlibrary.org
**SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL**  
Mon, Aug 26 & Wed, Aug 28 [8/5] 10:30 (ages 3-6)  
Mon, Nov 25 & Tue, Nov 26 [11/4] 10:30 am (ages 3-6)  
Bop into the library to rock’n’roll, do The Stroll, twist and shout, sing it out...in this upbeat music and movement program. Registration required.

**MUSIC TOGETHER**  
Fri, Aug 30 | 9:30 & 10:30 am  
Music Together® is an international research-based, developmentally appropriate music and movement program. In this short sample class we’ll sing, move, chant, and play-along with instruments to a variety of music styles, melodies, and rhythms. Presented by Songs and Signs, LLC. Registration required [8/5].

**TINKERGARTEN**  
Wed, Sep 4 | 9:30 & 10:30 am  
Families meet outdoors to connect and learn through play. In this free trial class, Tinkergarten Leader, Josie Mcclure, will facilitate an expert-designed play scenario, allowing children of various ages and needs to explore, problem solve, communicate, collaborate, and create together. Parents and caregivers learn as we share insight into your child’s development. Registration required [8/5].

**TEEN GROUP SERVICE PROJECT (GSP)**  
1ST Wed | 3-5 pm: Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4 | ages 14-18  
If you need volunteer hours, we need responsible students to do various library projects and tasks. No experience necessary, but positions are limited! For more information contact wdmlibraryvolunteers@wdm.iowa.gov.

**BABIES ON THE MOVE**  
Thur | 10 am | Sep 5 [9/3]  
Oct 3 [9/30]  
Dec 5 [12/2]  
ages 1 mo-18 mo  
Parent/child programs. Enjoy moving and grooving with our littlest library patrons! Registration required.

**PARENT QUEST**  
1st Fri 10 am | Sep 6 | Oct 4 | Nov 1  
Dec 6 | Parents of babies-preschoolers  
Parents learn while their children play with Imagination Playground blue blocks. Presented by Jessica Pierce, Early Childhood Parent Educator, WDMCS Community Education. To register, please visit the WDMCS Community Education website.

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)**  
2nd Wed (May-Sep) | 3-4 pm  
ages 12-18  
Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11  
Millie Knee Classroom  
Earn volunteer hours AND make the library a better place for teens! TAB members give input in teen activities and young adult materials; host fundraisers for teen programming; participate in community activities; help with youth programs; and more. Stop by a meeting or pick up an application today!  
515.222.3405 | youthservices@wdm.iowa.gov

**NEW! TALES WITH TAILS**  
Thur | 4-5 pm | Sep 12 [9/3]  
Dec 12 [12/2] | ages 4-12  
Sign up for a reading session with a registered therapy dog from the Iowa Human-Animal Bond Society! Registration required.

**HOMESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
Mon, Sep 16 | 2:45 & 6 pm | all ages  
Join us for an open house featuring library tours and resources especially for homeschool families. No registration!

**AFTER SCHOOL LEGO ADVENTURES**  
Wed | 3:45 pm | Sep 18 [9/3]  
With LEGOs you can build anything, so have an exciting afternoon at the library. Who knows what you might create? Community Room. Registration required.

**NEW! FAMILY NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY**  
Thur | 6:30 pm | Sep 19 [9/3]  
Dec 19 [12/2] | all ages  
Come one, come all to a fun family night at the library! Each month we will feature a different family-friendly activity. Please register all attendees (children and adults).

**WORD**  
Wed | 3 pm | Sep 25 [9/3]  
Dec 18 [12/2] | ages 12-18  
Word is a monthly hangout for teens. Some months we will create. Some months we will build. Some months we will eat snacks or watch a movie. Every month it will be rad. Come to Word this month. Registration required.

**BABIES ON THE MOVE: TODDLER MOVEMENT CLASS**  
Thu, Nov 7 | 9:30 am | ages 9-18 mo  
Connect with your child through movement, stretching, yoga poses, song, stories, and laughter. Guest instructor: Sandi Hoover, yoga teacher, owner of The Family Tree Yoga and mom of three. Registration required [11/4].

**LIBRARY LASER TAG FOR TEENS!**  
Fri, Oct 25 | 6 pm | ages 12-18  
Celebrate Halloween with a special after-hours program for teens only! Registration required [9/30].

**PRESCHOOL HALLOWEEN STORYTIMES**  
Mon, Oct 28 | 6:45 pm  
ages 2-6 w/adult  
Wed, Oct 30 & Thu, Oct 31 | 10:30 am  
ages 2-6 w/adult  
Put on your favorite costume and join us for not-too-spooky stories and Halloween fun at the library. Registration required [9/30].

**SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION**  
Tue, Oct 29 | 4:15 pm | ages 5-10  
Show off your Halloween costume and come to the library for spooky fun! Registration required [9/30].

**Visits us on the web at www.wdmlibrary.org**
WDM Library Youth Programs

BABIES ON THE MOVE: BABY AND ME MOVEMENT CLASS
Thu, Nov 7 | 10:15 am
ages 1mo-12 mo

Stretches to target stress areas (neck/shoulders/back) and tone abs; poses for babies to connect with you and help them digest and sleep better. No yoga experience necessary. Bring a baby blanket. Guest instructor: Sandi Hoover, yoga teacher, owner of The Family Tree Yoga and mom of three. Registration required [11/4].

DROP-IN WINTER CRAFT
Thu, Dec 26-Tue, Dec 31
ages 1-12

Come in to the Children’s Department any time during this week and we have a very special craft for you. (Note: Library closes at noon Tue, Dec 31.) No registration!

SUMMER READING 2019 SPONSORS

- WDM Library Friends Foundation
- Blank Park Zoo
- Iowa Cubs
- B-Bap’s
- Blaze Pizza
- Center Grove Orchard
- Chili’s
- Escape Rooms
- Kum & Go
- Mahalo’s Coffee
- North Forty Mini Golf
- Panera Bread of Iowa
- Pole Position Raceway
- Raising Cane’s
- Rita’s Italian Ice
- Sky Zone Trampoline Park
- Warrior Lanes

IF YOU ENJOY OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS...

