New Emergency Notification System

The City is no longer using CodeRed as an emergency notification system and is now using Alert Iowa, which is through the Scott County Emergency Management Agency and the State of Iowa.

Alert Iowa is a statewide mass notification and emergency messaging system that can be used by state and local authorities to quickly disseminate emergency information. Alert Iowa will allow citizens to sign up for the types of alerts they would like to receive. Messages can be issued via landline or wireless phone, text messaging, and/or email. If you would like to receive specific alerts issued from the City of Bettendorf, you need to select “Bettendorf” in the community section.

To learn more about Alert Iowa or to sign up for the emergency service, visit www.bettendorf.org and click on the Alert Iowa link located on the main page. If you do not have internet access and need help registering your phone, please call 866-998-9367.

Go All In is a Success!

On August 1, 2016, the City began its new “Go All In” single stream recycling program. New blue recycling carts were delivered to residents, and recycling and bulky waste frequency was upgraded from once every four weeks to every other week collection. Other upgrades include more types of plastics can now be recycled. Also, separation of materials is no longer required, and residents are now able to put all recyclables into their cart.

Now that the program is one year old, how is everything working?

- Bettendorf residents increased recycling tons collected by 34.75% over the previous year.
- Bettendorf residents continue to enthusiastically support the recycling program with over 85% participating.
- The state of the art Materials Recycling Facility is now receiving collected recyclables from other cities and businesses in the area. This helps to lower costs to Bettendorf.
- One year of single stream recycling has saved the following:

  - 203,212 trees
  - 111,918 barrels
  - 83,675,585 gallons

Thank you for your help in making the recycling program a huge success!!

City Offers Citizen Request Application

Bettendorf is now offering YourGOV, a free innovative citizen request application that allows residents to conveniently report non-emergency issues and service requests using the web or a smartphone.

In just a few steps, YourGOV users can submit common issues such as potholes or vandalism, complete with location, details, and photos. Once submitted, YourGOV will automatically deliver requests to city staff. To submit a request or to learn more about the application, visit www.bettendorf.org and click on the YourGov icon located on the main page.

Users of the Apple iPhone can download the free YourGOV iPhone app in iTunes App Store. Users of Android enabled smartphones can download the free app in the Google Play Store.
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Regular City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole begins at 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the City Council meeting and on the fourth Monday of each month, if necessary.

Meetings are held at City Hall/Council Chambers, 1609 State Street.

Recorded meetings can be seen at www.bettendorf.org or Cable Channel 9, check Mediacom for channel.

Mayor’s Message

For over five years, it has been my honor to serve the City of Bettendorf. I have had the privilege to work alongside a devoted City Council and an extremely motivated workforce in the public and private sector. It is the dedication of all involved that brings us to this new chapter in our City’s history.

It’s hard not to notice the many changes taking place throughout our community, from the downtown/riverfront area to the northern part the city, along the I-80 corridor. These projects prove that Bettendorf is a forward thinking community that embraces progress and encourages growth.

Over the past few years, Bettendorf’s downtown has gone through major changes. With the realignment of State and Grant Streets and the demolition of several buildings, including Twin Bridges, the downtown area is primed for new economic development. Since June of 2016, over $112 million has been invested in the downtown.

The construction of The Bridges apartments should begin this fall. The two building apartment complex will be built where the Twin Bridges Motel was located. This multi-family, 135 unit residential complex, will have an urban design, fitting well with the Downtown Master plan. The first phase of the project, which includes one of the two buildings, should be completed next summer.

The area across from the apartment complex will also have a new look. A local developer has acquired the properties and talks are underway to find the best use of that land. What we do know is that this redevelopment will complement the other downtown projects.

The State Street Fire Station and the area in front of City Hall will get a much needed facelift. The fire station expansion will integrate new bays and a more functional workplace. The City Hall plaza, which will have a fountain, seating, and artwork, will be a great place for people to gather during a lunch break or special events.

As you all know, construction on the new I-74 Bridge has begun. The bridge will be more than twice as wide as the existing bridge, providing four lanes in each direction. The bridge construction, which should last 3 1/2 years, is the largest public works project in Iowa and should serve travelers for the next 100 years.

