Downtown Bettendorf
A Corridor in Transition

When all is said and done, 40 businesses in the downtown will have been purchased by the Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT) for the I-74 Bridge project. That is roughly ¼ of all businesses in the downtown. Some of those businesses have chosen to relocate in our community where they are renovating other existing spaces or building new locations, in part with the financial assistance offered by the City of Bettendorf. This has been a difficult time for those who have made the move.

As the schedule now stands, in 2014 all non-city utilities (water, electric, natural gas, telephone, and internet) will have the ability to construct new infrastructure from 10th to 17th streets along State and Grant streets. In 2015 and 2016, IADOT, in cooperation with the City of Bettendorf, will construct the new State and Grant Streets along with the sanitary and storm sewers. The I-74 Bridge will begin in 2018 and take between three to five years to construct, depending on the process agreed to by all the federal, state, and local governments involved. One stipulation mandated by the City is that all streets and the existing bridge remain open throughout the process. There will be lane closures and detours throughout the construction period.

The Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation have selected a “basket handle true arch” design, which will be the only true arch bridge across the Mississippi River. The sweeping arches will tower over a wide four-lane deck. During the day bike riders and walkers will be able to use the bike path or elevator to reach the scenic overlook in the center of the downstream side of the bridge. The new I-74 Bridge will be a beautiful work of art.

Save the Date, Tis the Season is Back!

The fifth annual Tis the Season event will be held on Sunday, December 8, at the Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State Street. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. with entertainment beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Seniors 60 and above are invited to enjoy holiday music, entertainment, and refreshments. This event is free and open to all Quad Cities seniors.

Registration begins Tuesday, November 12. Beginning November 12, call 563-344-4000 to RSVP.

No early registrations please.

Visit the City’s webpage at www.bettendorf.org for more great information!
Dear Citizens,

It’s hard to believe that I am finishing my second year as Mayor. During this time I have seen many accomplishments. But, as you know, the city’s work is never done.

If you traveled around Bettendorf this summer, you probably noticed the number of road construction projects, including 18th Street and Tanglefoot Lane. Last fiscal year the City spent approximately $11,730,000 on roadway and alley reconstructions. I am pleased to say that the majority of the streets in Bettendorf are now construction free....until next spring. At that time, we are looking at reconstructing Utica Ridge Road from Spruce Hills Drive to Tanglefoot Lane, Brown Street from 16th Street to 18th Street, and Forest Grove Road from Utica Ridge Road to Eagle Ridge Road.

Recently, construction on several recreation trails have been completed, including the Crow Creek Trail section between Middle Road and Crow Creek Park, the Devils Glen Road separated trail section between Belmont Road and Crow Creek Park, and the separated trail section that is part of the Tanglefoot Road improvement project between Utica Ridge Road and Greenbrier Drive. The Middle Road separated trail from Devils Glen Road to Parkway Drive is also underway and will be completed this fall or next spring depending on the cooperation from the weather. These additions add to the already exciting number of trails that serve our community and provide numerous benefits such as recreation, fitness, alternative transportation, and community connectivity.

The year also came with some bittersweet news beginning with the announcement of City Attorney Greg Jager’s retirement. Greg was the conscience of the city for 28 years and there is nobody with greater integrity. I’ve known Greg for 20 years and when I became Mayor, I relied on his good legal judgment and counsel. Earlier this year, the City welcomed Kristine Stone as the new city attorney. Kristine has picked up where Greg left off and has been a wonderful addition to our staff.

At the August 6 City Council meeting, Alderman at-Large Tim Stecker announced that he will not run for another term. This was very disappointing news. Tim’s dedication to our community and to the City Council has been nothing but exemplary. I not only think of Tim as a colleague, but as a friend. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

Because many on our staff are close to retirement age, we will see quite a few changes in the next several years. It is not easy to see so many of our loyal employees taking the next step in their lives. However, with these changes comes diversity in our workforce, blending individual talents, knowledge, and experiences. This will help our employees to perform to their highest abilities, continuing the goal to always improve and live up to the reputation as a premier city.

Mayor Bob Gallagher
As winter approaches, city staff prepares for snow and ice control. This information will help residents understand their responsibilities during the winter months.

- If possible, remove vehicles from streets to allow crews to push snow to the curb. City Code prohibits parking in the turn-a-round area of a cul-de-sac until snow is cleared.

- When clearing driveways, make sure the snow is not pushed into the street. This is covered by City Code and violators can be cited. It is an operational hazard that crews sometimes plow snow back into driveways when pushing snow to the curb.

- City Code requires sidewalk snow/ice removal within 48 hours of the conclusion of a snow event. This means bare surfaces, regardless of how much snow falls or ice accumulates. Property owners who fail to do this can be cited and the City will do the work by contractor and charge the resident.

- Sump pump discharge should not run over sidewalks and freeze. De-icing chemicals must be used to control the problem. Residents can be cited.

- The City standard for snow/ice control is bare pavement everywhere on public streets within 18 hours following the cessation of snowfall from an average storm of 4-6”. Alleys are the last priority and will be accomplished, unless successive snow events require City assets to be employed on main streets continuously.

- Residents who have a fire hydrant near their property are required to shovel the area around the hydrant and keep it clear at all times. Mailboxes should also be cleared.

Salt Application Tips

- The more snow you can remove manually, the less salt you will need and the more effective it will be. Whether you use a shovel or snow blower, start early and keep up with the storm. You may decide not to use salt.

- Salt is used because it can decrease the freezing point of water. Pavement temperatures are usually warmer than air temperatures. Most salts stop working at 15°F. You can use sand instead for traction, but remember that sand does not melt ice. Be patient. Just because you don’t see salt on the road doesn’t mean it hasn’t been applied. These products take time to work.

