# CITY OF UNDERWOOD NEWSLETTER

APRIL 14, 2025

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#### **CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor-Dennis Bardsley
Mayor Pro Tem- Jim Pingel
Council Member- JW Tiarks
Council Member- Josh Madsen
Council Member- Jodi Bose
Council Member- Kelle Erwin
Regular Council meetings help the second
Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m. unless
otherwise posted.

#### UNDERWOOD CITY HALL

P. 712-566-2373

F. 712-566-2083

Email: underwood@underwoodia.com 241 Third St, P.O. Box 40 Underwood, IA 51576 www.underwoodia.com

# Underwood High School Integration Day - April 4, 2025



BIG THANK YOU to
Underwood High
School Students
during Integration
Day on April 4<sup>th</sup>!
They spread mulch
at both city parks for
the season.



# SPRING HAS ARRIVED!



# We are proud to announce we have 5 Dog Waste Depots

- Railroad Hwy near Fire Station
- Railroad Hwy near Scoops
- North St near 4th Ave
- Hope Ave between Hope Cir & Faith Ave
- Charles Drive near south end
- When walking 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. If you forget, you can find one at one of the dog waste depots. Please transport your dog waste home or discard of the dog waste bag in the dog waste depots.
- Please follow this city ordinance- 55.07 (3.) Public Sanitation- No owner or custodian of a dog or other animal shall permit such animal to discharge feces upon any public or private property, other than the property of the owner or custodian of the animal. The owner or custodian shall not, however, be considered in violation of this subsection provided such person takes steps to immediately remove and clean up the feces discharged by the animal from the property.

# Chicken Dinner



# Sunday April 27

U.M.B.A. Hall Underwood, IA

Dinner Served 11:00–1:00 pm

#### Menu includes:

2 pieces of Fried Chicken Cheesy Hashbrowns Green Beans – Ice Cream – Drink \$12 / Dinner \$8 / ages 5 – 10 4 & under Free Take Outs Welcome!

Fundraiser by:



#### **Live Auction**

12:00 Live Auction begins Scholarship Winners following

#### 50/50 Raffle Silent Auction

12:45 Silent Auction Closes

Proceeds to help fund college scholarships to Underwood students.

Donations to: Underwood Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 113, Underwood, IA 51576.

Or Venmo@UnderwoodDollarsforScholars, note "Chicken Dinner".

Auction Donations: contact Sandy Redshaw 712-310-2151

Volunteers: contact Heather Davis 402-659-6848

Questions: contact Event Chairs Dale or Barb Robertson 402-650-2422

**JUNKWOOD** 

2025

3RD St. Underwood, IA.

Free Admission—Rain or Shine

**JUNE 14** 

8:00 AM-3:00 PM









#### **FEATURING**

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

A LIST OF VENDORS WILL BE POSTED SOON.

Want to be a vendor? Contact Mackenzie Shelton at JUNKWOODIA@GMAIL.com

# **Mayor Dennis Bardsley Proclamation April is Fair Housing Month**



Row 1 left to right: Council Members Jim Pingel, Kelle Erwin, Jodi Bose, Josh Madsen.

Row 2 left to right: Mayor Dennis Bardsley, Nikki Woods, Shelly Jager, Alicia Stultz, Julie Eden

On Tuesday, April 1, 2025, **Mayor Dennis Bardsley** proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Underwood.

This year, we commemorate the 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act, the landmark civil rights law signed by President Lyndon B Johnson on April 11, 1968, that made discrimination in housing transactions unlawful.

#### City of Underwood 310ma

#### Office of the Mayor **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS	April 2025 marks the 57th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act, which enshrined into federal law the goal of eliminating racial secretation and ending housing discrimination in the
	United States: and

WHEREAS	housing is a human right and affording a home is part of the American Dream; and	
WHEDEAS	annel apportunity for all to buy and cont a home without record to reconceller religion	

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	sex, disability, familial status or national origin- is a fundamental goal of our nation, state,	
	and municipalities; and	
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WHEREAS	our social fabric, the economy, health, and environment are strengthened in diverse,	
	inclusive communities: and	

gnize Fair Housing Month, it is timely that we reflect on the es, states, and the nation to affirm civil rights and oppose dis

to fair housing be removed; and

the local government of Underwood supports the education of homebuyers and sellers

REALTORS®, landlords, property managers and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act; and ers and tenants regarding their rights and

Underwood recognizes the need to affirmatively promote fair housing in its policies and practices and will continue to work to identify and remove impediments to fair housing choices.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dennis Bardsley, Mayor of the City of Underwood, do hereby proclaim Apri 2025, as

Fair Housing Month

in the city of Underwood, Iowa, and urge all citizens to take due notice of the obse

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Underwood, Iowa, to be affixed this 1st day of April, in the year Two Thousand

Jennis Bushley Dennis Bardsley, Mayor

# YARD WASTE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

#### **SERVICES:**

Curbside Yard Waste Service Dates: April 1-October 31, 2025

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 TAGS

- Yard waste must be placed securely inside biodegradable yard waste bags. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted.
- Garbage Company is not selling bags any longer, only TAGS.
- Bags must not weigh more than 40 pounds.
- Branches and brush must be placed in yard waste bags that you purchase on your own.
- 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**

Please purchase bags of your choice, at a store, that are biodegradable.

There are no more bags sold by the garbage company.

You will need to purchase any "IWS" TAG to place on your biodegradable bags.

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

TAGS may be purchased at CITY HALL.

# CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE SATURDAY JUNE 7, 2025

Starting 8 a.m. to whenever – The City will advertise in the Council Bluffs Nonpareil the week before.

