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2016 Fall Bettendorf 101: City Citizen Academy

The academy is a free seven week workshop designed to give an in-depth look at how the City operates through discussions, demonstrations, and site visits. You must be at least 18 years of age and be a Bettendorf resident to attend.

Classes are held on Thursdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m., except for bus tours.

To register, email lhaldeman@bettendorf.org or call 563-344-4033. Please include your name, address, phone number, and email address.

For more information visit the City’s webpage at www.bettendorf.org and click on the link located on the main page.

LED Lights Brighten Up Bettendorf

What could have taken 10 years, the City has completed in a few months, replacing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) streetlights with more efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) streetlights. MidAmerican replaced 1,858 lights at a cost of $185,800.

The estimated annual savings is $46,931 on the operation costs. The project will pay for itself in just under four years and the savings will continue year after year.

If you have questions concerning LED lights, please contact City Administrator Decker Ploehn at 563-344-4007 or MidAmerican Energy customer service at 888-427-5632.

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Single Stream Coming to Bettendorf

The City of Bettendorf is working with the Waste Commission of Scott County to bring single stream recycling to residents.

There is no sorting with single stream; everything goes into one cart. More plastics may be recycled, which means fewer go to the landfill. City staff will pick up recycling every other week and continue to transport recyclables to the Scott Area Recycling Center, which is undergoing major changes to accommodate the new program.

In the next couple of months, educational materials will be mailed to residents, which will include information on new cart delivery, what to do with the old carts, pick up schedule, and which materials can and cannot be recycled. Information can also be found at www.bettendorf.org and www.waste-com.com.
As a long-time resident and having raised two children in the City of Bettendorf, I know we have a great community in which to live, work, and raise a family. We offer an abundance of recreational and cultural opportunities, affordable housing, and a growing economic base.

None of this could happen without a strong budget to support our financially sound city. Earlier this year, the City Council presented a balanced budget for FY 2016/17. Bettendorf continues to realize the benefits of stable revenue streams, substantial residential and commercial growth, and significant levying capacity. We are one of a few Iowa cities with a General Fund levy below the State mandated, $8.10 per $1,000 in valuation limit.

I think I can speak for the City Council when I say, we are very excited about Bettendorf’s downtown/riverfront area. Construction crews are busy preparing local roads and infrastructure for the new I-74 Bridge. The City has committed $14.5 million over the next five years to local projects, which include sewer, storm water, and road improvements.

Between FY 2015/16 and FY 2016/17, the City Council has made nearly $5.5 million available in the Downtown Improvement Fund for development projects such as town square development, riverfront development, major river projects, downtown land acquisition, and projects related to the new land-based casino.

In the summer of 2016, the Isle Casino will open a brand new $60 million land-based casino to complement two hotels, Isle Center, and the QC Waterfront Convention Center. Moving the casino to land will free up space on the riverfront for new and exciting projects.

Bettendorf has experienced significant growth of new and existing businesses. Development around Duck Creek Plaza, including the new Hilton Garden Inn, has increased valuation by over $15 million. Development at 18th Street and 53rd Avenue has seen major growth with eight restaurants, a convenience store, an auto service center, a credit union, and multiple medical facilities. In all, the area has grown by over $66 million in assessed value.

Bettendorf is a growing community. As of the 2010 census, our population was 33,217. The current projections estimate population growth of over 1% annually, with a total population estimated at 43,632 by 2035. This growth has spurred a number of new housing developments. Over the past five years, the City has issued an average of 153 building permits for single family homes. The City has responded to this growth by investing significantly in our Capital Improvement Program to maintain current infrastructure and pave the way for future growth. During the 2016 construction season, the City will spend over $30 million on projects.

Last May, the City Council adopted Premiering Bettendorf, a comprehensive plan to guide how the City grows and develops. The plan lays out a shared vision of the future facilitated by public input. The plan will serve as a guide to decision makers and creates a legal basis for land use regulations. The City is currently in the process of evaluating and rewriting the zoning ordinances to align with the vision set forth in the plan.

I could go on about our wonderful community, if space allowed. However, if you are looking for more information about our City, visit www.bettendorf.org. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook. As always, our doors are open to residents who have comments, concerns, or questions. We invite your participation through calls or attendance at our City Council meetings.

