

October 2023

# Washington Community News



## Mayor

Jaron Rosien ..... 653-6584

## Administrator

Deanna McCusker ..... 653-6584

## City Council

Bethany Glinsmann ..... 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

Margi Jarrard-President  
Harold Frakes, Mindy Graham,  
Rick Hofer, Michael Kramme,  
Gary Murphy, Isabella Santoro

## Park & Recreation Board

Jane Blieu, Keely Brower,  
Erin Elgin, Charles Halverson,  
Jayson Keil

## Airport Commission

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Samantha Meyer, Joe Nichols

## Zoning Commission

Deran DeLong-Chair,  
Jane Blieu, Merle Hagie,  
Susan Fisher, Tom Gaughan,  
Connie Larsen, Rhonda Shelman,  
Darrell Steele

## Board of Adjustment

Charla Howard-Chair  
Mark Bradley, John Greener,  
Merle Hagie, Mardi Knerr,  
Jim Ziegrowsky, Vacancy

## Forestry Commission

Andy Dahl, Don Pfeiffer,  
Charles Halverson

## Historic Preservation

Bethany Glinsmann, Shelly Krotz,  
Evie Richardson, Fred Stark  
Vacancy

## Hotel/Motel Tax Committee

Millie Youngquist- Chair  
Illa Earnest, Diane Gallagher,  
Charla Howard, Phil Minino,  
Isabella Santoro, Vacancy

## Tree Beautification Committee

Marde McConnell-Chair  
Bob Bennett, Andy Dahl,  
Charles Halverson, Victoria Hansen,  
Jayson Keniston, John Marshall,  
Byron Singbeil, Kelly Soukup,

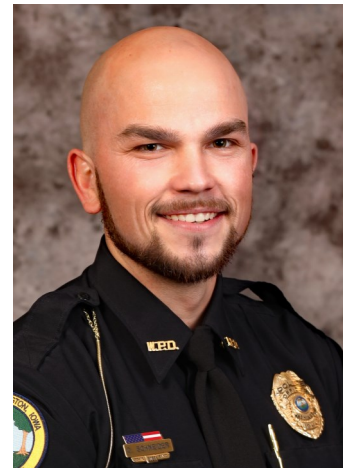
## City of Washington

## From the Desk of Mayor Pro Tem Millie Youngquist

### Dear Citizens of Washington,



It was a long, hot, and dry summer, but now fall is on the way and I hope you are enjoying the cooler weather! Fall means changing leaves, football and elections! Don't forget to exercise your right to vote and go to the polls on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. There are 3 seats on the Washington City Council to be filled and 3 openings on the Washington Community Schools Board of Education. Both are very important and your vote counts, especially in these local elections!



Welcome to our newest police officer, Colton Schneider. I had the privilege of attending Colton's graduation in Des Moines from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in August and I was im-

pressed by the discipline and dedication of all those young men and women. We are so fortunate to have such a well-trained police force here in Washington. Kudos to Chief Jim Lester and his staff for all their hard work on behalf of the citizens of Washington!



The City of Washington Parks Dept. is excited to announce that our all-inclusive ADA accessible playset for ages 5-12 located at the Wellness Park is nearing completion. The playset was ordered in November 2022 and will be completed at the beginning of October 2023. This playset provides physical and mental health well-being for all users and will help children of all abilities be children. It will have several multiple sensory play experience pieces and will meet all CPSC regulations regarding safety and fall height. The poured in place rubber surface will allow all users access even with mobility issues and the inclusive playground design includes systems and components allowing all children to play together in a rich and engaging way. In an inclusive play space, children of different abilities can play together, ensuring no one is left out.

This playset is located across the 10 ft. wide ADA trail from the new David Collins Pavilion which has picnic tables, water fountain, bottle fill, and dog waterer. Visitors and residents will be able to access the playset via vehicle and handicap parking or the trail attached to the KEWASH trail. The playset will be open to all residents and visitors to Washington and will give kids the opportunity to play, exercise and benefit mentally while at baseball, softball, soccer, and sand volleyball games. In addition, the safety features and smooth surface will make this amenity of the Wellness Park a place for parents and grandparents of different mobility levels to enjoy fresh air and play safely alongside their children.

There will be a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting at the new playset on Friday, October 13 at 2:30 pm. Please join us for this community celebration!

A huge thank you to our generous donors who made the project happen: Washington County Riverboat Foundation, City of Washington, Washington Hotel/Motel Committee, Washington Park Board, Washington Betterment Foundation, Washington YMCA and Horak Insurance as well as local service groups: AM Kiwanis, Noon Kiwanis and Washington Rotary.