I do have to mention a project that is close to my heart, the 76-acre indoor/outdoor sports facility, BettPlex, which will be located south of Interstate 80, at the corner of Middle Road and Forest Grove Road. It will house an indoor turf field for soccer, lacrosse, baseball, softball, wrestling, and volleyball. There will also be basketball courts, bowling allies, and an entertainment center. It is our hope that this facility will bring in thousands of visitors, hundreds of new jobs, and create new business opportunities. When completed, The BettPlex will be one of the largest indoor/outdoor entertainment sports complexes in the Midwest.

These are a few of our economic development projects and this is just the beginning. I predict amazing changes for Bettendorf in the next 5 to 10 years. We will continue to see housing growth and new development in the northeast corner of the City. There will be more regional sports coming to Bettendorf, which will complement our residential growth. City leaders will continue to invest in our infrastructure, which will support housing and economic development, not only in Bettendorf but the entire Quad Cities. Greater broadband capacity and higher speeds will be available for residents and businesses, making our community more connected. Of course, with the new bridge, our downtown will explode with business and residential growth.

Remember, to visit our website at www.bettendorf.org or follow us on social media to keep up with what is happening in the City of Bettendorf. Of course, the City Council and myself welcome your comments, so do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.
Winter Carnival is Back

Bettendorf will host their annual Winter Carnival event on January 20, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Activities are being offered at the Life Fitness Center, Family Museum, and the Library.

There will be all types of fun activities, from building a snowman (out of food), sled pulls, snow forts, snowball launches, snowman bowling, ice skating on paper plates, pom-pom hockey, making a snow globe and many more ways to enjoy winter and beat cabin fever! Activities will be indoors, and if fresh snow is here, more activities will be held outdoors. Best part, all activities during this Carnival are FREE!!

Family Museum Hosts Winterfest

Winterfest will be held at the Family Museum on Sunday, December 3, from noon - 5:00 p.m.

There will be plenty of wintry and fun activities for all ages. Guests can make a variety of holiday crafts and enjoy a dance performance from the Family Museum Dance Company.

A donation for the food pantry is all you need for admission. Family Museum members will also be asked to make a donation for admission for the day.

Tis the Season Returns this December

Bettendorf’s holiday celebration “Tis the Season” will be held on Sunday, December 10 at the Waterfront Convention Center. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. and entertainment will begin at 1:30 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 Monday, November 13 until Friday, December 1 or until the event is full. Beginning November 13, call 563-344-4000 to RSVP. **No early registrations.**

Celebrate the New Year at the Family Museum

The Family Museum’s Noon Year’s Eve celebration will be held on Sunday, December 31 from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Countdown to 12:00...NOON, that is!

It’s a special New Year’s party for young people. Why try to stay awake until midnight, when you can party all day? There will be music, noise-makers, hats, and confetti - lots and lots of confetti! The Museum will close at 2:00 p.m. on December 31.

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General Information Numbers

City Hall
563-344-4000
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday

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Decker Ploehn
563-344-4007
dploehn@bettendorf.org

Police Department
563-344-4015
Emergency: 911

Fire Department
563-344-4030
Emergency: 911

Family Museum
563-344-4106

Library
563-344-4175

Human Resources
563-344-4009

Economic Development
563-344-4060

Garbage, Yard Waste & Recycling
563-344-4088

Sewer and Garbage Fees
563-344-4003

Community Development
563-344-4100

Code Enforcement
563-344-4064

Building Inspection
563-344-4074

Parks Administration
563-344-4113

Community Center
563-344-4112

Splash Landing
563-344-4124

Life Fitness Center
563-344-4119

Palmer Hills Golf Course
563-332-8296

Election Day
City Election Tuesday, November 7, 2017
7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

