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## THE MAYOR'S COLUMN

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 no 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](http://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.

Mayor Steven K. Gaer

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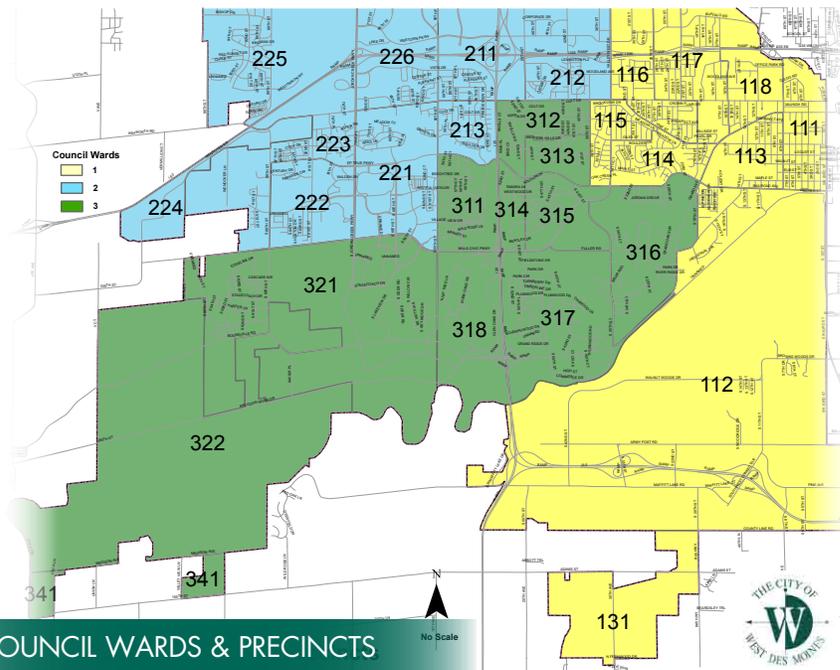
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## FROM THE CITY MANAGER

### 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).

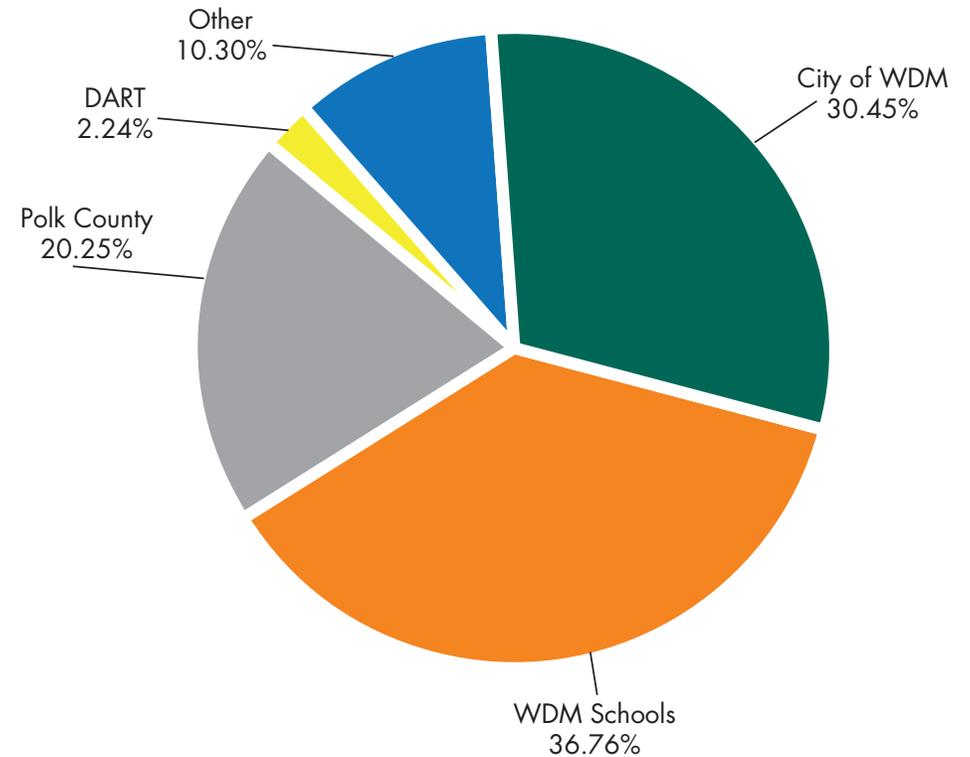
#### 2. Other Taxing Entities

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:

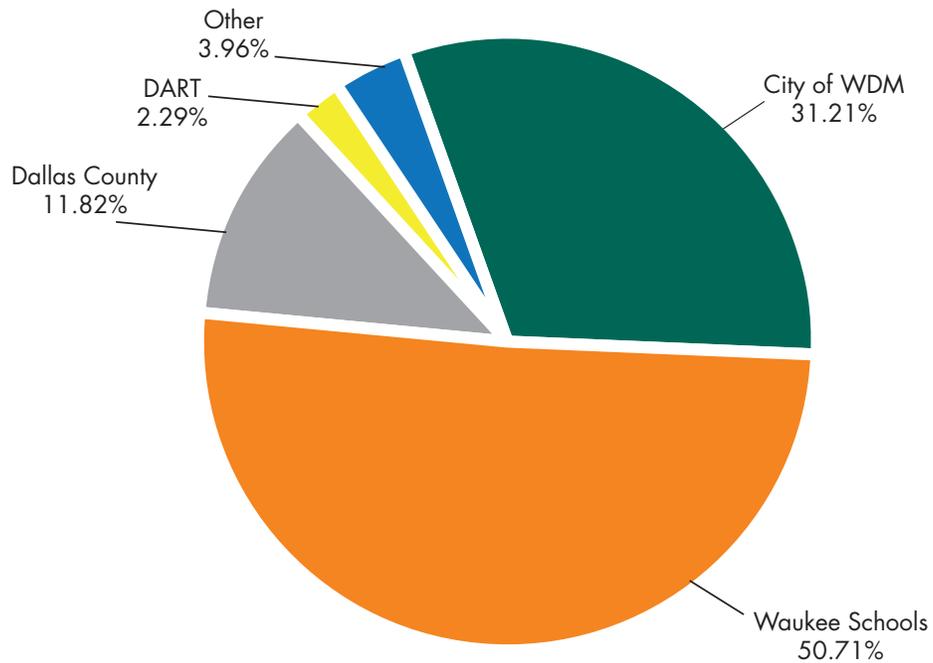
### FY19-20 Levy Rate - Polk County/WDM Schools



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**If you are a resident of Dallas County in the Waukee Community School District, here's approximately how your tax dollars are distributed:**

## FY19-20 Levy Rate - Dallas County/Waukee Schools



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.

CITY	TAX RATE
Altoona	\$9.94
Clive	\$10.14
Ankeny	\$10.35
Urbandale	\$10.52
<b>West Des Moines</b>	<b>\$10.99</b>
Pleasant Hill	\$11.50
Johnston	\$11.65
Indianola	\$13.28
Waukee	\$13.40
Des Moines	\$16.64

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.

### 3. The state Rollback

The total property tax amount you pay each year is also determined by the state rollback which calculates the amount of your property valuation that can be taxed.

Total statewide assessed value of residential property cannot increase by more than 3% annually. In order to make this happen, the state reduces or "rolls back" home values by applying a ratio which is calculated each year.

For Iowa, that ratio in 2018 was 56.9391%. Therefore, a home with a market value of \$100,000 (as determined by the County Assessor), would have an assessed value of only \$56,939.

### 4. Credits and exemptions

Credits and exemptions in Iowa may also reduce your taxes, such as the Homestead Credit, which reduces the appraised valuation of a primary residence before property tax owed is calculated.

**Tom Hadden,  
City Manager**



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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 did you get involved with the Commission?

I was active in the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce and served as a volunteer Chamber member when the City started a task force exploring how to become a 'bike friendly city.' The task force consultant recommended the City form a bicycle commission. In 2011, the Mayor appointed me as one of the volunteers on the West Des Moines Advisory Commission.

# Greg France

## BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

### What's the purpose of the Bicycle Advisory Commission?

We advise the Mayor and the City Council on bicycle plans, programs, and policies based on the Bicycle Master Plan and our Complete Streets Policy that includes trails and on-street bike facilities. Long term, we'd like to have a safe bike facility – a trail, shared road, or park with bike features – within ½ mile of everyone's home.

### What changes have you observed since you first started riding your bike around West Des Moines?

The overall biggest improvement is the continuing momentum of being a part of a big network of trails and roads that are bike connected. Our trails connect to Central Iowa's 676-miles of trails for families biking together, commuters, or more 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.

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# National Public Works Week Celebration

May 23, 2019

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.



## FIRE SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

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 divert 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.



# 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 scrim
- 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](mailto:helenbikes@msn.com)  
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# THE WEST DES MOINES HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## 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.

## 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.

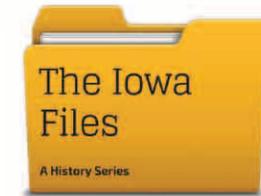
This exhibit is offered as part of the weekly guided tours of the Jordan House Museum. Tours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the summer, at 11am and 1pm. Doors will open 15 minutes before the tour begins at the top of the hour. Space at these weekly tours is limited, so we urge our visitors to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



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



The Iowa Files  
(page 39 of the magazine)



### Jordan House Museum Public Tours

- **Fall Hours:** Until August 31  
Fridays, Saturday, and Sundays  
11am & 1pm
- **Winter Hours:** Beginning September 1  
Fridays and Sundays  
11am & 1pm
- **Cost:**  
Adult (18+) \$5  
Youth (5-17) \$3  
Child (Under 5) 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.

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](http://www.wdmhs.org) or by calling (515)225-1286.



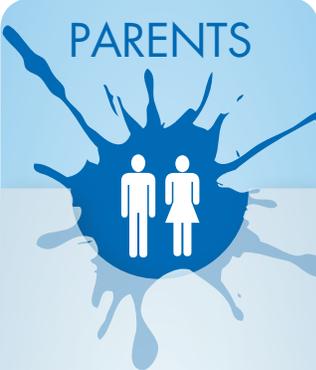
# SCHOOL CROSSING SAFETY

## 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.*

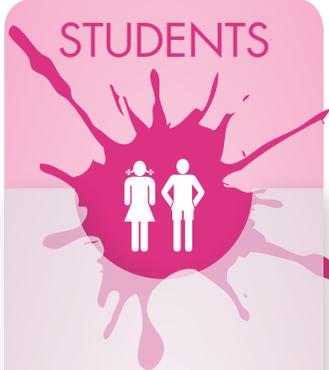
*Cooperation among parents, students, motorists, schools, and the public safety and engineering departments is crucial to the safety of children as they walk to and from school. It is important that each group is aware of its responsibility for maintaining safe routes to schools for children.*

**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.

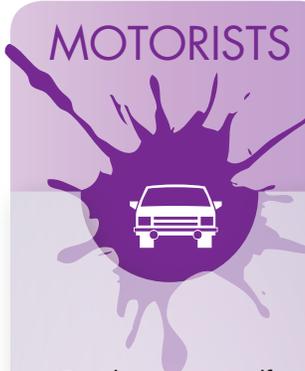
**STUDENTS**



- 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.

