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# West Des Moines eNewsletter

## West Des Moines receives 2018 Tree City USA Award

City of West Des Moines officials were honored to receive the **2018 Tree City USA Award** at the 29th Annual Community Forestry Awards Luncheon in West Des Moines.

The award was presented by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on April 3 at the Sheraton in West Des Moines.

“The Tree City USA award is a symbol for communities who have made a commitment to the management of public trees,” says State Forester Jeff Goerndt. “The City of West Des Moines has provid-

ed an outstanding example for other Iowa communities by enhancing our forest resources and

demonstrating the great value of trees in providing multiple benefits for future generations.”

West Des Moines was one of 80 Iowa communities to qualify for Tree City USA status.

To receive the award, a city must, at a minimum, have either a city forester or an active city tree board; have a tree ordinance; spend at least \$2 per

capita annually for its community forestry program; and have a tree planting and maintenance plan.



*Pictured from left to right: Jeff Goerndt, Iowa DNR State Forester; Bruce Trautman, acting Iowa DNR Director; Tom Hadden, WDM City Manager; John Olds, WDM Urban Forestry Supervisor; and Kevin Conn, Landscape Architect for WDM Parks and Recreation.*



### Memorial Day Reminder ...

City Hall and most City offices will be closed on Monday, May 27.

Garbage collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week, with Friday's collection delayed until Saturday.

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



*It's time to start thinking about ...*

# City of West Des Moines Spring Clean-Up > June 3-7

Place items like this at your curb by 6:00 AM  
on your garbage collection day:



*Only residents on city services eligible*

## ***On your normal collection garbage day***

***Rid your home of items that do not fit in your garbage cart!***

Spring Cleanup is available to all West Des Moines residents who are eligible for City provided solid waste collection.



Appliances are NOT accepted, but can be dropped off at WDM Public Services, 560 South 16th Street, on Saturday, June 8, from 8 a.m. until noon.

[Find out more by reading our Spring Cleanup Handout](#) or

Learn the details by doing a quick search for SPRING CLEANUP on the City's website at [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov) (see graphic below)



## Join us for our Police Week activities



Free child bicycle helmets, two jump houses, emergency vehicles, WDM Fire and EMS, WDMPD Honor Guard, MacKenzie Highlander Bagpipers, medical helicopters, jaws-of-life demonstration, free food, face painting, balloon artist, games, tours and much more!



**May 16, 2019 (Thursday)**

**5 p.m. — 5:20 p.m. Opening Ceremony**

**5:20 p.m. — 8 p.m. Picnic & Activities**

No Rain Date

### MAYOR'S BIKE RIDE



DAY	Saturday
DATE	<b>May 18</b>
TIME	9 am—12 pm
LOCATION	WDM City Hall
AGES	6 and up
COURSE ID	9735
FEE	\$10 per rider \$25 family fee

Please join Mayor Steve Gaer for a morning of cycling and fun in the City of West Des Moines! Different routes will be available to accommodate all ages and abilities. All routes start and end at City Hall, 4200 Mills Civic Pkwy. Routes and distances subject to change.

All registered participants will receive an event T-shirt. Proceeds from the event will be put toward enhancing new and existing trails. [Register by clicking here.](#)

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

## WDM Food Pantry recognized as top wellness program

The WDM Human Services food pantry, in conjunction with the Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC), was selected as a top wellness program recently at the **Harkin On Wellness Symposium!**

This award was given to 10 successful community wellness and nutrition initiatives from around the United States.

As the only recipient in Iowa, the award recognizes DMARC's Food Pantry 2.0 pilot project that has been implemented at our WDM pantry. The project focuses on providing low-income individuals with more fresh produce and healthier food choices. Congratulations to everyone who helps make this wonderful project a success!



From left to right: Lyndi Buckingham-Schutt, Associate Director of Wellness and Nutrition Policy at The Harkin Institute; Stephanie Corbett, WDM Human Services Program Outreach Assistant; Senator Tom Harkin (retired); Althea Holcomb, WDM Human Services Director; and Rev. Sarai Schnucker Rice, Executive Director of DMARC.



**Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019**  
**Time: Registration starts at 5:00pm**  
**Meet starts at 5:30pm**  
**Ages: 5-14**  
**Location: Valley High School Track**  
**Fee: FREE**

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

**FREE!**

Races will be grouped according to age (5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14) and gender. **A participant's age is as of December 31, 2019.** An award ribbon will be given to each participant for each event. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will also be given for each heat/event. The fastest time or longest distance recorded for each event (ages 9-14) will be eligible to attend the State Track and Field Meet in Marshalltown in June. These participants will be notified of their eligibility shortly after May 18.

