Summer Issue

Volume 1 Issue 39 **June 2014**

Inside this issue:

Water Quality Report.....1
Trails Update.....1
ART DAY.....1
Council Minutes.....2
Zoning Permits Required.....2
Garbage Reminder.....2
Contact Information.....2

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report for the Wahpeton Water Supply. The report is designed to inform you about the quality of water we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you, the customer, with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

The enclosed report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is surface water and is drawn from West Lake Okoboji in the area of Manhattan Beach. Wahpeton Water Supply is also connected to Milford Municipal Utilities (MMU) via a 6" water main along Hwy. 86. This connection is used for emergencies and high usage periods in the summer months.

The City of Wahpeton will be closed on Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Rest easy with Automatic Payment

No more rushing to the post office to send in you utility bill payment! With Automatic Payment our utility bill is automatically deducted from your bank account each due date. It's fast, easy and FREE. Call City Hall today to get set up.

DICKINSON COUNTY TRAILS

By Jean Martin, Executive Director

Good News! At their June meeting, the Trails Board decided to go forward this year with the construction of the trail from 175th to 180th Streets along Highway 86. Work will begin mid-August, after the six month comment period for the pollution permit has concluded. It is possible that the trail may be paved this year, or, instead, all drainage, pipe work and dirt work done this year and paving first thing during next year's construction season. The Trails Board received a $50,000 grant from the Okoboji Foundation to assist in the cost of this project, and the City of Wahpeton is a major supporter.

Get your tickets now for the Summer of Love BIKE FEST, the Trails Fundraiser on Friday, July 18 at the Okoboji Classic Car Museum in West Okoboji. $100 per person includes complementary cocktails, all the great hits from the 60's and 70's plus hip food selections from Yesterdays. For tickets, call 712-332-2996.

Other Trails projects this summer include a trail along Pioneer Beach Road, from Highway 9 to the Fish Hatchery, and a loop on the Railroad bed from Peoria Ave just north and east of Hy-Vee to the spine trail at 15th St. We are also concluding the purchase of the IANW RR bed from just west of Superior to Allendorf, and planning for the renovation of RR structures along the ROW to be trail-ready. In future years, the over 40-mile Rail Trail will be constructed.

Trail projects in the preliminary, planning and analysis stage include East Lake, along the east side from Elinor Bedell Park to Bridges Bay; and projects on the northeast side of Big Spirit Lake to connect the current trail that ends at 125th St to the beautiful DNR Yarnes Wildlife Management area.

Maintenance – patching and sealing - has been performed on trails from the Art Center to the Nature Center, north through East Okoboji Slough and to 125th Street on the east side of Big Spirit. Other maintenance is performed as needs arise.

A big Trails Thank You to the City of Wahpeton and its residents for support of the Trails over the years!!

ART DAY in Wahpeton

Pearson Lakes Art Center is hosting an "Art Day" at Fontanelle Park (located between Jerdee Lane and Joy Loy) in Wahpeton on Saturday, July 26th from 10 am —1 pm. *(If raining it will be held at Wahpeton City Hall, 1201 Dakota Drive)*

Students of any age (that means adults too!) will enjoy and benefit from the experience of acrylic paint decorating commercially-made terra cotta flower pots. With the flower pots as their canvas, students can experiment and create to the limits of their imaginations and their creativity. Demonstrations on designs will be instructed—or if you would like to come up with an idea of your own we are here to assist you with that process! Make a terra cotta pot beautiful by painting it with acrylic paint! Several techniques will be shown including how to apply and create brush strokes, make different floral designs, and also how to use painters tape to make different patterns!

Open to families and all ages (3+); takes approx. 1 hr. to complete and cost is $10 per participant (1 pot per person or you can share). Reservations and payment can be made by calling and sending payment to:

Pearson Lakes Art Center
2201 Hwy 71 PO Box 255
Okoboji, IA 51355
712-332-7013

For any questions regarding the workshop contact Holly Zinn, Education Director
712-332-7013 ext. 101
or at holly@lakesart.org

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm
Thursdays 10am-9pm
Sunday 12pm-3pm

Council Clips:

Minutes are published in the Dickinson County News, posted at City Hall & Kazarelli's Restaurant . Complete copies are available from City Hall or on our Website at: **www.wahpetonia.govoffice.com**

April 14, 2014:

- Council reviewed the City's General/ Property Insurance policy & Bond info.
- Public Hearing and first reading of proposed Ordinance #152—2014 Zoning Ordinance—Chapter 165.
- Approved Resolution 14-5—A Resolution of support for Dickinson Co. to affiliate with Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund as a participating county.
- Approved street repairs estimated at $36,229.50.