**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.

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

**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.

# WDM PUBLIC ARTS

## 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



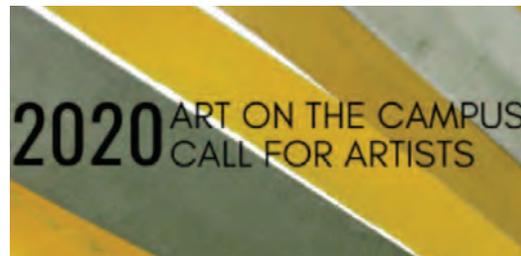
Iowa Commander Carol Whitmore, and WDM Public Arts Advisory Commission Chair Ryan Crane were the featured speakers for the event. The crowd gathered at the front of the Folded Flags as a countdown began, leading to the much anticipated moment when all fifteen flags were lit. The flags are now lit every evening from dusk until dawn. To learn about plans for further Veterans Parkway enhancements, visit [www.wdm.iowa.gov/VPWE](http://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

### ONLINE APPLICATIONS ONLY.

APPLY AT [www.wdm.iowa.gov/CallforArtists](http://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

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

These items will **NOT** be accepted

- Anything with food in it
- Chemicals
- Garbage
- Light Bulbs
- Paint
- Plastics
- Wood

## NO PAPER SHREDDING

No paper shredding will be provided due to the variety of privately sponsored paper shredding events in our area throughout the year. Additional options to dispose of confidential documents are available at [www.mwatoday.com](http://www.mwatoday.com) (search for paper shredding).

**FUN FACT!**

During the 2018 Spring Scrap Appliance & Metal event, 250 residents brought in over 26 tons of items for recycling. **Good Job!**

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.



## 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](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com) or call 515.244.0021.

**Hazardous Waste**

**KNOW where IT SHOULD GO**

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](http://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.*

**50 Metro Waste Authority**  
We Know Where It Should Go

## HELP YOUR YARD WHILE YOU WEED AND WATER LESS!



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](http://www.WhereItShouldGo.com) or call 515.244.0021.



# NOT ALL PLASTICS GO IN THE RECYCLING



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.



## RECYCLING

- No bags
- Paper, plastics with twist-off lids, aluminum and tin cans, cardboard



## GARBAGE

- Regular trash, food waste, plastics without twist-off lids
- Everything must be in bags
- No yard waste



## YARD WASTE

- Grass clippings, leaves, garden waste, small twigs and branches
- No bags
- No dirt, mulch, or food

Questions? Visit [www.WherItShouldGo.com](http://www.WherItShouldGo.com) or call **515.244.0021** to request.



**Metro Waste Authority**

# 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 caught 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.



*Our highways do not cause climate boundaries, they follow them.*

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 out, "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 underneath 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.

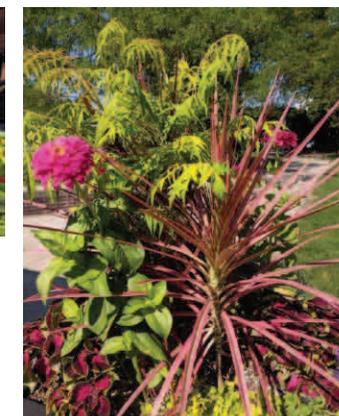


# HORTICULTURE What's in the Planter?

On your next visit to Valley Junction, stop and enjoy the spectacular flowers found in the 50 or so planters within the VJ District. WDM Public Services staff Horticulturist, Dee Ann

Fredericks, has once again created stunning displays for all to enjoy. 2019 marks the fifth year that Dee Ann has utilized QR Code technology, which allows passing admirers the capability to quickly identify any flower of interest. At least nine of the VJ planters contain a small QR Code sign. Scan the bar code off the sign to receive information related to all of the plants in that particular planter. Better hurry though, as the curtain on the "show" closes hours after the first frost!

Learn more here: <http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/government/public-services/forestry/what-s-in-the-planters>



# 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.



**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 larvae leave behind. The grubs feed for 1-2 years before emerging from the tree as an adult, typically in May and June.**

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).

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!**

Reminder: City Code 7-10-7:E.2 describes that property owners are responsible for removal or treatment of dead, diseased or insect ridden trees on private property.

## COMMUNITY COMPLIANCE CORNER

**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](http://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



**West Des Moines**  
Report non-emergency issues

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.

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

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:

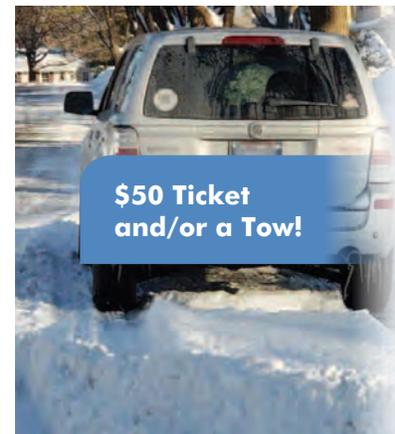
An application must be completed to receive a pass. You may get an application in person at Human Services (139 6th Street, West Des Moines) or call Kay or Christine at (515) 273-0770 to have an application mailed to you.

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
\$49,000	\$56,000	\$63,000	\$70,000	\$75,600	\$81,200	\$86,800	\$92,400



## 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 insure 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!



All City service requests can be directed to the Online Service Desk at  
[www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov)

**EMERGENCY** ..... 911  
**Non-Emergency Dispatch** ..... 222-3321  
**ADA Coordinator** ..... 222-3603  
**TDD/TTY** ..... 1-800-413-4955  
**Aquatic Centers** ..... 273-0700  
**Ambulance Billing** ..... 273-0652  
**Animal Control** ..... 222-3364  
 250 Mills Civic Parkway  
**Animal Licenses** ..... See WestPet  
**Better Business Bureau** ..... 243-8137  
**Birth Certificates** ..... See Vital Records  
**Building Safety/Inspections** ..... 222-3630  
 developmentsservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
 Business License Info. .... 1-800-532-1216  
**Cable Television**  
 Mediacom ..... 1-800-332-0245  
 Billing, Cust. Service, Connect/ Disconnect,  
 2205 Ingersoll Ave. Des Moines • mchsi.com  
**Jordan Cemetery** ..... 222-3444  
 Sales and Maintenance  
**Chamber of Commerce** ..... 225-6009  
 www.wdmchamber.org  
**City Attorney** ..... See Legal Department  
**City Clerk** ..... 222-3603  
 Business related licenses / voter registration  
 application  
**City Council** ..... 222-3610  
**City Hall Offices** ..... 222-3600  
 4200 Mills Civic Pkwy  
**City Manager** ..... 222-3610  
**Claim for Damages** ..... 222-3601  
**Community Compliance  
 (Code Enforcement)** ..... 222-3480  
 publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
 Community & Econ. Development ..... 273-0770  
 ced@wdm.iowa.gov  
**County Websites**  
 • Dallas County www.co.dallas.ia.us  
 • Polk County www.co.polk.ia.us  
 • Madison County www.madisoncoia.us  
 • Warren County www.warrencountyia.org  
**Death Certificates** ..... See Vital Records  
**Development Services**  
 Building Division ..... 222-3630  
 Engineering & Planning Divisions ..... 222-3620  
 developmentsservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Des Moines Area Regional Transit (DART)**  
 Public Transportation ..... 283-8100  
 dart@ridedart.com

**Des Moines Register**  
 Subscriptions ..... 1-877-424-0225  
**Driver's License**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-6992  
 • Polk County ..... 244-1052  
 • Madison County ..... 462-1542  
 • Warren County ..... 961-1144  
**Election Office**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-6914  
 • Polk County ..... 286-3247  
 • Madison County ..... 462-3914  
 • Warren County ..... 961-1020  
**Electrical Service** ..... See Utilities  
**Emergency Medical Services (EMS)** 273-0768  
 EMS Billing ..... 8055 Mills Civic Parkway  
 CPR and Public Access Defibrillation Classes  
 ems@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Farmers Market (VJ Foundation)** 222-3642  
**Finance Department** ..... 222-3600  
**Fire Administration** ..... 222-3420  
 3421 Ashworth Road • fire@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Gas Service** ..... See Utilities  
**Hazardous Waste**  
 Regional Collection Center ..... 967-5512  
**Holiday Pool** ..... 273-0700  
**Housing Rehabilitation Program** 273-0770  
**Human Resources** ..... 222-3616  
**Human Rights Commission** ..... 222-3675  
**Human Services** ..... 222-3660  
 139 6th Street • humanservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
 Senior & Disabled Transportation, Energy  
 Assistance, Food & Clothing Pantry, Homeless  
 Prevention  
**Illegal Waste Disposal** ..... 725-0268  
 http://www.iowadnr.gov  
 State Dept of Natural Resources industrial or major  
 hazardous waste and chemical spills.  
**Minor/Household Spills** ..... 222-3321  
**Job Hotline (City of WDM)** ..... 222-3616  
 www.wdm.iowa.gov  
**Library** ..... 222-3400  
 4000 Mills Civic Parkway • library@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Legal Department** ..... 222-3523  
 4200 Mills Civic Parkway  
**Marriage Licenses** ..... See Vital Records  
**Mayor's Office** ..... 222-3610  
**Motor Vehicle License Plates/Registration**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-5812  
 • Polk County ..... 286-3030  
 • Madison County ..... 462-1542  
 • Warren County ..... 961-1111

**Nature Lodge** ..... 222-3424  
 Raccoon River Park 2500 Grand Ave.  
**One Call Underground Utility Lines**  
 811 OR 1-800-292-8989  
**Parks & Recreation** ..... 222-3444  
 parkrec@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Parking Violations (non-moving)** 222-3600  
**Passports** ..... 1-877-487-2778  
**Permits**  
 • Oversize Moving Permit  
 publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov ..... 222-3480  
 • ROW/Excavation Permits (Sidewalk)  
 Engineering Services ..... 222-3475  
 • Street/Lane Closures  
 publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov ..... 222-3480  
**Planning & Zoning** ..... 222-3620  
 developmentsservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Police Administration** ..... 222-3300  
 police@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Police/Fire/EMS/Dispatch (Westcom)**  
 • Emergency ..... 911  
 • Non-Emergency ..... 222-3321  
 250 Mills Civic Parkway  
**Post Office** ..... 255-6471  
 430 5th St. WDM 50265 • usps.com  
**Property Tax**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-5808  
 • Polk County ..... 286-3060  
 • Madison County ..... 462-1542  
 • Warren County ..... 961-1110  
**Public Services** ..... 222-3480  
 publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Public Transportation** ..... See DART  
**Recycling - Curb It!**  
 Waste Management ..... www.wm.com  
 Missed Pickup/Questions ..... 244-7336  
**Recreation Programs** ..... 222-3444  
**Rental Housing Inspector** ..... 222-3630  
 developmentsservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Senior Citizen Meals** ..... 274-0373  
**Sewer Stoppages/Repair** ..... 222-3480  
 publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Shelter Rentals (Parks & Rec)** ..... 222-3444  
**School Districts**  
 • Norwalk  
 981-0676 • www.norwalk.k12.ia.us  
 • Van Meter  
 996-2221 • www.vmbulldogs.com  
 • Waukee  
 987-5161 • www.waukeeschools.org  
 • West Des Moines  
 633-5000 • www.wdmcs.org  
**Social Security Offices** ..... 800-772-1213  
**Street Light Outages**  
 MidAmerican Energy ..... 1-888-427-5632  
**Street Repairs/Cleaning** ..... 222-3480  
 publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov

