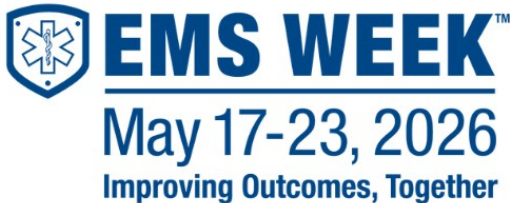


# CITY OF UNDERWOOD

Newsletter emailed only and placed on city website at [www.underwoodia.com](http://www.underwoodia.com) on home page.



## HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE



**CITY WIDE  
GARAGE SALE  
JUNE 6, 2026**

**JUNKWOOD  
JUNE 13, 2026**

**NEW SEWER  
RATES AS OF  
JULY 1, 2026**

## COUNCIL BLUFFS LIBRARY

City of Underwood residents are able to receive a free library card at Council Bluffs Library.

**CITY HALL WILL  
BE CLOSED  
MEMORIAL DAY  
MAY 25, 2026.**

## 4TH OF JULY 2026 CELEBRATION

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be a two day event, July 3 & 4th. Please go to UMBA website to learn more!

**CITY OF UNDERWOOD, IOWA**  
**FRONT DESK CHANGES IN PAYING ONLINE**  
**EFFECTIVE MARCH 30, 2026**

## **Credit Card Third-Party Payment Processing Fee**

- **Fee:** 4% of the payment amount, or \$3 minimum
- **Who pays it:** The resident making the payment
- **What it means:**
  - If a resident pays a smaller bill (say \$40), they'll pay the \$3 minimum.
  - If they pay a larger bill (say \$200), they'll pay 4% (\$8).

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## **ACH Fees (i.e. eCheck)**

- **Fee:** A flat dollar amount based on the size of the transaction
- **Who pays it:** The resident making the payment
- **What it means:**
  - Payments up to \$500 → **\$3 fee**
  - Payments \$500.01–\$1,000 → **\$4 fee**
  - Payments \$1,000.01–\$5,000 → **\$5 fee**
  - Payments over \$5,000.01 → **\$10 fee**

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If the following list occurs with a resident and their payment, the company will charge the city, who will charge the associated fee back to the specific resident on their sewer and/or garbage bill.

- **ACH Fail Fee: \$25**
  - When an ACH payment cannot be completed (e.g., insufficient funds).
- **Chargeback: \$25**
  - When a resident disputes a transaction with their bank.
- **eCheck Return: \$10**
  - When an electronic check is returned unpaid.
- **eCheck Refund: \$1**
  - When an electronic check payment is refunded.
- **Arbitration: \$15**
  - When a disputed transaction requires arbitration.
- **Retrieval Request: \$25**
  - When documentation of a transaction is requested by a card issuer.

## NEW SEWER RATES GOING INTO EFFECT JULY 1, 2026

**RATE.** Each customer shall pay to the City sewer fees as hereinafter provided.

1. Residential property owners shall pay a monthly charge based upon the amount of water consumed, including a 1,000-gallon minimum charge per property owner, as follows:

Current	Effective July 1, 2025 – already approved	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027	Effective July 1, 2028
\$17.00 per 1,000 gallons	\$21.00 per 1,000 gallons	\$28.35 per 1,000 gallons	\$29.77 per 1,000 gallons	\$31.26 per 1,000 gallons

2. Multi-dwelling, commercial and industrial property owners shall pay a monthly charge based upon the amount of water consumed as follows:

Number of Gallons	Current	Effective 7/1/2025 – already approved	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027	Effective July 1, 2028
First 2,000 gallons(minimum)	\$37.50	\$46.00	\$62.10	\$65.21	\$68.47
Next 3,000 gallons	\$19.20 per 1,000 gallons	\$23.04 per 1,000 gallons	\$31.10 per 1,000 gallons	\$32.66 per 1,000 gallons	\$34.29 per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 gallons	\$18.42 per 1,000 gallons	\$22.11 per 1,000 gallons	\$29.85 per 1,000 gallons	\$31.34 per 1,000 gallons	\$32.91 per 1,000 gallons
Next 10,000 gallons	\$17.81 per 1,000 gallons	\$21.37 per 1,000 gallons	\$28.85 per 1,000 gallons	\$30.29 per 1,000 gallons	\$31.81 per 1,000 gallons
20,001 gallons and over	\$16.89 per 1,000 gallons	\$20.27 per 1,000 gallons	\$27.36 per 1,000 gallons	\$28.73 per 1,000 gallons	\$30.17 per 1,000 gallons



# EMS WEEK™

May 17-23, 2026

Improving Outcomes, Together

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF  
OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE  
AND RESCUE  
MEMBERS!**



## The History of EMS Week™

In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week™ to celebrate EMS professionals and the important work they do in our nation's communities. National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's frontline. EMS Week is presented by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) in partnership with the National Associations of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT). Together, NAEMT and ACEP lead annual EMS Week activities. These organizations are working to ensure that the important contributions of EMS professionals in safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of their communities are fully celebrated and recognized.

