

City of Underwood

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Newsletter emailed only and placed on city website at www.underwoodia.com on home page.



CITY OF UNDERWOOD
HARVEST PARTY
— IN FRONT OF 200 3RD ST —
AUGUST 22ND

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM	FREE LIVE BAND (THE BELDINGS) AT 7PM	FOOD FOR SALE BY SWINE-O-MITE 
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COMMUNITY HARVEST PARTY

**SPONSORED
PART BY
IOWA WEST
FOUNDATION**

Fall Clean-Up Day
September 11, 2026

Have your items out
Thursday,
September 10, 2026
by 11:30 pm.

More details on page 5

On September 1, 2026, monthly garbage rate increases to \$16.50 per month and extra can remains the same at \$10.00 per month.



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!

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.

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.

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.

City Wide Fall Clean Up

Friday, September 11, 2026



Items must be curbside Thursday Night,
September 10, 2026

WILL TAKE:

Regular Items:
furniture, newsprint,
aluminum cans, tin
cans, etc.

APPLIANCES:

There will be a \$25.00
charge per appliance.
They do not need to be
degassed.

Please call City Hall By
WEDNESDAY,
September 9, 2026 by
3:30pm to make
arrangements for
pickup and payment of
these items.

CHECKS MUST BE MADE
OUT TO M & K MILLS.

WILL NOT TAKE:

NO glass of any kind.
NO car parts, tires,
batteries, oil.
NO dirt, concrete, paint or
paint products unless in
hard form.
NO large piles of wood
(example: from
construction or
destruction).
NO drywall, waste and
rocks.

NO EXCESSIVE PILES

ONLY ITEMS WITHIN CITY
LIMITS WILL BE TAKEN-
NO OUTSIDE GARBAGE.

YARD WASTE:

Yard waste will be
collected as long as
bagged and tagged with
City Tags in
biodegradable bags.



Last day of curbside
collection for yard waste
will be the end of
October, depending on
weather.



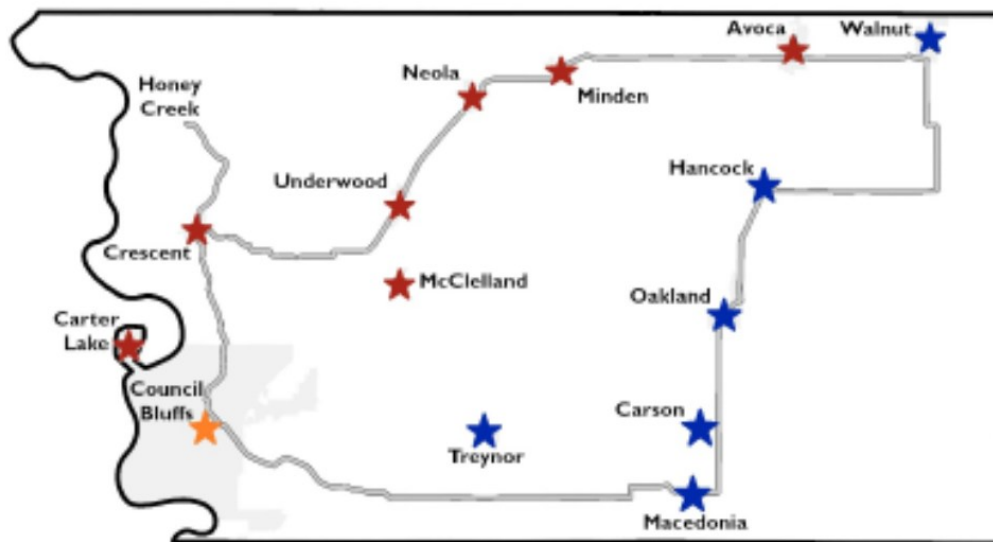


**Pottawattamie
County**

**Veterans
Service Office**

Mobile Service Office

Beginning in April 2026, our caseworkers will be traveling to communities across Pottawattamie County to offer services to veterans and their families.



For more information on van
scheduling and exact
locations, visit
www.pottia.gov/veterans



or scan the qr code:

Avoca-May 2026: Tuesdays
October 2026: Thursdays

Carson-June 2026: Thursdays
January 2027: Tuesdays

Carter Lake- monthly 2nd & 4th Wed

Crescent-October 2026: Tuesdays
March 2027: Thursdays

Hancock-August 2026: Thursdays
March 2027: Tuesdays

Macedonia-May 2026: Thursdays
December 2026: Tuesdays

McClelland-September 2026: Tuesdays
February 2027: Thursdays

Minden-June 2026: Tuesdays
November 2026: Thursdays

Neola-July 2026: Tuesdays
December 2026: Thursdays

Oakland-July 2026: Thursdays
February 2027: Tuesdays

Treynor-April 2026: Thursdays
November 2026: Tuesdays

Underwood-August 2026: Tuesdays
January 2027: Thursdays

Walnut-April 2026: Tuesdays
September 2026: Thursdays

Mobile Office hours will be
9:00am-3:00pm.

August 1st is Here

New pricing & plans are in place!

Increased speeds along with added security features for your online protection

Is your router up-to-date?

An outdated router can slow things down, even on a great internet plan

Give us a call – we're happy to review your account, walk through your options, and make sure your router is set up for the best possible performance.



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FOUNDATION FOR
RURAL SERVICE

COMMUNITY GRANTS

HAVE A COMMUNITY PROJECT THAT NEEDS FUNDING?

Please use the application guide on the back of this flyer or visit frs.org/communitygrant to draft a Community Grant application.

Return your complete Community Grant application to your NTCA member partner listed below. The application guide has the exact questions that will need to be answered.



frs.org/communitygrant

We are accepting grant applications from \$250 to \$5,000. 20% of the grant comes from the NTCA member partner:



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DEADLINE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026



SEND YOUR PROPOSAL TO:

Marne Elk Horn Communications

Company Name

Jill Madsen

Point of contact

jill@metcteam.com

Email

712.764.6161

Phone

The FRS Community Grant Program is offered annually through NTCA members, like us, to support local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) is a 501(c)(3) organization that works with NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association



foundation@frs.org