**Taxes** ..... See Property Tax  
**Tickets Moving Violations**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-5816  
 • Polk County ..... 222-3772  
 • Madison County ..... 462-1542  
 • Warren County ..... 961-1032  
**Parking Violations (non-moving)**  
**Finance** ..... 222-3600  
**Traffic Signals/Street Signs** ..... 222-3480  
 publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Trash Collection** ..... 265-7374  
 Waste Connections • www.wasteconnections.com  
**Tree Planting Permits** ..... 222-3417  
 publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov  
**Utilities Mid American Energy**  
 Gas & Electric ..... 1-888-427-5632  
 EMERGENCY ..... 1-800-595-5325  
 One Call Line Locator ..... 1-800-292-8989  
 www.midamericanenergy.com  
**Valley Junction Activity Center** .. 222-3440  
**Valley Junction Foundation** ..... 222-3642  
**Vehicle Registration**  
 ..... See Motor Vehicle License Plates/Registration  
**Vital Records**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-5804  
 • Polk County ..... 286-3781  
 • Madison County ..... 462-3771  
 • Warren County ..... 961-1089  
**Voter Registration**  
 • Dallas County ..... 993-6914  
 • Polk County ..... 286-3080  
 • Madison County ..... 462-3914  
 • Warren County ..... 961-1020  
**Iowa Elections Division** ..... 281-8849  
**Water Treatment Plant** ..... 222-3465  
 1505 Railroad Ave.  
**West Des Moines Water Works**.. 222-3460  
 Water/Solid Waste, New Service, Service  
 Changes/Maintenance.... 1505 Railroad Avenue  
 www.wdmww.com • waterworks@wdmww.com  
**Westcom**  
 • EMERGENCY ..... 911  
 • Dispatch Non-Emergency ..... 222-3321  
**WestPet** ..... 222-3600  
 Animal Licenses • www.westpet.org  
**Yard Waste - Compost It!**  
 Waste Management ..... www.wm.com  
 General Info/Questions ..... 1-800-796-9696  
 Missed Pickup ..... 1-800-796-9696

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate in City activities. Those individuals seeking City services and in need of special accommodations should either contact the department sponsoring the event or the ADA Coordinator.

# WDM Public Library



**Mission Statement:** The WDM Public Library 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.

## WDM Library *Adult Programs*

### PARENTING PROGRAMS

#### PARENT QUEST

1st Fri | 10 am-11 am | Sep 6 | Oct 4  
| Nov 1 | | Dec 6 | Parents of babies-  
preschoolers

#### HOMESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Mon, Sep 16 | 2:45 & 6 pm | all ages

See Youth Programs section for details.

### PAPERCRAFTS C.L.U.B.

Sat 10 am-4 pm: Aug 3, Sep 7, Oct 5,  
Nov 2, Dec 7 | Community Room

Be it scrapbooks, holiday cards, book folding, or coloring, we welcome all papercrafters! Bring a project and your own supplies (no sales at the event). We'll provide snacks and cutting tools. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration preferred.

### TECH: ONE-ON-ONE

Tue | 10-11:30 am

If you have a specific computer, mobile device, or other technology related questions, we're here to help! Sign up for assistance on setting up an email account, downloading eBooks, Word and Excel basics, online job applications, using online resources, and more. You may bring your own device; however, staff is unable to troubleshoot or diagnose malfunctioning computers or devices. Basic computer/ mouse skills assumed. Call to reserve your 30-minute session. Registration required.

### 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 preferred.

### 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!



### THE IOWA FILES: A HISTORY SERIES

Sun | 2:30-3:30 pm • Community Room

The WDM Historical Society presents an Iowa history series at the WDM Public Library. Ages 18 & up. Series continues in January. No registration.

#### Sep 15: THE LITTLETON BROTHERS

Presenters: Tom Woodruff & John Busbee

#### Oct 20: HOW IOWA MET BASEBALL

Presenter: John Liepa

#### Nov 17: PURSUIT OF A DREAM: JAMES JORDAN

Presenter: Mary Louise Gately



WEST DES MOINES  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Preserving the past for the future.

### 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

Fri: 6:30-9 pm | Oct 18 [9/30] | Nov 8 [11/4] | Community Room

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

Sept 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 IA 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 | 6:30-8:30 pm | Aug 6, Dec 3 • Community Room

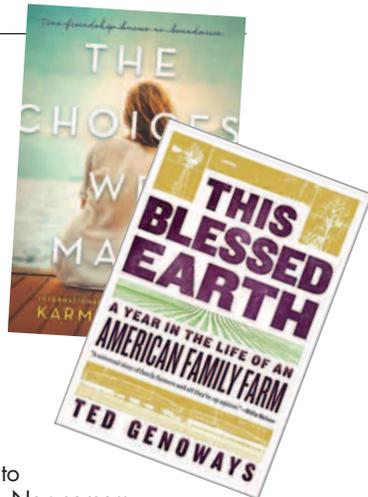
Make new friends! Discover new authors! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and we'll each talk about our top three reads since the last Social. Newcomers welcome. Registration preferred.

## SILENT CLUB READ

Mon: Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2 | 6:30-8 pm

6:30 pm: Social Time | 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; Papercrafts 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!

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## EARLY LITERACY

"Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they actually learn to read and write. It is not the teaching of reading, but is laying the foundation for reading so that when children are taught to read, they are ready." – from Early Literacy Storytimes @ Your Library by 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. youth services | 515.222.3405 | [wdmlibrary.org/calendar](http://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!

## 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]  
Nov 11 & 18 [11/4]  
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]  
Nov 12 & 19 [11/4]  
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]  
Nov 14 & 21 [11/4]  
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



## WDM Library Youth Programs



## 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN 0-6 yrs & Parents

Read to succeed! The best and the brightest have parents who read to them. Track the 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](http://wdmlibrary.org/calendar)

## 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.

## 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!

## TAKING CARE OF YOUR PETS WITH DR. MERK

Wed, Aug 7 | 10:30 am | ages 4-12

Learn about taking care of your pets with Dr. Jessica Merk of Ashworth Road Animal Hospital! Registration required [8/5].

## 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 [8/5].



**SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL**

**Mon, Aug 26 & Wed, Aug 28 [8/5] | 9:30 (ages 1-3) | 10:30 (ages 3-6)**  
**Mon, Nov 25 & Tue, Nov 26 [11/4] | 9:30 am (ages 1-3) | 10:30 am (ages 3-6)**

Bop into to 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**  
**ages 0-5 w/adult**

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**  
**ages 2-6**

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](mailto:wdmlibraryvolunteers@wdm.iowa.gov).

**BABIES ON THE MOVE**

**Thu | 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)**

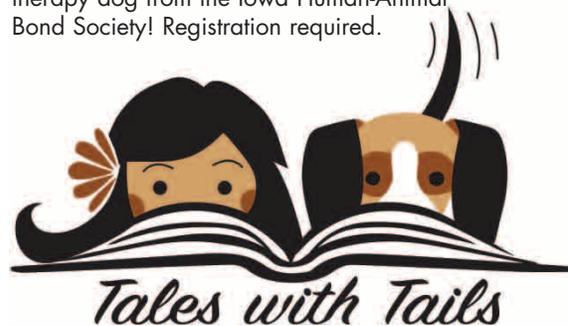
**2nd Wed (May-Sep) | 3-4 pm**  
**ages 12-18**  
**Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11**  
**Millie Knee Classroom**

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](mailto:youthservices@wdm.iowa.gov)

**NEW! TALES WITH TAILS**

**Thu | 4-5 pm | Sep 12 [9/3]**  
**Oct 10 [9/30] | Nov 14 [11/4]**  
**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.



Visit us on the web at [www.wdmlibrary.org](http://www.wdmlibrary.org)

**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]**  
**Oct 16 [9/30] | Nov 20 [11/4] |**  
**ages 5-12**

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**

**Thu | 6:30 pm | Sep 19 [9/3]**  
**Oct 17 [9/30] | Nov 21 [11/4]**  
**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]**  
**Oct 23 [9/30] | Nov 20 [11/4]**  
**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.

Visit us on the web at [www.wdmlibrary.org](http://www.wdmlibrary.org)

**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].

**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].



**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 FALL CRAFT**

Mon, Nov 25 - Wed, Nov 27

Stop by the Children's Dept. during these 3 days and we'll have a special Thanksgiving craft for you. (Library closes at 5PM on Wed, Nov 27.) No registration!

**WINTER READING CLUB**

Dec 1 - Jan 31 | all ages

The WDM Library wants YOU to keep reading during winter break! Sign up online and track your reading to earn a prize. Register and get more information on our website.

**HOLIDAY CARD WORKSHOP FOR KIDS**

Wed, Dec 4 at 3:45 PM | ages 4-12

Make a card for your friends and family at the West Des Moines Library. Registration required (11/4).

**WESTRIDGE SINGERS WINTER CONCERT**

Fri, Dec 13 | 1:15 pm | all ages

Stop by the Library Community Room for a fun winter concert from the 5th & 6th grade chorus at Westridge Elementary. No registration!

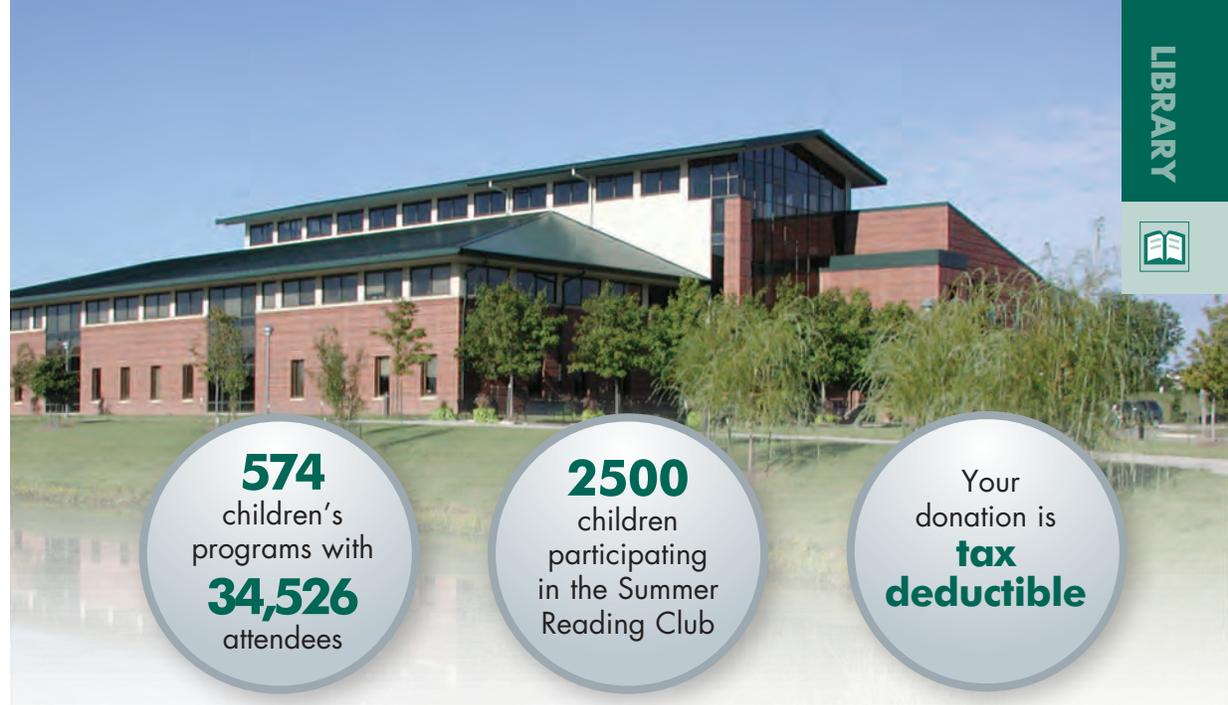
**DROP-IN WINTER CRAFT**

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-Bop'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



**574**  
children's programs with  
**34,526**  
attendees

**2500**  
children participating in the Summer Reading Club

Your donation is **tax deductible**

**IF YOU ENJOY OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS...**



**PLEASE JOIN THE FRIENDS!**

- \* 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.