* Friends memberships pay for many library youth programs throughout the year.
* During the 2017-18 Fiscal Year, the library offered 574 children’s programs with 34,526 attendees.
* Memberships provide incentives to the 2500 youth participating in Summer Reading Club; SRC encourages readers to keep learning over the break!
* YOUR DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

WDM Library Friends Foundation, 4000 Mills Civic Pkwy, WDM, IA 50265. 515.222.3407 • wdmlibrary.org/support-the-library
ONE PASS, FOUR ADVENTURES

WDM Library users with a card in good standing may check out passes to four local attractions: The Blank Park Zoo, Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens, Living History Farms, and Science Center of Iowa.

See our website for more information. wdmlibrary.org/advpass

HOTSPOTS

Check out “HotSpots” from the WDM Library! HotSpot devices provide password-protected wi-fi access in places where it might not otherwise be available, like road trips, campgrounds, etc. Available to WDM residents, ages 18 & up, with WDM Library cards in good standing (no lost items or fines). Users are financially responsible for lost or damaged HotSpots.

515.222.3403

WDM Library services

Questions? Call 222.3400

All services are free unless otherwise indicated.

LIBRARY HOURS

(Labor – Memorial Day)
Mon-Thur: 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.

515.222.3400 • wdmlibrary.org

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).

515.222.3400 • wdmlibrary.org

MY ACCOUNT

BY PHONE OR ONLINE

Use your library card barcode and pin number to access “my account login.” See titles checked out/due dates; requested items/wait list positions; and overdue materials/charges accrued. Renew all items or individual titles if you have the barcodes.

515.225.1576 • wdmlibrary.org

WE TAKE RETURNS (ITEM REQUESTS)

Request items by phone or online from your account. We’ll let you know when it’s ready to pick up. If we don’t own it, we can usually get it for you within a short time. Long wait list? Don’t worry. We buy one copy for every six book reserves.

515.222.3400 • wdmlibrary.org

MOBILE ACCESS

Browse the library catalog, hold or renew a book, check your account, find events, and more with any internet-connected mobile phone. Search your app store for West Des Moines Library and download. It’s free.

515.222.3400 • wdmlibrary.org/app

WDMLIBRARY.ORG

Access the library 24/7 from the comfort of home. See today’s news and events on our homepage; search for items in our catalog; check your account; renew materials; use online databases; sign up for programs; make a donation; or visit blogs for Kids, Teens, and Adults.
Our community library is fortunate to have the support of the WDM Library Friends Foundation – a volunteer-based, non-profit organization. Each year, the Friends contribute $12,000 to library programming. In addition, Friends Memberships funded these special projects:

- Rotating Outreach Collection
- Outreach Van
- TaleTrail
- Charging Stations
- BookPage Subscription
- Laptop Lab
- iPads
- Artwork
- Flannel Board
- Summer Reading Clubs
- and More!

**WDM LIBRARY FRIENDS FOUNDATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

Contributions mean more programs and more books for YOU!

- Your donations are tax deductible

**WDM Library Friends Foundation**
4000 Mills Civic Pkwy, WDM, IA 50265
515.222.3407 • wdmlibrary.org

**SUPPORT THE LIBRARY**

**FRIENDS FOUNDATION: GIFTS & MEMORIALS**

Honor friends, family, or special occasions through the Book Buy Book program. Your tax-deductible donation ($25 per book) builds a better library collection for all to enjoy. Larger gifts may fund a special project or the Friends endowment. Online donations accepted.

515.222.3407 • wdmlibrary.org/support-the-library/friends-foundation

**FRIENDS BOOK SALE AREA**

Find great bargains in the corner by the children’s periodicals – from 10¢ magazines to $1 hardbacks – adult and children’s titles. Coordinated by the Friends Foundation, proceeds benefit library programs and collections.

515.222.3400

**VOLUNTEER**

Applications available at our service desks or online. We need reliable adult volunteers, especially in our homebound delivery program. Student applicants must be age 13 or older AND completed 7th grade. Summer applications available in early April; Group service projects during the school year.

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Like the Friends on Facebook @ WDMLibraryFriends
ABOUT THE LIBRARY

MORE THAN BOOKS
Your library is more than a warehouse for books. It’s a place to meet, discover, relax, and enjoy a variety of reading, viewing, and listening materials.

TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT
Available for use in the library: photocopier, fax, interactive storybooks, word processing, free Internet and wireless access. Overhead projector and iPads available for checkout. Hate long lines? Try a 3M SelfCheck machine!
515.222.3400 • wdmlibrary.org

KIDS

TEENS

ADULTS

LIBRARY BLOGS
From our homepage, click on KIDS, TEENS, or ADULTS and select BLOG. Get the latest program updates, book lists, staff picks, reading/literacy tips, and more.

YOUTH SERVICES
The first floor Youth Services Department includes books for babies through 6th grade, as well as audiobooks, music, movies, magazines, puzzles, and puppets. Our kids’ area is equipped with train, lightbox, and Lego Duplo tables which encourage creative play. You’ll find Young Adult (YA) materials upstairs, along with comfy seating and study tables. For info on programs and activities, drop in or check out our website.
515.222.3403 • wdmlibrary.org/teens

YOUR LIBRARY STORY
In 500 words or less, tell us how the WDM Library has made a difference in YOUR life. Selected stories will be featured on our website or promotional materials (with permission). For details, visit wdmlibrary.org/tell-us-your-library-story

WDM LIBRARY TALETAIL
From the library through the tunnel to Ashawa Park, the TaleTrail features kiosks that slowly reveal a children’s story. Sponsored by private donations and the WDM Library Friends Foundation in memory of Dr. Robert C. Brooks. New tales quarterly.

DRIVER’S LICENSE RENEWAL KIOSK
Renew your Iowa driver’s license at the library! The DOT kiosk issues a temporary document; the new license or ID will be mailed to the user. Credit/debit cards accepted; no cash. Available during library hours. See our website for details and restrictions.
wdmlibrary.org/using-the-library/iowadot-drivers-license-renewal-kiosk

SOCIAL NETWORKS
Find links to Twitter, Facebook, and Pinterest on our homepage. Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Twitter @wdmlibrary, @wdmlibrarychild or @wdmlibraryteen to receive “tweets” (updates) on library happenings. Our Pinterest page includes Activities for Kids, Book Club Picks, Staff Picks, and more!
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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 provides necessary assistance to low-income, elderly and disabled individuals in our service area. Basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, transportation and emergency financial assistance are a few of the critical services provided by WDM Human Services. For 40 years, we have provided assistance to community members during emergency situations to ensure their well-being and to improve 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.