# Volunteer for The Wall That Heals in Pottawattamie County

Calling for community volunteers over Memorial Day weekend.



The Wall That Heals is a traveling, three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., honoring the more than 58,000 service members who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War. This exhibit brings healing, education, and remembrance to communities across the country.

Over Memorial Day weekend, Pottawattamie County will host The Wall That Heals and welcome visitors from across the region. Community volunteers play a vital role in ensuring a respectful, accessible, and meaningful experience for all. It will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public.

## Volunteer Opportunities

- Welcoming and assisting visitors
- Supporting ceremonies and special events
- Helping maintain a respectful environment
- Assisting with exhibit operations, set-up, or tear-down
- Motorcade escort welcoming The Wall That Heals to our community

## Volunteer Information

- Open to individuals, families, and community groups (no military experience required)
- Veterans and veteran supporters are encouraged to participate
- Shifts available throughout the weekend
- Training will be provided
- Advance registration is required

## Interested in Volunteering for The Wall That Heals?

Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up. Your service helps ensure we can honor Vietnam service members and veterans and create a meaningful Memorial Day experience for our community.





# UNDERWOOD CITY WIDE Garage Sale

*Find Hidden Treasures!*

**Saturday,  
JUNE 6, 2026  
8:00 am - 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 notified the City by Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 9 a.m., with your name, address, and types of items you are selling. IF you would like to be included on a map. An info sheet will be compiled of types of items being sold.

The map/list will be ready on June 5<sup>th</sup> by 1 p.m. and posted on the WEBSITE ONLY.

# RAIN OR SHINE!

FREE ADMISSION

*Junkwood*

2026

June 13th

8AM - 3PM

INSIDE (\$60) AND OUTSIDE (\$50)  
SPACES AVAILABLE

**MORE VENDORS NEEDED!**

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



Contact Mackenzie Shelton  
[junkwoodiowa@gmail.com](mailto:junkwoodiowa@gmail.com)

Sponsored by Friends of Underwood

# Underwood Avenue of Flags 2026

The High School Junior Optimist International (JOI) Club and the Underwood Optimist Club are proud to again offer an annual subscription to celebrate **six national holidays** to line the streets in Underwood with American Flags for **\$40 per year** in front of your home or business. We will place a 3'x5' American Flag on a pole on these national holidays: **Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriot Day, and Veteran's Day**. \*Please note, in case of severe weather (snow, ice, violent storms, or heavy rain), for the safety of our volunteers, we may not put out flags. **Subscription service is limited to within the Underwood City limits.** This is will be our 18<sup>th</sup> year!

Club volunteers will generally install the flags the night before and retrieve them after the holiday. We may leave flags up for more than the one day or between holidays. A receptacle that remains will be installed in front of your home or business if you have not previously subscribed. The receptacle will be flush with ground level with a red/colored cap on top so as not to interfere with normal mowing but is visible to us. **If you can help us remove vegetation and debris around the cap it will help us greatly to find them.** We will contact Iowa One-Call, so utilities are not disturbed

before placing newreceptacles. We need approximately 2 weeks' notice to get the receptacle placed. **Example: all subscriptions must be received by May 15 for Memorial Day** *Please make sure there are "house numbers" visible.*

Please consider buying a subscription to Avenue of Flags. If you would like to have more than one flag (add another subscription) at your home or business, you may do so. You may also want to donate a subscription to someone else's home or business (use a separate form for each address location).

All proceeds support the JOI High School and Underwood Optimist Clubs' activities and projects. In recent years JOI has been able to perform many community service projects, both groups provide graduating seniors with scholarships and allow many of our members to be able to attend International and State Optimist Conventions.