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515.222.3407 • [wdmlibrary.org/support-the-library](http://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](http://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-Thu: 9 am–9pm | Fri: 9 am–6 pm

Sat: 9 am–5 pm\* | Sun: 2 pm–5 pm\*

\*SUMMER HOURS

Sat: 10 am–4 pm | Sun: Closed

Call or check our website for holiday hours.

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### 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).

### 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.

### 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.

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#### WE TAKE RESERVATIONS (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.

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#### 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.

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## RESEARCH

### REFERENCE TOOLS

From our homepage, find links to great websites, listed by category: Life Links; Books, Music and Entertainment; Hobbies and Interests; Local Interest; Government; General Reference; and Travel and the Outdoors. Got a question? We can help!

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### DATABASES

We have a variety of electronic resources available in the library; most are also accessible from home. We have 40+ online exclusive services to choose from on our website on a variety of topics, i.e. business, genealogy, periodical searching, readers' advisory, travel, hobbies, and more.

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## USING THE LIBRARY

### E-CONTENT

The library has eBooks and eAudiobooks, plus digital magazines, graphic novels, and eComics! Bridges, Flipster, World Cinema Collection, InstantFlix, and more. Get details online or at the Reference Desk

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### PUBLIC MEETING & STUDY ROOMS

Available for public use at no charge: small rooms for 8 people, Millie Knee Classroom (20), Community Room (60). Call for guidelines/reservation details.

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### HOMEBOUND DELIVERY: WE MAKE HOUSECALLS!

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

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### BOOK CLUB COLLECTION

The library has multiple copies of past Club Read titles available for local book clubs to borrow. See our website for titles list. Advance reservations required.

• **515.222.3585 children's titles**

• **515.222.3410 adult titles**

**[wdmlibrary.org](http://wdmlibrary.org)**

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Check our online calendar for events and descriptions. Searchable by event type and age group. Selecting an event will link to the online registration form (if required). You may also register in person or by phone.

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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**  
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## 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.

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### 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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## ABOUT THE LIBRARY

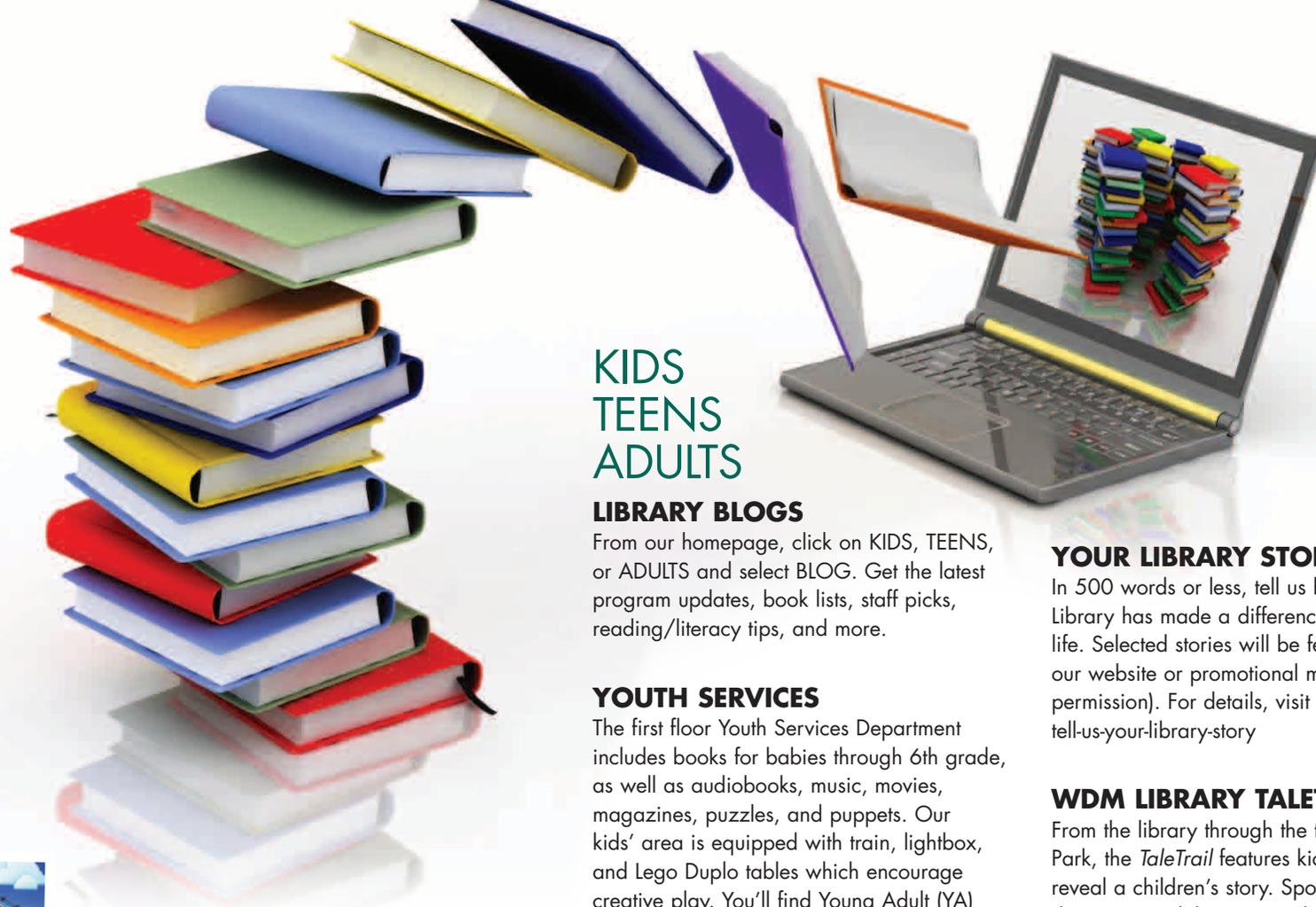
### MORE THAN BOOKS

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!

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## 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.

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### 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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### 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](http://wdmlibrary.org/tell-us-your-library-story)

### WDM LIBRARY TALETRAIL

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](http://wdmlibrary.org/using-the-library/iowadot-drivers-license-renewal-kiosk)**

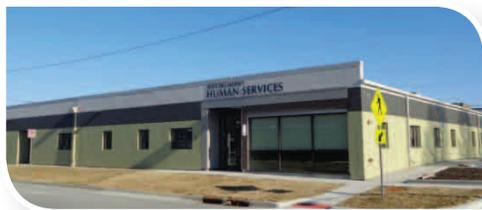




# WDM Human Services

“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.



## Human Services Mission:

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

## TRANSPORTATION

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<p><b>APPOINTMENTS</b> Transportation is available for necessary medical appointments, recreational group trips, Human Services referral trips and for other trips as time allows (i.e., grocery store, bank)</p>	Trans. Supervisor <b>222-3661</b>	M – F 8am – 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seniors (60+), disabled and low-income residents of WDM</li> <li>Reservations must be made by noon, two business days in advance</li> </ul>	donations encouraged
<p><b>SENIOR DINNER CLUB</b> Seniors (60+) have the opportunity to enjoy each others dining company while at one of our local restaurants.</p>	Trans. Supervisor <b>222-3661</b>	Second Wednesday of each month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WDM senior residents (60+)</li> <li>Reservations must be made by noon, two business days in advance</li> </ul>	Cost of your dinner  Transportation <b>FREE</b> (donations encouraged)

## CITIZENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

### FRIENDSHIP CONNECTION

Friendship Connection is a program for adults with special needs.

Human Services Staff  
**222-3665**

Thursdays  
10am – 11:30am

- Adults with special needs

NONE



## Friendship Connection

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



## FOOD

### WDM Human Services *programs*

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<b>DMARC FOOD PANTRY</b> Food is available at WDM Human Services for households in need.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M 8:30am - 3pm T 8:30am - 3pm W 8:30am - noon TH 8:30am - 3pm F 8:30am - noon  2nd & 4th Tues of each month 4 pm - 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must provide ID for all household members</li> </ul>	NONE  <i>Funding for this program is provided by USDA which is an equal opportunity employer.</i>
<b>HOLIDAY FOOD ASSISTANCE</b> Food assistance for the holidays is available to eligible WDM households.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk-ins welcome</li> <li>Registration begins Oct. 14</li> <li>Deadlines apply - see website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WDM resident</li> <li>Proof of income</li> <li>Proof of address</li> <li>ID required for all household members</li> </ul>	NONE
<b>BREAD DISTRIBUTION</b> Donated bakery items are available weekdays for households in need.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M - F 9:30am	NONE	NONE
<b>SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM</b> The state of Iowa and WDM Community Schools provides a free summer lunch program to ensure children from low-income homes receive adequate food while not in school.	Human Services staff <b>222-3660</b>	Lunches served M-F, beginning in June - See website for dates, times and locations.	All children 18 years or younger	FREE for children 18 years or younger
<b>GARDEN PROGRAM</b> Offset the cost of food by growing your own garden.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M 8am - 3pm T 8am - 3pm W 8am - noon TH 8am - 3pm  Registration begins in April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WDM resident</li> <li>Proof of income</li> <li>Proof of address</li> <li>ID required for all household members</li> </ul>	NONE

## HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<b>ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP)</b> The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps qualifying households with their primary heating costs during the winter.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk-ins welcome</li> <li>Limited appointments available</li> </ul>	M 8am - 3pm T 8am - 3pm W 8am - noon TH 8am - 3pm  Application period begins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10/1 for seniors (60+) and disabled households by appointment</li> <li>11/4 for all other households</li> </ul> Application period ends the last business day in April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low-income households in Polk County</li> <li>Social security card &amp; date of birth for all household members</li> <li>Past 30 days of verifiable income from all sources for all household members, or 2018 income tax return</li> <li>Current MidAmerican Bill</li> </ul>	NONE
Dallas County Residents receive assistance at the Dallas County Family Development Center, 2814 1st St., Perry, IA 50220 465-5185				
<b>EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE</b> Emergency Assistance is available to avoid housing evictions and utility disconnections to eligible households.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M 8am - 3pm T 8am - 3pm W 8am - noon TH 8am - 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low income WDM residents</li> <li>Residents must present lease or utility bill</li> <li>Past 30 days of verifiable income from all sources for all household members, or 2018 income tax return</li> <li>ID required for all household members</li> </ul>	NONE
<b>ASSISTANCE WITH GOVERNMENT FORMS</b> Government forms are not always easy to fill out. WDM Human Services is here to help. Includes forms for DHS and tax rebates.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M 8am - 3pm T 8am - 3pm W 8am - noon TH 8am - 3pm	Service area residents	NONE



## YOUTH ASSISTANCE

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
<p><b>YOUTH RECREATIONAL ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>Limited scholarships for recreational/educational youth activities offered through WDM Parks &amp; Recreation are available to eligible households.</p>	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDM resident</li> <li>• Proof of income</li> <li>• Proof of address</li> <li>• ID required for all household members</li> </ul>	50% off program fee (client pays part of fee)
<p><b>SCHOOL SUPPLIES</b></p> <p>School supplies are available on a limited basis in August including classroom supplies and backpacks.</p>	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See website for dates</li> <li>• Registration begins in July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDM resident</li> <li>• Proof of income</li> <li>• Proof of address</li> <li>• ID required for all household members</li> </ul>	NONE
<p><b>HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE</b></p> <p>Need help with the holidays? Programs are available for qualifying WDM households including Adopt-A-Family and Toyland.</p>	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration begins Oct. 14</li> <li>• Walk-ins welcome</li> <li>• Deadlines apply – see website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDM resident</li> <li>• Proof of income</li> <li>• Proof of address</li> <li>• ID required for all household members</li> </ul>	NONE
<p><b>POOL PASSES</b></p> <p>Pool passes are available to low-income residents of West Des Moines.</p>	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm  Registration begins in April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDM resident</li> <li>• Proof of income</li> <li>• Proof of address</li> <li>• ID required for all household members</li> </ul>	Reduced Rate – varies depending on household income



## HOUSING

### HOUSING SOLUTIONS

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

- Eligible homeless participants will need to meet HUD homeless guidelines and income criteria
- Must be referred by Primary Healthcare (515-248-1850)

## CLOTHING CLOSET

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
Gently used clothing and housewares are available to those in need on a monthly basis.	Human Services Staff <b>222-3660</b>	M 8:30am - 3pm T 8:30am - 3pm W 8:30am - noon TH 8:30am - 3pm F 8:30am - noon  2nd & 4th Tues of each month: 4pm – 6pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of income</li> <li>• Proof of address</li> <li>• Service area resident</li> <li>• ID required for all household members</li> </ul>	NONE (donations encouraged)

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

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

### ESL CLASSES

for adults whose first language is not English.

