



Washington Community News

January 2024

From the Desk of Mayor Pro Tem Millie Youngquist



Dear Citizens of Washington,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the offices and departments of the City of Washington!

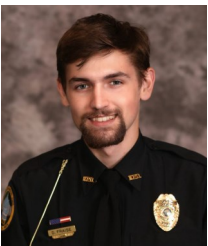
There are many people who devote their time and energies to helping this city run smoothly – thanks for your hard work throughout the year!

I would like to welcome several new people to new positions with the city:



Amanda Waugh, our new City Clerk who began her position in November; Pat Morgan, a new city councilor in Ward 1, who

is replacing Bethany Vittetoe as of January 1, 2024, (thank you Bethany for your service!)



Officer Devin Fraise

and Devin Fraise - a new addition to our police force, who started work for the city in late December. I recently attended Devin's graduation from the Police Academy in Johnston and was very impressed with the training and dedication of these young men and women!

At times, it seems that the pace of city government moves very slowly. It's good to look back to see what we've accomplished in



Ward 1 Council Member, Pat Morgan being sworn into office.

2023. Here are some of the main projects that we've completed or are still in progress:

New street, curb and gutter and sidewalks on East Adams Street.

Water Main Improvements on West Madison and East Main and the 250th Street Extension.

\$400,000 Home Rehabilitation Block Grant Program.

Phase II of the NLW Subdivision – South 11th Avenue.

New ADA Accessible Wellness Park Playground.

Country Club View Subdivision – Road, Water and Sewer.

There are many exciting, new things to come in 2024, here is a partial list:

Construction of a new Cobblestone Hotel on the east end of town.

Installation of a new stoplight at the corner of South

12th and East Washington Street.

Improvements to the Central Park rest rooms.

Installation of two new "Welcome to Washington" Signs and Wayfinding signs around town.

Completion of the Library's Makerspace.

Lighting and New Concession Stand/Rest Rooms at the Wellness Park.

Many individuals, groups and organizations are working to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Washington, and I thank them for their dedication and work. One such group, the Great Places Committee would like your help in identifying future projects. You can make your voice heard and help our city by clicking the following link and filling out the short survey, called appropriately "Your Washington Wish List!"



I hope that you have a wonderful holiday with family and friends, and I wish you a very Happy New Year! 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.

Sincerely,

Millie Youngquist, Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor

Jaron Rosien 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

Margi Jarrard-President
Harold Frakes, Mindy Graham,
Michael Kramme, Gary Murphy,
Isabella Santoro, Regina Schantz

Park & Recreation Board

Jane Blieu, Erin Elgin,
Charles Halverson, Jayson Keil
Erin Smith

Airport Commission

Kevin Erpelding-Chair
Jim Almellen, Chris Canny,
Samantha Meyer, Joe Nichols

Zoning Commission

Deran DeLong-Chair,
Jane Blieu, Merle Hagie,
Susan Fisher, Tom Gaughan,
Connie Larson, 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

Fred Stark-Chair
Shelly Krotz, Connie Larson,
Ivan Rangel, Evie Richardson

Hotel/Motel Tax Committee

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

Tree Washington Committee

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

Christmas Tree Drop Off and Pickup

The City has set up a Christmas tree drop off area on the southeast corner of Central Park. It is available through Friday, January 12th.

Residents can put their trees on the street corners opposite of fire hydrants to be picked up January 2 through January 12.

Residents can also haul their trees out to the Waste Water Treatment Plant brush pile site located at 1065 West Buchanan St.

Do not drop off artificial trees and please remove all ornaments.



Snow Emergency Ordinance 69.13

The purpose of Washington's snow emergency ordinance is to limit on-street parking during snow events and any declared snow emergency to give plows access to clear the entire street during winter storms.

Washington City Ordinance 69.13 reads, "Upon the Mayor's declaration of a snow emergency, persons shall comply with the following:

1. Residential Areas. No person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street or alley unless the snow has been removed or plowed from the street to each curb edge or alley and the snow has ceased to fall.

2. Downtown Area. From 10pm to 6am when signs are posted in the northwest and southeast corners of Central Park no vehicles shall park 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 or Avenue B.

The foregoing prohibition shall not apply to the above-described areas during normal business hours of eight o'clock (8:00) A.M. to six o'clock (6:00) P.M. and during normal weekend, evening, or holiday hours."

Snow Emergencies will be relayed to local news media and also publicized on social media. Snow emergencies may be extended or shortened when conditions warrant. Vehicles found parked in violation of the Snow Emergency or Snow Ban Ordinance may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense. Fines for parking violations of Snow Ban and Snow Emergency Ordinances is \$50.

Snow Ban Ordinance 69.12

Snow Ban Ordinance from November 1 to April 1.

To allow for the safe initiation and completion of ice and snow removal operations, Washington City Ordinance 69.12 reads "No vehicle shall be left parked, abandoned, or unattended on any street or alley in the City during snow removal operations, or before such operations have removed or cleared accumulated snow or ice from the street to each curb edge or shoulder."

If you utilize the street for parking and you see the street crews are out moving snow, please remove your vehicle from the street so it can be cleared in a safe and timely manner.