May you have an enjoyable fall! Please feel free to contact me if you have an idea, question or concern at [myoungquist@washingtoniowa.gov](mailto:myoungquist@washingtoniowa.gov) or through my number at City Hall – (319) 653-6584.



## Leaf Vac News Brief and Yard Waste Center Hours



Fall is here and the City of Washington Maintenance and Construction Department will begin leaf pick up October 23 beginning in the northwest quadrant of the City, moving in a counter-clockwise direction. The leaf vac program will continue until November 23. Residents may place leaves in the terrace area between the sidewalk and the street. Please do not place leaves in the street as this creates drainage and traffic hazards. Questions or comments can be directed to the Maintenance and Construction Department at 319-653-2947.

Leaves and tree trimmings can be hauled to the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Yard Waste Center (YWC) located at 1065 W. Buchanan St.

**The YWC is open:**  
Monday through Friday  
7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**The following Saturday dates:**  
Oct. 14, 21, 28  
Nov. 4, 11, 18  
7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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 dump out the contents and take the bags with you. **The YWC does not accept lumber or building materials of any type. Please remember, if you didn't grow it, don't throw it!**

## Reminder: Water Service Line Inventory



The City of Washington is required by the EPA to develop an inventory of our service lines by October 16, 2024. Our inventory needs to include service line material for every address supplied by city water. There are a few ways to get this information to the City of Washington. There is an online survey available at [www.washingtoniowa.gov](http://www.washingtoniowa.gov) or property owners may call 319-

653-2764 or email us at [service-line@washingtoniowa.gov](mailto:service-line@washingtoniowa.gov). If service line material is unknown, a photo of the line may be sent via text to 319-653-1531. To locate the service material, locate the water meter, which is typically in the basement or utility closet, and follow the pipe going out of the meter.

## With the upcoming Elections; please follow the City guidelines and do not put signs in the City Right of Way. See the following: 165.21 SIGNS.

### I. General Provisions

E.(2) Any existing sign which advertises, promotes, or advocates for an event that occurs on a specific date shall be removed within 14 days after said specific event.

F. Interference. No billboard, signboard or similar advertising signs shall be located at an intersection so as to obstruct vision, hearing, pedestrian or vehicular safety, or the use and enjoyment of the adjoining property.

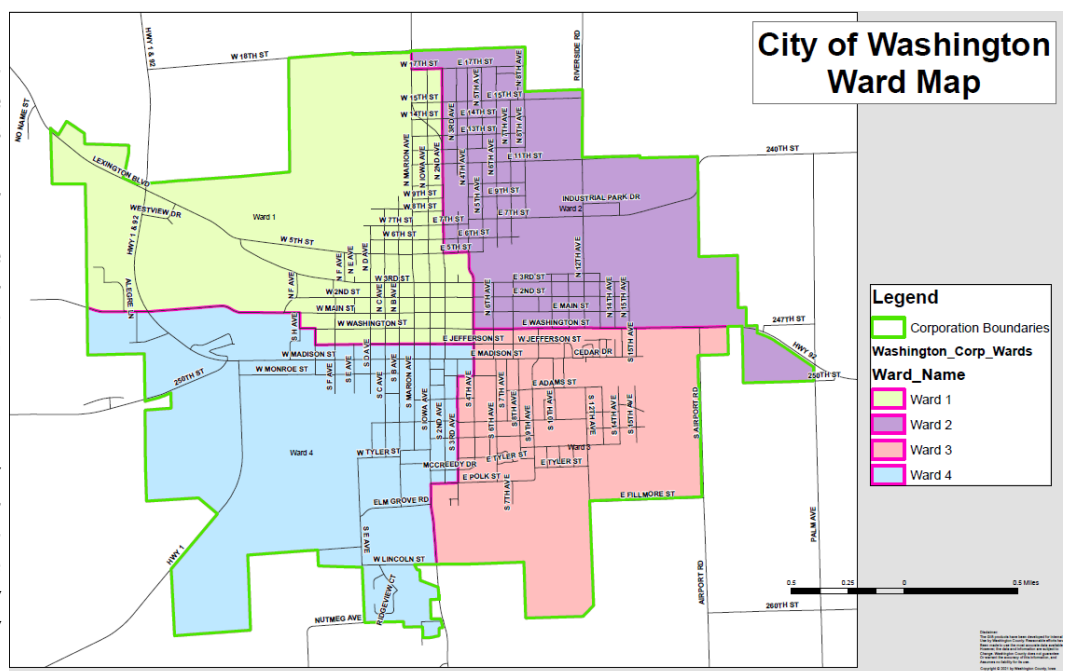
### 3. Signs Permitted in the R-1/R2 District.