Human Services Staff  
**222-3660**

T & TH  
10am – noon

- Pre-registration required
- Limited # of participants

NONE

### HISET CLASSES

For individuals seeking to earn their high school equivalency diploma. DMACC instructors lead the classes.

DMACC staff  
**256-4924**

See website for days and times.

- Registration required
- Must be 18 yrs or older

NONE



## ELDERLY ASSISTANCE

### HANDYMAN SERVICES

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

Human Services Staff  
**222-3660**

M – F  
8am – 5pm

- Income - eligible seniors (70+) or income-eligible disabled residents of WDM
- Registration required

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



## FREE Transportation

West Des Moines residents who are seniors (age 60+), disabled, or low income can receive free transportation to necessary appointments and to the Westside Community Center. Rides are provided with a fleet of four vehicles, three wheelchair accessible buses and one van. The service operates Monday through Friday all year. Transportation is also provided for recreational outings like the "Senior Dinner Club," as well as trips to the bank, grocery store, barber, etc. as time allows. Reservations required by noon the day before a ride is needed.

**Please call 222-3661 for more information or to schedule a ride.**

## WEST DES MOINES HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**(515) 222-4320**

The mission of the West Des Moines Human Rights Commission is to encourage and support comprehensive educational opportunities that promote a more inclusive community.



## BRIDGES to SUCCESS

### FREE High School Equivalency Classes at WDM Human Services

High School Equivalency classes (HSED) are now being offered at West Des Moines Human Services. The classes are offered through a program called Bridges to Success which is a collaboration between DMACC and United Way of Central Iowa. The program helps students earn their high school diploma and pass the HiSET tests, opening up job and career opportunities. DMACC instructors lead the classes.

**To sign up or learn more, visit [bridgesdsm.org](http://bridgesdsm.org) or call 515-256-4924.**



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

## WDM Human Services Current Needs

### 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!

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WDM Human Services "The ♥ of the Community"

## 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.

**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)



### 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](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/HumanServices).

If you are interested in providing assistance, please complete the **Holiday Sponsor Form** by December 12th (November 21st for Thanksgiving) and send to:

**West Des Moines Human Services**  
**ATTN: Mindy Hotovec**  
**139 6th Street, P.O. Box 65320**  
**West Des Moines, Iowa 50265**  
**Melinda.Hotovec@wdm.iowa.gov**

Visit us on the web at [www.wdm.iowa.gov](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov)

# HOLIDAY SPONSOR FORM

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I will deliver directly to the family.

I will deliver to WDM Human Services.

**Have you been a sponsor in the past?**

Yes  No

### I would like to participate in the following holiday assistance programs:

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

#### Food Card:

Purchase a **food card** from a local grocery provider for \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$25 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)

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



# WDM Parks & Recreation

## PROGRAM GUIDE

FALL 2019

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Registration Starts  
**August 6 | 8am**



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## WDM Parks and Recreation *registration*

# 3 WAYS TO REGISTER



Scan & Register with your mobile device.

- **Online:**  
[www.wdm.iowa.gov/ParkRecReg](http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/ParkRecReg)
- **Mail-In:**  
P.O. Box 65320, WDM, IA 50265
- **Call-In:**  
222-3444

## 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

REGISTER ONLINE AT

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

## West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department Facilities

<b>Administrative Office at WDM City Hall</b>	
4200 Mills Civic Parkway	222-3444
<b>Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge</b>	
2500 Grand Avenue	222-3424
<b>Raccoon River Park Archery Facility</b>	
2500 Grand Avenue	222-3424
<b>Raccoon River Park Dog Park</b>	
2500 Grand Avenue	222-3444
<b>Raccoon River Park Softball Complex</b>	
2500 Grand Avenue	222-3505
<b>Valley Junction Activity Center</b>	
217 5th Street	222-3440
<b>Holiday Aquatic Center</b>	
1701 Railroad Avenue	273-0700
<b>Holiday Park Baseball Complex</b>	
1701 Railroad Avenue	222-3454
<b>Valley View Aquatic Center</b>	
255 S. 81st Street	273-0700
<b>Jordan Cemetery</b>	
2950 Fuller Road	222-3444
<b>Weather Cancellation Hotline</b>	222-3500



### Jordan Cemetery

A resting place for many of the founding families of West Des Moines, Jordan Cemetery is located at 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.



## West Des Moines Parks

American Legion Park	301 Vine St.
Ashawa Park	4431 Waterford Dr.
Brookview Park	400 81st St.
Crossroads Park	5205 Ashworth Rd.
Fairmeadows Park	543 22nd St.
Florer Park	1410 Locust St.
Holiday Park	1701 Railroad Ave.
Huston Ridge Park	8455 Coachlight Dr.
Jaycee Park	5608 Center St.
Jordan Creek Park	310 50th St.
Kiwanis Park	3101 Maple St.
Knolls Park	5150 Aspen Dr.
Maple Grove Park	9350 Chalk St.
Meadowview Park	638 Prairie View Dr.

Pearson Park	1256 19th St.
Peony Park	1100 63rd St.
Quail Cove Park	1515 South 52nd St.
Raccoon River Park	2500 Grand Ave.
Railroad Park	425 Railroad Ave.
Scenic Valley Park	1223 South 24th Ct.
Southwoods Park	350 South 35th St.
Valley View Park	255 81st St.
Western Hills Park	4115 Walnut St.
Wild Rose Park	6801 Cody Dr.
Willow Springs Park	5685 Wistful Vista Dr.
Wilson Park	298 9th St.
Woodland Hills Park	1230 South 95th St.

### 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!



# PARKS & TRAILS MAP

WEST DES MOINES PARKS & RECREATION

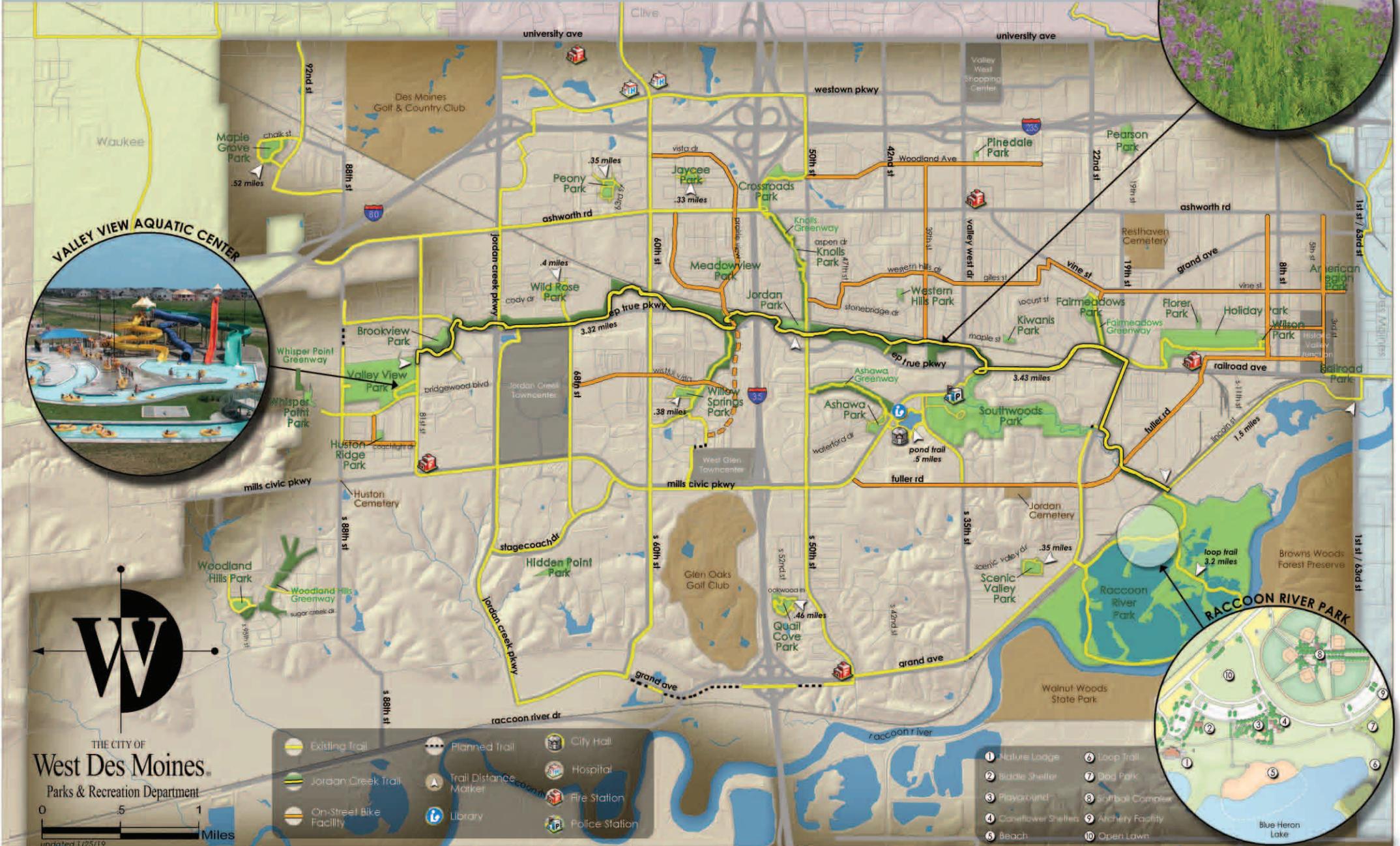
JORDAN CREEK TRAIL



VALLEY VIEW AQUATIC CENTER



RACCOON RIVER PARK



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



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

- 1 Nature Lodge
- 6 Loop trail
- 2 Bridge Shelter
- 7 Dog Park
- 3 Playground
- 8 Softball Complex
- 4 Canineflower Shelters
- 9 Archery Facility
- 5 Beach
- 10 Open Lawn



