

Washington Community News



City of Washington

April 2024

From the Desk of Former Mayor Rosien

I want you all to know that it was a great honor and privilege to have served our community as city councilor and mayor. I will forever be thankful for the many accomplishments that were made possible over the last 10 years.

We have a great community, and I want good things for this place and wish to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to all those that are a part of making those good things happen. There are too many individuals and organizations to list them all here, but, thank you!

I would ask that our leaders continue to have an eye on and mindset for the big picture as you each contribute to positive progress for all who live here.

It is with regret I say "goodbye" but ultimately it is with good will and best wishes for Washington.

Sincerely,

Jaron

From the Desk of Mayor Pro Tem Millie Youngquist



Dear Citizens of Washington,

Spring is nearly here and along with the grass and flowers, there are many things "popping up" in Washington. The latest is a new "Welcome To Washington" sign on Highway 1 South at the entrance to the Business Park. This was a project of our Hotel/Motel Tax Administration Committee, with support from the Washington Chamber of Commerce and funding from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation, Washington Betterment Foundation and the Hotel/Motel Committee. In the coming weeks, a second sign, like the first will be installed on Highway 92 east of town and there will be 11 wayfinding signs installed throughout town directing visitors to points of interest. This new signage symbolizes our commitment to hospitality, community pride and welcoming visitors.

Library Makerspace - Another project that will be completed soon is the Makerspace on the lower level at the Washington Public Library. Look for announcements in the news about this exciting development!

New Hotel - You have probably



Left to Right: Michelle Redlinger, Dianne Gallagher, Millie Youngquist. Photo by Lyle Moen.

noticed that work has started at the site of the future Cobblestone Inn on the east side of Washington. Expect to see a lot of activity here this coming summer and fall.

Central Park Restrooms - The City Council recently voted to approve the total remodel of the Central Park restrooms, using Municipal Grant Funds from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation. The work for this much needed project will begin later this summer.

East Washington, South 12th Avenue Traffic Signal - Plans are moving ahead to install a traffic light at this busy and dangerous intersection, a site of many crashes in previous

years. Work will begin this summer, with a completion target of early fall.

I encourage you to take advantage of the City-Wide Spring Clean-up on April 20 (see article in this newsletter) to get rid of unused items, junk and things you no longer need. Trim bushes, get rid of overgrown weeds, and cut out volunteer trees coming out near your foundations and in bushes. In the hot days of summer you will be happy that you did this and our Nuisance Department workers will thank you!

Check out the Washington Community Calendar on the back of this newsletter and join in some of the programs and activities that Washington has to offer. Contact the Chamber of Commerce and sign up for their free weekly newsletter, be the first to know about these opportunities!

In closing, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have a question, concern or idea at myoungquist@washingtونيowa.gov or through City Hall at (319) 653-6584.

Mayor Pro Tem

Millie Youngquist.....653-6584

Administrator

Deanna McCusker.....653-6584

City Council

Pat Morgan.....First Ward
Ivan Rangel.....Second Ward
Illa Earnest.....Third Ward
Fran Stigers.....Fourth Ward
Elaine Moore.....At Large
Millie Youngquist.....At Large

Council Meetings

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
6pm at 215 E. Washington St.
(Except Holidays)

Library Board of Trustees

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Hotel/Motel Tax Committee

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Diane Gallagher, Charla Howard,
Phil Minino, Isabella Santoro

Washington Tree Committee

Marde McConnell-Chair
Andy Dahl, Charles Halverson,
Elaine Jennings, John Marshall,
Clyde Pearce, Byron Singbeil,
Rick Wagenknecht, Aaron Wulf

New Assistant Chief of EMS Lacie Porter



My name is Lacie Porter, and I am married with three kids. While I was born and raised in Colorado, I decided to move to Washington, IA in 2016 to pursue nursing school, and found myself

at home!

I am currently in my ninth year as a nurse and have experience working in cardiac telemetry, cardiac step down,

ICU, and ER. I have worked in level two and level three trauma centers as well as critical access. I have recently completed grad school for my masters degree in nursing and I'm in the early stages of transitioning into a new position as an advanced registered nurse practitioner.

I joined Washington EMS in late 2022 as a volunteer and became the assistant chief of EMS in December of 2023. Being a part of this service has been enjoyable and has helped me expand my knowledge as a nurse and provider. I have enjoyed my time serving the community of Washington in this capacity and look forward to continuing on in this new role moving forward.

Yard Waste Center Hours

The Yard Waste Center at 1065 W. Buchanan St is open

Monday through Friday
7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The following Saturday dates:
April 13, 20, 27
May 4, 11, 18
7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

(Will not be open on holiday weekends)

Yard Waste Collection

Curbside yard waste collection started March 26 and March 28. Yard waste will be collected west of 2nd Ave on Thursday and east of 2nd Ave on Tuesday. The routes will come to a close on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Bags- The City allows standard, biodegradable, self-standing yard waste bags, (plastic bags are not allowed). Locally, they are available at Ace-n-More, Fareway, HyVee and Walmart. Bags must not exceed 50 lbs.

