

June 2025

# LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Monthly Minute

### Community Sharing Gardens



Beautiful weather.

Lots of helping hands.

Spring planting day at the Community Sharing Gardens was a success!



## Plant Kindness

GROW COMMUNITY

Volunteering opportunities available throughout the growing season:

**Tuesdays 6-8pm  
and**

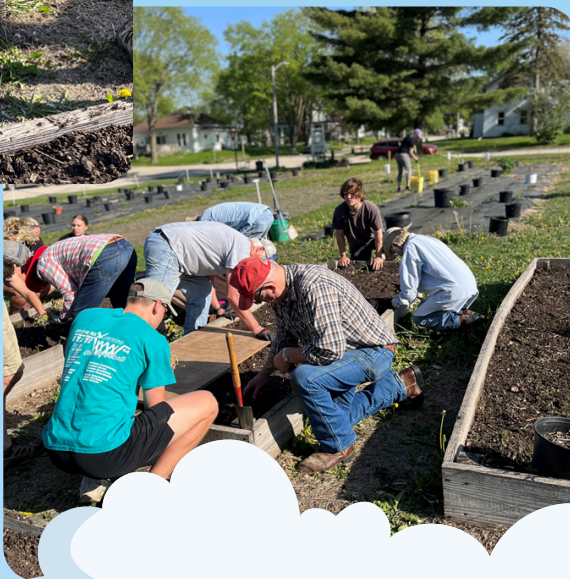
**Saturdays 8-10am**

### Questions?

Contact Ron Lenth,  
Iowa State Extension  
and Outreach  
319-882-4275

### Winter Injured Grass

You may have noticed areas around town and maybe even in your own back yard where the grass is looking a little thin. This past winter was unusually dry and harsh, contributing to what experts call "winter injury" — a condition that affects newly established and even mature turfgrass. We understand that a well-kept cemetery and parks are a sign of respect for loved ones and the community. We sincerely thank our residents and visitors for their patience and understanding during this time, and we ask for continued support as we work through these challenges. More info on winter injury can be found by scanning the QR code:



## City of Waverly Offices Closed



on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

-AND-

Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

in Observance of Juneteenth and  
Independence Day



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## Memorial Day Decorations

Harlington Cemetery always looks extra beautiful this time of year as people place flowers and memorials throughout the cemetery for their loved ones who have passed. We wish *all* memorials could stay year-round, but it is not feasible for maintenance. As a reminder, all Memorial Day decorations at Harlington Cemetery that are *not placed on concrete foundations or on a monument* must be removed by **Monday, June 16, 2025**. All ground decorations left after this date will be removed and kept at the cemetery shop until **Tuesday, July 1, 2025**, and then discarded if not claimed.



## Municipal Pool Update

We're excited to announce that City Council has officially approved Woodruff Construction as the general contractor for the NEW Aquatic Center Project.

With this approval, construction is slated to begin in June with completion by the 2026 swimming season.

This marks a major step forward in bringing our community an updated, more accessible aquatic facility.

## Meet Part of the Team



As of late April, Waverly Leisure Services is proud to welcome **Chris Stafford** as our newest Cemetery Maintenance staff. Chris is quickly gaining experience as he has helped with 9 burials in the first 3 weeks employed. To put that in perspective, the City has averaged 5 burials per month for the last 5 years.

Chris and his wife, Meganne, were both born and raised in Waverly. Together, they have two kids, August and Ava. Chris graduated from Simpson College in 2007 with a degree in Sports Administration. He enjoys fishing, golfing, cooking and BBQ and working on the house and yard. You can find Chris riding his Harley or cruising "the strip" in his 1969 Chevy Caprice that his own Grandpa bought new in Allison, IA.

Chris feels honored to help care for Harlington Cemetery while supporting his community through his role with the City.

*Chris's attention to detail and ability to integrate new information makes him a great addition to the team.*

**Welcome**

On Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, WSR middle schoolers and staff gathered with Waverly Trees Forever members, Tiedt Nursery staff, Waverly Utilities, City staff, and volunteers at Prairie West Elementary to accomplish the latest tree planting project. Along with their beauty, these 51 trees will provide shade and energy efficiency for many years to come.

This project was made possible by contributions from Waverly Utilities, WSR Science Club, Waverly Trees Forever, Tiedt Nursery, WSR Schools, private donations and WSR Middle Schoolers' willingness to learn.

**THANK YOU!**

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## Prairie West Tree Planting