# Raccoon River Park Archery Facility

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

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

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

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

\*Annual permits based upon calendar year

## 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

**\$5 Day Passes are available online for the Archery Facility at Raccoon River Park. Find them at [wdm.iowa.gov/DayPasses](http://wdm.iowa.gov/DayPasses)**

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

### Walk-In

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

### WDM Parks & Recreation Administration

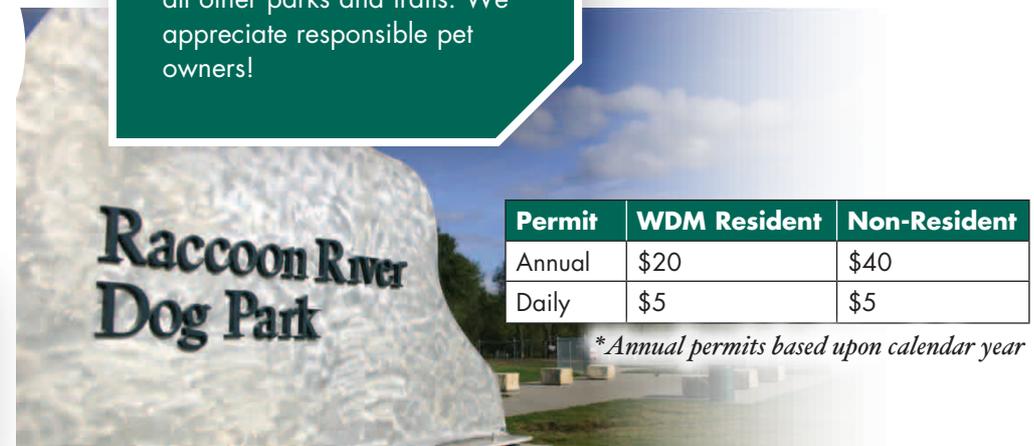
4200 Mills Civic Parkway – 1B  
8am – 5pm, Monday-Friday

### Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge

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

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

\*Annual permits based upon calendar year



## DAY PASSES AVAILABLE ONLINE!

\$5 Day Passes are available online for the Dog Park at Raccoon River Park.

Find them at [wdm.iowa.gov/DayPasses](http://wdm.iowa.gov/DayPasses)

Help light up West Des Moines!

# IllumiFest

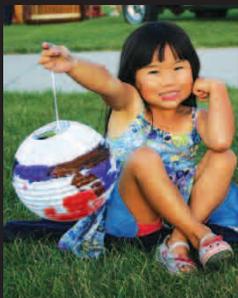
a Fall Festival of WATER and Light

Presented by: **Veridian**  
credit union

**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!**

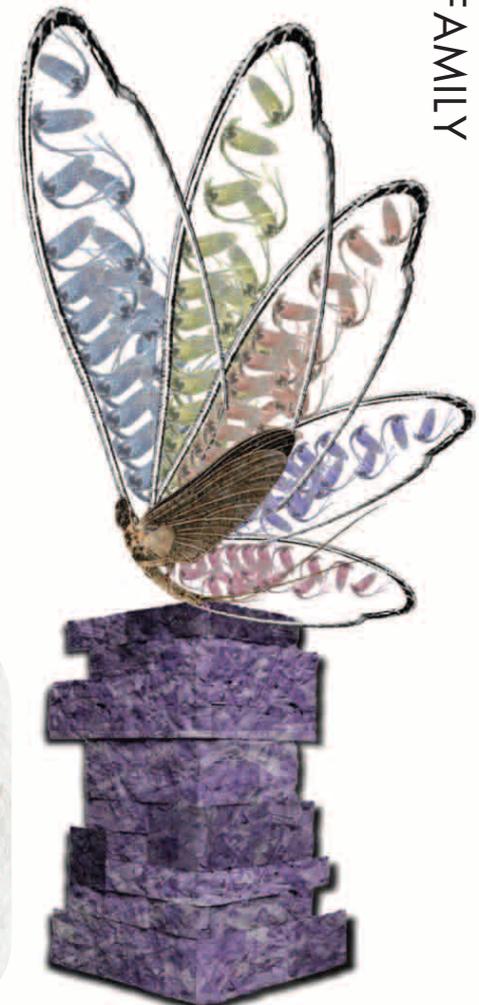


**SPECIAL FOR ILLUMIFEST 2019!**

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.



**SPECIAL FOR ILLUMIFEST 2019!**

## “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.



## ILLUMIFEST EVENT



## “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!

DAY	Saturday
DATE	September 21
TIME	5pm – 7pm
LOCATION	WDM City/School Campus – around the pond
AGES	2 and up
COURSE ID	10778
FEE	\$10 per child
REGISTER BY	September 13

**\* 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.**

## 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.

DAY	DATES
Tuesdays	October 8 – 29
TIME	12pm – 1pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	ALL
FEE	FREE





## 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.

DAY	Friday
DATE	October 18
TIME	5:30pm – 7:30pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	All AGES (Please note: All children must be supervised by a paying adult to participate in the evening festivities and to ride the hayrack.)
FEE	ages 12+: \$6 ages 2 – 11: \$4 under 2 years: FREE
REGISTER BY	October 11
COURSE ID	10776

## BEGGARS NIGHT

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

## 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.)

DAY	Wednesdays	
TIME	DATES	COURSE ID
6:30pm – 7:30pm	August 14 – September 11	10686
LOCATION	Jordan Creek Park	
AGES	12+	
FEE	\$13	



## 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.\*\***

DAY	Saturday
DATE	December 14
TIME	8am – 10am (Open house format)
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	ALL
FEE	ages 12+: \$6 ages 2 – 11: \$4 under 2 years: FREE
REGISTER BY	December 6
COURSE ID	10781



## 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."

DATE	COURSE ID
November 1	10811
November 15	10810
DAY	FRIDAY
TIME	6:30pm – 8:30pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	21+
FEE	\$39



# MARTIAL ARTS

FAMILY

## 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.

### BEGINNER CLASS

SESSION	DATES	COURSE ID
1	August 27 – October 15	10742
2	October 22 – December 10	10733
DAY	TIME	FEE
Tuesdays	6:30pm – 7:30pm	\$40 per session

LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center
AGES	6+
REGISTER BY	One week before the session starts

### INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED CLASS

SESSION	DATES	COURSE ID
1	August 27 – October 15	10735
2	October 22 – December 10	10753
DAY	TIME	FEE
Tuesdays	7:30pm – 8:30pm	\$40 per session



## 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.

DAY	FEE
Tuesdays	\$28 per session

DATES	SESSION	TIME	COURSE ID
August 27 – October 15	1	5:30pm – 6pm	10751
August 27 – October 15	1	6pm – 6:30pm	10739
October 22 – December 10	2	5:30pm – 6pm	10734
October 22 – December 10	2	6pm – 6:30pm	10736

LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center
AGES	4 – 5
REGISTER BY	One week before the session starts

YOUTH



FAMILY

## 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.

DAYS	DATES	TIME	COURSE ID	LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Archery Facility
Thursday	September 5	5:45pm – 7:15pm	10688	AGES	7+
Tuesday	October 8	5:30pm – 6:45pm	10692	FEE	Free

## 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.

DAY	DATE	TIME	COURSE ID
Wednesday	August 28	10am – 11am	10693
Wednesday	October 2	5:30pm – 6:30pm	10691

## HUNTER EDUCATION

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



DAYS	DATES	TIMES
Must attend both days		
Thursday	August 22	6pm – 9pm
Saturday	August 24	8am – 5pm
(please bring a sack lunch on Sat.)		
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	12+	
FEE	Free	
TO REGISTER	<a href="http://www.iowadnr.gov/training">http://www.iowadnr.gov/training</a>	

## 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.**

DAY	Mondays		
DATES	September 9 – October 14		
AGES	TIME	COURSE ID	FEE
3 – 4	5pm – 5:30pm	10793	\$39
5 – 7	5:30pm – 6:15pm	10795	\$49
3 – 4	6:15pm – 6:45pm	10800	\$39

DAY	Mondays		
DATES	October 28 – December 2		
AGES	TIME	COURSE ID	FEE
3 – 4	5pm – 5:30pm	10799	\$39
5 – 6	5:30pm – 6:15pm	10797	\$49
3 – 4	6:15pm – 6:45pm	10798	\$39

DAY	Tuesdays		
DATES	September 3 – October 15 (No Class 10/8)		
AGES	TIME	COURSE ID	FEE
3 – 4	5pm – 5:30pm	10796	\$39

DAY	Tuesdays		
DATES	October 22 – December 3 (No Class 11/12)		
AGES	TIME	COURSE ID	FEE
3 – 4	5pm – 5:30pm	10802	\$39

LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center		
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DAY	Mondays		
DATES	September 9 – December 2 (No Class 10/21)		
AGES	TIME	COURSE ID	
9 – 11	6:45pm – 7:45pm	10801	

DAY	Tuesdays		
DATES	September 3 – December 3 (No Class 10/8 or 11/12)		
AGES	TIME	COURSE ID	
5 – 6	5:30pm – 6:15pm	10794	
7 – 8	6:15pm - 7:05pm	10803	

LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center		
FEE	\$105		

## 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.

DAYS	Mondays & Wednesdays
DATES	October 7 – December 11
TIME	10am – Noon
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center
AGES	4 and under with adult
FEE	FREE



## LEE COLE'S MAGICAMP

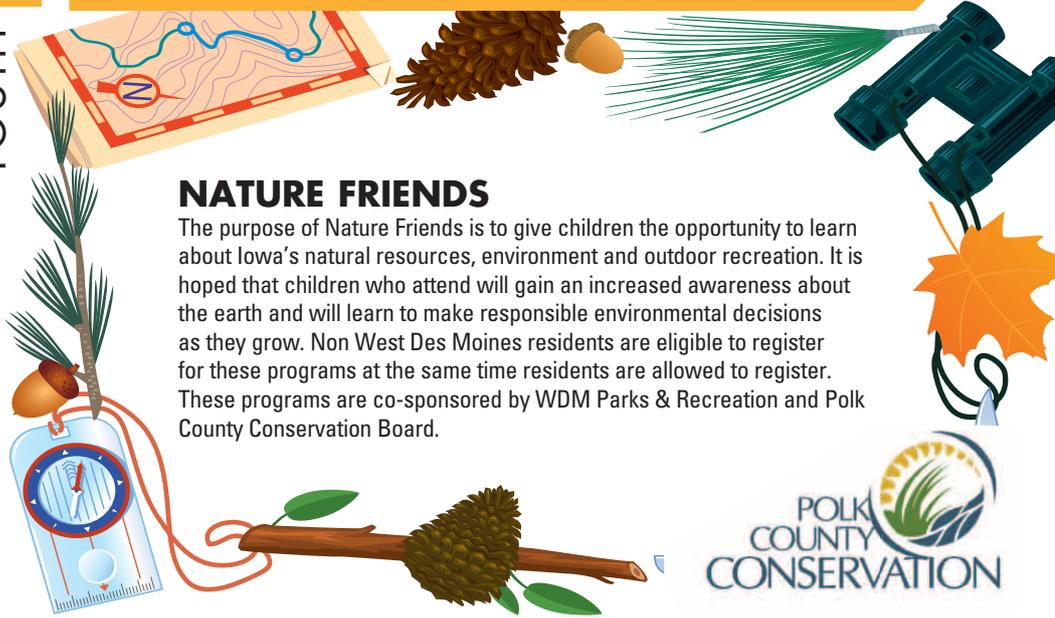
Magicamp is for anyone who likes to have fun. You'll spend two days learning from professional magician Lee Cole on how to entertain and amaze your friends, family and classmates. You'll learn tricks that can be done anywhere, at any time, and for the rest of your life. This two day camp will be held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