Event	Age
200 Meter Dash	7-14*
Softball Throw	7-14*
Standing Long Jump	7-14*
50 Meter Dash	5-6, 7-10*
100 Meter Dash	5-6, 7-14*
400 Meter Dash	9-14*
4 x 100 Meter Relay	7-14*

\* eligible to take part in the Iowa State Track and Field meet

For questions regarding Iowa Track Championships, visit [www.livehealthyiowakidstrack.org/](http://www.livehealthyiowakidstrack.org/)

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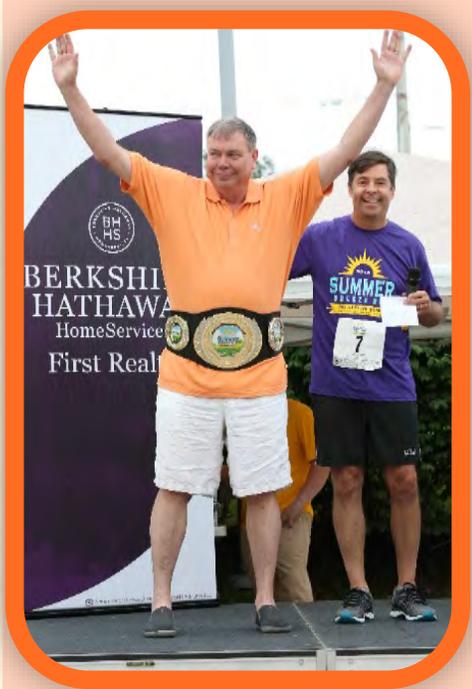
Join us on Saturday,  
August 3, 2019!

10k, 5K & Kids Fun Run

The rematch is on ... for the next *Summer Breeze – Battle of the 'Burbs!*

The City of West Des Moines won in 2018, but the mayors of Clive, Waukee and West Des Moines will be duking it out again this year on **August 3** to win the WWF-style award belt on behalf of their City.

When you sign up, you'll have the option to designate a City to run for. Although the City with the most participants will be the winner, everybody wins because 100% of the registration fees benefit our local communities.



This day of rivalry and fun is quickly becoming a favorite of runners with views of Clive Lake and the Country Club community. A Kids Fun Run also ensures a family-friendly event.

[Sign up here](#) for the 10K, 5K or Kids Fun Run, sponsored by NCMIC & Professional Solutions.

Age Groups will be split by men and women for both the 5K and 10K.

Those supporting WDM should show-up wearing **ORANGE** colored garb, our City designated color, for this competition.

C'mon, WDM. Let's win this again and give City Manager Tom Hadden another opportunity to wear the championship belt for West Des Moines!



## Construction Updates



If you would like to learn more about Engineering and Parks and Recreation projects under construction, just visit our [website](#). You can also view drone footage of construction projects by [visiting Engineering Services YouTube Channel!](#)

# Join us for National Public Works Week!



Thursday, May 23, from 4 – 7 p.m.  
Valley Junction Farmer's Market

Our annual National Public Works Week celebration aims to educate the general public about the value of public works projects & professionals.

This year's theme is *"It Starts Here."*

Our **free** event for the family features fun games, face-painting, balloons, coloring and activity books, as well as some of the Public Works machinery.

Public Services staff will be on hand to answer questions ... and

**PAWS** will make an appearance to shake hands with the kids!



Returning this year ... the Iowa DNR Mobile Education Exhibit, which is equipped with touch screen computer games, flat screen TVs and interactive displays.

We guarantee it makes learning FUN!

## Community Compliance Corner

Did you know that by City ordinance, signs can't be placed in the right of way? Signs placed illegally are pulled by our Community Compliance Specialists. Habitual offenders could be subject to a fine of \$50 per sign or prosecution.



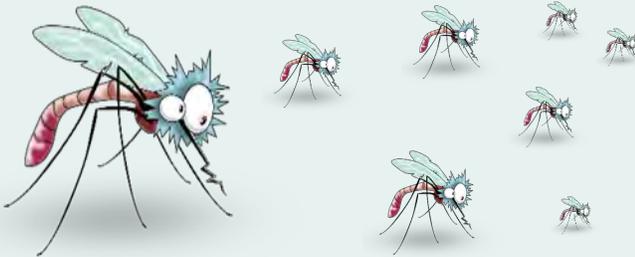
Off premises signs (such as a contractor putting a business sign on a residential property) are not allowed as well, unless that company is actively

working at the property. The sign must then go when the workers leave.

Our Community Compliance Specialists are tasked with helping keep our City beautiful by educating the public and enforcing City code viola-

tions. Thank you for your help in keeping West Des Moines a great place to live and work.