TRANSPORTATION

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<td>APPOINTMENTS</td>
<td>Trans. Supervisor 222-3661</td>
<td>M – F 8am – 4pm</td>
<td>Seniors (60+), disabled and low-income residents of WDM</td>
<td>donations encouraged</td>
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SENIOR DINNER CLUB
Seniors (60+) have the opportunity to enjoy each others dining company while at one of our local restaurants.

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<td>Trans. Supervisor 222-3661</td>
<td>Second Wednesday of each month</td>
<td>WDM senior residents (60+)</td>
<td>Cost of your dinner可以直接翻译为Cost of your dinner</td>
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CITIZENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

FRIENDSHIP CONNECTION
Friendship Connection is a program for adults with special needs.

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<th>Human Services Staff</th>
<th>Thursdays 10am – 11:30am</th>
<th>• Adults with special needs</th>
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Friendship Connection is offered every Thursday from 10:00am to 11:30am through WDM Human Services at various locations throughout the community. Participants socialize, play games, sing 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 222-3665 or visit our website at www.wdm.iowa.gov/HumanServices.
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<td>Human Services Staff 222-3660</td>
<td>M 8:30am - 3pm  T 8:30am - 3pm  W 8:30am - 3pm  TH 8:30am - 3pm  F 8:30am - noon  2nd &amp; 4th Tues of each month 4 pm – 6 pm</td>
<td>Must provide ID for all household members</td>
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<td>HOLIDAY FOOD ASSISTANCE</td>
<td>Human Services Staff 222-3660</td>
<td>• Walk-ins welcome  • Registration begins Oct. 14  • Deadlines apply – see website</td>
<td>WDM resident  • Proof of income  • Proof of address  • ID required for all household members</td>
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<td>BREAD DISTRIBUTION</td>
<td>Human Services Staff 222-3660</td>
<td>M – F 9:30am</td>
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<td>SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM</td>
<td>Human Services staff 222-3660</td>
<td>Lunces served M-F, beginning in June – See website for dates, times and locations.</td>
<td>All children 18 years or younger</td>
<td>FREE for children 18 years or younger</td>
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<td>GARDEN PROGRAM</td>
<td>Human Services Staff 222-3660</td>
<td>M 8am – 3pm  T 8am – 3pm  W 8am – noon  TH 8am – 3pm  Registration begins in April</td>
<td>WDM resident  • Proof of income  • Proof of address  • ID required for all household members</td>
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### HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE

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<td>ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP)</td>
<td>Human Services Staff 222-3660</td>
<td>M 8am – 3pm  T 8am – 3pm  W 8am – noon  TH 8am – 3pm  Application period begins:  • 10/1 for seniors [60+] and disabled households by appointment  • 11/4 for all other households  Applicaton period ends the last business day in April</td>
<td>Low-income households in Polk County  • Limited appointments available</td>
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<td>EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</td>
<td>Human Services Staff 222-3660</td>
<td>M 8am – 3pm  T 8am – 3pm  W 8am – noon  TH 8am – 3pm</td>
<td>Low income WDM residents  • Residents must present lease or utility bill  • Past 30 days of verifiable income from all sources for all household members, or 2018 income tax return  • ID required for all household members</td>
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<td>ASSISTANCE WITH GOVERNMENT FORMS</td>
<td>Human Services Staff 222-3660</td>
<td>M 8am – 3pm  T 8am – 3pm  W 8am – noon  TH 8am – 3pm</td>
<td>Government forms are not always easy to fill out. WDM Human Services is here to help. Includes forms for DHS and tax rebates.</td>
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Dallas County Residents receive assistance at the Dallas County Family Development Center, 2814 1st St., Perry, IA 50220 465-5185
**YOUTH ASSISTANCE**

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<td><strong>YOUTH RECREATIONAL ASSISTANCE</strong></td>
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| Limited scholarships for recreational/educational youth activities offered through WDM Parks & Recreation are available to eligible households. | Human Services Staff 222-3660 | M 8am – 3pm, T 8am – 3pm, W 8am – noon, TH 8am – 3pm | • WDM resident  
  • Proof of income  
  • Proof of address  
  • ID required for all household members | 50% off program fee (client pays part of fee) |
| **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**                              |                   |                              |                                                      | NONE                        |
| School supplies are available on a limited basis in August including classroom supplies and backpacks. | Human Services Staff 222-3660 | • See website for dates  
  • Registration begins in July | • WDM resident  
  • Proof of income  
  • Proof of address  
  • ID required for all household members | NONE                        |
| **HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE**                           |                   |                              |                                                      | NONE                        |
| Need help with the holidays? Programs are available for qualifying WDM households including Adopt-A-Family and Toyland. | Human Services Staff 222-3660 | • Registration begins Oct. 1  
  • Walk-ins welcome  
  • Deadlines apply – see website | • WDM resident  
  • Proof of income  
  • Proof of address  
  • ID required for all household members | NONE                        |
| **POOL PASSES**                                  |                   |                              |                                                      |                             |
| Pool passes are available for low-income residents of West Des Moines. | Human Services Staff 222-3660 | M 8am – 3pm, T 8am – 3pm, W 8am – noon, TH 8am – 3pm | • WDM resident  
  • Proof of income  
  • Proof of address  
  • ID required for all household members | Reduced Rate – varies depending on household income |
| **HOUSING**                                      |                   |                              |                                                      |                             |
| **HOUSING SOLUTIONS**                            |                   |                              | • Eligible homeless participants will need to meet HUD homeless guidelines and income criteria  
  • Must be referred by Primary Healthcare (515-248-1850) |                             |
| A short-term rental and support services program (Rapid Rehousing) for homeless families residing in emergency shelters with minor children | Housing Solutions Coordinator 222-3666 | M – F 8am – 4pm, Limited availability |                              |                             |

**CLOTHING CLOSET**

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| Gently used clothing 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 | • Proof of income  
  • Proof of address  
  • ID required for all household members | NONE (donations encouraged) |

| VOLUNTEER TODAY!                                |                   |                              |                                                      |                              |
| Volunteers are needed in the Clothing Closet, Food Pantry and for ESL classes at West Des Moines Human Services. Opportunities are available Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. Convenient location in Valley Junction neighborhood. Must be 14 years or older. To learn more, please call 222-3663 or visit www.wdm.iowa.gov/HumanServices. | | | |
Personal Pantry:
Each month WDM Human Services assists approximately 350 low-income households with personal care products. We need your help to meet the needs in our community. The following items are needed on an on-going basis:

- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Diapers
- Soap

Clothing Closet:
Our clothing closet is in need of new or gently used children’s, teen, and adult clothing and shoes. We also need towels, sheets, blankets, toys and small household items. Clothing Closet donations are accepted Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 4pm, at 139 6th Street in West Des Moines. Donations are also accepted on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Donation receipts are available.