DATES	TIME	COURSE ID
December 27 & 30	1pm – 3:45pm	10804
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	7 – 15	
FEE	\$45	

# NATURE CLASS FOR CHILDREN 3-5

YOUTH



## 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.

Day	Date	Time	Topic	Location	Course ID
Mon	Sep. 9	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Possum Pockets	RRP Coneflower Shelter A	10710
Tues	Sep. 17	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Fossil Dig	Jester Park Shelter #6	
Mon	Oct. 7	6pm – 7pm	Terrific Trees	American Legion Park Shelter	10684
Tues	Oct. 22	6pm – 7pm	Owl Calling	Jester Park Shelter #6	
<b>Fee</b>	<b>\$7</b>				

Register for programs listed in Polk County parks (shaded above) by going to [www.leadingyououtdoors.org./calendar](http://www.leadingyououtdoors.org./calendar)

YOUTH



## 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](http://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!

CAMP	DATE	TIMES	AGES	COURSE ID
How Not to be a Hot Mess on Stage!	Sept. 21	9am – 12pm	8 – 10	10791
How Not to be a Hot Mess on Stage!	Sept. 21	1pm – 4pm	11 – 13	10805
Improv Basics - What Every Entertainer Needs to Know	Oct. 19	9am – 12pm	8 – 10	10806
Improv Basics - What Every Entertainer Needs to Know	Oct. 19	1pm – 4pm	11 – 13	10807
Improv Basics - What Every Entertainer Needs to Know	Nov. 16	9am – 12pm	8 – 10	10808
Improv Basics - What Every Entertainer Needs to Know	Nov. 16	1pm – 4pm	11 – 13	10809

DAY	Saturday
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center Ballroom
FEE	\$35



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](http://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.

DAYS	Saturdays		
DATES	October 26 – November 23 (No class 11/16)		
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center		
AGES	TIME	COURSE ID	FEE
2 – 3	9am – 9:30am	11446	\$40
4 – 6	9:45am – 10:30am	11255	\$45



### 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.

DAYS	Saturdays		
DATES	September 7 – October 12		
LOCATION	Wilson Park		
AGES	TIME	COURSE ID	FEE
2 – 3	9am – 9:30am	11445	\$55
2 – 3	9:30am – 10am	10851	\$55
4 – 6	10am – 10:45am	11437	\$65



### 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.

DAYS	Fridays		
DATES	September 6 – October 11		
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center - Ballroom		
AGES	TIME	COURSE ID	FEE
2 – 3	5pm – 5:30pm	11443	\$55
2 – 3	5:30pm – 6pm	10853	\$55
4 – 6	6pm – 6:45pm	10848	\$65

DAYS	Fridays		
DATES	November 1 – December 13 (No class 11/29)		
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center - Ballroom		
AGES	TIME	COURSE ID	FEE
2 – 3	5pm – 5:30pm	11444	\$55
2 – 3	5:30pm – 6pm	11252	\$55
4 – 6	6pm – 6:45pm	11253	\$65



## WDM YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Youth sports in West Des Moines are coordinated by a variety of organizations. These groups are not organized by the City of West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department; however some of them may utilize city facilities. For a comprehensive listing of a variety of youth sports information and links to websites, visit: [www.wdm.iowa.gov/youthsports](http://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](mailto:wdmadmin@wdmsoccerclub.org) | Website: [www.wdmsoccerclub.org](http://www.wdmsoccerclub.org)

### WDM Girls Softball

P.O. Box 65602 | West Des Moines, IA 50265  
 Email: [wdmgsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:wdmgsoftball@gmail.com) | Website: [www.wdmssoftball.org](http://www.wdmssoftball.org)

### WDM Youth Baseball

890 SE Olson Dr. | Waukee IA 50263 | 515-987-0806  
 Email: [frontdesk@sportsplexwest.com](mailto:frontdesk@sportsplexwest.com) | Website: [www.oblofwdm.com](http://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.

Learn more at [www.JrRugby.com](http://www.JrRugby.com).



DATES	September 16 – October 14
DAY	Mondays
TIME	6pm – 7pm
LOCATION	Jordan Creek Park
AGES	4 – 14
FEE	\$50
COURSE ID	10850

### 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.



AGES	DATES	TIME	COURSE ID
2 – 7	September 5 – 26	4:30pm – 5:30pm	10833
8+	September 5 – 26	5:30pm – 6:30pm	10834
2 – 7	October 3 – 24	4:30pm – 5:30pm	10835
8+	October 3 – 24	5:30pm – 6:30pm	10836
2 – 7	Oct. 31 – Nov. 21	4:30pm – 5:30pm	10837
8+	Oct. 31 – Nov. 21	5:30pm – 6:30pm	10838
2 – 7	Dec. 5 – Jan. 2	4:30pm – 5:30pm	10839
8+	Dec. 5 – Jan. 2	5:30pm – 6:30pm	10840
DAYS	Thursdays		
LOCATION	Valley Community Center		
FEE	\$45; Additional family members \$25		

### 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.

PROGRAM	TIME	COURSE ID
Adapted	8am – 9am	10845
Chaamps	9am – 10am	10846
DATES	November 2 – 23	
DAYS	Saturdays	
LOCATION	Westridge Elementary School	
AGES	5+	
FEE	\$45	

WEATHER  
CANCELLATION  
HOTLINE:  
**222-3500**

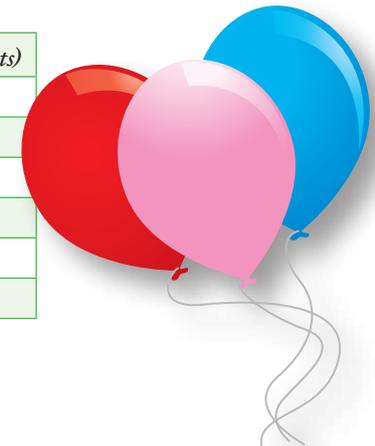


## Birthday Parties At The Nature Lodge

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.

THEME	AGE (of all party participants)
Animal Tracks	5-7
Under The Sea	5-7
Pirate Party	5-7
Super Hero	5-7
Princess Party	5-7
Star Wars	5-7



*Party themes are effective September 1.*



**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 it's 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.

DAYS	Saturdays	
DATES		COURSE ID
October 5 – 26		10743
November 9 – December 7 (No class 11/30)		10740
TIME	10:30am – 11am	
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center	
AGES	3 – 5	
FEE	\$48	
MAXIMUM	12	

**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.

DAY	Saturdays	
DATES		COURSE ID
October 5 – 26		10747
November 9 – December 7 (No class 11/30)		10757
TIME	11:15am – 12:15pm	
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center	
AGES	6 – 11	
FEE	\$68	
MAXIMUM	12	

**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.

AGES	8-12
FEE	\$65
COURSE ID	10792

DAYS	Thursdays	
TIME	5:15pm – 6:45pm	
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center	
DATES	ART	COUNTRY
September 12	Celtic Knot Designs	Ireland
September 19	Cuckoo Clocks	Germany
September 26	Nisse Gnomes	Norway
October 3	Monet Sponge Paintings	France
October 10	Azulejos Tiles	Portugal
October 17	Painted Lace Wall Hangings	Croatia
October 24	Gallery Night	

## 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.

DATES	TIME	DAY	COURSE ID
September 18 – October 23	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Wednesdays	10787
September 21 – October 26	3pm – 4pm	Saturdays	10789
November 6 – December 18	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Wednesdays	10788
November 2 – December 14	3pm – 4pm	Saturdays	10790

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!

TIME	Jordan House LOCATION	COURSE ID	MAX. #
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Upstairs Sitting Area	10864	4
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Upstairs Sitting Area	10865	4
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Music Room	10863	8
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Music Room	10857	8
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Informal Parlor	10854	4
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Informal Parlor	10861	4
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Kitchen	10856	4
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Kitchen	10860	4
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Formal Parlor	10862	6
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Formal Parlor	10855	6
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Dining Room	10858	10
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Dining Room	10859	10

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

LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center			
DATES	DAYS	TIMES	COURSE ID	FEE*
September 15 – October 6	Sundays	12:30pm – 1:30pm	10752	\$40
September 19 – October 10	Thursdays	6:45pm – 7:45pm	10748	\$40
October 13 – November 3	Sundays	12:30pm – 1:30pm	10759	\$40
October 17 – November 7	Thursdays	6:45pm – 7:45pm	10758	\$40
November 10 – December 8	Sundays	1:30pm – 2:30pm	10741	\$40
November 14 – December 12	Thursdays	6:45pm – 7:45pm	10761	\$40

\*Fee is per person

## 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.

LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center			
DATES	DAYS	TIMES	COURSE ID	FEE*
September 15 – October 6	Sundays	1:30pm – 2:30pm	10745	\$40
October 13 – November 3	Sundays	1:30pm – 2:30pm	10762	\$40
November 10 – December 8	Sundays	1:30pm – 2:30pm	10737	\$40

\*Fee is per person

## 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.

LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center			
DATES	DAYS	TIMES	COURSE ID	FEE*
September 16 – October 7	Mondays	6:45pm – 7:45pm	10744	\$40
October 14 – November 4	Mondays	6:45pm – 7:45pm	10763	\$40
November 11 – December 9	Mondays	6:45pm – 7:45pm	10732	\$40

\*Fee is per person

Any questions, please contact Jim and Suzi Benjamin at [DancelInfo@DesMoinesDance.org](mailto:DancelInfo@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.

DAYS	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	
AGES	18+	
TIME	5:15pm – 6:15pm	
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center Ballroom	
DATES	FEE	COURSE ID
September 4 – October 10	\$85	10738
October 21 – November 21	\$75	10746
December 2 – 19	\$45	10750
MAXIMUM	50	

## 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.

DATES	FEE	COURSE ID
September 1 – 30	\$80	10749
October 3 – 28	\$80	10756
October 31 – November 28	\$80	10755
December 1 – 19	\$60	10754
TIMES	DAYS	
5:45pm – 6:45pm	Mondays & Thursdays	
10am – 11am	Saturdays & Sundays	
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center	