## Spring time = Mosquitos!



West Des Moines Public Services will be spraying for mosquitos in various areas of the City, weather permitting, during the evening hours of Friday, May 24, through Sunday, May 26. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Services Department at 222-3480.

## See a pothole? Tell us and we'll get it fixed!



Severe winter weather and extreme temperature fluctuations have helped create a bumper crop of potholes in a large portion of the U.S. this year, including Iowa.

Public Services crews are working hard to make repairs during dry weather, and we know more repairs may be needed.

What can YOU do? If you're concerned about a pothole, PLEASE LET US KNOW!



If you would like to report a pothole (or any other non-emergency issue), you have several options:

1. Download the **YourGov** app on your phone to report the issue and send a photo if you have one.
2. Go to the **Online Service Desk** on our website at [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov) or type YourGov in the search box. Click on the "+" to add a request.
3. Call Public Services at **222-3480** from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# 2019 Solid Waste Events for WDM Residents

**Annual Spring Cleanup is June 3 – 7 on your regular trash collection day!**

April 1	Yard Waste Pickup begins on your normal trash collection day
April 13	Scrap Tire Drop-off, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., West Des Moines Public Services
 May 23	National Public Works Week Celebration, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Valley Junction Farmer's Market
June 3 – 7	Annual Spring Cleanup – on your regular trash day. Watch for details! No appliances accepted (see June 8 event).
June 8	Scrap Appliance, Metal Drop-off * 8 a.m. – 12:00 (noon), West Des Moines Public Services
September 14	Scrap Appliance, Metal Drop-off * 8 a.m. – 12:00 (noon), West Des Moines Public Services
November 30	Yard Waste Pickup Ends
Dec. 30, 2019 – Jan. 10, 2020	Winter Yard Waste & Christmas Tree Collection

\* No paper shredding service will be provided by the City due to the variety of privately sponsored paper shredding events in our area. Yard waste and annual spring cleanup events are available to all West Des Moines residents who are eligible for solid waste collection (single family homes up to and including 4-plex units). Questions? Call Public Services at 222-3480.

## curb it! 2019

**MISSED COLLECTION? CALL 515.24.GREEN (515.244.7336)**

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Recycling Week  
Holiday Schedule

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 Metro Waste Authority  
www.WhereltShouldGo.com | 515.244.0021

# Marina & Boating Safety

Boats can be a great source of summer fun and leisure. But, boaters, swimmers, and marina staff must be aware of dangers in and around the water. Electrical hazards and carbon monoxide (CO) bring unique risks to the boating world. Learn to protect people and pets from these dangers.

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- » Never allow swimming near the boat, marina, or launching ramp. Residual current could flow into the water from the boat or the marina's wiring. This can put anyone at risk of electrical shock drownings (ESD).
- » Be sure your boat is well maintained. Have it inspected each year. Ask a qualified marine electrician to do this job.
- » Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and equipment leakage circuit interrupters (ELCIs) should be installed and tested monthly. Run tests to find out if electrical current is leaking from the boat.
- » Only use cords intended for marine use. Never use household cords near water.
- » Know where your main breakers are on both the boat and the shore power source. This will help you respond quickly in an emergency.

## CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

- » Poorly tuned engines produce more CO. Keep your engine properly maintained. Follow manufacturer's instructions for service.
- » Proper ventilation for engine and generator exhaust vents must be clear and pipes should be inspected for leaks.
- » Get into fresh air right away and get help if you feel symptoms of CO poisoning. These include headache, fatigue, confusion, dizziness, nausea, or seizures. The symptoms can be similar to seasickness. Assume it is CO exposure until you are sure the boat is safe.
- » Do not swim near the boat's exhaust vents. CO accumulates there.
- » Install CO alarms inside your boat. Test CO alarms before each trip.
- » Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- » If the CO alarm sounds, move to a fresh air location right away.



## KNOW THE RISKS!

Electrical shock drownings can occur when marina electrical systems leak electrical current into the water. Boats can also serve as the source of an electrical leakage. Leakage can cause a shock that can injure, disable, or kill a person.

Carbon Monoxide is a gas you cannot see, taste, or smell. It is often called the "invisible killer." CO is created when fuels such as gasoline, diesel, or propane do not burn fully. CO is also produced when wood or charcoal is burned.

Sources of CO on your boat may include engines, gas generators, and cooking ranges. Space and water heaters can also be sources of CO. CO can collect anywhere in or around a boat. The gas is harmful to both people and to pets.

## FACT

CO can remain in or around your boat at unsafe levels even if the engine has been turned off.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

West Des Moines  
Fire Department