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6400 NW Beaver Drive
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Crown Point
Community Center and Senior Dining Center
Closed for remodeling.
Call 251-3707 for lunch reservations at St.
James Lutheran Church

Beggars Night

City of Johnston will hold Beggars Night on Saturday, October 30, 6 - 8 p.m. Help your child dress in a safe costume and drive carefully.



Check out City's New Communication Tools

- Johnston Police Department has launched a Facebook page to inform and interact with residents not served by the city's Web site. Staff will use the page to post information on current crime trends, as well as other programs and resources available through the police department that the community may not be aware of. The police department is working to expand and develop the page to provide current and up-to-date information so that it becomes a "fan" favorite and a useful resource to the community.
- Looking for forms, solid waste collection schedules, or other information? Check out the city's Web site at cityofjohnston.com. We are constantly



adding new information and be sure to let us know what is missing.



- City of Johnston has launched Twitter. This tool will be used to update users on city events, happenings, and other timely information. Follow us at twitter.com/cityof-johnston. In addition, Johnston Police Department can be found at twitter.com/JPDSRO. Follow the school resource officer as he tweets to students and staff.
- Interested in what's going on at city council, boards and commissions? Register online to receive meeting updates and other information. Go to cityofjohnston.com/contact/signup.php and register your e-mail address.
- And, online credit card payments will be available soon! Look for this enhancement to be implemented in the weeks to come.

VISIT US ON THE WEB

www.cityofjohnston.com
Check for up-to-date city information

Cemetery Reminder

According to the City of Johnston Cemetery Rules and Regulations, flowers, wreaths, or other decorative items will be allowed 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 keep them looking nice. City staff will remove any items left after October 18.



games, stories, and treats for young and old alike. Please come in your Halloween costume and be ready for a great time. Registration is required.

ONLINE SAFETY

October 19 at 7:00 p.m.
Lions, tigers, and bears! Oh, my! All that and more can be found on the Internet. Where are your children going and do they know the basic rules for keeping safe while surfing the 'Net'? Registration is required.

WELCOME TO MEDICARE

November 6 at 10:30 a.m.
SHIIP representatives will be here to assist people who are ready to learn more about the Medicare program.

Register - Online - johnstonlibrary.com, or call 278-5233.

Programs held at Johnston Public Library, unless otherwise noted.

Please! Don't Feed the Deer

In September 2009 the city council adopted an ordinance making the feeding of deer illegal in Johnston. Following is information provided by Iowa Department of Natural Resources regarding the feeding of deer.

Feeding of deer can concentrate deer in unnaturally high densities. The result of this can be:

- Over-browsing of local vegetation and ornamental plants.
- The tight quarters of feeding stations frequently see dominate animals keeping subordinates away from food, denying access for younger and weaker animals.

- Aggression among animals causing the waste of fat reserves and injury.
- Increase in deer/vehicle collisions when deer are concentrated.
- Add to the spread of disease.

Deer in Iowa are healthy and do not lack food. In fact, deer have evolved mechanisms to get them through winter and really don't need our help. Adult animals will increase their body weight from summer to early winter and these fat reserves are instrumental in carrying animals through the winter months. In addition, deer slow their metabolic rate for several months thereby requiring less food. So, feeding deer is not necessary for their survival or any other reason.

Passing this ordinance is part of the city's effort to reduce damage to vegetation and landscaping caused by deer, as well as reducing the number of deer/vehicle accidents. Violation of the ordinance is considered a municipal infraction and can result in a fine of up to \$750.00.

October is Fire Safety Month

The fire department will be hosting an open house on Saturday, October 9, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fire trucks will be on display and fire safety information will be provided.

**SMOKE ALARMS:
A SOUND YOU CAN LIVE WITH!**

Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time.

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

Halloween is All Around in October!

GHOST HUNTERS

October 8, 7:00 p.m.

Simpson Barn

Members of an Iowa ghost hunter's group (IPART) will share stories, pictures, and even video footage of their adventures. Join us at Simpson Barn... if you dare! Be sure to register on our Web site,

www.johnstonlibrary.com, so we have a chair ready for you.



BOO THE FLU

October 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Visiting Nurse Services will be here administering seasonal flu shots (\$20/shot). If you are on Medicare, please bring all your insurance cards.

SUNDOWN STORYTIME

October 21 at 6:45 p.m.

No advance registration - just drop in for stories and activities with a fall theme. This evening storytime is held the first and third Thursday evening, so mark your calendar for November 4 as well!

PUMPKIN PATCH PARTY

October 25, 6:00- 7:30 p.m.

This kid-safe Halloween party includes

AT THE LIBRARY