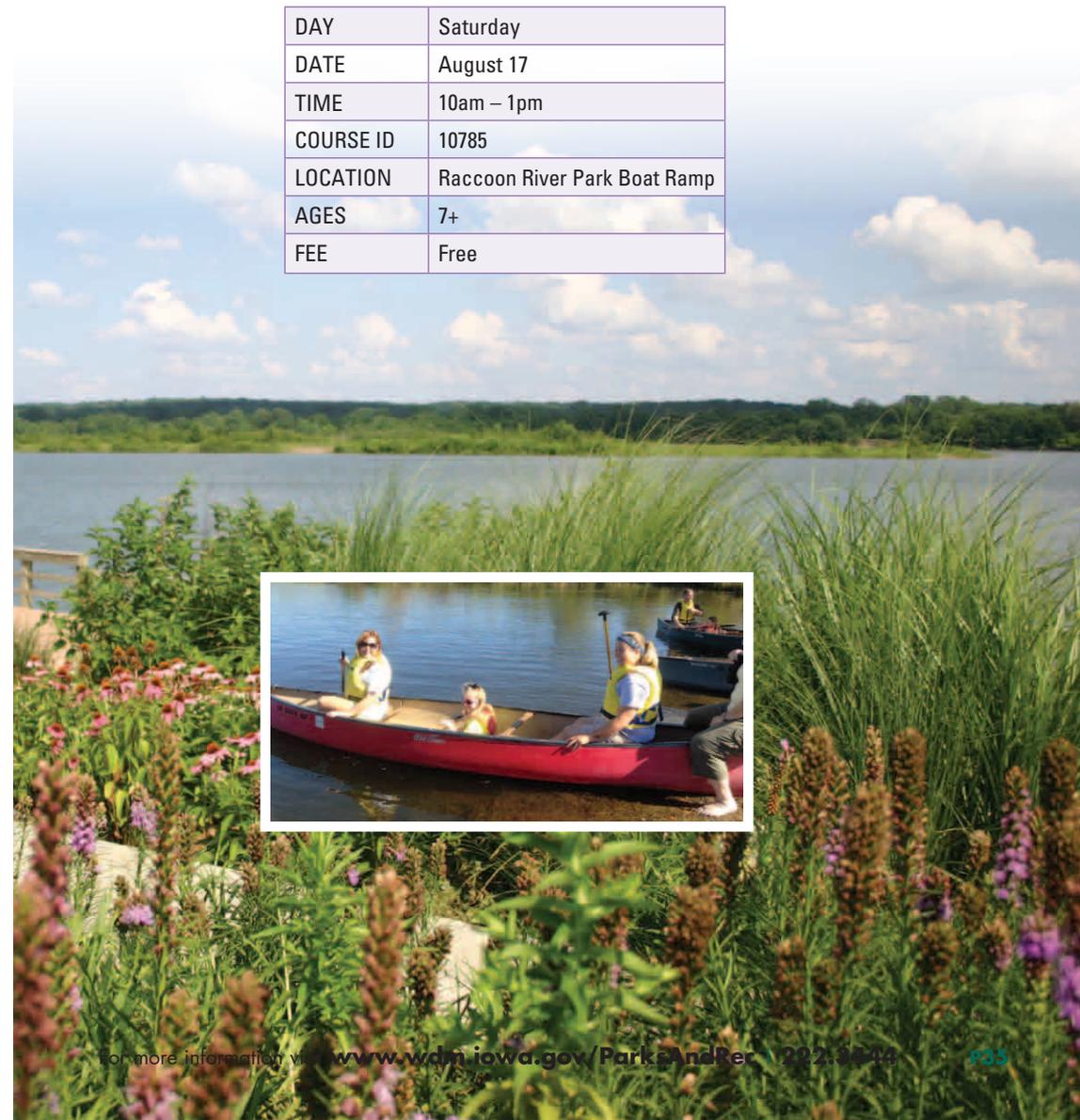


To keep up to date on classes [www.facebook.com/yogawithjayla](http://www.facebook.com/yogawithjayla)

## 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.

DAY	Saturday
DATE	August 17
TIME	10am – 1pm
COURSE ID	10785
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Boat Ramp
AGES	7+
FEE	Free



## New Concession Vendor at Raccoon River Softball Complex!

### Formaro's Stuffed

Welcome Softball players, fans & families! **Formaro's Stuffed** will be providing all of your food & beverage needs! We are excited to offer you a variety of fresh, high quality and awarding 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**  
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[www.formarostuffed.com](http://www.formarostuffed.com)

### Practice Field Rentals — Raccoon River Park Softball Complex

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

FEES	\$25 per hour
DAYS AVAILABLE	Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays Will open Wednesdays if these days fill and still have interest.
TIMES AVAILABLE	4:30pm – 5:45pm ok to rent earlier than 4:30pm, but cannot rent after 5:45pm
START DATE	Week of April 8
CLOSED	Monday, May 27      Memorial Day Thursday, July 4      Independence Day Monday, September 2      Labor Day
CONTACT	bruce.mankle@wdm.iowa.gov

## RACCOON RIVER PARK SOFTBALL COMPLEX



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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

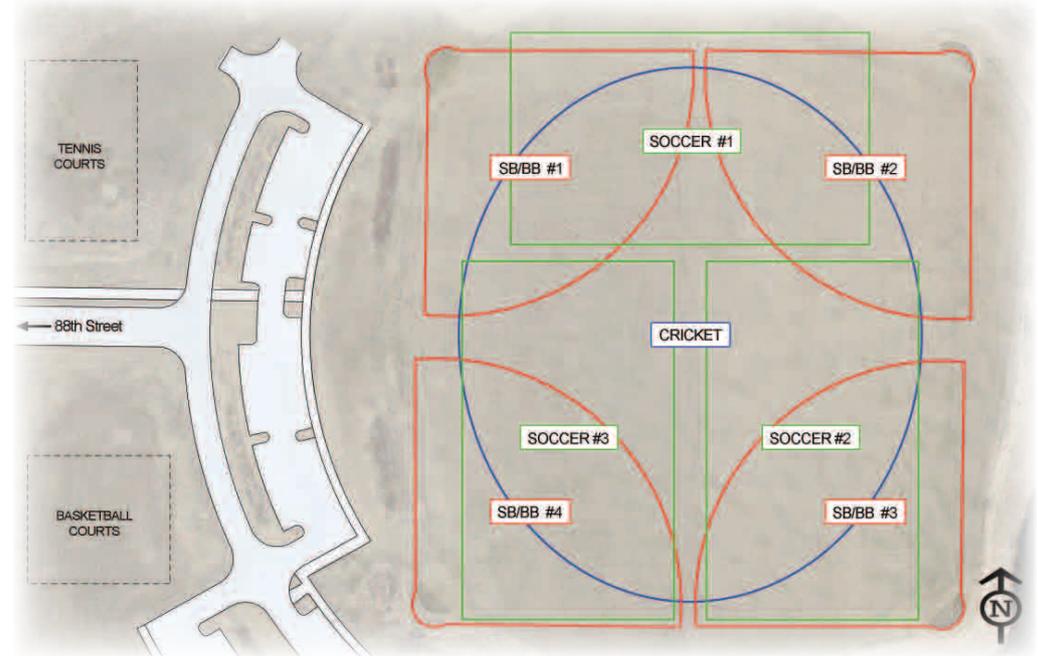
From the order confirmation page, in the top dark blue navigation bar, select "Manage Rosters" and then select your Team Name.

### 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

Field Type	Rental Season	Hours	Cost to Rent*	Min Hours of Rental
Soccer	Apr 1 – Oct 31	Weekdays 3pm – 9pm; Weekends 7am – 9pm	\$15 per hour	2 hours
Softball/ Baseball	Apr 1 – Oct 31	Weekdays 3pm – 9pm; Weekends 7am – 9pm	\$10 per hour	2 hours
Cricket	Apr 1 – Oct 31	Weekdays 3pm – 9pm; Weekends 7am – 9pm	\$40 per hour	2 hours

\*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.

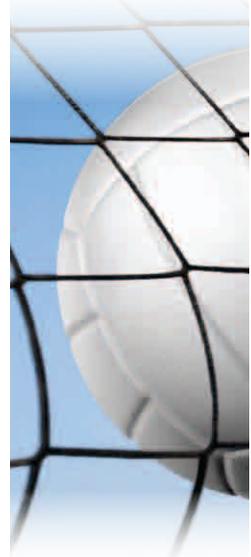


LEAGUE NAME	DAY	START DATE
Men's A	Wednesday	December 4
Men's B1	Wednesday	December 4
Men's B2	Wednesday	December 4
Men's C1	Wednesday	December 4
Men's C2	Wednesday	December 4
Men's C3	Wednesday	December 4
Men's D1	Wednesday	December 4
Men's D2	Wednesday	December 4
Men's B1	Sunday	December 1
Men's B2	Sunday	December 1
Men's C	Sunday	December 1
Men's D	Sunday	December 1
LOCATION	Various WDM, Clive and Waukee Schools	
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	

LEAGUE NAME	DAY	START DATE
Coed A	Monday	September 9
Coed B	Monday	September 9
Coed C	Monday	September 9
Coed A	Tuesday	September 10
Coed B	Tuesday	September 10
Coed C	Tuesday	September 10
Women's A	Wednesday	September 11
Women's B1	Wednesday	September 11
Women's B2	Wednesday	September 11
Women's C	Wednesday	September 11
Coed A1	Thursday	September 12
Coed A2	Thursday	September 12
Coed B	Thursday	September 12
Coed C1	Thursday	September 12
Coed C2	Thursday	September 12
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.



## 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

*We would like to say thank you to our sponsors and advertisers of the Adult Sports Program. We encourage you to support them!*

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### 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	
FEEES	Team fee \$185.50 (tax included) Non-WDM resident fee \$3	
TO REGISTER	<a href="http://www.TeamSideline.com/WestDesMoines">www.TeamSideline.com/WestDesMoines</a>	

### COED 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2 WDM school district residents</li> <li>• \$3 non-residents due on site</li> </ul>



### RECREATION HOTLINE

FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM INFORMATION AND  
UPDATES OR WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS,  
CALL THE RECREATION HOTLINE!

# 222.3500

### 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!)

# SENIOR DAY TRIPS

*Open to people 55 years and over.*

## "MAMMA MIA!" AT THE OLD CREAMERY THEATRE

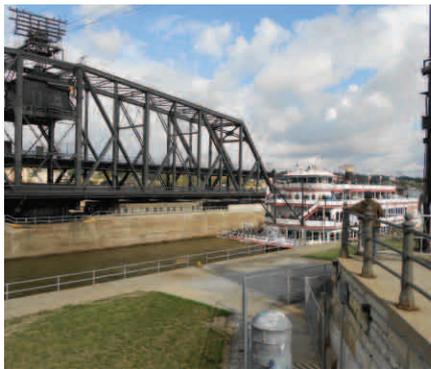
Prepare to be swept away by the infectious music, uplifting story, and dazzling dance numbers that have made Mamma Mia a glittering global phenomenon! Lunch is included at the famous Ox Yoke Inn, where food is served "family style." There will also be free time for shopping...making it a wonderful day in the Amana Colonies!

DAY	Wednesday
DATE	September 18
TIME	8am – 7pm
LOCATION	Amana Colonies
DEPARTURE LOCATION	Valley West Mall — SE Lot
FEE	\$ 79
REGISTER BY	September 4
MAXIMUM	50
COURSE ID	10779

## 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



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## HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

Join us for a relaxing evening, sure to put you into the holiday spirit. First we will travel to Altoona to view the "Jolly Holiday Lights" display. Please note our departure is from the Nature Lodge at Raccoon River Park where our warm motor coach will play festive Holiday music en route. Upon our return, we will be treated to hot cider and light snacks, featuring the musical talents of a local Sweet Adeline quartet, "REMEDY."

DAY	Tuesday
DATE	December 10
TIME	5pm – approximately 8pm
DEPARTURE LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge 2500 Grand Ave.
FEE	\$15
REGISTER BY	November 26
MAXIMUM	50
COURSE ID	10784



## 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!!

DAY	Saturday
DATE	October 19
DEPARTURE TIME	6am
GAME KICKOFF	11am
LOCATION	Iowa City
DEPARTURE LOCATION	WDM City Hall
FEE	\$114
REGISTER BY	October 4
COURSE ID	10780



### Account Primary Contact

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WDM Parks & Recreation registration form

#### WDM Parks & Recreation Waiver And Release

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

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

Participant First Name	Participant Last Name	Birthdate	Activity	Course ID	Fee

Please make checks payable to the City of West Des Moines

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

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FOR MORE INFO:  
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