## TWO WAYS TO SUBSCRIBE:

1. Fill out the form below and email it to [jooitomk@aol.com](mailto:jooitomk@aol.com) OR mail it to Underwood JOI Club; PO Box 75; Underwood, IA 51576. **Mail a check for \$40 per flag, made payable to Underwood JOI Club or pay via Venmo@Underwood-Optimists.** Phone code if needed 5723. Venmo transactions MUST include your name, address, email, phone number and a note whether the subscription form has been emailed or mailed.
2. Register Online from the Optimist Club's sports registration page (scroll to the bottom of the Registration Info section): <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1289578> This option does charge an additional online service charge for the subscription.

Any questions, please contact Barb Robertson 402-670-8029 (text or call) or email: [jooitomk@aol.com](mailto:jooitomk@aol.com)  
Or Dale Robertson 402-650-2422 or email: [agidale@aol.com](mailto:agidale@aol.com)

## Thank You for your support!!!

### Please fill out the subscription form below.

The form may also be found on the Underwood City website.  
Retain the top portion for your information if you wish.



Please place a flag at the property listed below. I/we would like to show our patriotism, support our community, Underwood High School JOI Club and the Underwood Optimist Club by subscribing to the 2026 "Underwood Avenue of Flags".

At flag address location:  I am a "NEW" Subscriber or  I am a "PREVIOUS" subscriber

#### Billing Information:

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment made by:  Check in Mail  Venmo  Online

Special Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Flag Location Information, if different than billing:

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Flags: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

#### If New:

Do you have an underground sprinkler system within 10 feet of the street, curb or sidewalk?  Yes  No

Do you have an underground invisible pet fence within 10 feet of the street, curb or sidewalk?  Yes  No

## Grass Clippings **DO NOT** Belong on the Streets

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 injure 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!

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## GOLF CARTS

Golf Carts Licensing and inspections now due. Register and get your golf cart inspected with the city. Fee is \$25.00 for 2026.

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## GARBAGE PICK UP INFORMATION

- Garbage pickup is every Wednesday by 4 am unless a holiday falls on that Wednesday.
- Please set your garbage out Tuesday night.
- 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.

## BUILDING PERMITS

There are multiple ways to submit a building permit. 1) In person 2) Online 3) Email.

Located at [underwoodia.com](http://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?**

#### **Residential Permits**

- One & Two Family Dwelling (Including Multi Family Dwelling)
- New structure
- Addition
- Decks (30 or more inches above grade)
- Accessory Structure over 120 square feet
- Interior Work
- Finishing uncompleted existing areas
- some remodels: call for information

#### **Commercial Permits**

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

### **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.

**Exterior Renovation Permit;** Re-roofing, re-siding, window replacement if changing size of window.

**Electrical Permit;** Residential and Commercial

**Mechanical Permit;** Residential and Commercial

**Plumbing Permit;** Residential and Commercial

**Swimming Pool & Spa Permit**

**Demolition Permit**

**Retaining Wall Permit**

**Accessory Structure Permit:** fencing (6 ft & taller), Garage, Shed (200 sq ft & larger)

**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.

### **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 moveable in nature, provided said pool is more than twenty-four inches in depth.

# Yard Waste Program Guidelines

Curbside Yard Waste Service Dates: April 1 - October 31, 2026

Yard Waste will be picked up weekly with garbage.

## 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 no longer selling bags, 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 lbs pounds.

## 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.

## Yard Waste is:

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



## What To Use

- The garbage company no longer sells the biodegradable bags.
- Please purchase biodegradable yard bag of your choice, at a store.
- You need to purchase **MTS TAG** to place on your biodegradable bags.
- Tags may be purchased for \$8.75 per bundle of 5 at CITY HALL.

# WWTP PROGRESS PICTURES





Switching to Marne Elk Horn Communications fiber has been a great decision for our business at C&A Scales. The internet speed is incredibly fast and reliable, which has improved our daily operations. Tasks that used to take time- like uploading files, running cloud-based systems, and hosting virtual meetings- are now seamless and efficient.

Our phone system has also seen a major upgrade. Call quality is consistently clear, and we've experienced far fewer dropped calls or interruptions. This has made communication with both our team and customers much more professional and dependable.

What truly sets this service apart with Marne Elk Horn is the customer service. The support team is responsive, knowledgeable, and genuinely helpful whenever we have questions or need assistance. It's reassuring to know we have a provider that values our business and is there when we need them.

Overall, fiber has boosted productivity, improved communication, and provided peace of mind. We highly recommend it to any business looking to upgrade its connectivity.



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