

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER  
2023

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# CITY OF UNDERWOOD

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL! FROM MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY STAFF

November and December are a combined newsletter as many will be busy with the holidays.

Please consider making an account on FrontDesk. There are other benefits of FrontDesk, besides paying your bill online. Signing up for FrontDesk does not mean you have to pay online.

It allows you to create an account so you can view your sewer and garbage bill online and more.

Go to [www.underwoodia.frontdeskworks.com](http://www.underwoodia.frontdeskworks.com) to create an account or to [underwoodia.com](http://underwoodia.com) to the Utility Bill Online Payment tab for a link to the site.

### **FrontDesk Benefits/Opportunities:**

- Check your account balance status
- Access to fillable dog license application for one dog and a separate fillable form for multiple dogs
- Golf Cart fillable forms on FrontDesk
- Availability in Spring to pay online for Building Permits with uploading a fillable building permit application you will find Spring 2024 on city website.
- Communication alerts by signing up for email and/or SMS Text

### INSIDE THIS HOLIDAY ISSUE:

Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration  
Friends of Underwood-11/19/23, 6-7 pm

Consider becoming a member of  
Underwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Hat, Gloves and Mitten Drive  
November 15 to December 4 (See flyer)

Winter Coat Drive  
Deadline: December 22 (See flyer)

Congratulations to the UHS Football  
Team Who Made it to State !!!

Election Results - City and School

Board of Adjustment Committee  
Member Opening - Apply by 12/5/23

Dog Licenses 2024 - Due 2/29/24

AED Training - 1/20/24

Friends of Underwood Advertising for  
Vendors for Junkwood - 6/8/24

Iowa Finance Authority - Announced  
Homeowner Assistance Fund (See Flyer)

# 'Tis the Season

## Underwood

### Christmas Tree Lighting



*Sponsored by Friends of Underwood*

**Sunday, November 19 6:00—7:00 Corner of Railroad Hwy & 3rd St.**

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the upcoming Holiday Season.

- ◆ **Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be there to greet you.**
- ◆ **Free Cookies, Cocoa and Candy Canes will satisfy your sweet tooth.**
- ◆ **Take pictures of your children and others at the new Merry Christmas Arch.**
- ◆ **Sing along with the Christmas Carols playing in the background.**

**Special Thanks to: Nick Stangl (strung tree lights), Dave Powell & Justen Tooley (installed decorations), City of Underwood (supplied electricity), and Friends of Underwood for supplying the decorations. Another special Thank You to Nesting Grounds for donating the delicious hot cocoa and Kathy Jensen for making the scrumptious cookies!**

## Snow Removal for Streets

Per City Ordinance, all vehicles need to be off streets by 3 AM the morning of the snow.

## Snow Removal for Sidewalks

Per Chapter 136.03, snow must be removed from sidewalks promptly. If a property owner doesn't remove the snow within a reasonable time, the city may do so and assess the cost against the property.

We would like to remind citizens to clear sidewalks as well as moving their cars as needed to help with the snow removal process. It is a big process to completely remove the snow from the streets so please be respectful and let us know if there are any issues or concerns.

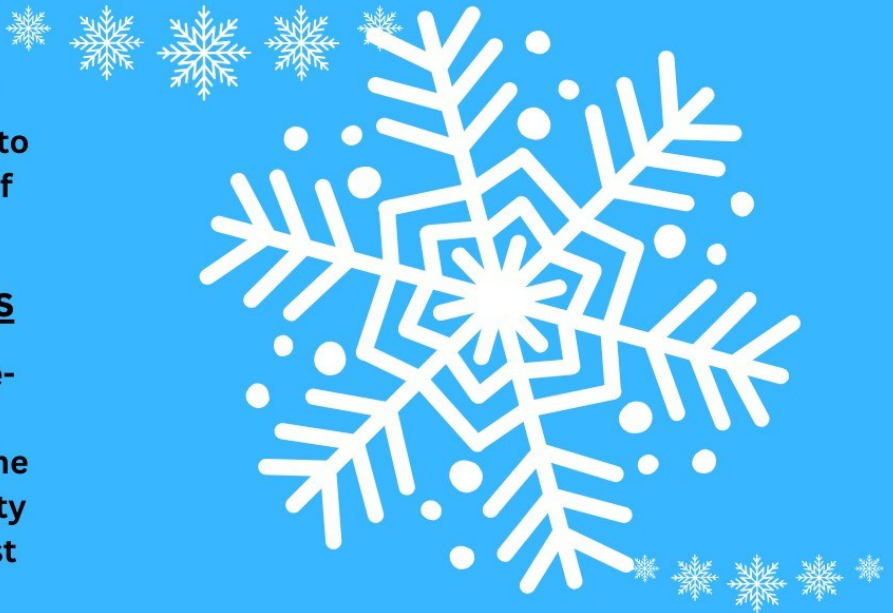
We are here to help the city and our citizens and will do our best to fix any issues or concerns. Thank you.