ESL Classes at WDM Human Services
English as a Second Language classes are now being offered at West Des Moines Human Services. The free beginner-level classes provide instruction in conversational English. The classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 am to noon in eight week sessions. Volunteer tutors are needed to assist with the classes. Volunteers will provide small group and one-on-one instruction for adult learners. Knowledge of a second language is not necessary to volunteer.

Call 222-3663 for more information or to register as a student or volunteer!
Help Your Neighbors In Need

The holidays are just around the corner 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.

**Adopt-A-Family Program**
Sponsors are matched with a WDM 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 or to WDM Human Services.

**Toyland**
This program provides toys/gifts for kids who are not sponsored through the Adopt-A-Family program. Toyland will take place on December 13th at WDM Human Services. Donations of new, unwrapped toys/gifts and gift cards are needed for this event.

**Monetary Gifts and Gift Cards**
Monetary donations and grocery gift cards 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 or visit our website at www.wdm.iowa.gov/HumanServices.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER**
Thursday, November 28
11:30 AM
WDM Christian Church
4501 Mills Civic Pkwy, WDM
Reservations required.
Call 223-1639 by November 22nd.
(Limited seating available)

**Food Card**
Purchase a food card from a local grocery provider for [ х increment(s) please] (holiday)
I will provide ____ food card(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) _______________________

**Toyland**
(Please deliver new, unwrapped toys/gifts to WDM Human Services by December 12th, 2019.)

**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

Please return sponsor form to:
(Deadlines: Thanksgiving – 11/21, Christmas – 12/12)

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
We provide our community everyday enjoyment through people, parks and programs.

Registration Starts August 6 | 8am
WDM Parks and Recreation registration

3 WAYS TO REGISTER

• Online:
  www.wdm.iowa.gov/ParkRecReg

• Mail-In:
  P.O. Box 65320, WDM, IA 50265

• Call-In:
  222-3444

REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.wdm.iowa.gov/ParkRecReg

WDM Parks and Recreation policies

POLICIES

RECREATION PROGRAM REFUND POLICY
Please call the West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office at 515-222-3444 Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to request a refund.

1. Full refunds will be given if the request is submitted no later than 7 days prior to the program start date.
2. Refund requests submitted less than 7 days before the start date will be charged a $10.00 withdrawal fee.
3. Requests for refunds submitted after the event start date or completion of the program will not be considered.
4. Please allow 2–3 weeks to process a check refund for payments originally made by cash or check. No cash refunds will be given.
5. Payments made by credit/debit card will be refunded back to the original credit/debit card.
6. The Recreation Program Refund Policy does not apply to travel programs or adult sport leagues.
7. Refunds for medical situations will be considered on a case by case basis.

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 are 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.

ANTI-BULLYING STATEMENT
The Parks & Recreation Department will not tolerate bullying* in any youth program or activity, and staff will do all they reasonably can to create a safe space for participants, regardless of an individual’s actual or perceived age, color, creed/denomination, national origin, race, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical attributes/appearance, physical or mental ability or disability, ancestry, political belief, socioeconomic status, or familial status.

*For the purposes of this statement, bullying is defined as the unwanted, aggressive use of physical, social or mental/intellectual power to control, harm or humiliate another person in a repetitive or pervasive manner.

REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 47
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 & Recreation Department and continues to provide cemetery lots for sale. If you would like information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Office at 222-3444.

Valley Junction Activity Center

Located in the heart of Valley Junction, the Valley Junction Activity Center offers a variety of meeting and social function spaces that can meet your needs. On the first level there are 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 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!

Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge

Are you looking for a room with a view to hold that family function or business meeting? The Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge is 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 space and services to make planning your event as easy as one…two…three.

The Lakeview Room can accommodate small or large groups for up to 120 people. You can also bring your own caterer for your event. Weekday business rates are available between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Our great rental rates make event planning affordable and works within your budget.

Give us a call at 222-3424 to check availability!
Raccoon River Park Archery Facility

The facility is the first of its kind in Iowa and features:
- Enclosure walls/fencing
- Overhead ‘arrow curtains’
- Shelter over shooting area
- Staging area
- 12 shooting lanes
- Target blocks up to 40 yards distance

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

Permits can be purchased at the following locations:
- West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Office
  4200 Mills Civic Pkwy, Suite 1B, West Des Moines
  Phone: 222-3444 | Fax: 222-3459
  Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

- Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
  2500 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines
  Phone: 222-3424 | Fax: 222-3658
  Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm, call for evening/weekend hours

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

See page 17 for Archery program

Raccoon River Dog Park

Dogs in Parks

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

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

Mail-In
Go to www.wdm.iowa.gov/DogPark download the application form, complete it and mail the form, a copy of rabies & distemper/parvo vaccination records and payment to the address on the form.

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

WDM Parks & Recreation Administration
4200 Mills Civic Parkway – 1B
8am – 5pm, Monday-Friday

Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
2500 Grand Avenue
8am – 5pm, Monday-Friday
Evening/Weekend Hours – Call 222-3424

DAY PASSES AVAILABLE ONLINE!

$5 Day Passes are available online for the Archery Facility at Raccoon River Park. Find them at wdm.iowa.gov/DayPasses

$5 Day Passes are available online for the Dog Park at Raccoon River Park. Find them at wdm.iowa.gov/DayPasses

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

Daily Permit WDM Resident Non-Resident
Adult $5 $5
Youth (15 & Under) $5 $5

*Annual permits based upon calendar year

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Help light up West Des Moines!

**Illumifest**

a Fall Festival of WATER and Light

*Presented by:* [Veridian credit union](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/ParksAndRec)

Saturday • September 21
4pm – 9pm

4200 Mills Civic Pkwy • WDM City/School Campus

- Inflatables & Games
- Food vendors
- FREE hot air balloon rides
- FREE lantern making
- “Royal Promenade” around the Pond with Little Princess Parties
  (Please see page 13 for event details and registration)
- FREE outdoor movie — *Aladdin* (2019, PG)
- Fireworks... And much, much MORE!

