City Council Members do not have set office hours at City Hall, but do check and stop in frequently for messages and correspondence.

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City Information

City Council Meetings
City Council holds its regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7 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, 1009 State Street, 2nd Floor.

City Office 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 waste, or bulky waste pick up on the above holidays, except for Good Friday. Check your garbage guide, Channel 9, webpage or Citizen Information E-mail for holiday pick up schedule.

Emergency Notification System
Bettendorf is now utilizing the CodeRED Emergency Alert System as an additional method to notify its residents and businesses of emergencies. When there is an emergency, the City determines which neighborhoods or areas are affected and creates a recorded message that describes the emergency and provides details about what people in those areas should do. Citizens who have opted in to receive these alerts will receive a call, text, or email from the CodeRED system. There is no need to register after opting in.

To sign up for CodeRED alerts, visit the City’s webpage or click on the CodeRED icon located near the bottom of the main page.

Information for Residents
- You have moved or changed your phone number in the last six months
- You have an unlisted phone number
- You use your cell phone as your primary phone number
- You are a business

In addition, you may register your cell phone or work number for back-up so you will still receive the alert if you cannot be reached at home. *Pagers cannot receive CodeRED emergency alerts.

To register your phone number(s), visit the City’s webpage at www.bettendorf.org and click on the CodeRED icon located near the bottom of the main page.

The City of Bettendorf Tests the Civil Defense Sirens on the Second Tuesday of Each Month at 10:00 a.m.
In the event of a tornado warning affecting Scott County, or an actual tornado sighting by law enforcement in Scott County, the sirens will be activated. This activation will trigger the sirens and they will run for a number of minutes.

If you hear the sirens, immediately take shelter, tune to a local news channel, and listen to your NOAA weather/all hazards radio. There is no provision to sound an all-clear siren after an event. If you hear another siren, immediately take shelter again, tune to a local news channel, and listen to your NOAA weather/all hazards radio.

General Information Numbers
City Hall
563-344-4000
Community Center
563-344-4012
Building Inspection Services
563-344-4074
Police Department
563-344-6011
Spleen Landing
563-344-4124
Public Works
563-344-6013
Fire Department
563-344-6012
Golf Course
563-344-6005
Public Health
563-344-6032
Engineering
563-344-6005
Family Museum
563-344-6015
Palm Trees
563-344-6003
City Hall
563-344-4016
Library
563-344-6014
Economic Development
563-344-4005
Parks & Recreation Administration
563-344-6113
Building Maintenance
563-344-4005

If you are interested in keeping with city news and events, sign up for the citizen information e-mail by going to the City’s webpage at www.bettendorf.org and clicking on the link located on the main page.

Watch Council Meetings, Board of Adjustment, Planning and Zoning, Park Board, and Bettendorf Now on the City’s webpage. Click on Government Button for meetings and the Public Information button and the Channel 9 link for Bettendorf Now.

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Mayor’s Message
Earlier this year, the City of Bettendorf hosted a public information meeting regarding our budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Some of the highlights from the meeting included the City’s financial outlook. Research shows that our financial outlook for the next fiscal year remains stable despite the recent downturn in our national economy. In May of last year, the City’s bond rating was upgraded from Aa3 to aa1. It has taken over 10 years for the City’s bond rating to rise to this mark. This is a very good news. I am pleased to say we will begin the new fiscal year with a balanced budget, with no increase to the levy and a slight increase in the garbage fees. Monthly fee changes range from 17 cents per month to 43 cents per month.

Other highlights I would like to mention begin with the Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center. After a successful grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony, the convention center opened its doors to the public. This beautiful building is not only a much-needed asset to our downtown, but to the Quad Cities area.

In cooperation with Metro Link and Downtown Cliffside, Bettendorf Transit will operate a limited stop, seamless Riverfront Connector. Bettendorf has taken the lead on this project withsubmitting an IAC Grant application to purchase buses and provide operating funds for this 9 year project. The route for the bus will connect the Convention Center and Cliffside project areas and cross two bridges into both towns and interstate 255. This project will not only help travelers arrive at their destination but also market the Quad Cities as a single metropolitan area.

Over the past months, the City purchased 22 acres of land at I-80 and Middle Road. In cooperation with the Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center and with the adjacent property owner, allows the city to market roughly 120 acres for a corporate office park. You can read more about this exciting new development in the next issue of our newsletter.

Then, we are planning to spend more time outside. The new recreation trails along Middle Road 33rd Street, Mississippi Riverfront, and Duck Creek will give residents a place to bike, roll, roll, run, walk, or sit.