More salt does not mean more melting. Use less than four pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet (an average parking space is about 150 square feet). One pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12-ounce coffee mug. Consider purchasing a hand-held spreader to help you apply a consistent amount. Sweep up extra. If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. Use this salt or sand somewhere else or throw it away.

Bettendorf Transit Signs IGA with MetroLINK

With personnel and organizational changes over the last year and a half, along with the desire to improve its public transportation system, the City of Bettendorf began to investigate all options to enhance transit related services.

It was the right time for the City to partner with an organization whose sole focus is transit. On June 4, 2013, the City entered into a 28E Intergovernmental Agreement.

The City of Bettendorf and MetroLink are confident that this agreement will foster a growing relationship and serve to improve the quality of service to the community. By refocusing Agency and City management, we will be able to take advantage of greater resources for planning and marketing, which in turn will ensure the transit needs of the community are being achieved.

Find Freegal at the Library

The Bettendorf Public Library is pleased to announce the availability of Freegal for all Bettendorf cardholders. Freegal is a music download service, offering titles from over 28,000 music labels from 85 different countries. Bettendorf Public Library cardholders can download three Freegal music tracks in the MP3 format each week at no cost. Go to www.bettendorflibrary.com and click on the link for Digital Books, Audiobooks, Magazines, and Music.

Files can be downloaded and transferred to a mobile device. Freegal Music apps are also available in the Apple® App Store and Google Play®, so titles can be downloaded directly to smart phones.

Urban Initiative Program

The Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) offers a cost share program aimed at protecting and enhancing water quality in Scott County. This program can pay 50% of the cost of landscape improvement projects that infiltrate storm water runoff.

The Scott County SWCD has a $2,000 reimbursable limit per project. Projects must infiltrate 75% of the runoff from the property. The Scott County SWCD supports landscaping projects that provide infiltration of storm water instead of sending rain water down city storm drains and into local creeks. Some of the practices that are included in this program are rain gardens, bio retention cells, bio-swales, permeable paving, and soil quality restoration (deep-tined aeration and the application of compost to your lawn).

To find out how you can qualify for this program contact Dan McNeil at the Scott County SWCD at 563-391-1403 Extension 3. Dan is able to provide free technical assistance in implementing these conservation practices.
How Can You Keep Up With City News?

Visit the City’s webpage at www.bettendorf.org, watch Cable Channel 9, or follow the City on Twitter.

Subscribe to the Citizen’s Information E-Mail List

You will receive weekly updates on city events, holiday schedules, garbage collection schedules, job openings, and more! Information will be sent as plain text or Adobe Acrobat (PDF). Your e-mail address will not be shared with or sold to any third party. You may unsubscribe at any time.

To join, visit the City’s webpage at www.bettendorf.org and click on the Citizen Information E-mail link located on the main page under the “Did You Know” section.

Sign up for Bettendorf 101: City Citizen Academy

Bettendorf 101: City Citizen Academy gives residents an in-depth look at how their city government operates through discussions, demonstrations, and site visits.

The City hosts two academies each year, spring and fall. Each academy runs for approximately seven weeks. Classes are held on Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with the exception of bus tours.

Participants should not miss more than two sessions. During the academy, participants may be asked to climb stairs, take part in walking tours, and sit for an extended period of time. You must be at least 18 years of age and be a resident of Bettendorf.

To make sure every attendee gets the most out of the academy, class size is kept to 30 participants. To have your name added to the waiting list for the next available academy, please e-mail lhaldeman@bettendorf.org or call 563-344-4033.

For more information about Bettendorf 101: City Citizen Academy, visit the City’s webpage at www.bettendorf.org and click on the link located on the main page.
Family Museum Gives Thanks for Great Volunteers!

During this season of Thanksgiving, the Family Museum wishes to thank and acknowledge a group of wonderful volunteers who have collectively served the Family Museum for over 175 years! Without their commitment to the children and families of our community, many of the Family Museum’s programs and exhibits would not be possible. Thank you all!

20+ Years
Marilyn Robinson
Arlene Vincent

15+ Years
Donna Kuykendall
Claire Manata
Christine Sampson

10+ Years
Laurie Pincus
Barbara Webster

Also, the Family Museum wishes to congratulate Elyse Calvert on her retirement. Every week for 18 years, Elyse volunteered at the Corner Store, serving guests and sharing stories with children and families. She now has decided to spend more time with her family.

Thank you Elyse for your devout service to the Family Museum and our community. You will be missed!

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Monday-Friday

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Non Emergency: 563-344-4015

Fire Department
Non Emergency: 563-344-4052

Scott Emergency Communication Center
Emergency: Police/Fire/Ambulance 911

Family Museum
563-344-4106

City Council Meetings
City Council holds its regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole meetings are held at 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to the regular meeting and on the fourth Monday of each month, if necessary. All meetings are held at City Hall, 1609 State Street, 2nd floor.

City Offices Closed on the Following Holidays
New Year's, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving, day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

There is no garbage, yard/bulky waste, recycling pick up on the above holidays, except for Good Friday. Check your garbage guide, Channel 9, webpage or Citizen Information E-mail for holiday pickup schedule.

Library
563-344-4175

Building Inspection Services
563-344-4074

Public Works
Garbage, Yard Waste, & Recycling
563-344-4088

Engineering
563-344-4055

Mass Transit
563-344-4085

Building Maintenance
563-344-4065

Parks & Recreation Administration
563-344-4113

Splash Landing
563-344-4124

Life Fitness Center
563-344-4119

Palmer Hills Golf Course
563-332-8296

Community Center
563-344-4112

Economic Development
563-344-4060

Community Development
563-344-4055

Code Enforcement
563-344-4064

Family Museum
Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Library
Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Life Fitness Center
Monday - Thursday 5:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Friday 5:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.