

CITY OF UNDERWOOD

AUGUST 2024

3RD ANNUAL - 2024

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Take part in this contest for
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Please go to the city website at underwoodia.com
and click on INFORMATION photography page for
all details on the contest or keep reading.

LAST CALL !!
SEPTEMBER 9 DEADLINE
Submit your photo for the
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Fall Clean up Day - September 28

Place items at curb Friday, September 27 for pickup
\$25 per appliance/TV and must contact City Hall by
Wednesday 9/25 at noon with check made payable to MTS

Updates

Highway Ave Road Reconstruction Project

A public hearing on the Highway Avenue Road Reconstruction was held on Tuesday, August 13, at the regular council meeting.

City Council reviewed and approved the final specifications and design on the project.

City Council awarded the project to Carley Construction. We will await to hear if they will start yet this year and complete or wait until Spring 2025.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

The engineers are finalizing the electrical designs and specifications for the upgrade of the 3-cell aerated lagoon that serves as the current sewer system for Underwood.

Once the plans are submitted by the Engineer to Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IA DNR), the city will await IA DNR approval and issuance of the construction permit.

Utility - Sewer Bill

Sewer bills are based upon water usage reported by Regional Water monthly.

Residential Rates as of 7/1/24 are \$17.00 per thousand gallons.

Check water usage in gallons per month to help understand why your bill may fluctuate.

If any questions, please contact city hall.

The City does not have a dump.

Thanks to city public works staff for assisting citizens in removal of tree limbs after the last wind storm.

It took 2 weeks to burn the piles down.

Please purchase green yard tags for your own bags or purchase brown yard bags at city hall for any yard waste.

Bundles of 5 for each - Green tags are \$8.75

Brown Bags are \$11.25

3rd Street aka Main Street

The rain/weather didn't cooperate this week to seal coat 3rd Street (East of Railroad Highway) as planned.

Once Public Works staff are able to reschedule the seal coat, notifications will be sent to affected 3rd Street residents and businesses again.

We will also place notifications on the website and via the newsletter email list.

Animal Control

The City of Underwood contracts with Pottawattamie County for Animal Control Services.

The county has staff officers trained to handle animal control issues.

If you have a complaint or concern regarding animal control inside Underwood city limits, please contact:

Animal Control: (712) 366-1143

Garbage Cans

Due to recent wind and rainstorms, we have assisted citizens in finding their trash can that the wind blew away from their property.

Please take the time to contact city hall to ensure we have your MTS garbage can serial number.

YARD WASTE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

SERVICES:

Curbside Yard Waste Service Dates: April 1-October 31, 2024

Yard waste will be picked up the same days as recycling. (Yard waste must be at the curb the night before.)

Recycling calendar in newsletter or go to www.underwoodia.com

YARD WASTE BAGS OR YARD WASTE TAGS



- Yard waste must be placed securely inside biodegradable yard waste bags. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted.
- Bags must not weigh more than 40 pounds.
- Branches and brush must be placed in yard waste bags.
- Branches must be 2 inches in diameter or less. Bundles must not be more than 4 feet long and must not weigh more than 40 pounds.

YARD WASTE IS DEFINED:

Grass, Leaves, Garden Waste, Twigs, Brush, and Branches 2 inches or smaller in diameter.

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL:

Litter, Trash, Garbage

Street Sweepings, Sand

Kitty Litter, Pet Manure

Any of the above items co-mingled with yard waste

Un-bagged or unbundled items -

Bags/ Bundles in excess of 40 pounds

Bundles over 4 feet in length / Branches over 2 inches in diameter

WHAT TO USE

You may choose to purchase "IWS" bags or bags of your choice. If you choose to purchase your own bags they MUST have an "IWS" tag on them.

Bags may be purchased for \$11.25 per bundle of five

Tags may be purchased for \$8.75 per bundle of five

Bags and Tags may be purchased at CITY HALL.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY MARKETS SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF UNDERWOOD (6-7:30 P.M.)
LOCATION AT UMBA PAVILION - 300 2ND AVE.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19	PIE CONTEST - MONDAY MARKET
MONDAY, AUGUST 26	BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO - MONDAY MARKET
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	LABOR DAY - CITY HALL CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9	<u>PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS AT 2 P.M.</u>
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9	PATRIOT NIGHT - MONDAY MARKET
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	CHILI AND SOUP COOK OFF - MONDAY MARKET
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	CITY COUNCIL MEETING (POSTED 7/11/2024)
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14	HARVEST MARKET