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## Board of Adjustment Member Opening January 2, 2024

If you are interested in becoming a Board of Adjustment committee member, please email [underwoodclerk@walnutel.net](mailto:underwoodclerk@walnutel.net) by Tuesday, 12/5/2023 at 3 p.m. with the following:  
name, address, phone number and email. Please explain your experience, current employer, occupation, education/training/skills.

Please include why you are interested in being appointed and what value you can provide to the committee.



## Election Results - November 2023

### City-effective January 2024

Jodi Bose  
Kelle Erwin  
Josh Madsen

### Schoolboard

Matt Brummett  
Teresa Mace  
Mitch Kay

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*Thank you!*

We appreciate

Robert Dose and Royce Forbush  
for your years of service  
on Underwood City Council!

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### City Council

Mayor Dennis Bardsley, Bob Dose, Jim Pingel,  
JW Tiarks, Josh Madsen, Royce Forbush

### City Hall

241 Third Street, Underwood, IA 51576  
Phone: (712) 566-2373 -- Fax: (712) 566-2083  
Closed November 23 and 24  
Closed December 22, 25, 29 and January 1

## BUSINESSES WITHIN UNDERWOOD-WE ARE WORKING ON ADDING A TAB FOR BUSINESS LISTINGS IN UNDERWOOD ON THE WEBSITE.



Email us your website URL address.



If you have a picture of your logo or building frontage image, please include that in a .png or .jpg file and email to [underwoodclerk@walnutel.net](mailto:underwoodclerk@walnutel.net).



Please provide details about your products and/or services, who and what area you serve, purpose, what makes you unique and how your business benefits consumers.

**Congratulations to the Underwood High School Football Team for making it to the State Playoffs!**

**What a memorable season. Thanks to the players, coaches and support personnel.**

**We, as a community, are proud of all of you!**

**GO EAGLES!**



Our very own Dave "Pumpkins" handed out candy at Trick or Treat on Sunday, October 15.

### **Trail - Phase 1 Update**

Phase 1 of the trail has the concrete and handicap accessible sidewalk entrances complete. Fine grading and winter grass seed to be completed when cold weather arrives.



# Underwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad

**Would you help your neighbor, friend or family member if they asked?**

**Would you help a stranger if they were in need?**

**Did you ever want to be a firefighter when you were a child and would still like to be a firefighter?**

**Are you a professional firemen/EMS already?**

**The Underwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue is currently looking for volunteers.**

 In 2022 the dedicated men and women of the UVFD responded to 300 calls for help between Fire and Rescue.

 Our ambulance provides basic and advanced life support to Underwood and McClelland.

 The Department covers 64.5 square miles and protects over 2,000 people.

 The Fire Department has some of the newest equipment and latest technology to keep our community safe.

 Must be at least 18 years of age. No experience required.

 Once a member of the department you will become CPR certified and have the opportunity to become state certified in Firefighter 1.

 Members may also choose to become certified as an emergency medical technician and respond to medical calls.

**Become part of something bigger!**

**A time honored tradition in Underwood, Iowa.**

**Applications are available at Underwood City Hall, 241 Third Street  
or contact Fire Chief-Todd Erwin (402) 681-4826  
or Paramedic / Rescue Captain-Jeff Whannell (402) 319-8168**

Hosted by: Underwood FCCLA

Family Career and Community Leaders of America

# HAT, GLOVES, AND MITTEN DRIVE

We are looking for new and slightly used gloves, mittens, and hats for those in need. These items will be going to homeless shelters, the Crescent Food Pantry, and the Underwood community.

