The entire Quad Cities area complies with this policy.

There is no garbage, yard waste, recycling, or bulky waste pick up on 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, 1609 State Street, 2nd floor.

New Year’s, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents’ Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving, day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

There is no garbage, yard waste, recycling, or bulky waste pick up on Mondays or Fridays between New Year’s and Easter. City Hall is closed on New Year’s, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents’ Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving, day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

The City of Bettendorf tests the outdoor warning sirens on the following

For now, the City Council has decided to keep the outdoor warning sirens on. The proposed cost associated with this decision is approximately $3,000. This includes the cost of the siren itself, installation, and any additional necessary system upgrades. The City has performed an analysis based on the frequency and intensity of events that would require sirens to be activated. The analysis considered factors such as the number of residents and businesses in the area, potential hazards, and the need for public safety. Based on this analysis, the City Council determined that the outdoor warning sirens are necessary for public safety and should continue to be in operation.
The Family Museum’s WinterFest

What's Happening Around the City

Family Museum’s WinterFest
Study Done on City Sidewalks

This past summer, the City of Bettendorf hired an intern to assist with an investigation into establishing recommendations for standards relating to sidewalks, separated trails, and filling in areas of sidewalk gaps. Matt Potter, a student at the University of Dubuque, was hired for a 10-week period, to begin July 1, 2009, in order to develop recommendations.

In August, a presentation was made to the City Council by Matt and Parks and Recreation Director Steve Grimes that showed an inventory of sidewalk gaps in Bettendorf and explained the rationale for the prioritization of installing sidewalks in those gaps. Additional chapters were developed for residential, collector, arterial street sidewalks, separated trails, and bike lanes. Matt worked with staff to develop policies and recommend design guidelines and used engineering square footage cost estimates to develop estimates for each section of sidewalk.

A proposal to increase funding for the maintenance of existing and the development of new sidewalks, separated trails, and bike lanes was included in the Community Improvement Plan for future years. Those funds would be allocated to the City’s proposed 10-year budget plan. The goal is to form a city-wide system of sidewalks, separated trails, and bike lanes that will connect parks, schools, businesses, and recreational areas in a safe and efficient manner.

As a part of the plan, a recommendation was made to consider converting 18th Street from a four-lane to a three lane street, with a center turn lane and bike lanes on both sides. In addition, the sidewalks along 18th Street would be widened to 6 ft, as funding permits, to better accommodate pedestrians and recreational cyclists that are not comfortable using bike lanes.

The conversion of 18th Street would provide additional benefits, such as traffic calming, increased safety, and enhanced multi-user access.

Details of the presentation and recommendations are on the City website, www.bettendorf.org.

Noon Year’s Eve at the Family Museum

Join the fun as the Family Museum celebrates Noon Year’s Eve on December 31 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Adults enjoy New Year’s Eve fun at night, while kids get to celebrate the arrival of 2010 during the daylight hours.

Facilities will include art activities for the whole family, a countdown to 12 p.m. with noisemakers, confetti, and a toast to the new year at 12:00, followed by a New Year’s Eve party.

Registration is required. To register call 563-344-400.

Registration deadline is 5 p.m. on December 3.

This event is sponsored by the Scott County Regional Authority and the City of Bettendorf.

City’s Storm Water Update

The City of Bettendorf is still actively pursuing ways to improve storm water quality. Residents are encouraged to retain as much storm water on their property as possible. Construction of rain gardens and bioswales are two examples of development that onDevelopments can be included with paid admission or membership.

Library Outreach Available for the Homebound

With winter approaching, it may be harder for Bettendorf seniors to get out of the house. The Library’s Outreach Program is available for Bettendorf residents who cannot visit the Library in person. Mark Fitkin, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, makes visits to homebound patrons, providing library materials to indi-viduals and retirement facilities within Bettendorf city limits. This service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and there are no fees or notifications of materials delivered. Recipients of Outreach services can be permanently on our homebound list and can be any age. Contact Mark at mlfitkin@bettendorf.org or 563-344-4187 to answer requests for outreach.

Field Site Greenway Project Takes Shape

Bettendorf’s Park Board has a strong tradition of providing quality services and facilities to the residents. In 2003, the Park Board acquired the approximate 16-acre Field Site Creek Greenway corridor for the purpose of establishing a recreational trail and neighborhood park. This acquisition provided the opportunity to address local recreational needs while responding to broader issues of watershed management, stream corridor protection and enhancement, and community education and awareness.

With the support of a local developer, a first-of-its-kind watershed study was completed for the 450-acre Field Site Creek Watershed. This study recommended innovative and environmentally sensitive approaches to land development.

The first portion of the Field Site Greenway Project was completed in the spring of 2008, which included reducing the area’s non- vegetative plant and tree removal, and reducing the lower two-thirds of the driveway and parking area to a 60 foot green strip. This project is now complete, and this year the parking lot, signs, and final landscaping were completed.

A Senior Holiday Event

The City of Bettendorf will host the 11th “The Season’s” winter celebration, on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at the Waterfront Convention Center, 2101 5th Avenue Southeast, Bettendorf, Iowa.

Seniors 60 and older are invited to this free event and refreshments. This event is free and open to all Quail City seniors.

Registration will begin with opening remarks from Mayor Mike Freemire. City Administrator Decker Ploehn will host the City Council and city staff will share highlights of the past year. The event will include musical entertainment, dancing, and refreshments.

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Field Site Greenway

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