NEW - 2024

FILLABLE APPLICATIONS
(Available only on computers)

**Located at the city website

www.underwoodia.com**

<Forms/Permits>

Scroll down below Permit Information
and Permit Applications

- Golf Cart Registration
 - Fire/Rescue Volunteer Member
 - Fire/Rescue Applicant Questionnaire
 - Maintenance Request Form
 - Peddler License Form (Transient Merchant - Door to Door Solicitors)
 - Underwood Sewer and Garbage Application
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- Application for City Council Agenda
Regular Council meetings held the 2nd
Tuesdays of the month, unless posted
differently. - **Applications must be
received by the Wednesday BEFORE
the council meeting at noon.**

CITY COUNCIL

MAYOR - DENNIS BARDSLEY
MAYOR PRO TEM - JIM PINGEL
COUNCIL MEMBER - JW TIARKS
COUNCIL MEMBER - JOSH MADSEN
COUNCIL MEMBER - KELLE ERWIN
COUNCIL MEMBER - JODI BOSE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS
HELD THE SECOND TUESDAYS
OF THE MONTH AT 6 P.M.
UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED.

UNDERWOOD CITY HALL
241 THIRD STREET, PO BOX 40
UNDERWOOD, IA 51576

PHONE (712) 566-2373
FAX (712) 566-2083

CITY STAFF

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK - CINDY SORLIEN
DEPUTY CLERK (PART-TIME) - AMY KUPER
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR - DAVE POWELL
PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT - BOB WALTER

September is National Preparedness Month



ALERT IOWA WAYS TO SIGN UP

WEBSITE - [HTTPS://PCEMA-IA.ORG/](https://pceima-ia.org/)
(CAN ACCESS ALERT IOWA AT THE HOME PAGE)

ALERT IOWA (DIRECT)
[HTTPS://PCEMA-IA.ORG/ALERT-IOWA](https://pceima-ia.org/alert-iowa)

Check out Iowa's be aware website
it covers family preparedness, disasters and
emergencies, warning sirens and more!
<https://ready.iowa.gov/be-aware/>

2024 - 3RD ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

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 2024 website.

PRIZES

First Place Winners will receive a monetary award.

Age is determined as of 7/31/2024.

Age 6-12 - 1st prize \$50

Age 13-18 - 1st prize \$75

Age 19+ - 1st prize \$125

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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 9/30.

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.

Sponsored by City Council and JDW Midwest, Building Inspector

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: "2024 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, September 9.

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

ENTRY AGREEMENT/PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE

To Determine Age Category

Name of Photographer: _____

Date of Birth of Photographer: _____

In submitting the attached photo(s) to the City of Underwood and participating in the City of Underwood Photo contest, I hereby warrant and agree to the following:

I am the author of, and have lawful ownership rights to the photo, including the publication and re-publication rights of the photo.

The photo(s) is/are the result of contestant's sole artistic effort.

The photo is unique and original and does not infringe upon any copyright, trademark, or patent.

Any models or persons identifiable in the photo have given approval for publication and distribution (releases) of photo as stated in this Entry Agreement, and that City shall have no obligation to compensate the models or persons.

The photo is free and clear of any lien.

Contestant licenses to the City perpetually all rights of reproduction, distribution, and to display two- or three-dimensional reproductions of the photo in any manner, provided however that the City's use of the photo shall be restricted to use, publication, republication, and distribution of whatsoever relating to any City publication or event, including, without limitation, public display as well as reproduction on City items, such as print ads, postcards, posters, brochures, applications, television programs, City website, and any other of distribution or display, whether print, electronic, or televised. In addition, the City may alter images of the photo as necessary to fit into reduced or enlarged format sizes. The photo may be reproduced, displayed, or distributed in any form without photo credit to the contestant. No compensation shall be due to Contestant.

Contestant agrees to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its agents, officials, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all claims and liability including but not limited to copyright, trademark, or patent infringement, arising out of Contestant's participation or association with the City of Underwood Photo contest, or publication or distribution of the photo. Contestant agrees to pay all cost incident to any claim, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees.

Agreement Check*

I agree that the above information is correct. I further agree that this agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Iowa and of the United States.

Individual Photographer Name -

Print and Sign Date

If minor child, must have Parent/Guardian -

Print/ Sign Date