We all know Bettendorf is a wonderful place to live, work, and play. I look forward to meeting with you in the future and to continue to serve as a leader to our community. Let’s all enjoy and continue to strive to be a premier city. A city where we can build a prosperous, productive, and healthy year.

City Council's Policy Action Items for 2009
Top Priority
- I-80 Middle Road Development
- City Finance: Analysis and Budget Guidelines/Directives
- New Major Parks Land Acquisition
- Snow Removal and Salt Evaluation and Directives
- Assessments: Evaluation, Directions, and Actions

High Priority
- Eagles Building: Directions and Actions
- Stormwater Management: Direction and Actions
- Downtown Streetscape: Plan and Actions
- Design Standards for Downtown: Riverfront
- Fire Staffing: Direction and Funding (Budget Discussion)

Moderate Priority
- Stafford Creek Stormwater Detention Facilities Reassessment, and Direction
- Downtown Master Plan and Vision
- Quad City Development Group: Participation and Funding
- Transit Service: Evaluation, Directions, and Funding
- Valley Drive: Direction and Funding
The Blue Man Group’s Travelling Exhibit

The Blue Man Group’s first travelling exhibit, Making Waves, will appear at the Family Museum, June 26 - September 20. The 3,000 square foot exhibit, supported by JBL and the Family Museum Foundation is designed to bring together science and art. The whole family will travel through a multi sensory exploration of sound.

Swing into Golf Festival at Palmer Hills Golf

For the 2009 season, the Palmer Hills Golf Course is offering the Titanium Ticket! The cost of this ticket is $75 and includes golf on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at any time, or Thursday and Friday after 12:00 p.m. It is also available Saturday and Sunday any time. The ticket is a great way to play every Monday through Friday and after 12:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The ticket is valid for 2009 and will allow golfers to play anytime Monday through Friday and after 11:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday for the sun down rate for all including residents. This is one way to help you stretch those dollars. Sign up for a free round of golf at www.palmerhillsgolf.com.

Splash Landing

Splash Landing Family Aquatic Center season begins Monday, May 25. Rates include 66 for daily admission and 6 for swimming. Splash Landing is open Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. It is also open Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration for the Learn-to-Swim program begins Wednesday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m. The Family YMCA offers swimming lessons for all ages and skill levels. Splash Landing also offers birthday parties in the toddler area and an entire facility rental for larger groups!

Multi Use Trails Update

The new master plan for the Complete Middle Road and 33rd Street area has already created a lot of excitement. These new trails will provide a much greater connectivity for the rapidly growing northeast section of Bettendorf. In addition, the new trails will provide a much greater connectivity for the rapidly growing northeast section of Bettendorf. In addition, the new trails will provide a much greater connectivity for the rapidly growing northeast section of Bettendorf. In addition, the new trails will provide a much greater connectivity for the rapidly growing northeast section of Bettendorf. In addition, the new trails will provide a much greater connectivity for the rapidly growing northeast section of Bettendorf. In addition, the new trails will provide a much greater connectivity for the rapidly growing northeast section of Bettendorf. In addition, the new trails will provide a much greater connectivity for the rapidly growing northeast section of Bettendorf. In addition, the new trails will provide a much greater connectivity for the rapidly growing northeast section of Bettendorf. In addition, the new trails will provide a much greater connectivity for the rapidly growing northeast section of Bettendorf.

What is Your Role in a Sustainable Community

One of the City Council’s goals focuses on the management and development of the environment, which involves finding the concept into the context of a sustainable community. A sustainable community is continually building upon the past in the pursuit of the future, while still preserving the environment. A simple, yet effective method of being part of a sustainable community is through the use of rain gardens. Beyond its use for stormwater control, the rain garden provides aestheticly pleasing landscaping and a natural habitat for birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects.

Keep your rain garden looking healthy is the most important part of its maintenance and care. It's important to keep plants growing by cutting the flowers after a plant is finished blooming and keep the garden weeded especially the first couple of years when native plants are establishing. Native plants spend much of their energy establishing deep root systems so expect a bit of an "ugly ducking" this first year or two. Usually in year two and on, once the garden has stabilized, native plants will develop into a "swan" and will put up a spectacular show of color and texture. Once established, your rain garden shouldn’t require much maintenance.

A few other maintenance items to watch for are:

1) Water standing for more than 12-24 hours
2) Vegetation has died and needs replacing
3) Erosion is visible on the garden, the cut slope, the floor of the rain garden, or where the rain garden outlet(s) overflows
4) A low spot has developed on the berm due to settling

For more information about rain gardens, call Public Works Coordinator Patty Copeland at 563/344-6184.