Despite all of the City’s accomplishments to date, the best chapters are yet to be written. There is a bridge to be built, economic growth to be planned, and a downtown/riverfront to be designed. Whether you already call Bettendorf home, or your story with us has not begun, I encourage you to join us as we craft the future of this amazing community together.
**New K-9 Officer for Bettendorf Police**

The Bettendorf Police Department now has a new K-9 Officer, Ringo. Officer Zach Schwarz, who is Ringo’s handler, spent three weeks of training with the dog and both began their duties, as partners, in April.

Ringo is a Belgian Malinois and has been trained to track, find narcotics, perform searches, and recover stolen property. The department chose a Belgian Malinois because of its long life span and a high energy level. Ringo is the second Belgian Malinois that the department purchased.

K-9 Officer Bono, who is also a Belgian Malinois, retired in March after serving the citizens of Bettendorf for 8 1/2 years. Bono and his handler, Detective Josh Paul, have assisted in arresting many drug dealers and have caught several burglars over the last decade. Bono remains with Detective Paul and is enjoying his retirement.

**Forest Grove Park Takes Shape**

Work on the first phase of development for Forest Grove Park is underway and should be completed in time for a July dedication. The first phase includes a parking area, large shelter/restroom, playground, basketball court, and trails. Restoration work on the woodland areas along Spencer Creek continues.

Planning efforts for the next phase are underway, which include grading and development of the Great Lawn area. This multipurpose area will accommodate soccer, flag football, baseball/softball, as well as other diverse special events and activities. Completion date for this phase is scheduled for 2018.

**Body Cams for Police Officers**

Since April of this year, Bettendorf police officers have been wearing body cameras on their uniforms. The department purchased 36 cameras that are worn by patrol, traffic, and special operation officers. For the past few years, the department has been using dashboard cameras and body microphones.

Police Chief Phil Redington adds, “We felt it was time to take advantage of the technology involving law enforcement. The body camera is a valuable tool to help prosecute criminal cases but most important, these cameras assist with transparency and accountability in the department.”

Bettendorf is the first department in the Quad Cities to use body cameras.

If you have questions concerning the cameras, contact Chief Phil Redington at 563-344-4020 or predington@bettendorf.org.

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**Reminder!**

Rental property owners are reminded that all property must be licensed and inspected in order to rent. Failure to do so may result in the structure being vacated and/or a municipal citation may be issued requiring an appearance in Scott County Court.

Business owners are reminded to be compliant with Bettendorf’s City Code Title 3 wherein it states licensing regulations for all wholesale and retail stores, amusements, hotels/motels/bed and breakfasts, solicitors and transient merchants, auctions and auctioneers, closing out or going out of business sales, pawnbrokers and secondhand goods dealers, junk dealers, billposters, tree surgeons, car dealers, and vehicles for hire.

To view City Codes, visit www.bettendorf.org and click on the link located on the main page. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Spencer at mspencer@bettendorf.org or 563-344-4013.
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Don’t Miss the Library’s Summer Reading Program

It’s going to be a busy summer at the Bettendorf Public Library! Summer reading programs for all ages begin May 31 through July 30.

Participants are encouraged to stay mentally and physically fit through reading and other fun activities. Reading over the summer helps kids retain what they learned in school.

**Summer Reading Programs**
- Pre-school-6th, On Your Mark, Get Set…Read!
- 6th-12th, Get In The Game: READ!
- Adults, Exercise Your Mind – Read!

Sign up at www.bettendorflibrary.com or the Library starting May 31.

**Movies in the Park**

Movies in the Park is back! Beginning at dusk, you can watch some of your favorite flicks on a large inflatable screen at Veteran’s Memorial Park, 1645 23rd Street.

Admission is free and open to all ages. Concessions for sale.
For more details, call 563-344-4113.

**Movie Schedule with Sponsors**
- June 4    Inside Out, K&K Hardware
- June 11  Big Hero 6, Friends of Bettendorf Park Foundation
- June 18  Paddington, Family Credit Union
- June 25  Minions, RIA Federal Credit Union

**Funday Monday: Dollar Days!**

Take advantage of Dollar Days and visit the Family Museum. Admission is only $1.00 per person; up to six people in a group.