The West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission invites you to be a part of their effort to put a spotlight on water quality awareness in our community. Several Iowa artists will showcase their skills in exciting ways to spread the word about the important role water plays in our daily lives. You won’t want to miss these one-time-only opportunities.

**“Aqua Strata”**

You are needed to help create three permanent works of art that will eventually be placed in City of West Des Moines facilities. While you are at Illumifest, make sure to grab a paint brush and water color canvas and use your creativity to paint a creature that relies upon Iowa’s water sources. The more canvases that get painted, the better! After Illumifest, artists Bounnak Thammavong, Mike Sneller, and Stephanie Sailer will place all of the paintings between acrylic panels, affixed to carved wood to create 7’ tall sculptures. Your painting will be just a small part of a fascinating artwork. Painting will begin at 4pm. All are invited to join in.
STORY HOUR IN THE PARK
Join West Des Moines Park and Recreation for an hour of story power! Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy as our Naturalist shares nature books, stories and games.

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“Blossoms on the Water”
At 6:00pm, Illumifest attendees will be asked to gather around the City Campus Pond to watch as large air-filled forms rise from beneath the water’s surface. But we won’t give away what this temporary artwork by Bounnak and his team will look like just yet. You’ll have to be at the City Campus Pond at 6:00pm during Illumifest to find out!

3-D Chalk Art
Des Moines artist Kathleen Roling will arrive on the City Hall patio on Saturday morning to begin a 15’ by 15’ 3-D chalk art design with a water quality theme. Her artwork performance will take up to 8 hours to complete! She will be finishing just as Illumifest begins. Illumifest attendees will then get a chance to take a picture that will boggle the mind of the viewer. Feel free to stop by anytime on Saturday to see Kathleen at work.

SPECIAL FOR ILLUMIFEST 2019!

“Royal Promenade” around the Pond with Little Princess Parties
This is a unique event, created to complement our Illumifest special event! Join several of the “Royal Princesses” for a meet-and-greet before the Illumifest movie plays on the giant 28’ outdoor movie screen. These professional look-alike Royal characters will be stationed around the pond and available for an autograph and quick photo with your little ones! You will receive a unique “autograph book” upon arrival with the Little Princess Parties actress photos inside for signing. What a fantastic storybook keepsake from a most memorable evening!

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* Please note: Due to time limitations, your registration does not guarantee you a photo and an autograph with ALL Princess characters available. Autograph books must be picked up in the Parks and Recreation Office Wednesday-Friday, September 18 – 20 and brought to the event. A very limited number of books will be available for purchase on-site.

For more information visit www.wdm.iowa.gov/ParksAndRec | 222.3444
**HALLOWEEN HOOPLA**

Halloween is lurking just around the corner, and this haunted holiday would not be complete without a fun, family-friendly event at Raccoon River Park. Come on out and join the freaky festivities. We will decorate pumpkins and enjoy a ride on the “Witch’s Wagon” around the Lake. You will be treated to Count Dracula’s “blood” while making your own Skeleton S’mores! Be sure to save the date…we’re just dying to see you there.

**K9 TOSS AND FETCH LEAGUE**

West Des Moines will be having their Toss and Fetch league again early this fall. We will be compete with other Toss and Fetch teams from around the world! Each Wednesday from Aug. 14-Sept. 11. we will meet at Jordan Creek Park to “toss and fetch” with our dogs to gather scores that we will submit. Our league is for anyone who has a dog that loves to play “fetch with a Frisbee”. If you would like more information about this league you may call 222-3435. Each team (dog and owner) will need to register. (If you have more than one dog you will need to register twice. If you have one dog and two people who want to compete with that dog you will also have to register twice.)

**BEGGARS NIGHT**

Beggars night for the City of West Des Moines will be October 30 from 6pm – 8pm.

**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! A very limited number of 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.**

**BOB ROSS AND FRIENDS PAINTING PARTY**

Have you ever watched an episode of Bob Ross’s “Joy of Painting” and wanted to try and paint like him? Come to this evening of art and fun and learn to paint the “Distant Mountain” landscape as Bob and our staff guide you through the whole process. And when you need a quick break, you can channel your inner Bob Ross and visit with the little creatures who live at the Nature Lodge. All supplies needed for your 11”x14” painting will be provided. And remember that “we don’t make mistakes. Just happy little accidents.”
### 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.

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**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

**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.

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**FAMILY “GIVE IT A SHOT” ARCHERY**

Have you thought about trying archery, but you don’t have any equipment? This family event is planned just for you! Come to the archery facility at Raccoon River Park to give it a try. We will provide the equipment for you to try this exciting new sport. This activity is free, but registration is required.

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**ADULT ONLY DAYS**

If you are an adult looking for a chance to try archery come to the Raccoon River Archery facility for this program. We have the equipment, so come and try it out. This event is free, but registration is required.

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**HUNTER EDUCATION**

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

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**DNR**

**TO REGISTER**

http://www.iowadnr.gov/training
BEGINNERS FIRST STEPS DANCE

Beginners 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.

INTERMEDIATE FIRST STEPS DANCE

Intermediate First Steps Dance classes are designed as a way for students who have completed a First Steps Dance class in previous sessions to advance their skills. These sessions are 12 weeks in length, as opposed to 6 weeks, and will end with a performance that friends and family members can attend to watch the dancers show off their finely-honed skills. All classes are led by Josalynn Agnew, an instructor with many years of studio experience.

* Tap and ballet shoes required.

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.

* No Indoor Playground when WDM Schools cancel classes.

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 Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge. All magic materials are provided.

* Tap and ballet shoes required.
NATURE FRIENDS
The purpose of Nature Friends is to give children the opportunity to learn about Iowa’s natural resources, environment and outdoor recreation. It is hoped that children who attend will gain an increased awareness about the earth and will learn to make responsible environmental decisions as they grow. Non West Des Moines residents are eligible to register for these programs at the same time residents are allowed to register. These programs are co-sponsored by WDM Parks & Recreation and Polk County Conservation Board.

