

# City of Denver, IA

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Dear Citizens of Denver,

What a beautiful September we have enjoyed in Denver! Now that October has arrived we are again treated with the splendor of the fall season and the colorful fall decorations on our downtown light poles. Thank you to our volunteers for your continued hard work. The beautiful results truly make our Denver downtown area more attractive.

Our tree volunteers have also been busy this fall. Have you noticed the new plantings on the west side of State Street near City Hall and in other locations downtown? Our planning committee suggested sites for the plantings. Trees were purchased through grant monies the City has received. Thanks to those who have assisted with the planting and helped to complete the applications for the grant funding.

I hope you took the opportunity to join John Foust and his family on September 30<sup>th</sup> for the recognition of his years of dedicated service to Denver. John, we wish to extend our sincere thanks to you and wish the best for you and Bonnie as you begin your retirement.

These are busy days for all of us as citizens of Denver. Please consider offering your assistance as we begin the planning for the celebration of Denver's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2005. I am asking you to call Jan at 984-5642 or me at 984-6063 if you are willing to share your time and talents to help with the organization of this birthday celebration. I have tentatively scheduled our first Sesquicentennial organizational meeting for Monday, October 25 at 7:00 pm in City Council Chambers. The meeting will be brief. Bring your ideas for making this celebration one of the best in the state of Iowa. We hope to include all interested citizens and begin the planning process. We welcome and need your support.

In closing, I again thank you all for the pride of ownership you display. Our City truly is "The Cleanest little City in Iowa", thanks to you and your efforts.

Your Mayor,  
Jim Moeller

**As a customer service** we would like to create a customer notification list when power will be interrupted for scheduled maintenance. The list is being created to notify residents who use oxygen machines or other life supporting equipment. Contact City Hall to be placed on this list.

**It is time to be thinking about Christmas** and the second annual Festival of Trees. Our first year of having decorated trees was tremendous. This year we are going to open the entries to the general public along with Denver businesses, organizations and churches. So if you have a theme tree and would like to participate, mark December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. Details and entry forms will be provided at a later date. Contact Denver Betterment Committee

**Halloween Trick or Treating** hours, Sunday, October 31, 2004 from 5 – 7 pm.

**City Hall has several lost and found items**, including telephones, jewelry, keys, and many other various things. Contact City Hall to see if we have your missing item.

**Golf carts** may only be driven by licensed drivers. They are only permitted to drive between the golf course and your home.

**Turn your clocks back** one hour Sunday, October 31, 2004.

**Story hours at the Library** for ages 3 – 5 year olds are on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 – 11 am.

**Visiting Nurses Association** will offer Flu Shots on Wednesday, November 3, 2004 from 1 – 2 pm in the Community Center.

**The Friends of the Denver Public Library** will be having their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, October 16 & 17. This year Hans and Cindi Pregler will be directing the dinner theater. Hans and Cindi are new to Denver, both having graduated from Indian Hills College. Hans is now attending UNI, to complete his bachelors degree in theater. We are very excited to have Hans and Cindi helping with this year's production. The dinner theater is on Saturday, October 16 at 6:00 pm and Sunday, October 17 at 2:00 pm. The ticket prices are \$18.00 per person and may be purchased at the Denver Public Library. So grab your friends and come to the library to spend a relaxing evening or afternoon, while enjoying a good meal and some fun entertainment. All

profits from the dinner theater go back to the library to support programming or special purchases.

**The Friends of the Denver Public Library will be sponsoring a book sale.** The book sale will be in the community room, starting Wednesday, November 3, and running through Saturday, November 6. The sale will be held during normal Library hours. All profits from the book sale go back to the Library to support programming or special purchases.

**The Denver Public Library** is hosting the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Dr. E H Stumme Art Show for area artists November 8 – 20, 2004. The Art Show will be held in the Community Room of the Denver City Center during regular Library business hours. If you would like to enter your work in the art show, entry forms are available at the Denver Public Library at 100 Washington St, Denver. For further information call 319-984-5140.

**Boys and Girls Basketball** for grades 1 – 6 registration will be the first part of November. Grades 1 & 2 cost is \$20, Grades 3 – 6 is \$30. Games will begin late November.

**Electric Superintendent,** Larry Zars stated there might be spot electric outages while the City is replacing unreliable open concentric primary cable in the southwest part of town over the next few months.

**The Annual Firemen's Dance** is slated for Wednesday, November 24, 2004 at 9:00 pm at the American Legion. Please plan to attend. The band is Milk and Honey.

**The Denver Park and Recreation** is nearing completion of a successful flag football season for grades 1 – 4. Over 50 boys and

girls are playing this fall. Games are played Saturday mornings at Prestien Park between 9:00 am and noon. The last home game is October 16 and the final game of the season is October 19 in the UNI-dome beginning at 6:00 pm for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades will start at 7:00 pm in the UNI-dome.

**Police Department Resignations:** Police Chief Sean Hartman has resigned to accept a position with the Bremer County Sheriff Department. Police Officer John Heuer has resigned and accepted a position with the Waterloo Police Department. We wish them the best of luck in their new positions.

**Interested Parents** can attend an informational meeting for Winter Sports on Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm in City Council Chambers.

**John Foust** retired from the City of Denver on September 28, 2004 after over 22 years of service to Denver. A retirement party for John was held on September 30, 2004 with over 150 attending. We wish John the best of luck in his retirement.

**Ordinance No. 4-2004** a new zoning map was adopted by the Denver City Council in August. No changes to the existing zoning districts were made. The updated map shows greater detail and all the changes since adoption in 1978.

**Fire Hydrant Flushing** will be this fall, watch the Forum for dates.

**8.04.030 At Large Prohibited:** Animals running at large. No person shall allow cattle, horse, swine, sheep or other similar animals or fowl to run at large within the limits of the municipal corporation. At large mean an animal found off the premises of the owner

upon the public streets, alleys, public grounds or parks within the City.

**8.04.050 Cleanup of Dog Feces:** It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in charge of a dog to fail to clean up and remove as soon as possible the feces deposited by their dog from any and all real estate, whether public or privately owned, other than on the premises of owner or person in charge.

**Stop Light Changes** Ordinance No 5-2004 State Street and Fayette Street intersection. Stop signs have been installed on Fayette Street, signs indicating Cross Traffic Does Not Stop will also be added. State Street is for thru traffic. No accidents have been reported at the intersection since the changes were made.

**Highway 63 Bridge Construction** continues. Mark Callahan of the Iowa Department of Transportation estimates that bridge construction will be completed by the end of November.

**Girls Volleyball** for Grades 3 – 6 has 40 girls participating. Practice and games are held at the High School Gym on Sunday afternoons beginning at 1:00 pm. The last game is scheduled for October 17.

*Every effort was made to assure accuracy, if you find an error or have an idea for the next newsletter, call or write City Hall 984-5642.*

- October 16 & 17—Dinner Theater
- October 18—7 pm Council Meeting
- October 31—5 - 7 pm Trick or Treat
- November 1—7 pm Council Meeting
- November 3 --1 – 2 pm Flu Shots
- November 3 – 6—Book Sale
- November 8 – 20—Library Art Show
- November 11—City Offices Closed
- November 15—7 pm Council Meeting
- November 24—Firemen's Dance
- November 25—City Offices Closed
- December 4 & 5—Christmas Event
- December 6—7 pm Council Meeting
- December 20—7 pm Council Meeting
- December 24, 27, 31—City Offices Closed
- January 3—7pm Council Meeting
- January 17—7pm Council Meeting