Bundles- Tree trimmings, brush and twigs will be collected if properly bundled. Tied bundles of trimmings shall be collected if bundles do not exceed 75lbs, 18 inches in diameter and 5ft in length. The bundles should be tied with biodegradable twine or string. Branch size should not exceed 5 inches in diameter. A maximum of 3 bundles will be collected per collection day. Larger quantities of branches are considered commercial and are the responsibility of the owner.

Burning- Residents are allowed to carefully burn dry leaves and twigs on their private property only! (Not in the right-of-way). City ordinance prohibits the burning of any trash, garbage, and green or damp yard waste.

Yard Waste Center- Residents are welcome to haul and dispose of their yard waste and brush at the Yard Waste Center located next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant at 1065 W. Buchanan St.

There are two piles of yard waste. One pile is for tree branches and the other is for yard and garden waste. Please place yard waste in the appropriate pile if you are hauling it yourself. If you bring yard waste in plastic bags, please remember to dump out the contents and take the bags with you.

The YWC does not accept any type of building materials or other debris. So remember, if you didn't grow it, don't throw it!



City of Washington Special Mayor Election Information

Now is the time to submit candidacy paperwork and be included on the ballot.

The City of Washington will have the Mayor seat on the ballot April 30, 2024.

Paperwork is available for pick up at City Hall, 215 E. Washington Street.

Deadline to file completed forms to City Hall is Friday, April 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information or to pick up your forms including affidavit of candidacy and nomination petition, please visit City Hall, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 319653-6584



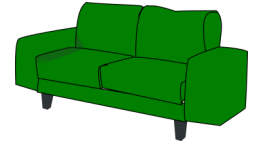
While flushing the terminal manholes; City Maintenance has found non degradable rags causing plugs in the sewer lines.

Please do not flush non degradable materials down the toilet! Doing so can result in costly damage to your plumbing and the City Sewer System.

Central Site - Washington Spring Cleanup
Held at Yard Waste Center, Waste Water Treatment Plant
1065 West Buchanan St

Saturday, April 20, 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

For City residents only, please bring copy of your water utility bill.
Residents are asked to please stay in your vehicle.



Dispose of the following:

- General junk (small loose materials need to be put into cardboard boxes, no bags)
Bulky furniture items such as couches, mattresses, box springs, recliners-free
Appliances-(\$5 fee)
Electronics-free (except for TV's & CRT Computer monitors-they are \$15) Computers & accessories can be taken to Goodwill for free.
Lawn mowers & lawn equipment must be gas and oil free for disposal

We will not accept the following items:

- Household garbage not allowed
Household hazardous waste
Hazardous materials such as but not limited to explosives, drugs, materials soaked in volatile chemicals
Tires and waste oil
Construction materials
Concrete, brick and rock
Latex paint
Lawn mowers and lawn equipment that are not oil free
Items from outside the Washington City limits
This is not a curbside cleanup. Items left on the curb without proper fees will be subject to penalty.

Purchase stickers for appliances in cash at the cleanup (No checks or credit cards will be taken at site).

The City will assist with special pickups, (appliances & TVs only), for those unable to bring them to the site for an additional \$5 appliance fee. Please contact City Hall at 319-653-6584 by Thursday, April 18 to schedule a pickup. Please have items ready for pickup at your curb Thursday, April 18.

City Departments

Table listing City Departments and contact information: Animal Control, Building & Zoning, City Administrator, Cemetery Sexton, City Attorney, City Clerk, Code Enforcement, Engineering, Finance Director, Fire Chief, Library Director, Maintenance & Constr. Supt., Parks Supt., Police Chief, Waste Water Supt., Water Plant Supt.

City Buildings

Table listing City Buildings and addresses: Cemetery Office, Fire Station, Maintenance Building, Municipal Building, Parks Office, Police Department, Public Library, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Water Plant.



Tree Giveaway

May 11, 2024; 8 a.m. at Central Park



More information will be available mid-April at City Hall, Public Library, KCII, Southeast Iowa Union, and Chamber of Commerce. This is a free tree giveaway, but donations are appreciated. There will be 100 trees available. There is a limit of one tree per household.

Street Sweeping The City sweeps the streets around the City square each week between the hours of 10 p.m. on Thursday and 6 a.m. on the following Friday. During this time, according to Ordinance 69.09, all night parking is prohibited on any street within the area of the public square and extending one block each way there from, said area bounded by the south line of Second Street, the west line of Second Avenue, the north line of Jefferson Street, and the east line of Avenue B; but not including any portion of Second Street, Second Avenue, Jefferson Street and Avenue B.