NATURE FRIENDS - PRESCHOOLERS EXPLORING NATURE
Nature Class for children ages 3-5 with an adult
Children have great skills of observation. Come join in a fun evening of exploring “preschool” style. This evening will be lead by the West Des Moines Naturalist. A nature themed story, craft and snack are included in this hour of nature packed fun!

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

NATURE CLASS FOR CHILDREN 3-5

Nature Class for children ages 3-5 with an adult
Children have great skills of observation. Come join in a fun evening of exploring “preschool” style. This evening will be lead by the West Des Moines Naturalist. A nature themed story, craft and snack are included in this hour of nature packed fun!

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Tallgrass Theatre Company
Tallgrass Theatre Company has been performing in West Des Moines since 2006 and re-launched Seedlings children’s theatre programming in 2018. For more on Tallgrass Theatre Company’s productions, visit www.tallgrasstheatre.org.

Theatre Club
Do you thirst for the stage? Are you always on the hunt to be in the spotlight? This workshop is for YOU! OR - Are you new to the world of theatre? Do you ache to be an actor but don’t know your stage left from your stage right? Well, this workshop is for YOU TOO! Come check out this fun half-day workshop where you will learn trade secrets on how to best show your amazing talent, as well as some basic theatre Do’s and Don’ts. Led by professionals with lots of experience with teaching creative drama, this workshop will give you the skills to feel confident on stage and get a leg up on your next audition. Please bring a snack (no peanut products, please), a bottle of water, and your creative energy!

YOUTH
Register for programs listed in Polk County parks (shaded above) by going to www.leadingyououtdoors.org./calendar
The format for all Rounded Minds™ programming is high-energy! Children experience the joy of learning new skills by “doing” and through fun games, songs, and positive reinforcement. Our unique programming focuses on building healthy bodies and minds simultaneously along with the benefits of learning a second language. They will be learning instruction in Spanish while having fun and improving their sports skills at the same time. This will provide them with an advantage in their future education. Every Rounded Minds™ class is designed and led by attentive experts committed to providing safe, energetic, creative and fun educational experiences. Learn more at www.roundedminds.com

SPORTS EXPLORATION
This 5-week program is a great way for children to experience a variety of new games and activities in a format that is structured, engaging, and most of all... FUN! Rounded Minds prepares children for organized games without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Children will have an opportunity to explore a new SPORT each class (Soccer, Softball, Flag Football, Volleyball, Rugby), improve motor skills, and participate in fun games that will reinforce listening, teamwork, and the joy of being active! We focus on fundamental motor skills and coordination. This will provide them the confidence to participate in competitive sports as they grow older and at the same time they will be learning Spanish. The entire Rounded Minds programs have a learning benefit of giving them an introduction to the Spanish language. This will provide them with a good edge for success in their academic future.

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SOCCER
We introduce children to fundamental soccer principles, such as using their feet, dribbling, passing, ball control, and shooting by using creative games, positive reinforcement, and even songs. Our philosophy is ONE CHILD ONE BALL. We lead fun drills and games where your child always has a ball in his/her feet. There are no competitive games. They will have hundreds of touches on the ball each class which will help them to increase their ball control and accuracy. This program is perfect to introduce the sport to kids, give the skills to enjoy the game, and be successful when they join a competitive team. Children will learn the basic rules of the game while practicing sportsmanship and teamwork. The curriculum is designed by Raul Cuñarro, founder of Rounded Minds™, Professional Soccer coach from Spain, who is currently working for the Des Moines Menace. The entire Rounded Minds programs have a learning benefit of giving them an introduction to the Spanish language. This will provide them with a good edge for success in their academic future.

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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.

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: wdmadmin@wdmsoccerclub.org | Website: www.wdmsoccerclub.org

**WDM Girls Softball**
P.O. Box 65602 | West Des Moines, IA 50265
Email: wdmgsoftball@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

**FLAG/TOUCH JR. RUGBY**
Rugby is a hit in our community! Meeting once a week, this program will have a short practice session to cover rules and work on the skills required to play (kick, pass, run) rugby. The rest of each session will be consist of Flag Rugby, Rookie Rugby or T3 Touch Rugby Format. Each age group will be skill and age matched to provide the most fun and engagement for the participants of all skills and ages.


**TUMBLING**
The format for all Rounded Minds™ programming is high-energy! Children experience the joy of learning new skills by “doing” and through fun activities, songs, and positive reinforcement. Our tumbling program allows young children to enhance their social skills and develop greater strength, flexibility, and coordination – along with a lifelong love of fitness. Classes are taught with a theme to catch the attention of the young gymnast and build skills through creative movement and music. This will provide them the confidence to participate in active exercises as they grow older, and at the same time, they will be learning Spanish. The entire Rounded Minds programs have a learning benefit of giving them an introduction to the Spanish language. This will provide them with a good edge for success in their academic future.

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**COURAGE LEAGUE SPORTS**
Adapted recreational program for children and adults living with a special healthcare need. Our program will include fitness component with super hero training, ninja power! Also includes music/movement, introduction to sports and the integration of group games. Your participant will grow in social skills, and learn what their bodies CAN do.

**ADAPTED SOCCER**
Adapted Soccer program for ages 5 and up. Program includes skills development and game play. Pace and rules adapted to meet the needs of all abilities. Open to all abilities no matter physical, cognitive or emotional needs.

8am - 9am: Focused for those with more limitations, assistive devices.
9am - 10am: Chaamps program focused on those with Autism, Aspergers, ADHD.

**WEATHER CANCELLATION HOTLINE:**
**222-3500**

**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: setup; 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 cleanup. All parties cost $150 for the first 12 participants (including the birthday child) and are two hours in length. An additional fee of $15 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.

**Birthday Parties At The Nature Lodge**

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**Party themes are effective September 1.**
ART AROUND THE WORLD

Get ready to discover art from around the world. In this six week program, your child will learn art techniques from Ireland, Germany, Norway, France, Portugal, and Croatia. Your child will make multicultural creations while they learn more about the world around them. We will spend some time each week learning about each country and then create art. To highlight what we’ve done, families will be invited to a gallery night on October 24 at 6:30pm.

CREATIVE GENIUSES

Fun, educational, and personalized art program for children. Children will look and talk about art and self expression making their own masterpieces. Art education for children supports creative ability, confidence, hand eye coordination, math, science, and literacy skills. Most of all, art just feels good! We are where the ART and mind shine bright!

