



**NEWS AND
UPDATES
JULY 2023:**

- *RECREATIONAL TRAIL THROUGH UNDERWOOD-PHASE 1*
- *SPECIAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, AUGUST 1*
- *PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST DEADLINE - 8/7 AT 2 P.M.*
- *POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY RECEIVED \$4.4M GRANT*
- *MONDAY MARKETS HOSTED BY FRIENDS OF UNDERWOOD*

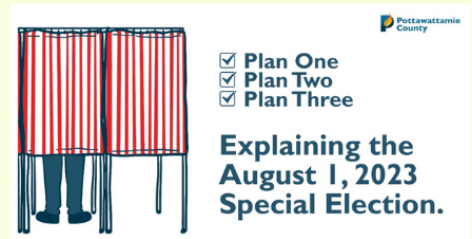
Recreational Trail Phase 1 - North to 4th Streets

Design of Phase 1 was completed by Snyder and Associates, Engineering firm. It was presented to City Council at the July 11, 2023, regular meeting. Council authorized bid letting and public hearing to be held on August 8, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Mayor Bardsley said, "As a community we are excited for the opportunity to complete Phase 1 of the Recreation Trail in Underwood. The community of Underwood thanks the Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors for their forgivable loan donation. This, along with the City's ARPA funds, will go towards Phase 1. Recreational Trail - Phase 1 is anticipated to go to bid in August with a completion date of early summer 2024."

Thanks to UMBA,
Presidential/Blue/White/Red
Sponsors, Iowa Corn Growers
Association, businesses,
community members,
volunteers, public works
staff, and vendors for making
the 4th of July another great
celebration for the
generations!

SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 1



Pottawattamie County, IA website-Elections - News Tab

Pottawattamie County, Iowa – A special election on August 1st will allow residents of Pottawattamie County to decide how County Supervisors are elected. Because county-wide special elections are rare, and the subject matter on the upcoming ballot is complex, Pottawattamie County is outlining the choices available to voters in a detailed video presentation.

The Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors approved the special election on June 6th, after private groups gathered nearly 4,000 signatures and submitted a petition to allow county residents to choose between three options for county supervisor elections.

Currently, Pottawattamie County is a Plan One county. Each member of the Board of Supervisors is allowed to reside anywhere in Pottawattamie County and the voters of the county elect all five members of the Board of Supervisors. Plan Two would divide Pottawattamie County into five districts of roughly equal population. One Supervisor must reside in each of the districts, and voters would still elect all five members of the Board of Supervisors. Plan Three would also divide Pottawattamie County into five districts of roughly equal population, but voters would elect the one Supervisor who resides in the same district as the voter and would not vote for the other four Supervisors in the other four districts.

If Plan Two or Plan Three passes, Pottawattamie County will be divided into five districts of approximately 18,733 residents. Council Bluffs will be split into four districts, with one of those four also including some portions of the county adjacent to the city. One district will not include any portion of Council Bluffs. Districts cannot be set until after the election, but the video presentation released by Pottawattamie County explains the lawful factors that determine district size and outlines where district boundaries will likely be drawn.

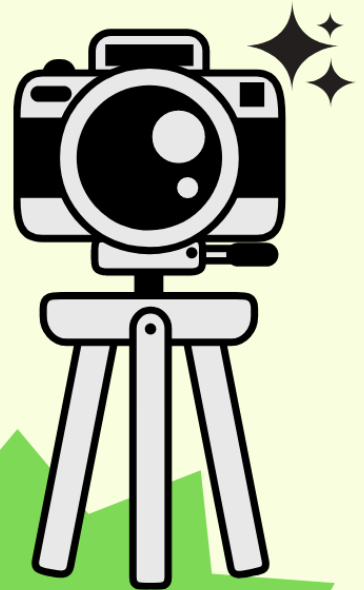
“Pottawattamie County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) has a license to use Esri Redistricting, which is specialized software used by the Iowa Secretary of State’s Office,” said Matt Wilber, Pottawattamie County Attorney. “If Plan Two or Plan Three is the preference of the voters, a formal process would be followed to determine districts, but the hypothetical maps designed by GIS through specialized software should present a fairly accurate illustration. We hope the video presentation clarifies the options available to voters for this special election.”

Polls will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm on August 1st. Early voting begins on July 12th.

Brought to you by Underwood City Council

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Photography Contest



Show your photography skill & win
first prize in your age category

CONTEST
DEADLINE
**AUGUST 7
2 P.M.**

WINNERS
ANNOUNCED
**NEAR
SEPTEMBER 7**

**1ST PLACE
CASH PRIZES**

6 TO 12 YRS - \$50

13 TO 18 YRS - \$75

19 YRS + - \$125

Any one with an Underwood, Iowa, address
or attends Underwood Community Schools
(Iowa) is eligible.

DON'T FORGET!!!! (This information is in the photography flyer as well.)