City Maintenance also posts signs on the square stating when the street sweeping will occur around the square.



After Memorial Day Cleanup for Elm Grove & Woodlawn Cemeteries

We will begin cleanup after Memorial Day of all decorations, flowers, grave blankets, etc. on June 15, 2024 at 7 a.m. weather permitting. Any decorations left after June 14, 2024 will be picked up and disposed of during cemeteries cleanup. Decorations acceptable to leave include: Shepherds' hooks, military markers, monument toppers, planted and potted flowers, and vase flowers. PLEASE NO GLASS CONTAINERS. All decorations must be off of the ground and placed on monument stones or foundations. Any decorations left on the ground, if the decorations are not on monuments or monument foundations, will be removed and disposed of. Live flowers whether potted or planted, wreaths, grave blankets, flats, etc. will be disposed of when they become unsightly. Any questions, please call Elm Grove Cemetery office at 319-653-3927.

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Ongoing

Name That Tune Tuesday Nights at Lebowski's starting at 7pm. 319-548-1999

Bags Tournament Every Wednesday at Lebowski's starting at 6pm. 319-548-1999

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday, **Encore Express** senior dining at Immanuel Lutheran Church. 11:30am-12:30pm. 319-653-3950

Tech Thursdays at Washington Public Library from 10am-noon. 319-653-2726

Diabetes Coffee Club in the WCHC Community Health & Wellness Conference Room (Ent #8) on the first Thursday of the month. 319-653-5481

Washington Farmers Market begins May 16th and will continue every Thursday through October 10th. 651-707-3431

Thursday Night Live & Washington Municipal Band begins May 30th and will continue every Thursday through August 15th. 319-653-3272

April

All Month Long: **Art Domestique Pop Up Art Show – Budding Artist.** Open 10am-4pm Wed-Fri & 10am-1pm on Sat. 319-653-8550

April 2: **Keeping your Private Well Water Safe** at the Washington County Extension Office from 6-7pm. 319-653-4811

April 5: **Sticks & Strings** at the Washington Public Library from 6-7pm 319-653-2726

April 6: **YMCA Annual Gala – Roaring 20's** at the Wellman YMCA from 5-8pm 319-653-2141

April 13: **An Evening of Improvisational Theater** at the Washington Area Performing Arts & Events Center from 7-9pm. 319-653-4673

April 19-20: **Junkin' Sisters Shop Hop** in Washington. 319-331-2188

April 20: **4-H Pancakes & More Breakfast Fundraiser** at Wash Co Fairgrounds Dallmeyer Hall from 7-10:30am. 319-653-4811

April 20-21: **2nd Annual Farm to Film Fest** in Washington. 20th from 9:30am-5pm and 21st from 10:30am-3pm. 319-653-3918

April 21-27: **Celebrate National Volunteer Week at Paws & More** from noon-4pm each day. 319-653-6713

April 27: **Annual Kewash ½ Marathon, 10k, 5k Run** starting at 8am. 319-653-2141

May

All Month Long: **Art Domestique Pop Up Art Show – Troy Tatlock.** Open 10am-4pm Wed-Fri & 10am-1pm on Sat. 319-653-8550

May 4: Craft Fair- Spring Edition in downtown Central Park from 9am-3pm. 319-653-3272

May 11: **Corn Country Cruisers** car show in downtown Central Park from 4-9pm. 319-461-9146

May 17: **WCHC Kidzfest** in downtown Central Park from 4:30-7:30pm. 319-653-7906

June

All Month Long starting June 16: **Art Domestique Pop Up Art Show – Jeff Allen.** Open 10am-4pm Wed-Fri & 10am-1pm on Sat. 319-653-8550

June 6-7: Chamber Golf Fun Days (Men's – 6th & Women's – 7th) starting at 10am. 319-653-3272

June 8: **Corn Country Cruisers** car show in downtown Central Park from 4-9pm. 319-461-9146

June 21-23 & 28-30 **Sound of Music Play** at the Washington Community Center. 21-22 & 28-29 at 7:30pm, 22 & 29 at 2:30pm. 319-653-5175

June 29: **Washington County Relay for Life** in downtown Central Park from 1-8pm. 319-461-5886

Washington Ridiculous Days: May 30 – June 1

Get ready for a 4-day weekend full of fun family-friendly activities highlighting everything our town stands for – featuring agriculture, family, local shopping, music, food and much more! Stay tuned for more details. 319-653-3272



Chamber events in Green!

Don't miss out!
View event details,
submit an event, or
add these events to
your calendar with
this QR Code.



Youth Summer Programs

The Chamber is teaming up with the ISU Extension Office & the YMCA to gather information for families to discover all the cool summer shenanigans!
Check out all details by visiting: washingtoniowa.gov/welcome-to-washington/youth-programs/