



City of Johnston Newsletter

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CORPORATE GRANTS FUND BIKE PATROL

The Johnston Police Department's Bicycle Patrol Unit will begin patrolling the city in early spring thanks to the generous contribution made by Johnston-based Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., a DuPont subsidiary, through their Community Investment program. These funds along with those previously received from Wells Fargo will be used to purchase the bikes, training and necessary equipment needed for the Bicycle Patrol Unit.

The Bicycle Patrol will be used during special events such as parades, community events and Green Days. The unit will be able to patrol the trail areas, parks and neighborhoods throughout the city. The Bicycle Patrol Unit will also have the ability to reach inaccessible areas and to approach in-progress crimes without being noticed.

The effectiveness of police officers on bicycles in community policing roles has long been established. One needs only to witness a crowd of children gathered around the neighborhood bicycle officer handing out trading cards or junior officer badges to understand the connection between citizens and officers on bicycles.

The Department would like to express our appreciation to the corporations that make reaching our community policing goals possible.

UTILITY BILL REMINDER

Effective April 1st the water/sewer utility billing cycle changed. Residents may see a 25-33% increase in their May bill. Visit www.cityofjohnston.com for more information.

FORGIVABLE LOANS AVAILABLE FOR HOME REPAIRS

The City of Johnston, in partnership with the cities of Altoona, Ankeny, Clive, Grimes, Pleasant Hill, Urbandale, West Des Moines, and Windsor Heights, has formed the Metro Home Improvement Program to provide financial assistance to residents for home repairs. Eligible residents may qualify for up to \$12,500 in assistance for repairs such as roof or foundation repair/replacement; electrical, plumbing or heating system repair/replacement; weatherization (windows, insulation, siding); or handicap accessibility (exterior ramp, bathroom facilities). Single family homes and condominiums and townhomes are eligible for assistance from the program. Income guidelines for the program are listed below. For additional information or to obtain an application, contact Christine Gordon at 273-0770.

Number of Persons in Household	1	2	3	4
Maximum Total Gross Household Income for Program	\$38,150	\$43,600	\$49,050	\$54,500
Number of Persons in Household	5	6	7	8
Maximum Total Gross Household Income for Program	\$58,850	\$63,200	\$67,600	\$71,950

CEMETERY REMINDERS

City of Johnston cemetery rules and regulations allow flowers, wreaths, or other decorative items to remain in place until, by the judgment of the cemetery administrator, they become wilted or unsightly. Containers for flowers will be removed when the flowers are removed unless the container is a permanent part of the monument. If you are involved with sites at Ridgedale, Valley View or Kinsey-Lawson please help us maintain these city cemeteries.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 28th for the Memorial Day Holiday. The Johnston Public Library will be closed on Sunday, May 13th for Mother's Day and Sunday, May 27th and Monday, May 28th for the Memorial Day Holiday.

SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK

Spring Clean Up in Johnston is May 14th - 18th. Residents may place bulky items (i.e. furniture, carpet remnants, lawn furniture) outside of their container for pickup on their normal trash collection day. Items must be boxed, bagged or bundled and placed three to six feet from the container.

Appliances will not be accepted during this event. Contact Artistic Waste Services at 262-4040 to schedule an appliance pick up anytime throughout the year. For additional details regarding what will be accepted during the event, visit the Artistic Waste Services website at: www.artisticwaste.com/pages/residential/spring_cleanup.jsp

The following items will be accepted at the Public Works facility (6400 NW Beaver Drive):

May 16th - 18th – branches, limbs and tree trunks.

May 17th and 18th - passenger vehicle tires.

PETS AND THE PARKS AND TRAIL SYSTEM

The City of Johnston Ordinance requires all pets to be controlled by a leash no longer than six feet when in City parks and on City trails. The owner of the pet is also required to remove the waste from their pet from City property.

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www.cityofjohnston.com

JOHNSTON LIBRARY
 6700 Merle Hay Road
 P.O. Box 327
 515/278-5233
 M-Th 10 am—8 pm
 F-Sat 10 am—5 pm
 Sunday 2 pm—5 pm

JOHNSTON POLICE
 6221 Merle Hay Road
 P.O. Box 410
 515/278-2345 (24 hours)
 911— Emergency

JOHNSTON PUBLIC WORKS
 6400 NW Beaver Drive
 515/278-0822
 515/727-8092 Fax

CROWN POINT COMMUNITY CENTER
 6300 Pioneer Parkway
 515/251-3707

JOHNSTON CITY HALL
 6221 Merle Hay Road
 P.O. Box 410
 515/278-2344 515/278-2033 Fax

MAY		COMMUNITY CALENDAR	
7th	6 p.m.	City Council Worksession	City Hall
7th	7 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Hall
14th	7 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission	City Hall
15th	5:30 p.m.	Tree Board	Crown Point
15th	7 p.m.	Park Board	Crown Point
17th	5:30 p.m.	Library Board of Trustees	Library
17th	6:30 p.m.	Board of Adjustment	City Hall
21st	7 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Hall
21st	6 p.m.	City Council Worksession	City Hall
29th	7 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission	City Hall

Senior Citizen Activities

Every Thurs. Noon - 4 p.m. - Senior Social & Cards, Crown Point Community Center, 6300 Pioneer Parkway. \$3/person. Lunch is served at noon followed by social activities. Reservations must be received by Wednesday evening each week. Please contact Wilma (254-1051), Norma (276-0605), Rose (276-1959), or Shirley (276-5341) to make a reservation. If you need transportation during the event, please say so when making your reservation. Transportation will be organized to pick you up the day of the event.

May 22nd - 8 a.m. - breakfast at Hy-Vee cafeteria.
 3:30 p.m. - board meeting at Hy-Vee cafeteria.