Dollar Days will take place from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on:
- June 13    July 11
- June 20    July 18
- June 27    July 25

To receive the discounted rate, visit the Family Credit Union website, www.familycu.com, to access the “word of the day” coupon. Present the coupon at the Family Museum and you will be charged $1.00 per person.

For more information, call 563-344-4106.

You can also use the coupon at the following locations:
- Quad City Botanical Center
- Riverside Aquatic Center in Moline
- The First Tee/Red Hawk Golf Course

**Summer Concert Series is Back!**

The Summer Concert Series is back, and better than ever. The Library has extended both the number of concerts and the length of each concert, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Visit Faye’s Field on Thursday nights from June 2 - August 11. Bring chairs or a blanket, maybe dinner or snack, and enjoy free music in a beautiful setting.

Acts already scheduled are the Anthony Catalfano Quartet, Molly Conrad, The Candymakers, Minus Six, Shane Johnson’s Blue Train, Lewis Knudsen, Los Mocambos, and Greg and Rich Acoustic Duo. Once confirmed, the full schedule will be on the Library’s website at bettendorflibrary.com.

Rain location for concert is inside the Library.

Summer Concert Series is sponsored by the Bettendorf Public Library Foundation.
**Tis the Season for Construction**

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is designed to identify the infrastructure requirements of the City and create and manage a timely and cost-effective replacement plan. CIP helps enhance the overall quality of life as it responds to the community’s population growth, along with its housing expansion and economic development. The City has invested significantly in the program, which maintains current infrastructure and paves the way for future development. During the 2016 construction season, the City Council will invest over $30 million on projects such as:

- **Reconstruct sealcoat road on Forest Grove Drive from the west corporate limits to just east of International Drive** - Phase 1 going to Devils Glen Road in 2016 and Phase II from Devils Glen Road to east of International Drive in 2017. When the project is completed in 2017, it will connect to Veteran’s Memorial Parkway in Davenport and extend all the way to the new bridge over I-74 with a 49 foot wide concrete roadway and a 10 foot shared use path on the south side.

- **Middle Road between Devils Glen Road and Spruce Hills Drive** - This is a two-part project with full depth concrete patching, storm sewer improvements, right turn lane at Spruce Hills Drive, and left turn lane at AAA Court being constructed during the first half and the entire project area being resurfaced with an asphalt overlay during the second half. The first half of the project will begin in the summer with the overlay in the fall.

- **18th Street between Avalon Drive and Spruce Hills Drive** – This project is underway with a completion date in August just before school begins. A new 49 foot wide concrete roadway will replace the narrower existing roadway, in addition to the entire intersection at Spruce Hills Drive being reconstructed. Two-way traffic will be maintained at all times during the project.

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The City is modifying its approach to alleys to be able to reconstruct more per year. Previously all alleys were reconstructed with concrete, but due to the high construction costs, that only allowed for one alley completed per year. The City is now moving towards reconstructing existing asphalt alleys with full depth asphalt pavements, which will allow the reconstruction of several more alleys per year, depending on bid prices.

**Public Works has assigned a preliminary ranking of each alley based on pavement type and existing conditions. These rankings are subject to change depending on an annual evaluation by staff. To find out where your alley is on the list, please contact our Engineering Division at 563-344-4088.**

Several recreational trail extensions to be constructed include:
- Spruce Hills Drive between 18th Street and Middle Road
- Middle Road between 53rd Avenue and Hopewell Avenue
- US 67 from Fenno Road to 62nd Street Court

The City is completely reconstructing the following concrete local streets.
- East Crest Avenue between 18th Street and Apple Valley Drive
- Nicholas Court between Stone Haven Drive and the cul-de-sac
- Pepperwood Lane between Crow Creek Road and Charter Oaks Drive
- Plymouth Drive between Amesbury Drive and Greenbrier Drive
- Glenn Court between 21st Street and end of the roadway

The existing pavement will be removed and replaced with a new rock base, subdrain and new concrete pavement.