

City of Johnston, Iowa
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Johnston Library

6700 Merle Hay Road
PO Box 327
278-5233

Johnston Police

6221 Merle Hay Road
PO Box 410
278-2345 (24 hours)
Emergency: 9-1-1

Johnston Public Works

6400 NW Beaver Drive
278-0822 · Fax: 727-8092

Johnston Parks

and Recreation
6400 NW Beaver Drive
727-8091 · Fax: 727-8092

Crown Point

Community Center and Senior Dining Center
6300 Pioneer Parkway
251-3707

Trash & Recycling

Collection Delayed

Trash collection for the week of September 5th will be delayed one day due to Labor Day falling on a Monday. Monday collection will be on Tuesday and Tuesday collection will be on Wednesday.

Go to the Community Calendar in this issue for a listing of City events.

"Johnston Night with the Neighbors"



Getting to know your neighbors is a great way to build friendships, community, and a sense of safety and well-being in your neighborhood. On Sunday, September 18 from 5-7pm, the City of Johnston will host "Night with the Neighbors" in several neighborhoods within Johnston. This will be an opportunity to meet city council members and staff. There will also be a police squad car, a public works vehicle, a fire truck, McGruff-the crime fighting dog, and a library story time. To arrange a Night with Neighbors block party in your neighborhood please contact Cheryl Heid with the Johnston Public Library at 278-5233 or Officer Kirkeby with the Johnston Police Department at 278-2345.

Senior Fun Night Tailgate Party

The Johnston Senior Advisory Board is hosting a Tailgate Party Fun Night on Wednesday, September 21 from 6:30-9:30 pm at Crown Point Community Center. Tickets, \$5, must be purchased in advance at Crown Point Community Center or call 727-5595 to make your reservation. Wear your favorite team colors! Hy-Vee will be grilling hamburgers with fresh fruit salad, chips & beverages. There will be prizes for Wii bowling, table shuffleboard, bean bag toss, etc. Come out and support your favorite team while enjoying great food and games!

AT THE LIBRARY

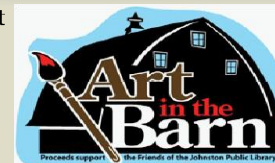
Art in the Barn-The Friends of the Johnston Public Library will be hosting a special fundraising event named "Art in the Barn" on Friday, September 16 from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Simpson Barn. The event will include wine & cheese tasting, special music, and art for display and for sale. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance at either the library or from Hy-Vee. Proceeds from the event will help support "extras" for the library, such as additional computers for the children's area.

Programs-Regular youth programming will resume in September with the fall sessions of Babies & Books, Wee Read, and Storytimes. This fall we will be expanding our 6:45 pm Sundown Storytime from twice a month to every Thursday evening. This program is especially popular for families who are unable to attend a storytime option during the daytime. Please check our website at www.johnstonlibrary.com for the registration dates for all youth programs that start again this month.

Master Gardener, Robyn Hoffland, will be presenting a free program on Saturday, September 17 at 10:30 am entitled "Decorating Your Garden: Applying the Principles of Interior Design to Your Outdoor Spaces." Please register online on our web site or by calling 278-5233.

Flu Shot Clinics-September 28 & October 12 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the library. No registration is required. Shots are \$22.

The library will be closed September 4 and 5 in observance of Labor Day.



JumpBunch Sports and Fitness for Kids

The Johnston Parks & Recreation is now offering JumpBunch!

JumpBunch for 2-3 Year Olds:

JumpBunch provides great exercise, but in a structured format that introduces a wide variety of sports, working on coordination, balance, and confidence. It's not about competition for our youngest JumpBunch kids, it's about exposure to new things and having a great time. Sessions offered Mondays, October 3-31 (5 weeks), & November 7- December 5 (5 weeks, from 9:30-10 am at the Simpson Barn, 6169 Northglenn Dr. The cost is \$50.

JumpBunch for 4-5 Year Olds:

JumpBunch offers kids a chance to get active and learn about all kinds of sports and activities. JumpBunch is carefully structured and age-appropriate. Sessions offered Mondays, October 3-31 (5 weeks), & November 7- December 5 (5 weeks), from 10-10:45 am at the Simpson Barn, 6169 Northglenn Dr. The cost is \$50.

Enrollment forms are located at Johnston City Hall and Library. For more information visit: www.jumpbunchlocations.com/centraliowa/index.html.

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www.cityofjohnston.com

Bike Safety for Kids

Class designed for kids who want to learn to operate a bike safely, how to navigate traffic situations, and important safety equipment. Course is classroom based for 1 hour then a 1 hour skills session outdoors. October 6, 4:30-6:30 pm, Johnston Public Library. Class is free but registration is required by 9/29/11. Register by contacting bsmith@ci.johnston.ia.us.

Basics-Better Biking for Adults

Class is designed for adults who want to get back into bicycling, improve cycling skills, and learn to ride more confidently and safely in traffic. Course is classroom based for 2 hours. October 6, 5:30-7:30 pm, Johnston Public Library. Class fee is \$10 and registration is required by 9/29/11. Register by contacting bsmith@ci.johnston.ia.us.

Draining Pools & Spas

Please be aware of the impacts that swimming pool and spa water can have on streams and lakes!

Discharging chlorinated pool and spa water to a storm sewer without following water quality requirements is considered an illicit discharge, and regulated under the storm water permit. Penalties or fines could be imposed. For more information please visit: <http://www.cityofjohnston.com/departments/community/stormwater/documents/drainingpools.pdf>

Open Burning Regulations



As we head into fall and fall yard work begins, residents are reminded that it is unlawful to burn leaves, grass clippings, pine needles, garden waste and other similar organic debris within the city limits of Johnston.

Continue to use the **Compost It!** yard waste program through November which provides curbside collection of yard waste materials.

City code allows the burning of brush, sticks, branches, trees, and shrubs on single-family and two-family residential properties when placed no closer than 50 feet from a neighboring residential dwelling. Burning is prohibited in the public right of way or any public easement area and property owners/tenants must be present at all times while the fire is burning. Please remember to be respectful of your neighbors who may enjoy fall weather and do not appreciate smoke blowing into their homes.

THANK YOU CITIZENS OF JOHNSTON

The Mayor, City Council, City Administration, police and fire fighters would like to thank the Community for approving the Public Safety Building Referendum. It truly was an amazing effort on everyone's part with an amazing result. The City is committed to designing efficient, cost effective and functional facilities to meet the public safety needs of the community. With your support, Johnston will continue to be a safe place to live and do business.

For more information about the city, visit our Web site - www.cityofjohnston.com or call 515-278-2344