May 12, 2014:

- Council approved the 2nd reading of proposed Ordinance #152.
- Council discussed a dock permit issue on Hiawatha Beach.
- Approved Resolution 14-6—Resolution approving the public purpose policy for expenditure of funds for flowers, plants, and sustenance supplies.

June 9, 2014:

- Jim Keck with the DC Bike Trail presented a proposal to DNR for another trail along Edgewood Dr. and Harpen St.
- Council talked with Lucas Billesach from JEO Consulting Group about options for a larger water tower.
- Council approved the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance #152.
- Council approved Resolution #14-7 changing the Zoning permit fee to $50.
- Council approved installing a drive-over curb & gutter along Lakeside Drive & Iowa Avenue.

Office Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.

City Clerk/Administrator: Bonnie Roberts
Supt. of Public Works: Doug Hanna
Streets & Zoning: Dennis Clark
Council Meeting: 2nd Mon. of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Mayor: Frank Joenks
Councilmen: Brad Jones, Tom Rierson, Phil Johnson, Harold Prior & Steve Feld
Board of Adjustment: 3rd Thurs. of the month at 6:00 p.m.
Chairman: Wanda Nelson
Members: Colin Jensen, Tom Malmgren, Jerry Edwards & Jack Jones
Planning & Zoning Commission: 2nd Tues. of the month at 6:00 p.m.
Chairman: Donna Harris
Members: Tom Hart, Fran Parrish, Mark Foss & LeAnn Blau.

City Hall Information

1201 Dakota Drive
Milford, IA 51351
Phone: (712) 337-3522
Fax: (712) 337-0339
Email: wahpeton@qwestoffice.net Web: www.wahpetonia.govoffice.com

ZONING PERMITS REQUIRED

Buildings or other structures including signs, decks, fences and at grade cement patios shall not be erected, moved, added to, or structurally altered without a permit issued by the Zoning Administrator. The permits are issued in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 165, or upon written order from the Board of Adjustment.

Zoning permits shall be null and void if the purpose for which the permit is issued is not commenced within six (6) months from the date of issuance. Buildings and structures for which a zoning permit is issued shall be weather-tight and substantially completed within one(1) year from the date of issuance of the permit. Weather-tight shall mean a solid roofing surface and solid walls or siding over the basic subsurface and framing of such building or structure. Furthermore, substantially complete will be determined by the Zoning Administrator, but in most circumstances means completion in excess of 90 percent complete. Such buildings and structures that are not weather tight or substantially completed within the specified timeframe, as determined by the Zoning Administrator, shall need to apply for an extension from the Zoning Administrator or the original permit shall be voided. If voided due to timeframe violations, the owner or developer will be subject to a zoning violation in accordance with Section 165.16 of this ordinance. No site of any structure or proposed structure shall be altered without approval of the Zoning Administrator.

REMINDER: As you start those summer projects, remember to place your 911 address on your home and/or storage shed where it is visible and easy to read from the street for emergency responders.

Also, remember to check into building permits and zoning ordinances before you begin a project.

Help us to help you

We would like to have current contact information on file in the event of an emergency such as the recent storms. Several people called me to contact their neighbors of trees down or damage to their homes. I called several disconnected numbers and had a hard time locating some home owners. If you have never given us your information, or changed your home phone, cell phone, or email — **PLEASE contact City Hall or write it on the enclosed bill before mailing it back with your payment.**

Not only storm damage, but we have notified owners of water leaks, fires, vandalism or garage doors open for several days with no one home. Those people were all thankful - we just want to be ready if it would ever happen to your home.

Garbage Reminder:

Garbage pickup days are Tuesdays & Saturdays. Please have your container at the curb by 7 a.m.

The City no longer requires residents to use the clear City of Wahpeton garbage bags. You may use any bags you wish but we do ask that you continue to use something to line your trash cans to keep them clean and odor free.

After the recent storms we noticed several residents putting tree limbs, sticks and leaves in their garbage can. The can is for trash only and if Town & Country sees yard debris in your container they will not dump it. Yard debris should be taken to the DC Recycling Center located 1/2 mile east on 13th Street (A34) from its intersection with Hwy. 71 in Milford. Currently there hours are 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday thru Friday.

As a reminder per Chapter 165.02.64 of the Wahpeton Code of Ordinances, residential homes in Wahpeton cannot be rented or leased for any period less than one month. To do so is a municipal violation punishable by a $500 fine per occurrence.