

LEISURE SERVICES MONTHLY MINUTE SUMMER 2021

















GETTING DIRTY IN YEAR Waverly Trees Forever Celebrates 30th Anniversary in 2021

Trees Forever began in 1991 as an effort by Waverly Utilities (formerly Waverly Light and Power) to promote trees for energy efficiency. Waverly Utilities provides annual financial support to Trees Forever. Waverly Trees Forever in cooperation with Waverly Leisure Services Department and Waverly-Shell Rock School Science Club, pursues grants and accepts donations and memorials. Over the past years, every city park and school in Waverly has benefited from Waverly Trees Forever. Projects include the Golf Course, Cemetery, Bremwood, Bartels Lutheran Home, Wartburg College, many streets and boulevards, as well as several other non-public areas.

The 30th Anniversary celebration began with the annual W-SR Science Club Tree Sale through March. In April Waverly was recognized as a Tree City USA awardee for the 30th year. Also, this spring the RISE Agency at Wartburg helped Waverly Trees Forever develop publicity materials and planning for future promotions. These materials were used to promote public volunteerism for Arbor Day and Earth Day.

On May 12th Trees Forever volunteers gathered with students from W-SR Middle School and planted nearly 115 trees throughout the community. This project was made possible by Waverly Trees Forever being awarded grants from Trees for Kids through the Iowa DNR and MidAmerican Energy's Trees Please. Before planting the students learned the positive environmental impacts and overall importance of trees, as well as how to properly plant a tree.

Following the Trees for Kids planting, volunteers gathered at the W-SR High School to plant a tree to commemorate Waverly Trees Forever 30th year the Science Club Tree Sale and Trees Forever partnership.

On May 18th students joined Waverly Trees Forever volunteers in a project to mulch around trees in various locations throughout Waverly.

On June 2nd Waverly Trees Forever and other volunteers joined forces with Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community with a tree planting project to replace Ash trees that had been removed.

The celebration will continue in July at Waverly Heritage Days! Volunteers will be seen in the parade on Saturday, July 17th. In addition, the public will be invited to participate in a Facebook like, share and comment challenge. From 12:00 am on Saturday, July 10th through 12:00 am on Saturday, July 17th everyone that likes, shares, and comments on the pinned post on the Waverly Trees Forever Facebook page @waverlytreesforever will be entered into a drawing for a \$300 gift certificate to Tiedt Nursery. The winner will be announced from on the main stage at Waverly Heritage Days later that day. Also, look forward to a formal celebration this fall in Adam's Parkway. More details on this to come later this summer. Waverly Trees Forever would like to thank the community and the many volunteers who have helped keep this organization going for 30 years. We look forward to continuing the mission to plant, maintain, and educate people about trees in Waverly.



PLACES TO PLACES TO ROLLING MEADOWS PARK

Rolling Meadows Park is a 2 acre public park situated in a City easement behind the homes on Robertson Road and Meadow View Lane, with access from the street.

The park currently features playground equipment, swings, beautiful landscaping, a full basketball court, and a large grassy open area. In 2004, Waverly Trees Forever planted trees in the park.

Recently the residents surrounding the park requested some upgrades. Thanks to a collaboration with the neighborhood residents, Waverly Leisure Services and a grant from the Bremer County Community Foundation, the park will be getting those upgrades yet this summer.

The project will include replacing the two basketball systems with new and modern systems, as well as adding lining and a removable net for a pickle ball court. This project is just another example of the benefits of working together to make Waverly a great place to play!



MEET TREY ECKENROD



Trey Eckenrod has been one of our pool concessions employees since 2016, and since 2019 he has been the Concessions Manager.

Trey has grown up in Waverly, graduating from W-SR in 2020. He is currently a student at the University of Iowa pursuing a degree in computer science and engineering. He is very interested in the world of technology, but also enjoys many outdoor activities and sports. Some of Trey's hobbies include hiking, rock climbing, basketball, weightlifting, frisbee golf, spike ball, music and programming.

One thing he likes most about his position at the pool is forming relationships with his co-workers and members of the community. He looks forward to growing as a communicator this season and giving the best possible experience to patrons at the pool.

In addition to the pool, one of Trey's favorite places in Waverly is The W. If you happen to visit the Waverly Pool this summer, be sure to say hi to Trey in the concessions area. He has been a fantastic addition to our staff!



The Waverly Pool is having a "splash" of a season! We are seeing record attendance! Although our staff is limited, we have some great life guards who are working extra hard to keep our Waverly swimmers safe.

Just a quick reminder about our closing policy in the event of inclement weather.

Water & air temperature must be above 70 ° and there must be at least 15 patrons for 20 minutes.

If either of these are not met, we may close the pool for part of or all of a day.

Pool closure information will be posted on the City of Waverly Facebook page @CityofWaverlyIA