PreK Art Play

Our PreK curriculum follows a seasonal theme and will ignite an excitement for art and its varieties through what children love to do most at this age, play. This beginning art making experience builds the foundation of the visual arts while supporting age appropriate skills including: hand/eye coordination, building confidence in one’s abilities, language development social skills, support for beginning math, literacy, science skills, exploring and learning about the world around us and healthy self expression.

Art

Children shine bright in Creative Geniuses Art Program as they explore many mediums such as drawing, painting, and sculpture. Students use an artistic process that connects personal interests to inspire ideas, develop technical art skills, and empower creativity beyond the classroom. Our big idea this fall is, You are a Masterpiece! We will be inspired by the finest masterpiece in the world, themselves! As we connect to each student’s unique self, we will work on projects studying what they look like on the outside and use art to captivate what makes them special on the inside too.
LEARN TO SKATE

Learn to skate for tots, youth, teens and adults. Basic Skills, Figure Skating and Hockey skills will be taught. Learn to Skate classes offer your skater the opportunity to work on developing skills for ice sports from figure skating to ice hockey as well as recreational skating. Our classes include a 30-minute group skill lesson followed by 30 minutes of practice time. There are classes available for all ages (3 year olds through adults) and skill levels. Parents may skate with their children during the practice time portion of their class. Coaches will evaluate the skaters throughout the session, testing on the 5th week. Some children need longer at each level to master the skills, especially younger ones. Some may advance to higher level within the same session. Our goal is to advance skaters at their own pace, but to also promote skaters who are capable of skating in higher levels.

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LOCATION: Buccaneer Arena
7201 Hickman Rd.
AGES: 3 – Adult
FEE: $100 per session

TEA TIME AT THE JORDAN HOUSE

Back by popular demand! Take time to enjoy tea with your family and friends at the Historic Jordan House this holiday season. Whether you are a parent-child duo, a group of lifelong friends, or just want to spend time away from the office with your co-workers, you will surely delight in this charming hour filled with food, drink, crafts, and activities. And the Jordan House’s Victorian setting, decorated for the holiday season, could not be more appropriate. Each registration includes a voucher for a future Jordan House tour. Register now, you won’t want to miss this!

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DAY / DATE: Saturday, December 7
AGES: 5+
FEE: $15 per person
MIXED LEVEL I & II: BALLROOM DANCING
This class is for absolute beginners and for anyone who has some knowledge of various ballroom dances. It will be a great class for Level I review and for those who would like to add additional figures beyond that class. These courses teach: Foxtrot, Swing (East Coast), Waltz, and Rumba. We will teach 5-7 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. You are encouraged to have a partner for this class as we do not require anyone to change partners during class.

LEVEL I & II

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*MIXED LEVEL II & III: BALLROOM DANCING
This ballroom class is for anyone who has completed Level 1 classes or has equivalent experience in dancing and training. If you know some of these dances well you may attend the associated classes. This course teaches 1 dance for 2 weeks before moving on to another dance. Class begins with a review and then new figures and technique will be added. 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. PLEASE NOTE! This is a couple’s only class.

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LEVEL III & IV: BALLROOM DANCING
This ballroom class is for anyone who has completed Level 1 and Level 2 classes or has equivalent experience in dancing and training. 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 1/2 classes. They will then add figures and technique 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. Dances not included in Level 1/2 class curriculum will be taught at a beginning level as we introduce new dances to the students.

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Any questions, please contact Jim and Suzi Benjamin at DanceInfo@DesMoinesDance.org
ZUMBA

Perfect For Everybody and every body! Each Zumba® class is designed to bring people together to sweat it on.

How It Works
We take the “work” out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Once the Latin and World rhythms take over, you’ll see why Zumba® Fitness classes are often called exercise in disguise. Super effective? Check. Super fun? Check and check.

Benefits
A total workout, combining all elements of fitness — cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.

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YOGA WITH JAYLA!

Jayla wishes to create an environment that offers both physical and mental breakthroughs. She encourages people to explore themselves by creating relatable themes with impact and wishes to empower those that feel weak. Being a weak person when she started training, Jayla aspires to instill the same lessons, feelings, and confidence that she’s gained through yoga.

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Blue Heron Lake Paddle Preview

We are building a boat house at Raccoon River Park that will allow you to enjoy paddle sports here in West Des Moines and to explore new places at our wonderful park. Here is your chance for a paddle preview of our park. We will have our canoes and kayaks available for you to use. Take one out for a spin and get a taste of life with a Raccoon River Park boat house. This is an “open house” type of event located at the boat ramp.

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BLUE HERON LAKE PADDLE PREVIEW

To keep up to date on classes www.facebook.com/yogawithjayla

For more information visit www.wdm.iowa.gov/ParksAndRec | 222.3444
New Concession Vendor at Raccoon River Softball Complex!

Formaro's Stuffed

Welcome Softball players, fans & families! Formaro’s Stuffed will be providing all your food & beverage needs! We are excited to offer you a variety of fresh, high quality and award winning menu items for you to enjoy! We will have all the standard classics, some kicked up a bit and many new options for your dining pleasure! We will offer new, made to order items, such as our Stuffed Ribeye Steak & Cheese Sandwich, Stuffed Brisket Burgers and Stuffed Bacon Cheesy Hot Dogs, our famous Stuffed Breakfast Sandwiches and Homemade Cinnamon Rolls to name a few!

We look forward to meeting and serving you!
Your Formaro’s Stuffed Crew
www.facebook.com/formarostuffed
www.formarostuffed.com

Practice Field Rentals — Raccoon River Park Softball Complex

Youth or Adult Softball or Baseball teams may reserve a weekly practice field.

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<td>TIMES AVAILABLE</td>
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<td>Week of April 8</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:bruce.mankle@wdm.iowa.gov">bruce.mankle@wdm.iowa.gov</a></td>
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Team Roster Sign Up

HOW TO ADD YOUR TEAM ROSTER ONLINE

Important Notes
1) Our organization is using this process for you to register your Team and collect payments.
2) Our organization is using this process so you have an easy process to identify what players are on your Team Roster, and, so the organization can track what players are on each team.

TEAM ROSTER PROCESS

1 Sign In
Click the “Enroll” button for the Program you want to register in. The Site has a secure online process, so when you click the “Enroll” button you will be prompted to Sign In.
• If you are a new user, click the “Not registered? Create a new account” link and follow the steps to sign in.
• If you are not a new user, then sign in. If you do not remember your password, click the “Forgot your password?” link and follow the steps to be emailed your password.