C. Small announcement or professional signs, not over six square feet in area, except that an announcement sign or bulletin board not over 18 square feet in area, set back at least 20 feet from any highway, street or road.

## Three City Council Seats on November Ballot

Three seats on the Washington City Council will be on the ballot this November. Voters will elect the Ward 1 and Ward 3 council members, and one at-large council member. Ward 1 is the northwest quadrant of the city, and Ward 3 is the south-east quadrant. The positions are four-year terms and will run from 2024 to 2028.

Tuesday, November 7th is Election Day. To vote early or to get additional voting information including voter registration and polling locations, please contact the Washington County Auditor's Office at the county courthouse.





**Central Site Washington Fall Cleanup**  
**Held at Yard Waste Center, Waste Water Treatment Plant**  
**1065 West Buchanan St**  
**Saturday, October 21, 2023, 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.**  
**For City residents only, please bring ID or copy of 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 & 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

**\*\*\*Purchase stickers at City Hall for appliances and TVs or pay in cash at the cleanup site.\*\*\* (No checks or credits cards will be taken at site).**

We will **not** accept the following items:

- Household garbage
- 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** gas and 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.**

**The City will assist with special pickups for appliances or TVs for those unable to bring them to the site for an additional \$5 fee per item. Contact City Hall at 319-653-6584 by Thursday, October 19 to schedule a pickup. Please have items ready for pickup at your curb by Thursday, October 19.**

### City Departments

Animal Control .....	653-2638
Building & Zoning, Jeff Duwa .....	653-6584
City Administrator, Deanna McCusker .....	653-6584
Cemetery Sexton, Zach Wibstad .....	653-3927
City Attorney, Kevin Olson .....	653-6584
City Clerk .....	653-6584
Code Enforcement, Anna Duwa .....	653-6584
Engineering, Keith Henkel .....	653-6584
Finance Director, Kelsey Brown .....	653-6584
Fire Chief, Brendan DeLong .....	653-2239
Emergency Calls .....	911
Non-Emergency .....	653-2239
Library Director, Cary Ann Siegfried .....	653-2726
Maintenance & Constr. Supt., JJ Bell .....	653-2947
Parks Supt., Nicholas Pacha .....	653-5220
Police Chief, James Lester .....	653-2256
Emergency Calls .....	911
Non-Emergency .....	653-2256
Waste Water Supt., Jason Whisler .....	653-2638
Water Plant Supt., Kyle Wellington .....	653-2764

### City Buildings

Cemetery Office .....	1101 S Ave E
Fire Station .....	215 E Washington St
Maintenance Building .....	515 E 6th St
Municipal Building .....	215 E Washington St
Parks Office .....	915 W Main St
Police Department .....	215 E Washington St
Public Library .....	115 W Washington St
Waste Water Treatment Plant .....	1065 W Buchanan St
Water Plant .....	522 N 4th Ave

### Snow & Ice Removal



are asking residents to please place garbage and recycling carts on the terrace if possible.

When the City removes snow in the downtown area, the permanent signs read: No Parking from 10 pm-6 am for

Winter is coming. Having vehicles off the street during snow storms makes it easier to plow and helps drainage when melting occurs. We

snow removal. The City personnel place four signs on each corner of Central Park on the days the City will be cleaning.

The City of Washington would like to remind residents that they are responsible for keeping their sidewalks free from snow and ice. The property owner and/or occupant of any building shall clear the public sidewalk of all snow and ice accumulations within 24 hours after the snow has ceased or ice formed. If the property owners and/or occupant fail to remove the ice and snow, the City may do so and the cost of the removal will be levied against the property per Ordinance 53.01.

### Support the PAWS & More Animal Shelter

Would you like to support our local animal shelter, PAWS & More? It's as easy as adding a monthly contribution of \$1, \$2, \$5, or \$10 to your water bill. Forms are available at City Hall and PAWS & More.



### Save the Date

The Washington Fire Department will be holding their annual Pancake Day January 10, 2024

Lunch 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 Supper 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.



**City-wide Trick or Treat will be Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**



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866-288-8596

**City Hall hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

## Washington COMMUNITY CALENDAR



### October:

Now-October 11: **Warm Up Washington, Coat Drive** at the Washington Community YMCA, Washington Public Library, and the Ann C. Williams Farm Bureau Office. 319-653-2141

Now-October 12: **Washington Farmers Market** on Thursday's from 5-7pm.

Now-October 30: **Art Gallery by Susan Kessel** at Art Domestique Wed-Fri: 10am-4pm & Sat: 10am-1pm. 319-653-8550

October 1 & 7: **Orange Acres Pumpkin Patch** at 2005 260th St. Washington, IA from 9am-2pm.