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## **DROP OFF LOCATIONS**

- Sasshole - 736 Old Lincoln Highway in Crescent
- Underwood High, Middle, and Elementary Schools
- Underwood City Hall





# winter Coat Drive

**Donation deadline:  
December 22nd**

Coats will be donated to:

- New Visions Homeless Services  
Council Bluffs
- Micah House  
Council Bluffs

## Drop-off Locations:

- The Gathering Place  
202 S. 2nd St. Neola
- Blue Cow Market  
209 Front St., Neola
- Countryside Market  
300 Main St., Minden
- Underwood City Hall  
241 3rd St., Underwood

**Please  
Donate**

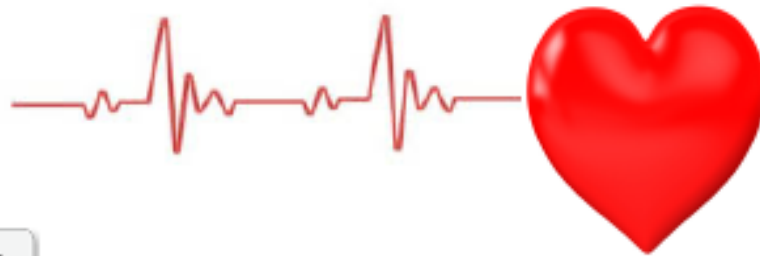
**Any new, or gently  
used coats**

For Questions  
712-485-5060

Sponsored By:



# “Save a Life”



*Get trained. Save a Life! You'll be glad you did.*

## Attend Free CPR/AED Training Saturday, Jan. 20

U.M.B.A. Hall

Underwood, IA – 300 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

**Training session: 9:00-10:30 am (first 20)**  
*Additional training 10:30-12:00 if needed*

Sponsored by  
the Underwood  
Optimist Club



Training by certified instructors.

**Open to the public and free for anyone ages 12 and up.**

No written test, no certification. This is not a Healthcare BLS (Basic Life Support) provider class. Anyone wishing to be certified can contact Jeff Whannell for a later special class.

Other groups co-sponsoring: U.M.B.A., Underwood Community Schools, Underwood Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church-Honey Creek.

**Register by January 6,** call or text Dale or Barb Robertson 402-650-2422 or e-mail [agidale@aol.com](mailto:agidale@aol.com). Limited to the first 20 people who register. May expand to a second session (10:30-12:00 pm) if more people sign up.



# JUNKWOOD 2024

If you would like to be a vendor at Junkwood, keep scrolling to the end of the newsletter for a blank vendor application.

Or go to [underwoodia.com](http://underwoodia.com), click on the Junkwood 2024 tab, then click on the vendor application link.



*Junkwood 2024*

June 8th

8 AM - 3 PM

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SPACES  
AVAILABLE

ANTIQUES, UPCYCLED, VINTAGE,  
COLLECTIBLES, PRIMITIVES  
DIRECT SALE FOOD VENDORS

**MORE VENDORS NEEDED!**



Contact Mackenzie Shelton

[junkwoodiowa@gmail.com](mailto:junkwoodiowa@gmail.com) or 402-680-8213

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## MORTGAGE HELP IS HERE FOR IOWA HOMEOWNERS

The Iowa Homeowner Assistance Fund program assists eligible Iowa homeowners in avoiding foreclosure by providing financial assistance with mortgage payments and related property expenses.

### AM I ELIGIBLE?

#### ELIGIBLE HOMEOWNERS MUST:

- Be [income qualified](#)
- Have had someone in the household experience a financial hardship after January 21, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - This could be the result of a reduction in income or increase in living expenses due to job loss, fewer work hours, paying more for childcare, illness, or being unable to work because you had to take care of a family member
- Be at least one payment behind on one of the following:
  - Mortgage
  - Contract sale, (purchasing a home under a legally recorded contract)
  - Manufactured home
  - Property taxes.
- Own the property located in Iowa (applicants purchasing a home under a legally recorded contract are eligible)
- Occupy the home as their primary residence

### WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

Up to \$25,000 per eligible household to assist with past due payments, including:

Eligible Past Due Expenses:



• Mortgage Payments



• Land contract sale payments



• Manufactured Home/Lot Rent Payments



• Property Taxes



• Homeowner's Insurance (Homeowner's hazard, flood, and/or mortgage insurance)



• Homeowner Association Fees

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO APPLY?

