

City of Underwood NEWSLETTER

May 2023



CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Saturday, June 3

City will advertise in the Council Bluffs Nonpareil. Put balloons out or a marker. Begins 8 a.m.

Newsletter Sign-Up

Please provide your email address to City Hall to receive newsletters after this issue. Newsletters will NOT be mailed moving forward.

JUNKWOOD

Saturday, June 10

Sponsored by Friends of Underwood.
3rd Street from Railroad Highway to 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue in front of UMBA.
8 a.m to 3 p.m.

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NEWS AND NEW PROJECTS

Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors Present \$125,000 forgivable loan to City of Underwood



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: MITCH KAY, BRIAN SHEA, DENNIS BARDSLEY, BOB DOSE, TIM WICHMAN.

On April 21, the Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors presented the City of Underwood with a check for \$125,000.00

Waste Water Treatment Plant

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is in the process of reviewing the lagoon system outfall to the creek. Once they notify the City of their findings, the new Wastewater Facility Plan, completed by Snyder and Associates Engineering firm, will be submitted according to DNR guidelines.

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY TRAILS

The trails are getting closer to Underwood. The Mayor, Council and City staff are working towards securing financing. The trail will come through the Right of Way on Railroad Highway.



Underwood is going GREEN. Help us by contacting City Hall to provide your email address for Sewer-Garbage Billing, as well as receiving newsletters via email, versus paper, to reduce expenses.

CITY PROJECT UPDATES



This is a sample of what the new street road signs will look like.

ARRIVAL Summer 2023

Thanks to the innovative idea of a community member, in conjunction with City Council, Underwood will have another sense of community spirit and pride.

Underwood - United and Unique!

BANNERS

A prototype banner arrived for testing. This mesh banner is to allow more wind through them to potentially withstand the winds better than the Vinyl butterfly banners. Vinyl, canvas and mesh banners allow for more graphic designs than the Sunbrella material which was used on the Underwood Logo, Winter and Patriotic banners .

The prototype is displayed on 3rd Street near the Elementary/Middle School. It will be moved soon by North Street and Faith Avenue, near the High School.

CHARLES DRIVE PROJECT

Bluffs Paving worked on Charles Drive late Fall/early Winter 2022. The road has a solid and strong base; and for the first time it has concrete. The road is now straight.

There are some cracks in the Right of Way newly poured concrete. Per SUDAS construction guidelines, the cracks will be filled with tar. The ditch has been regraded, seeded with grass and hydroseeded.

The contractor will be returning this summer to finish up any last items.

Let us know what your thoughts are on the Design of the Prototype banner and any other design ideas.

Either call City Hall at 712-566-2373, or email to: underwoodclerk@walnutel.net or mail to City Hall, PO Box 40, Underwood, IA 51576.

We welcome your input!

Watershed Update

The area addressed from North Street to Charles Drive with bioswales for stormwater works well and allows for ease of mowing.

The City plans to work on securing a grant for the next phase of the Watershed (storm water) - from Charles Drive to Railroad Highway.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

THANK YOU

TO GINNY BARDSLEY,
MICHELLE POWELL AND
JACKIE MASKER
FOR PLANTING THE
FLOWERS IN THE PLANTERS
THROUGHOUT OUR
COMMUNITY.

THANKS TO FRIENDS OF
UNDERWOOD MEMBERS FOR
COORDINATING THIS
PROJECT. ALSO THANKS TO
**UMBA, OPTIMISTS, FRIENDS
OF UNDERWOOD AND THE
CITY** FOR THEIR
DONATIONS.



— Friends of Underwood Presents —

UNDERWOOD'S MONDAY MARKET

UMBA HALL PAVILLION
300 2nd Ave, Underwood, IA 51576
6 pm - 7:30 pm

JUN 19: SUMMER ROCKS
JUN 26: BINGO
JUL 10: CAR SHOW
JUL 17: CHRISTMAS IN JULY
JUL 24: BUBBLES AND BALLOONS
JUL 31: FLORAL FUN
AUG 7: SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES
AUG 14: PIE NIGHT
AUG 21: SCHOOL APPRECIATION NIGHT
AUG 28: CANVAS PAINTING
SEPT 11: SALUTE TO VETERANS
SEPT 18: SUMMER SEND-OFF BINGO

**Friends of Underwood are working on a mural project for the
Fire Station Exterior Wall.
Excited to see the project move forward!**

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Public Works

Public Works Supervisor
David Powell

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4th of July



UMBA Hosting Festivities **RUNDERWOOD 2023-DONUT DASH**

Check out their website at
<https://umbahall.godaddysites.com/>
and CLICK on the 4th of July tab to sign up for the Donut Dash!

