

October 4, 2023



Horak Insurance Invites Community to 15th Annual Oktoberfest This Thursday



Horak Insurance 15th Annual Oktoberfest & Alive After 5

October 5th from 5-8pm
115 East Washington St.

Join [Horak Insurance](#) in celebrating their 15th annual Oktoberfest and Alive After 5 event on Thursday, October 5th from 5-8pm. Enjoy music, drinks and a german style meal.

Hocus Pocus in the Park This Weekend



HOCUS POCUS IN THE PARK

Central Park, Washington

Saturday, October 7

Activities begin at 4 p.m.

MOVIE ON MAIN (HOCUS POCUS) BEGINS AT DUSK



Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor:



Join the Washington Chamber of Commerce & Main Street Washington for some SPOOKY family fun activities on Saturday, October 7th in Central Park. Activities begin at 4pm and Hocus Pocus will begin at dusk.

Enjoy pony rides, hay rack rides, face painting, food trucks & more. Grab a blanket and finish off the night with a free family-friendly movie, Hocus Pocus, playing on the bandstand.

Enjoy Free Hay Rack Rides from our sponsor, Goldfinch Solar Project



We are still able to welcome activity & food vendors! Interested in having a booth? No cost for anyone providing a free game or activity. Please contact our Event Director April Cuddeback at events@washingtoniowa.org or call 319-591-0859 for registration information.

Thank you to our sponsors: [Fareway](#), [Hills Bank](#), [Riverside Casino & Golf Resort](#), [KCTC](#), [LattaHarris, LLP](#), Washington Noon Kiwanis, [Hy-Vee](#)

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Shop Local and Sample Chocolates!!

Choctoberfest

Chocolate Walk

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19
4-8 P.M.
DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor:

WCHC

WASHINGTON COUNTY HOSPITAL AND CLINICS

Calling all chocolate lovers ~ Take a stroll and enjoy around 16 different chocolate samples and treats downtown Washington. Purchase tickets for \$10/ticket or upgrade to the WCHC VIPink Swag Bag for \$30 in advance. Only 350 tickets available! Satisfy your sweet tooth from 4-8pm in Central Park. *Participants must be High School age & older.*

[Purchase Your Tickets](#)

The Wellness Park Gets a Playground

**Wellness Park Playground
Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
1203 N. Ave E
Starting at 2:30pm**



Join us for the Wellness Park Playground Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 13th, starting at 2:30pm! Bring the whole family to this exciting new addition to Washington.

The Wellness Park Playground will be open to the public and is ADA-compliant with rubber safe-fall surface. Thank you to those who have contributed to this project. Interested in learning more about this project? Check out this [article from the](#)

[Southeast Iowa Union](#).

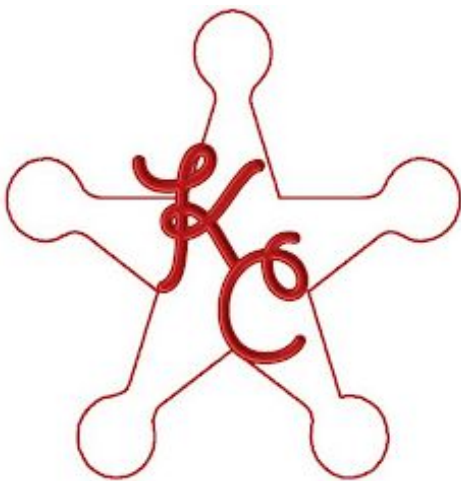
Grab a Seat to the PAWS & More Gala Dinner

Join [PAWS & More](#) as they celebrate a night of compassion for the animals in the community! Enjoy dinner with dessert, animal stories, a live auction, special guests & more! Reserve your seats [HERE](#) by this Friday, October 6th!

PAWS & More Gala Dinner
Saturday, October 21st at 5:30pm
Riverside Casino & Golf Resort
3184 Hwy 22, Riverside, IA



Kids Corral Daycare Looking for Support



[Kids Corral, Inc.](#) has been a beacon of support for families in our community for over 10 years, offering a nurturing and educational environment for children to grow and thrive. Over the years, they have remained committed to their vision of providing accessible and high-quality childcare to meet the needs of working parents and ensure a bright future for the young minds under their care.

However, like many organizations, they are facing challenges that are impacting their ability to deliver the best possible service to our community. Their primary needs revolve around staffing, transportation for before and after-school programs, partnerships with local businesses to enhance staff wages, and general donations to

sustain and enhance their programs.