October 2: **Armchair Adventures: Italy through an Artist's Eye** at the Washington Public Library from 6-7pm. 319-653-2726

October 3 - October 19: **Basic Vehicle Maintenance for Women** at Kirkwood Community College on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6-8pm. 319-653-4655

October 5 - November 9: **Powerful Tools for Caregivers Class** at the Washington County Extension Office on Thursdays from 10-11:30am. 319-653-4811

**October 5: Horak Insurance Annual Oktoberfest & Alive After 5:** Join the Chamber Ambassadors for the 15th annual Horak Insurance Oktoberfest. Food, music & fun from 5-7pm. 319-653-2116

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

**October 7: Hocus Pocus in the Park:** Join the Chamber & Main Street for some SPOOKY family fun activities in Central Park from 4-9pm! Enjoy pony rides, food trucks & more leading up to the Movie on Main Street: Hocus Pocus at dusk. 319-653-3272

October 14: **Meet Me In Washington Shop Hop** in downtown Washington from 9am-6pm. 319-653-4023

October 17: **Homegrown** small business meeting to network from 4:30-6pm 319-461-1055

**October 19: Choctoberfest:** 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. WCHC WIPink Breast event of the Year, only 350 tickets available! Satisfy your sweet tooth from 4-8pm in Central Park. 319-653-3272

October 21: **PAWS & More 2023** Gala at the Riverside Casino from 5:30-10pm. 319-653-6713

October 25: **Café Dodici Fundraiser for Pennies 4 Paws** at Café Dodici from 11am-2pm & 5-8pm. 563-260-2328

October 27, 28 & 31: **Terror in Slaughter County Haunted House** at 740 S 10<sup>th</sup> Ave from 6:30-9pm. [lowaeliteevents@gmail.com](mailto:lowaeliteevents@gmail.com)

**October 28: Ghosts of Washington:** Investigate the world's oldest theatre with Riverside Iowa Paranormals on Halloween weekend with a classic horror flick, sound bath and paranormal investigation. The State Theatre is not only the world's oldest continually operating theatre, but it is rumored to still be home to vaudeville performers who never left the building. Tickets starting at \$50. The Main event will start half past midnight. 319-653-3272

October 28: **YMCA Trunk or Treat** in the Washington Community Y parking lot from 3-5:30pm. 319-653-2141

October 28: **Llamaween** at the Case Field practice football field from 4-8pm. 701-334-2094

October 28: **Betterment Halloween Crawl** from 5:30-9:30pm. 319-653-3918

**October 31: City-wide Trick-or-Treat** from 6-8pm. 319-653-6584

October 31: **Trick or Treat Around the Square** with downtown retailers from 5-7pm. 319-653-3918

### November:

November 1 - December 31: **Art Gallery by Small Works** at Art Domestique Wed-Fri: 10am-4pm & Sat: 10am-1pm 319-653-8550

**November 14: Faith Baptist Church Alive After 5:** Join the Chamber Ambassadors for the Alive After 5 event to celebrate a new addition to Faith Baptist Church from 5-7p.m. 319-653-3272

November 21: **Homegrown** small business meeting to network from 4:30-6pm 319-461-1055

November 25: **Washington SNOW Events!** Jingle Bell Run (starts at 9am), Breakfast with Santa (8-10am), Small Business Saturday, Live Radio Play's: Sherlock Christmas Story & Father Knows Best (5pm) & Lighted Parade (starting at 6pm) all happening in one day! 319-653-3918

November 25: **The Reason for the Season Variety Show** at the Washington Area Performing Arts & Events Center starting at 1pm. 319-653-4673

November 26: **Santa's House** at the Washington Public Library from 1-4pm. 319-653-3918

November 29: **Charlie Albright Concert** at the Washington Area Performing Arts & Events Center starting at 7pm. 319-653-4673

### December:

December 2: **Santa's House** at the Washington Public Library from 1-4pm. 319-653-3918

**December 2 & 3: 32nd Anniversary Candlelight Tour of Homes:** The Washington Tour of Homes highlights a number of beautifully decorated homes for Christmas. We aim to find a variety of homes from newer construction to historical and everything in between. The proceeds from this event fund our holiday lights around the square. Saturday, December 2nd: 4-8pm & Sunday, December 3rd: 1-5pm. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. 319-653-3272

Check out our website for our current community events, to view more event details, & for local restaurants, retailers, area trails & parks, and more! [www.washingtoniowa.gov](http://www.washingtoniowa.gov)

