

City of Johnston, Iowa September 2010

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Crown Point

Community Center and Senior Dining Center
Closed for remodeling.

Offices Closed

The library will be closed Sept. 5 and city offices and library will be closed Sept. 6, 2010, in observance of Labor Day. **Garbage, recycling and compost collection will be delayed to September 7 & 8.**

School's in Session



The school year is underway and motorists are encouraged to:

- Be alert for increased pedestrian traffic
- Obey the posted or flashing speed limits in designated school zones
- Recognize the laws regarding safe passing of school buses
 - Yellow lights flashing - on a two-lane road, it is illegal to pass a school bus from behind when its yellow flashing lights are activated and oncoming traffic must slow to 20 mph or less.
 - Red lights flashing - **It is illegal to pass a bus from either direction when the school bus has activated its red flashing lights.**

Be safe! Failure to obey or recognize the signs could be a costly mistake.



**Comprehensive Plan
Public Meeting
October 21, 6:00 p.m.
Location to be
determined.**

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.

VISIT US ON THE WEB

www.cityofjohnston.com

Check for up-to-date city information

Crown Point Community Center to be Remodeled

Plans are underway for the updating and remodeling of Crown Point Community Center, located at 6300 Pioneer Parkway. The center, formerly a health/fitness center will be remodeled to provide additional meeting space, address safety issues, and improve access. Phase 1 of the project will include installing an elevator, remodeling the first floor, and making improvements so that the building meets current building codes.

During construction, the Polk County Senior meal site will be moved to St. James Lutheran Church, 5665 Merle Hay Road, Johnston. Reservations for the meal site can be made by calling 251-3707.

New Solid Waste Rates

The monthly fee for garbage service will increase in September and the new rates will appear on the October billing statement.

	Small	Medium	Large
New	\$6.81	\$7.32	\$7.48
Old	\$6.72	\$7.20	\$7.35

The contract with the solid waste provider allows for an annual rate of adjustment. The collection portion of the monthly fee increased .3% based on the Consumer Price Index and the disposal portion of the fee is being adjusted based on a 5.26% increase in the cost of disposing garbage in the landfill that became effective July 1.

**Have you submitted
your prediction for the
1,000,000th library
visitor? We're getting
closer to the milestone
every day!**



SOLID WASTE

If you have more trash than will fit in your container with the lid closed, additional regular garbage items may be placed outside the cart for collection. Each bag, box or bundle requires a \$1.00 sticker. For bulky waste or appliances, purchase a sticker at Hy-Vee, Dahl's and Johnston City Hall. Call 262-4040 to schedule a pick-up time for appliances.

RECYCLING

Items for recycling are collected every other week - see the container lid for a collection calendar. Place all paper, cardboard, glass, cans, plastics, in the recycling cart.

YARD WASTE

Bagged yard waste must be placed in either a Kraft-style bag with a \$1.10 sticker attached to it or in **Compost It!** bags which cost \$1.55 each or \$7.75 for a bundle of 5 bags. Bundled yard waste also requires a \$1.10 sticker. Bags and stickers can be purchased at HyVee, Dahl's, Ace Hardware and Johnston City Hall.

AT THE LIBRARY



Regular youth programming will resume in September. Registration begins on the following dates: Storytime, Sept. 7; Wee Read, Sept. 8, and Babies & Books, Sept. 9. Further details about each program can be found on our website at www.johnstonlibrary.com.

A unique wellness-related opportunity for children will be offered in September. **KidSight** is a free vision screening program for children ages 6 month to 4 years who have not already had an eye exam. Members of the Johnston Lions Club will conduct the screening at the library on Saturday, September 18, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. An instant photograph of the child's eyes is sent to the University of Iowa for processing with results returned in up to 3 weeks. This service supports the Lions' mission to improve sight.

Programs for Adults, Too!

Officers from the Johnston Police Department will teach a Drug Awareness for Parents class on September 14 at 7:00 p.m. Gardeners will be pleased to know that Master Gardener, Robyn Hoffland, will be back by popular demand. She will be teaching a class on September 23 at 6:30 p.m. - **Get Ready for the Fall.** Check the website for the upcoming October programs as well, including flu shot clinics and a ghost hunter program!

Check our website at www.johnstonlibrary.com

**If you're looking for a free
family activity, don't forget
Family Movies @ the Library,
held on Sunday, September 26
at 2:00 p.m.**

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

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