

October 11, 2023



## 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 and help the Chamber Ambassadors and city members cut the ribbon!

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 the articles from the [Southeast Iowa Union](#) & [KCII](#).

## Shop Local and Sample Chocolates!!

**Choctoberfest**  
*Chocolate Walk*

**\$10 CHOCTOBERFEST PASSPORT INCLUDES:**  
Sweet treats & deals at participating businesses!

**\$20 VIPINK TICKET INCLUDES:**  
1 Swag bag, 2 Drink Tickets to JP's 207 & Meal Deal Punch Card valid thru Dec 31st

**WCHC**  
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**VIPink**  
The Breast Event  
of the Year

**4-8PM**  
**OCT 19**  
DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE OR ONLINE

**Washington Chamber of Commerce**

\*\*Participants must be High School age +  
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Thank you to our Event Partner:

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Check out the participating  
retailers & businesses:

[JP's 207](#)  
[Jaz It Up!](#)  
[The Village](#)  
[Dodici Shop](#)  
[Earthly Blessings](#)  
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[Purposefully You](#)  
[Country Market](#)  
[Mama Llama's Barn](#)  
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[Rural Roots](#)  
[The Chair](#)  
[Dino's Pizza](#)  
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[Washington Public Library](#)

## Oktober Madness Upcoming Events



### FATHER of the BRIDE

By Caroline Francke



**October 13-14 & 20-22**

**Father of the Bride at Washington Community Theater** (2227 250th St.) Enjoy a hilarious comedy about a father coming to terms with the impending wedding of his daughter and everything that brings with it. 319-653-5175  
Oct. 13-14 & 20-21 at 7:30pm & Oct 22 at 2:30pm. Tickets \$12/Adult, \$6/Student.

**October 14th**

**Meet Me in Washington Shop Hop** Fun filled day of shopping, eating, and exploring Washington from 9am-6pm. Some of the stops include: Mama Llama's Barn, Stay Your Path Boutique, Jaz It Up Boutique, Lynn and Shelby's Home Decor, Dodici's Shop, The Village, Brown's Shoe Fit, Triple

M Nutrition, Earthly Blessings, Purposefully You Boutique & Home, and Rural Roots Boutique. Each shop will also host a pop-up shop to double the fun everywhere you go! 319-389-6855



### October 14-15

#### Annual Pumpkinfest at Sass Family Farm

(3060 160th St. Riverside) Petting zoo, playground, haunted barn, fall produce, bouncy house, crafts/antiques, and hayrack rides. Face Art by Brandi, Balloon Man Lucas, food trucks, and more! No admission fee. 25th year of great family fun for kids of all ages. 11am–6pm, 319-648-3788

### October 15 & 22

**Downtown Washington Historic Walking Tour** Get your ticket and your walking shoes on to learn about our history and get exclusive looks into businesses and apartments during the Downtown Washington Historic Walking Tours happening on October 15th & 22nd! Purchase your tickets today for \$15/person.

For questions, please contact the Main Street Washington Director, Sam Meyer at 319-653-3918 or [samantha@washingtونيowa.org](mailto:samantha@washingtونيowa.org).



## Ghosts of Washington: The New Event in Town



Thinking about purchasing a ticket for the first annual Ghosts of Washington event in the World's Oldest Operating Theatre?

**Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor:**

The Washington Chamber of



Commerce is partnering with the Riverside Iowa Paranormal group for an evening filled with a sound bath, classic horror flick, paranormal investigation, and more! The State Theatre venue in Washington, Iowa, is not only the world's longest continually operating cinema theatre in the world but, it is rumored to still be home to vaudeville performers who never left the building. Come find out for yourself and enjoy this incredible evening! Tickets start at \$50/person.



To view more event details, ticketing options, & more, [click this link here](#).

