



LEISURE SERVICES MONTHLY MINUTE

JUNE 2020

June Happenings & Highlights

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, events within the City of Waverly are ever changing. At this time, the best way to view current events is to visit the City of Waverly website at:

www.waverlyia.com/events

CITY OF WAVERLY LEISURE SERVICES FACILITIES RE-OPENING WITH CAUTION

On Monday, June 1, all City Playgrounds and the Skate Park were re-opened. Social distancing practices will continue to be in place. Park users are asked to please not gather in groups over 10. Restrooms and drinking fountains will be cleaned daily. Shelters will be cleaned and trash removed daily, however shelters and playground equipment will not be sanitized.

We are now accepting shelter reservations for dates after July 1.

Waverly City Hall and Civic Center will continue to be closed to the public until further notice. Staff will be available by phone or email to keep services functioning. **We are now accepting Civic Center reservations for dates after July 1.** We will continue to follow mandates from the Federal, State, and local government in regards to social distancing and gathering size.

The Rail Trail, Dog Park, and Harlington Cemetery will continue to be open as normal. Social distancing will be encouraged and practiced. Cemetery lot inquiries can be addressed by calling 319-352-6263.

The Waverly Municipal Golf Course is now open as normal. The Pro Shop is open as normal at 50% capacity, social distancing practices will continue to be in place. Rented golf carts will continue to be sanitized with bleach-based products.

The Waverly Swimming Pool is currently closed. A decision will be made by July 1 in regards to opening or closing the pool for the season. We are not accepting any pool party reservations or selling pool passes at this time.

NOTICE:

All Memorial Day decorations that are not placed on concrete foundations or on flower stands must be removed by Friday, June 19. All flowers left after this date will be removed and kept at the cemetery shop until Monday, July 6 and then discarded if not claimed.

For more information, call 319-352-6263



AMPHITHEATRE FRESHENED UP

Thanks to a grant received from the Bremer County Community Foundation, the Amphitheatre got a fresh coat of stain this spring.

2020 Trees for Kids Spring Planting a Success!

During the week of May 12-15, approximately 64 adults and kids teamed up with the City of Waverly staff and Trees Forever Volunteers to plant 88 trees along Waverly's streets, parks, and public spaces. This effort was a project made possible by the City of Waverly being awarded a Trees for Kids Grant through the Iowa DNR.

Before planting, teams learned the positive environmental impacts and overall importance of trees, as well as, how to properly plant the trees.

The City of Waverly would like to thank everyone who volunteered for this project. Additional funding for the trees and supplies came from Trees Please (A Mid-American Energy grant), Waverly Utilities, and Waverly Trees Forever.



On a "normal" summer day the Waverly Municipal Swimming pool would be filled and the sounds of splashing and children playing would fill the air. Normally, Abby Wilcox would be found walking the deck of the pool.

Abby began spending her summers at the pool as a Lifeguard in 2011 and through the years she has worked her way up to Pool Manager. Abby grew up in Waverly, and started working at the outdoor pool after her junior year of high school. Since then, she has completed two degrees at the University of Iowa, she holds a BA in Elementary Education and MA in Teaching, Leadership, and Cultural Competency, and has earned a total of 4 aquatic certifications. During the school year, she lives in Ankeny where she teaches 7th grade pre-algebra. In her free time, Abby enjoys traveling to see family and friends, rooting for the Hawkeyes or the Cyclones, playing volleyball, and relaxing by watching a movie with a big bowl of popcorn.

One thing Abby loves about being a lifeguard is watching kids go down the green slide for the first time. It is always fun to watch their nerves turn into giant smiles when they get to the bottom. Almost every kid asks the adult watching if they can go a second time! When she's in the basket room, she enjoys seeing familiar faces return to the pool each year. She always tries to see how many first and last names she still has memorized from the previous pool season when people sign up for their new season pass.

Each pool season, Abby looks forward to the changes being made to improve the pool experience for community members and pool staff. Tab Ray always said a pool should be "clean, safe, and fun", so her goal each year is to continue to make the pool a cleaner, safer, and a fun place for everyone.

Abby's favorite place in Waverly is obviously the pool! She has spent literally every summer of her life going to the outdoor pool either as a patron or employee. If she had to choose another favorite spot in Waverly, she would pick Hickory Heights Park. When she was a kid, she used to ride her scooter or bike to the park and play with her friends. The park has changed a lot over the years, but it is still fun to go back every once in awhile to enjoy the swings or walk by to see the next generation enjoying the park with their friends like she did.

Unfortunately, this has not been a "normal" summer for the pool. A decision will be made July 1 as to open the pool or not for 2020. If we are able to open, you will certainly see Abby ready to welcome patrons for another fun season, no matter how short it may be.

MEET *Abby Wilcox*