1. Staffing & Immediate Need for Director:

Their dedicated team is the heart and soul of their organization. To continue providing exceptional care, they are actively seeking passionate individuals to join their team. If you or anyone you know has a background in childcare and a desire to make a difference in a

child's life, they invite you to consider a career with them. [Please apply HERE!](#)

2. Before and After School Transportation:

Safe and reliable transportation is crucial for their before and after school programs. They are actively seeking solutions to ensure that children have a secure means of transportation to and from their daycare facilities, and they welcome any collaborative efforts or recommendations from the community. If you are someone with a full driver's license, can pass a background check and could provide two hours a day to drive one of our two transportation vehicles to transfer kids to and from school, they could use your help!

3. Partnerships with Businesses to Increase Wages or provide benefits for Staff:

In order to attract and retain talented staff, they seek partnerships with local businesses that share their commitment to investing in the growth and development of their staff. By increasing wages and/or being able to provide benefits, they can maintain a motivated team dedicated to providing exceptional care to the children they serve.

4. General Donations:

Financial support and other donations from our community are vital to sustain their programs and continue to provide increases in pay to their staff. Your generous donations will directly impact the lives of the children they care for and contribute to a nurturing environment that fosters growth and learning. If you have any well-maintained indoor or outdoor toys, craft items, supplies, etc. please feel free to reach out to them at 319-591-8028 or kidscorral8028@gmail.com.

Kids Corral is a non-profit, 501c3 organization.

City Clerk Position Open for Applications

The City of Washington, Iowa (population 7,352) is seeking a detailed-organized professional to join our team. The position will work as a key member of the administrative leadership team of the City and guide the business of the City Council. Bachelor's degree in Business or related degree with 5 years professional experience preferred. Salary range for the position is \$55,000 to \$65,000, depending on qualifications, with excellent benefits. Please submit applications materials (including, but not limited, to cover letter, resume & 5 professional references) to: clerksearch@washingtونيowa.gov no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 13, 2023. Additional information available at: www.washingtونيowa.gov. EOE.



Hotel Motel Committee Looking For Passionate Community Member to Promote Local Tourism



Hotel Motel
Tourism Committee
WASHINGTON, IA

The City of Washington is looking for interested residents to serve on the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Administration Committee. This is a 9-month term to fill a resignation but has the opportunity to be reappointed for an additional three-year term.

Do you love to promote Washington? Help us make Washington a destination that brings visitors to our community!

The Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Administration

Committee advises the City Council on the most efficient and effective uses of revenue derived from the hotel/motel tax, including conducting long-term planning, visioning, and development of written plans to encourage tourism in Washington.

The committee consists of seven members with two designated by the Washington Chamber of Commerce, two designated from the City of Washington, and three community members mutually agreed upon by the Chamber & Council.

Expected commitment includes a monthly meeting, reading materials in preparation for the meeting, and participation in continuing education for the committee.

Projects like wayfinding signs, kiosks, welcome signs, website maintenance are examples of recent projects that the Hotel Motel Committee focuses on. Interested? Please complete the [application form](#) and send it to City Administrator, Deanna McCusker at deanna@washingtioniowa.gov or stop in at City Hall (215 E. Washington St.).



The Federation Bank held their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate their new location on Thursday, September 28th, at 10:30am with a Customer Appreciation event that followed. Come check out their new location, 300 S. Iowa Ave (old US Bank building), and while you're there, try out the new ATM's!

Washington Area Available Jobs

Latest employment opportunities available posted within the past 2 weeks:

- [\(Full-Time\) Kids Corral Daycare Director](#)
- [\(Full-Time\) City of Washington City Clerk](#)
- [\(Full-Time\) Crooked Creek Christian Camp Food Service Manager](#)
- [\(Part-Time\) Crooked Creek Christian Camp Head of Housekeeping](#)

Other local businesses hiring include:

- Riverside Casino
- Greiner Buildings
- YMCA of Washington County
- Washington County Hospital and Clinics
- Carl A. Nelson & Company

Visit our [Job Postings Page](#) to view all available jobs in our area.

[See Full Job Postings](#)

Check out our Monthly Community Events Calendar!

This is a FREE community calendar that the Chamber provides for the community. To ensure your event makes it into the Monthly Community Event Calendar please submit your event information 2 weeks prior to the first of the month with time, date, location, contact number, and a brief description to this link [here](#).

Stay up to date with the other community events going on and subscribe to our calendar! Click on this link: <https://washingtoniowa.gov/experience-our-town/community-calendar/> then scroll to the bottom of the page. Then just click whichever calendar platform you have!

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Oktober Madness Calendar

Click Here for a Full Listing of the Washington Events Calendar & To Submit Events

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