A map will be provided on the website of in-town addresses of citizens who notify the City by Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 9 a.m., with your name and address and types of types of items you are selling, IF you would like to be included on a map.

An info sheet will also be compiled of types of items being sold. The map/list will be ready on June 6 by 1 p.m. and posted on the website ONLY.



#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

There are multiple ways to submit a building permit. 1) In person 2) Online 3) Email. Located at underwoodia.com, click on Forms/Permits. You can either a) arrive at city hall to get a paper permit application to complete; b) download a .pdf, print it out and complete; or c) on a computer you can access a fillable permit application, save to your computer and submit via email or via Front Desk.

\*\*You can also submit via Front Desk and pay online: complete the permit application for your project, sign into Front Desk (if you have an account or create one). Select Forms on the left, select building permit, complete brief questions, upload your completed permit application. Upload drawings and additional information. Press submit. Please include your parcel number on the permit application. Once it is approved, an invoice will be submitted via Front Desk so you can pay online. (Service fees apply.)

#### WHAT REQUIRES A PERMIT?

- One & Two Family Dwelling (including Multi Family Dwellings):
- New Structure
- Addition
- Decks (30 or more inches above grade)
- Accessory Structure over 120 square feet.
- Interior Work: Residential
- Finish Uncompleted Existing Area
- Some remodels: call for information

#### **Commercial Building Permit**

- New Structure
- Addition
- Remodel
- Accessory Structure
- Tenant Improvement

#### **Swimming Pools**

Permit Required for swimming pools.

Enclosure Required: Pools must be completely surrounded by a fence or wall not less than 54 inches in height and at least four feet from each side of the pool.

This is applicable to all types of swimming pools, whether permanent, temporary, or movable in nature, provided said pool is more than twenty-four inches in depth.

#### Exterior Renovation Permit

Re-roof: if removing sheathing

Re-siding

Window Replacement: if changing size of window

**Electrical Permit: Residential and** 

Commercial

**Mechanical Permit:** 

Commercial and Residential

**Plumbing Permit:** 

Commercial and Residential

**Swimming Pool & Spa Permits** 

**Demolition Permit** 

**Fence & Wall Permit** 

Please obtain a permit before building, remodeling, or replacing an item. The building department will determine if a permit is needed for your project. It takes 5-7 business days for review.

#### SUMP PUMPS

It is prohibited to connect a roof downspout, sump pump, exterior foundation drain, areaway drain, or other source of surface run-off or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

This is called infiltration into our sewer system, which we must lower.

#### GRASS CLIPPINGS DON'T BELONG ON 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. Please do not dump at: North Street Ditch, nor North Street to Milwaukee, nor Charles Drive.

This CLOGS the storm sewers.

Thank you for your support!

#### **GOLF CARTS**

GOLF CART LICENSING AND INSPECTIONS

NOW DUE.

REGISTER AND GET YOUR GOLF CART INSPECTED WITH THE CITY.
FEE IS \$25.00 FOR 2025.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

The City of Underwood contracts with the Pottawattamie County for Animal Control Services. Their officers are trained to handle animal control issues.

If you have a complaint or concern, please contact:
Animal Control Hotline at
(712) 366-1143.

CONTACT CITY HALL WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS.

# 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.

Sewer-Garbage Bills are due the 20th of each month.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 POTT. CO VETERAN SERVICES OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 CHICKEN DINNER - UMBA HALL

SUNDAY, MAY 18 -

SATURDAY, MAY 24 EMS WEEK - WE CARE. FOR EVERYONE.

MONDAY, MAY 26 MEMORIAL DAY - CITY HALL CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 DUE DATE FOR CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE LOCATION MAP

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 14 JUNKWOOD HOSTED BY FRIENDS OF UNDERWOOD

FLAG DAY

MONDAY, JUNE 23 MONDAY MARKETS HOSTED BY FRIENDS OF UNDERWOOD

#### FILLABLE APPLICATIONS

(Available only on computers)

\*\*Located at the city website

www.underwoodia.com\*\*

<Forms/Permits>

**Scroll down** below Permit Information and Permit Applications

- 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.
- 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
- Dog Licenses (single or multiple)



**Veterans Service Office** 

623 6th Ave, Council Bluffs, IA, 51501 - 712-328-5797

# First Annual Open House Saturday, April 26, 2025 10:00 am – 3:00 pm



Join us for a raffle, games, and dozens of resources for veterans, current service members, and families



#### Representatives from Veteran based organizations:

American Legion Post #2 American Legion Auxiliary At Ease Mission22 Javelan Wounded Warriors Family Support Retrieving Freedom



## Military and Veteran Student Services Departments:

University of Northern Iowa Bellevue University Iowa Western Community College



### Local resources with veteran related programs include:

Habitat for Humanity DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge Valley Hope New Visions Services Horses Help SWI Connections Area Agency on Aging



#### Federal and State service providers include:

Small Business Administration - Veteran Business Outreach Center VA Community Employment VA Women Veterans Program Omaha VA Medical Center IA Dept of Veteran Affairs Omaha National Cemetery IA Works Veterans Employment Services



Bluffs
Country
106.5 DJ will
be on site with
music and
giveaways



# VSO personnel can assist with applying for:

- IA hunting/fishing licenses
- IA veteran license plates
- Republic of Korea Ambassador for Peace Medal
- Vietnam Veterans In Memory Program



Bring in one pound of frozen meat and receive one raffle ticket. Prizes include items donated by local businesses.



Other activities include the Boxer BBQ food truck, face painting, lawn games, and more





May 18-24, 2025 We Care. For Everyone.

Thanks to all of our Volunteer Fire and Rescue Members!



# 2025 City of Underwood Recycling Calendar

**January** 

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#### 2025 City of Underwood Recycling Calendar

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