1. Entry Agreement/Photography Release must be completed with submission
2. 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 or put in the drop box. *We use email to communicate the outcome of the contest.
3. If submitting via email, please put in the subject: "2023 Photography Contest."
4. 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.

For general entry rules and detailed photo criteria, please
visit our site:

www.underwoodia.com

and click on the Home Page or the Tab - Photography Contest

GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT!
LET'S JOIN THE CONTEST

Photograph submissions must comply with
all criteria in the contest rule flyer and
agreement/release.

UNDERWOOD OPTIMIST CLUB



The Underwood Optimist Club is a partner in the Elementary Field Project, along with The Home Agency.

The Underwood Optimist Project Committee has completed Phase 1 with the completion of the new picnic pavilion next to the concession stand at the Elementary School.

Funds will continue to be raised to work on Phase 2, which is replacing the infield material on both fields.

For more information, please visit their website:

<https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1432103>

UNDERWOOD OPTIMIST CLUB CELEBRATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY

THE OPTIMIST CLUB CONTINUES TO PARTNER WITH THE JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUB TO PROVIDE THE AVENUE OF FLAGS PROGRAM AND PLACE FLAGS IN LAWNS OF ALL SUBSCRIBERS FOR VARIOUS PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS

EVENTS THE UNDERWOOD OPTIMIST CLUB SPONSORED IN 2023:

- April - Sponsored Kites and Bikes Day which is a day for kids to make kites and also receive free bike helmets. This day was done in conjunction with the Junior Optimist's Easter Egg Hunt
- Partnered with Underwood Community Schools for the Student of the Quarter program through the 22/23 school year.

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Sponsor of Youth Softball: This is their biggest youth activity with 7 teams and 86 players this summer in grades K-8. They also host the concession stand for all home softball and baseball games.

Over the winter they hosted free weekly softball clinics at Training Days for kids to get an opportunity to keep working in the off-season.

The Underwood Optimist Club continues to provide scholarships to Graduating High School Seniors; and Provides support to community events by donating silent auction baskets.

NEWS



Pottawattamie County was awarded \$4.4 Million in Grant Funding as Part of the Investing in America Agenda!

Thanks to Pottawattamie County Engineer, John Rasmussen, P.E., Pottawattamie County Engineer, Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors, Pottawattamie County Secondary Roads Department staff, and others that the County worked with on this grant.

This adds a Center Left Turn Lane to G30 from Railroad Highway to I80 in Underwood, as well as replacing the Mosquito Creek Bridge.

Type this link into your browser for more information.
https://www.pottcounty-ia.gov/departments/secondary_roads/

EVENTS

Friends of Underwood
Monday Markets are still going strong!

Mondays from 6-7:30 p.m.
UMBA Pavilion on 2nd Avenue

Dates:

July 17: Christmas in July
July 24: Bubbles and Balloons
July 31: Floral Fun
August 7: Support Local Businesses
August 14: Pie Night
August 21: School Appreciation Night
August 28: Canvas Painting
September 11: Salute to Veterans
September 18: Summer Send-Off Bingo

Friends of Underwood Hometown Pride Mural

This will go on the west exterior wall of
the Fire Station.

Friends of Underwood commissioned
Cait Irwin, Artist, to design the mural.

We appreciate the Friends of Underwood
creative endeavor to further
beautify our community!

You can donate at Friends of Underwood
Monday Markets.

More exciting information to come!



CITY ELECTION November 7, 2023

- Candidate packets are available at City Hall, 241 Third Street, Underwood
- August 28, 2023 - First Day to file nomination papers
- September 21, 2023 - Last Day to file nomination papers
- Minimum of Ten (10) signatures needed for candidate

Nomination papers returned to:

Underwood City Hall, 241 Third Street, Underwood, Iowa
No Later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2023
Contact City Hall for more information at 712-566-2373

The Pottawattamie County Auditor, Melvyn Houser, designated Underwood's City Clerk as The Filing Officer for the city election.

Packets Include:

- Candidate's Guide to City Elections
- State of Iowa Affidavit of Candidacy completed and notarized
- State of Iowa Nomination Petition for Non-Partisan Office

Recycling Sorting Requirements

Recycling:

Accepted Recycling Items:

Newspapers

(Anything found in the Sunday Paper)

Place in separate paper sack and set in recycling tub

Magazines

Place in a separate paper sack and set in recycling tub

White Paper

(includes office paper & school papers **NO COLORED PAPER**)

Place in a separate paper sack and set in recycling tub

Tin Cans

Place in a separate paper sack and set in recycling tub

Plastics

Numbers #1— #7 (in triangle on bottom of container)

Place in the bottom of our recycling tub loose

Items NOT to be included in Your Recycling Tub:

Styrofoam (includes packing peanuts & egg cartons)

Food, Cat Litter, Glass, Heavy Metals, Window Envelopes, Cardboard and Cereal Boxes

Rinse food and cleaners from containers.

Sacks for sorting: Must be **PAPER ONLY**.

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2023 City of Underwood Recycling Calendar

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Please DO NOT use plastic bags to separate materials. Thank you.