City of Bettendorf’s Polling Places
1st Ward/1st Precinct Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State St.
1st Ward/2nd Precinct Mississippi Bend AEA, 729 21st St.
2nd Ward/1st Precinct Cross Point Church, 1330 Spruce Hills Dr.
2nd Ward/2nd Precinct Hope Baptist Church, 1642 Tanglefoot Lane
2nd Ward/3rd Precinct Bettendorf Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr.
3rd Ward/1st Precinct First Baptist Church, 3593 Middle Rd.
3rd Ward/2nd Precinct Bettendorf Library, 2950 Learning Campus Dr.
4th Ward/1st Precinct Bettendorf Family Y, 3800 Tanglefoot Lane
4th Ward/2nd Precinct St. John Vianney Church, 4097 18th St.
5th Ward/1st Precinct Tanglewood Hills Pavilion, 4250 Middle Rd.
5th Ward/2nd Precinct Surrey Heights Fire Station, 5002 Crow Creek Rd.

For more information
scottcountyiowa.com/auditor
Voter’s Hotline: 563-326-VOTE
Since 2002, Quad City Arts has facilitated a rotating public art program in the Quad Cities allowing pieces to be rented for one year with the option to become permanent. The City of Bettendorf has utilized the program since 2008. The sculptures are an affordable way to beautify the community and allow the City to invest in the arts.

In July of this year, six new sculptures were installed using the art program and placed in five new locations around the City for the upcoming year. Each sculpture will have a plaque installed on its base with sculpture details like name, artist, and purchase price. New locations were chosen this year after the existing spots became permanent locations for sculptures. One of the new locations is on private land for the first time as a way to expand the program in Bettendorf. This location is at 1805 State Street in front of Build To Suit’s property.

The art program has allowed the public art scene in Bettendorf to grow. A map of public art in the city can be found on the ‘Discover More’ tab of discoverbettendorf.org.

**Sign Up for Bettendorf 101: City Citizen Academy**

The academy is a free seven week workshop that gives residents an in-depth look at how their City operates through discussions, demonstrations, and site visits. You must be a resident of Bettendorf and be at least 18 years of age.

The City hosts two academies each year, spring and fall. Classes are held on Thursday nights from 6:00-9:00 p.m. with the exception of two 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.

The tentative start date for the 2018 spring academy is Thursday, April 5. To register call 563-344-4033 or email your name, address, phone number, and email address to lhaldeman@bettendorf.org.

**Skating Season is Almost Here**

Frozen Landing Family Ice Rink opens Wednesday, November 22, weather permitting.

The rink, which is located at Middle Road and 23rd Street, is open to all ages and ability levels. There is no charge to skate. Skate rentals are available for $2.00 for both children and adults. Concession will be available for purchase. No hockey is allowed on the rink.

Hours of operation are:
- Monday thru Thursday, Noon - 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, Noon - 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Noon - 6:00 p.m.

These hours may change dependent on the weather.

**Cross Country Skiing at Palmer Hills Golf Course**

Palmer Hills Golf Course will offer groomed cross country skiing trails, weather permitting. Rental equipment including skis, poles, and boots will be available for all ages. The cost of rentals is $5 per hour with $12 daily maximum.

Equipment Rental Hours:
- Monday – Friday 9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

These offerings will be dependent upon a 4” minimum snow pack.
Are You Ready for Winter?

As winter approaches, staff prepares for snow/ice control. The following information will help residents understand their responsibilities during the winter months.

- The city standard for snow/ice control is bare pavement everywhere on public streets within 24 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 are encouraged to remove vehicles from streets to allow crews to push snow to curb. City Code prohibits parking in turnaround areas of cul-de-sacs 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 sidewalks to be cleared of snow/ice within 48 hours of the conclusion of snow event. This means bare surfaces, regardless of how much snow falls or ice accumulates. Any sidewalk over six feet wide is the city’s responsibility to clear. Any sidewalk six feet wide or less is the responsibility of the homeowner. This includes not only sidewalks in front of the home but also in the back of the property and beyond a privacy fence that may surround the backyard. 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 allowed to freeze. De-icing chemicals must be used to control the problem. Residents can be cited.

- 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 or mail may not be delivered.

Questions concerning residents’ responsibilities during winter months, call Public Works at 563-344-4088.

Salt Application Tips for Winter Weather

- You can use sand instead salt 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 any extra salt. 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.

- 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.