

City of Johnston, Iowa  
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#### Johnston Public Library

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#### Johnston Police

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Emergency: 9-1-1

#### Johnston Public Works

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#### Johnston Parks

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

#### Crown Point

Community Center and Senior Dining Center  
Call 251-3707 for lunch reservations

### Holiday Closings

Labor Day  
September 5, 2011

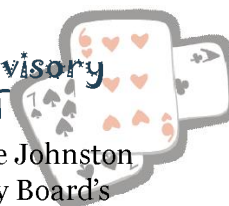
City Offices and Johnston  
Public Library Closed

### Senior Citizen Advisory Board Opening

There is still one opening on the Senior Citizen Advisory Board. These are two year terms and the board meets the fourth Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at Crown Point Community Center. Interested applicants can obtain an application online at: <http://www.cityofjohnston.com/boards/> or at city hall. Please submit applications to City Hall by August 31.

### Senior Citizen Advisory Board FUN NIGHT

Meet new friends at the Johnston Senior Citizen Advisory Board's "FUN NIGHT" on Wednesday, August 19 from 7:00-10:00 pm at the Crown Point Community Center (6300 Pioneer Parkway). Play cards, shuffleboard, pool and many other games. Refreshments provided and donations welcome.



### Back to School

The school year will begin shortly 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 the yellow flashing lights are activated. Traffic approaching the bus with the yellow lights activated 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!

### VISIT US ON THE WEB

[www.cityofjohnston.com](http://www.cityofjohnston.com)

Check for up-to-date city information

### 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.



### RAIN BARRELS

What happens to rain water in your yard?

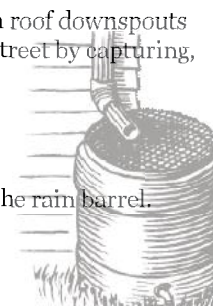
Rainwater falls onto your rooftop, into a downspout and onto your lawn or driveway. Our lawns drain or shed rainwater. Then it drains off into the street, down the storm drain and out into your neighborhood stream or lake. It is often thought of as a waste in our communities. When in fact it is something that we can reuse.

What is a rain barrel?

A rain barrel is used to catch rain water or runoff that is collected from roof downspouts on your home. They reduce the amount of stormwater runoff into the street by capturing, conserving, and storing the water for future reuse.

How does it work?

A rain barrel is placed near the outlet of a roof downspout. There it is connected to the downspout. When it rains the rainwater drains into the rain barrel. But be aware, rain barrels fill up fast!



### What Should I Read Next?

The Library can offer great suggestions if you are looking for what to read next. Thanks to support from the Johnston Public Library Foundation, we offer a magazine called **BookPage**, which provides reviews of a number of new items coming out in the next month. If you can't make it into the library to pick up a copy, you can also read the print edition online at [www.bookpage.com](http://www.bookpage.com). We also subscribe to two great readers' advisory services- **NoveList Plus** and **NoveList K-8**. Click on the "Reading Advice" link on our homepage at [www.johnstonlibrary.com](http://www.johnstonlibrary.com) for more information on these valuable resources. Our staff members have also compiled a few additional links to provide other websites that offer reading suggestions:

<http://www.johnstonlibrary.com/adults/readingsuggestions.php>

<http://www.johnstonlibrary.com/teens/recommended.php>

<http://www.johnstonlibrary.com/kids/booklists.php>

### Reading Discussion Group

Don't forget that the library has an adult reading discussion group that meets the second Thursday of every month and is open to all. On August 11 the group will be discussing **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lack** by Rebecca Skloot. This book was identified as one of the top non-fiction books of 2010. It combines themes of scientific discovery, bioethics, and legal issues in a riveting way, which should spark lively discussion. For more details about the monthly book discussion group, ask for Beth S. in our Public Services area at 278-5233.

AT THE LIBRARY



Check [www.johnstonlibrary.com](http://www.johnstonlibrary.com) for more details.

**BRAKE FOR KIDS**  
As school starts August 15, please be aware of children on there way to and from school. Parents- please go over bicycle safety with your children.



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

For more information about the city, visit our Web site - [www.cityofjohnston.com](http://www.cityofjohnston.com) or call 515-278-2344