- STEP 1** Take the eligibility precheck at [iowafinance.com/IHAF](http://iowafinance.com/IHAF) to determine preliminary eligibility.
- STEP 2** Prepare required application [documentation](#).
- STEP 3** Submit online application at [iowafinance.com/IHAF](http://iowafinance.com/IHAF).
- STEP 4** The mortgage servicer and/or other service providers of past due amounts will be required to verify the information submitted by the applicant.
- STEP 5** The case review team will review the application to ensure all documentation is complete and to verify eligibility.

In some cases, applicants will be referred to free, confidential mortgage counseling through Iowa Mortgage Help to ensure housing stability prior to being eligible for financial assistance through the program.

### WILL I RECEIVE PAYMENT DIRECTLY, IF APPROVED?

No. Payments will be made directly to mortgage servicers and other payees, as applicable to be applied to the homeowner's account(s).

### CONTACT THE IOWA HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND TEAM:

**888-668-0927**

# Junkwood 2024 - Underwood, Iowa, Application & Liability Release Form

Sponsored by Friends of Underwood, Iowa, Community

**Saturday, June 8, 2024 on 3rd & Railroad Highway (Main Street)**

**8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Note: All Vendors must stay until end of show!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of what you will be selling: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook or Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment for Booth Fee: Venmo \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ (this helps us know where to look for your funds with your application)

## **Booth Prices & Sizes:**

**Outside Spots** - 20' wide & 12' deep (coming out from the sidewalk) = \$40

**Inside (UMBA building) Spots** - 10' wide & 8' deep = \$50 (all inside spaces will be reserved for those that absolutely need it for protection of their items!)

Will you be using a trailer in your selling booth? **Y** or **N**

No Vehicles allowed in vendor spaces during the show. **Restrooms** inside UMBA. **No electricity** will be provided for outside spaces; generators are welcome. **All vendors are expected to stay until the end of the show. This event is rain or shine! Please pick up trash when you leave.**

**Questions:** Contact **Mackenzie Shelton** @ [junkwoodiowa@gmail.com](mailto:junkwoodiowa@gmail.com) or cell: 402-680-8213

You may pay via Venmo to the name Sandra Hough (@friendsofunderwood) Make checks payable to **Friends of Underwood** and mail to Mackenzie Shelton 22276 185<sup>th</sup> St Council Bluffs IA 51503. Payment is due with your application. **No refunds** will be given.

Applications are due by **June 1, 2024**. Any applications received after **June 1** will be assessed a late fee of **\$15.00**. Upon receiving your application fee, your spot as a vendor will be reserved and added to our Facebook page. **Within two days of the event, all vendors will be notified of their space number and spot location.**

**FOOD VENDORS** - be sure to have proof of your food license with the state. Food vendors will be located outside the main UMBA doors.

**During the show**, no parking in handicap designated areas or in front of storage units across from the UMBA's main doors.

**SET-UP: Inside Vendors** are encouraged to set up Friday, June 7. The UMBA building will be open from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Doors will be locked at 9:00 p.m. to secure your wares. If unable to set up on Friday evening, inside vendors may set up on Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. **All loading vehicles must be moved to a side street by 7:30 a.m. If your vehicle is still parked in front of UMBA or the handicap spots at 7:30 AM you will be required to move it and haul your items up from another location. THIS IS A MANDATORY GUIDELINE and will be strictly enforced for the safety of the crowds.** Please provide your own tables. Two chairs will be provided for your spot.

**Outside Vendors** - please plan accordingly for the weather. Bring a canopy or tent for shade. Tent weights recommended. No tables provided. The show will go on rain or shine. Outside vendors may set up from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m on Friday, June 7, or from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 8. **Setting up on Friday evening is at your own risk as no policing of the area will be provided.** **All loading vehicles must be moved from spaces by Saturday at 7:30 a.m. THIS GUIDELINE IS MANDATORY and will be strictly enforced for the safety of the crowds.** No overnight staying allowed. Spaces are 20' wide and 12' deep (coming out from the sidewalk).

**SPOTS:** While we do our best to be accommodating, we cannot guarantee our vendors their spot from previous years. We will notify you at least two days prior to the event where your spot will be located.

**LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE:** Vendors shall be liable for any and all damage to the property negligently, recklessly or intentionally caused by that party or their agents, employees or invitees. Vendors will not hold the City of Underwood, UMBA or Friends of Underwood responsible for any loss or damage of their personal items.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_