The street crew will post signs on the corners of Central Park whenever they plan to do snow removal around the square and the Police Department will also publish this on their Facebook page. The snow ban parking around the square will be handled the same as Thursday night street sweeping - if the signs are posted it will be enforced and as they have tried to do in the past with big snow events, the Police Department may attempt to contact vehicle owners so cars can be moved.

Snow & Ice Removal Ordinance 53.01



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

Have you signed up for Alert Iowa?

Washington County uses Alert Iowa to notify alerts including emergency or severe weather, City of Washington specific alerts, as well as parking alerts for residents living in the downtown area. Please visit scan the QR Code below Or text the following key words to #67283

Alert

Washington County severe weather:

City of Washington:

Washington Downtown parking:

Keyword

WashingtonIA

Washingtoniowa

WASHIOWAPARKING

ALERT IOWA
WASHINGTON COUNTY



Adopt a Hydrant



Help the Fire Department and clean snow and ice away from the fire hydrant nearest your home in the winter months when there is a big snow. This will help give a clear and quick connection in case of a fire.

City Departments

Animal Control, Andrew Custer.....	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, Amanda Waugh.....	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

Is Your Water Bill Higher than Normal?

Here are some of the most common reasons:



- Toilet is leaking/running
- Water softener regenerating constantly
- Drippy faucet / leaky water pipe
- Left outside faucet running

The Washington Fire Department Annual Pancake Day Wednesday, January 10, 2024



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

Take outs available.
Pancakes, Sausage, & Eggs.

Adults - \$10
Kids (6-10) - \$8
Kids 5 and under eat free.

RECYCLE RIGHT



empty & rinse containers • flatten all boxes • no trash or yard waste

NO GO
ITEMS



PLASTIC BAGS



FOOD WASTE



STYROFOAM



BATTERIES
& ELECTRONICS



BAGGED
RECYCLABLES

Notice of Spring Cleanup for Elm Grove & Woodlawn Cemeteries

We will begin spring cleanup of all decorations, flowers, grave blankets, etc. on **March 1, 2024 at 7 a.m.** weather permitting. Any decorations left after **February 28, 2024** will be picked up and disposed of during spring 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, flags, etc. will be disposed of when they become unsightly.



Summer cleanup will be **June 14, 2024 at 7 a.m.** for both cemeteries. Any questions, please call Elm Grove Cemetery office at **319-653-3927**.

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www.washingtoniowa.gov
or by phone
866-288-8596



Ongoing

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

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

Art Domestique features Photography. Open 10am-4pm Wed-Fri & 10am-1pm on Sat. 319-653-8550

January

Jan 8: **Blood Drive with Impact Life** at the Washington Public Library. 11am – 2pm. 319-653-2726

Jan 10: **Fireman's Pancake Day** \$10/adult, \$8 kids (6-10), 5 & under FREE. 11am-1pm & 5-7pm. 319-653-2239

Jan 11: **Justin Clyde Williams and JD Graham at Lebowskis.** Enjoy traditional country and bluegrass tunes from 7-9pm. 319-653-2505

Jan 12: **Puzzle Challenge for United Way** at Lebowskis. Finish 500-piece puzzle, 1 large pizza, & 12-pack beer to win from 6-10pm. 319-338-7823

Jan 19: **NEON Dance** at KC Hall. FREE for exceptional people with special needs. Register before Jan 12th. 5:30-9pm. 319-461-8137

Jan 24: **Wildcard Wednesday Valentines Edition** at Purposefully You. \$30 crafting workshop from 5-8pm. 319-653-2287

Jan 26: **CJ Gaston & Gabe Walsh Live at Lebowskis.** Enjoy your traditional favorites from 7-9pm. 319-653-2505

February

Feb 8: **Galentine's Shop & Stroll** 10am-7pm. 319-653-3918

Feb 9-11: **Share the Love with MSW Silent Auction** 319-653-3918

Feb 18: **The Wartburg Choir** performs sacred tunes from various periods and styles at Washington Area Performing Arts & Event Center. 3:30-5pm. 319-653-4673

Feb 22-24: **Quilt Crawl in Washington.** Thursday 4-7pm, Friday 1am-5pm, Saturday 9am-1pm. 319-653-2726

March

Mar 3: **The Southeast Iowa Band** performs a variety classical and pop at Washington Area Performing Arts & Event Center. 3:30-5pm. 319-653-4673

Mar 15-16, 22-24 : **Charlotte's Web** play performing at the Washington Community Theater.

Fridays & Saturdays starting at 7:30pm, Sunday at 2:30pm. 319-653-5175

Mar 22-23 **Spring Open Houses** Brighten up your wardrobe in downtown all day Friday & Saturday. 319-653-3819

Mar 22-23: **Adult Easter Egg Hunt** Find hidden Easter eggs with specials deals & treats in downtown. 10am-5pm. 319-653-3918

Mar 22-23: **Meet Me In Washington Shop Hop** Join us for a fun filled day of shopping, noshing & exploring from 10am-5pm. 319-653-3918

Mar 25: Greater Washington Business Partnership Annual Dinner at Riverside Casino & Golf Resort. 5-9pm 319-653-3272

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