**Purchase Your Tickets TODAY!**



**Victorian View**  
320 W 2nd St.

**6pm:**  
Doors open for VIP guests  
with the Paranormal  
Investigation starting at  
8pm.



**Blair House**  
205 E Washington St.

**7:30pm doors open for...**  
Tarot Card Readings  
Reiki sessions  
Gypsy Sisters  
(all accepting FREE-will  
donations)



**State Theatre**  
123 E Washington St.

**Half past Midnight:**  
30-minute sound bath  
**1am:**  
Classic Horror Flick  
**2:20am:**  
Paranormal Investigation

## Welcome New Chamber Ambassador, Melissa Westphal



Melissa Westphal has been running her own business, Stairway to the Stars for 30 years. She recently opened HOMEgirl Realty, her second business with Heather Marek and Charla Howard in March of this year. Did you know Melissa has been teaching dance since she was 15 years old?

Aside from working 60-80 hours/week, she somehow finds time to read, craft, and sew. Something you will find interesting about Melissa is that she donated her eggs to a family who was unable to have a baby without medical assistance.

Melissa resides in Washington with her husband Jason, and her 5 kids: Hayden, Cameron, Brennen, Logan & Allie. Melissa is most proud of her kids and hopes to watch them grow up to be happy fulfilled adults.

# 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](mailto:clerksearch@washingtونيowa.gov) no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 13, 2023. Additional information available at: [www.washingtونيowa.gov](http://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@washingtونيowa.gov](mailto:deanna@washingtونيowa.gov) or stop in at City Hall (215 E. Washington St.).

## 10,000 Small Businesses



## HELPING IOWA BUSINESS GROW



The Iowa Community Colleges are excited to offer the 11th cohort of the 10,000 Small Businesses program in Iowa this spring. With more than 250 alumni from across the state, this program combines education and connection for small businesses and non-profits of all industries.

Did you know Kevin Erpelding-Archer Appliance, Leslie Allender-Purposefully You, Elisa Lyons-Iowa Family Counseling, and Mitchell Hora-Continuum Ag have all completed this program?

10,000 Small Businesses is a state-wide program for small business owners focused on growth. Participants gain access to curriculum and professional business advising to take their business to the next level. The modules of curriculum include topics like financial statements, negotiations, marketing, and can be immediately applied to your business and plan for growth. The program is offered at no cost through a full scholarship for all accepted participants.

Applications are currently being accepted at [www.iowa10KSB.com](http://www.iowa10KSB.com) through October 31st. If you would like to learn more, we encourage you to register to attend one of their upcoming virtual info sessions.

Tuesday, October 17th 3:00-3:45 [Click here to register](#)

Thursday, October 26th 10:00-10:45 [Click here to register](#)

Additional information is available on their website or you can contact Jacki Boldt, Executive Director for the program, at [jlboldt@dmacc.edu](mailto:jlboldt@dmacc.edu).

## Last weeks Events in Washington

Saturday was full of SPOOKY family fun activities in Central Park for the Hocus Pocus in the Park event. Thank you to everyone who participated in the fun!

Thank you again to our sponsors: HBH Group LLC, Goldfinch Solar, Fareway, Hills Bank, Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, KCTC, LattaHarris, LLP, Washington Noon Kiwanis, Hy-Vee





Horak Insurance celebrated their 15th annual Oktoberfest and Alive After 5 event on Thursday, October 5th. It was great night of music, food, drinks and networking. Thank you to those who were able to attend!

## Washington Area Available Jobs

**Latest employment opportunities available posted within the past 2 weeks:**

- [\(Part-Time\) Kirkwood Community College Biology \(Nutrition\) Adjunct](#)
- [\(Full-Time\) Washington County Legal Secretary/Victim Witness Coordinator](#)
- [\(Full-Time\) Kids Corral Daycare Director](#)
- [\(Full-Time\) City of Washington City Clerk](#)

**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](https://washingtونيowa.gov/experience-our-town/community-calendar/).

Stay up to date with the other community events going on and subscribe to our calendar! Click on this link: <https://washingtونيowa.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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