Opportunities to be a Sponsor
Check out UMBA Hall Facebook page for the link or
type the link below in your web browser for more information
<https://form.jotform.com/220717417822151>

More information to come!
Check UMBA's website in the coming weeks.

2ND ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Sponsored by City Council and
JDW Midwest, Building Inspector

Here's the scoop: We are looking for unique color photographs that represent the beauty and wonder of life in our beautiful town. Photos must be taken within Underwood addresses.

What's next? If any of your photos are selected by the judging committee, you will have your name listed along with your photograph on the 2023 website.

PRIZES

First Place Winners will receive a monetary award. Age is determined as of 7/31/2023.

Age 6-12 - 1st prize \$50

Age 13-18 - 1st prize \$75

Age 19+ - 1st prize \$125

ELIGIBILITY/AGE CATEGORIES <<<

This contest is open to all citizens who have an Underwood address or go to school at Underwood Community Schools.

There are 3 age categories:
6-12, 13-18, 19+.

Entry Agreement/ <<< Photography Release Form

Mandatory completion of the Entry Agreement /Photography Release form found on Underwood's website.

When Winners are Announced

Announcing winners near Labor Day.
No submissions will be returned.

*WE USE EMAIL TO COMMUNICATE THE OUTCOME OF THE CONTEST. IT IS CRITICAL FOR YOU TO PROVIDE US WITH AN EMAIL ADDRESS.

Do you have some amazing photos of our area? Would you like to see them featured in the 2023-2024 City of Underwood website?

>>> SUBMISSION INFORMATION

How do I submit photos for consideration?

If you would like to have your photos considered for inclusion, here is what you need to do:

Provide a disk or thumb drive or email high resolution (300 dpi) electronic files (either .jpg or .tif) of the photos.

Please include the location and a name of the photo, if applicable.

Make certain that you provide contact information: including name, phone number and email address* along with your disc or thumb drive AND on the outside of your envelope, if mailed.

If submitting via email, please put in the subject: "2023 Photography Contest." Submit disk in an envelope or some other type of container and make sure your name is prominently and legibly displayed on the outside, as well as the age group.

DON'T FORGET THE RELEASE FORM!

>>> Submission Deadline and Info

Submissions must be RECEIVED in our office by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7.

Postmarks do not qualify and late entries will not be accepted. Some winning photos may have to be cropped in order to fit with a specific use.

You are welcome to email, mail or drop your digital photographs to City Hall.

City of Underwood, 241 Third Street, PO Box 40, Underwood, IA 51576 or email to: underwoodclerk@walnutel.net

UNDERWOOD

GRASS CLIPPINGS DON'T BELONG IN THE STREET

Ordinance 135.03 PLACING DEBRIS ON

It is unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street or alley any glass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, **leaves, grass** or any other debris likely to be washed into the storm sewer and clog the storm sewer, or any substance likely to injury any person, animal or vehicle. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.369)

The City does not have a dump. It is not allowed to place them in the North Street Ditch, nor North Street to Milwaukee, nor Charles Drive.

This clogs the storm sewers.

Thank you for your support!

YARD TAGS AND BAGS

Yard Tags are for sale in packs of 5 to use with your existing bags. Weight limit 40 pounds. ***Yard Bags are for sale in packs of 5 as well. You can buy both at City Hall.

YOUR LOVABLE DOGS

When walking with your dogs, please pick up after your pup. Please do not leave your dog's "poo" on city streets, right of ways, the parks, sidewalks, or fellow neighbors properties. Remember to take a plastic bag with you to transport it back home.

Thank you!

CONTACT CITY HALL WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS.

REMINDERS

GOLF CARTS

GOLF CART LICENSING AND INSPECTIONS NOW DUE

Register and get your golf cart inspected with the City.

Fee is \$25.00 for 2023.

Law Enforcement can pull you over and potentially issue a ticket if registration is not provided.

GARBAGE PICK UP INFORMATION

Garbage pickup is every Wednesday by 4 AM unless a holiday falls on that Wednesday. Please set your garbage out the night before.

All garbage must be bagged and placed in a city distributed garbage can.

Please do not park in front of the cans or too close to them. The garbage truck needs space to retrieve the can.

Please make sure your can is facing the street with the push bar towards the house.

Please call City Hall to confirm the serial number on your garbage can. Sewer-Garbage Bills are due the 20th.

Check the website for the Recycling calendar.

EVENTS

- Saturday, June 3 City Wide Garage Sale - 8 a.m.
- Saturday, June 10 Junkwood
- Monday, June 19 Monday Markets begin
- Tuesday, June 20 Contact City Hall with Email to receive newsletters. 
- Tuesday, July 4 4th of July Parade/Festivities, RUNDERWOOD



- Monday, August 7 Annual Photography Contest Submission Due no later than 2 p.m.

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