2 Add Items To Your Cart
After you Sign In, you will be on the “Add Items To Your Cart” page. On this page:
1) From the “Enrollee” list select your name
2) From the “Enrollment Type” list select “General”
3) From the “Program” list select the program
4) From the “Offering” list select the offering
5) Click the “Add Enrollment” button
6) Repeat the above steps if you want to choose additional offerings.
7) When done, click the “Proceed to Checkout” button.

3 Team Information
On the Team Information page, complete all information, then click the “Done” button at the bottom of the page.

4 Checkout
On the Checkout page, click the Place Order button at the bottom of the page.

5 Manage Rosters
From the order confirmation page, in the top dark blue navigation bar, select “Manage Rosters” and then select your Team Name.

Add to Roster
• Click the Add to Roster button to add players to your Roster.
• When done, click the Submit button so the organization administering the web site knows you have completed your Roster.

• Important Note: The organization administering the web site can see which rosters are “Submitted” versus not.

VALLEY VIEW PARK FIELD RESERVATIONS

Reservations will be taken starting the first business day of February each year.

Field Rental Options

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*The above rental fees are for individuals and non-profit organizations. For-profit organizations or businesses will pay two (2) times the above rates. The Department reserves the right to limit the number of reservations that can be made by for-profit organizations or businesses.
ADULT MEN’S FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE
The deadline to apply for Flag Football has passed. Call 222-3444 if you and your team are interested as there may still be space.

MEN’S BASKETBALL LEAGUES
Applications will be available in September for teams interested in joining our exciting and very popular basketball leagues. Please call 222-3444 to have an application mailed, emailed or faxed to you. Teams will play a 10 game, round robin schedule.

All games will be staffed with high school certified officials and scorekeepers.

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LOCATION Various WDM, Clive and Waukee Schools
AGES Adults (18 & older and a high school graduate)
DEADLINE TO APPLY Thursday, August 15
FEES Team fee $267.50 (tax included) Non-WDM resident fee $6
TO REGISTER www.TeamSideline.com/WestDesMoines

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES
Applications for our Fall volleyball leagues are now available. Call 222-3444 to have one mailed, emailed or faxed to you. Six player teams will play a 10 match schedule. All leagues will be staffed with an official.

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AGES Adults (18 & older and a high school graduate)
DEADLINE TO APPLY Thursday,  November 14
FEES Team fee $445.20 (tax included) Non-WDM resident fee $6
TO REGISTER www.TeamSideline.com/WestDesMoines

ADULT ATHLETIC LEAGUE TEAM ACCEPTANCE POLICY
The Adult Athletic League Team Acceptance Policy applies to all adult athletic leagues. The order of priority is as follows:

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

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

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

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

Corporate Sponsor
Honor Roll

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• AWARDS PROGRAM SERVICES

THANK YOU!

ADULT COED KICKBALL LEAGUE

Applications for the upcoming Adult Kickball League are now available. Teams play a 6 game schedule. Teams will be split into Jr. High, Jr. Varsity and Varsity divisions when numbers are conducive. Call 222-3444 for more information.

| GAME TIMES | 6:15pm, 7:15pm, 8:15pm, and 9:15pm |
| LEAGUE NAME | DAY | START DATE |
| Coed | Monday | August 26 |
| Coed | Tuesday | August 27 |
| Coed | Wednesday | August 28 |
| Coed | Thursday | August 29 |
| LOCATION | Raccoon River Park Softball Complex |
| AGES | Adults (18 & older and a high school graduate) |
| DEADLINE TO APPLY | Wednesday, August 14 |
| FEES | Team fee $185.50 (tax included) |
| | Non-WDM resident fee $3 |
| TO REGISTER | www.TeamSideline.com/WestDesMoines |

ADULT BADMINTON OPEN GYM

Drop in for recreational pick-up badminton matches.

| DAYS | Sundays |
| DATES | August 4, 2019 – June 28, 2020 |
| TIME | 2:30pm – 5pm |
| LOCATION | Valley Southwoods – 625 S. 35th St. |
| FEE | • $2 WDM school district residents |
| | • $3 non-residents due on site |

ADULT 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 Craft Craze Class. During each class you will leave with a finished or nearly finished item great for decoration or for gifts.

October 17 • #10687
Leaf Garland
This is one of my favorite craft projects. It will add a little “autumn” to almost any table or wall. Come and see just how easy this can be!

November 14 • #10783
Tinted Mason Jars
Have you ever wanted a “pop” of color in a room. I love the way these tinted mason jars add colors and functionality to a space. Come and make a couple of jars to use in your home or to give as a gift.

| TIME | 9:30am – 11am |
| LOCATION | Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge |
| FEE | $10 per class |
| (Coffee and tea will be served!) |
CELEBRATION BELLE THROUGH 2 LOCK AND DAMS
Enjoy the scenic fall colors as we cruise downriver and enjoy all of the wonderful food and live entertainment along the Mississippi River to the historical town of Muscatine. We’ll board the largest luxury excursion vessel on the upper Mississippi River, and take in breathtaking views. AS if that weren’t enough to temp you...our day will also include sticky rolls and fruit as the cruise departs, a full hot lunch buffet, and a snack in the afternoon! Prepare yourself for a fun, relaxing day on the river.

DAY Wednesday
DATE October 16
TIME 7am – 7pm
LOCATION Moline, IL to Muscatine, IA
DEPARTURE LOCATION Valley West Mall — SE Lot
FEE $99
REGISTER BY October 2
MAXIMUM 104
COURSE ID 10777

DAY TRIP INFORMATION
*PLEASE NOTE: Space is limited to the first 50 people who register. These trips generally fill quickly, so please register early. The date listed is a registration cut-off date. These trips are open to people 55 years old and over. Most trips depart from the SE corner of the Valley West Mall parking lot.
IOWA HAWKEYES FOOTBALL

Join us as we travel to Kinnick Stadium to watch the Iowa Hawkeyes take on Purdue. This exciting day trip includes your game ticket and round trip transportation. Pack your cooler, and leave the driving to us as we travel via deluxe motor coach. What a great way to experience Hawkeye football at Kinnick Stadium. GO HAWKS!!

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

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

For more information visit www.wdm.iowa.gov/ParksAndRec | 222.3444
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