

Altoona Life

July
August
2007

Providing a healthy dose of Altoona Attitude!

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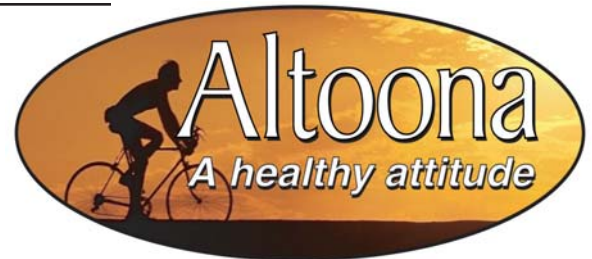
City Hall will be closed:
4th of July

Trash pickup will not be
affected.

Brush Drop Off
July 7
August 4
September 1

Music in the Park
Sunday, July 27
7:00 pm

City Wide Clean-up will
be on October 20, 2007



LIGHTING THE WAY!

Take a drive down 1st Avenue North and check out the new decorative street monuments consisting of a brick wing wall and a column topped by a functioning lantern. The concept was introduced with the 8th Street Beautification plan. To provide consistency, major intersections within Altoona will apply design concepts similar to those found in the Beautification Plan.

The northern entrance design & landscaping project was bid on in June. This project is to begin at the end of June with completion expected in the early fall depending upon availability of landscape plant material.

The 8th Street Corridor Plan is available at City Hall for the public to view. Comments or questions can be directed to Community Development Director John Shaw, or City Planner Chad Quick, at 515-967-5136.



Altoona Attitude – It's positively contagious!

www.altoona-iowa.com

Council Actions

These are a few of the actions that the Altoona City Council took in April and May 2007

April 2, 2007 Council approved the Management Agreement for Altoona Aquatics Park

April 16, 2007 Mayor's Proclamation to name May 2007, as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month"

April 16, 2007 Council approved Ordinance No. 4-16-07 #1 (250) to place a stop sign on 10th Street SW at 25th Avenue SW

May 7, 2007 Mayor's Proclamation to name May 12-May 18, 2007 "Bike to Work Week"

May 21, 2007 Council approval of Eco-Tech request for Temporary Portable PCC Batch Plant

SIGNS, SIGNS - Everywhere Signs



Please be aware of where signs can be placed. As a general rule, signs cannot be placed on the street side of the sidewalk. They also cannot be attached to utility poles or road signs. Signs can only be placed on the property being sold or where the garage sale is taking place. Signs placed on

City right-of-way are illegal and subject to removal. This includes real estate, garage sale and any other non-public sign. Please help keep Altoona's streets free of these signs. Thank you.



DRIVEWAY PARKING



Please remember to avoid parking where the sidewalk crosses your driveway. It becomes difficult and dangerous to maneuver around vehicles, especially if you are a small child on a bike or a person who has mobility limitations.

VICIOUS DOGS

The City Council had recently adopted a new Ordinance regarding vicious and dangerous animals. These new regulations restrict certain animals from being able to be located within the boundaries of the community. Pit Bulls are classified as being a vicious animal, which will require the owner of such to adhere to certain criteria as outlined in the Ordinance. Please visit our website at www.altoona-iowa.com for a copy of the Ordinance or contact us at 515-967-5138. These regulations may differ from the surrounding communities so if an animal such as a Pit Bull is brought into the community from another you may need to meet additional requirements unfamiliar to you.



Dry Conditions and Open Burning

As a reminder City of Altoona Ordinance Ch. 161.11 and 105.05 Open Burning does not allow opening burning of combustible materials in the City of Altoona Corporate limits without prior approval of the Polk County Air and Waste Management Department and the Fire Chief. This, along with the dry conditions of summer should be a safety concern. Fires spread fast and hot in humid, windy conditions adding to the problem of illegal burning. Damages to your own property and that of your neighbors are punishable when fires are purposely set.

The popularity of fire pits has prompted us to remind citizens to use common sense when using these outdoor accessories. Please remember not to burn trash or leaves in your fire pit. Also allow plenty of space around the fire pit to keep from getting burned or having the pit close to structures which could catch on fire. We require that some sort of screen be used to stop large pieces of ash from flying out of the fire pit. **Fire pits should NOT BE PLACED ON A DECK.**



Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

SWIMMING POOL SEASON



Swimming pool season is upon us once again. As a reminder certain sizes of pools require additional standards that must be followed.

If a pool is installed above grade and has a depth of more than 30" or if installed below grade with the depth of more than 18" and is designed, used, and maintained for swimming and bathing purposes then it must meet the provisions of building and zoning, this includes Hot Tubs.

The City of Altoona interprets the depth of the pool to be measured from the bottom of the pool structure to the top of the rim; it does not matter if the design of the pool calls for a lower water level.

Gone with the Wind

Those windy days can leave our neighborhoods looking unsightly. Please remember to put **bagged trash only** in your trash toter. For your recycling bin, try putting heavier items (glass jars, tin cans or a closed sack of mixed paper) on top of light items for added weight, or use a brick or board.



City of Altoona Animal Control Policy



All animal calls should be referred to the Altoona Police Department at 515-967-5131.



PARK RESERVATIONS

Need to reserve a park shelter.
Please call Cindy at 515-967-5136.

Lion's Park – 1/2 day rates

- \$75 – residents
- \$125 – non-residents
- \$100 – deposit for residents and non-residents

Lion's Park – full day

- \$150 – residents
- \$250 – non-residents
- \$100 – deposit for residents and non-residents

Haines Shelter

- \$35 – residents
- \$45 – non-residents
- \$35 – deposit for residents
- \$45 – deposit for non-residents

Haines' Stage

- \$25 – residents
- \$35 – non-residents
- \$25 – deposit for residents
- \$35 – deposit for non-residents

Haines' Gazebo

- \$50 – residents
- \$60 – non-residents
- \$50 – deposit for residents
- \$60 – deposit for non-residents



Buying Bags and Stickers

MWA works with grocery, convenience, and hardware stores in Des Moines and other participating communities to stock their shelves with **MWA Compost It!** bags. Before making a trip to the store, try calling to see if they have **MWA Compost It!** bags and stickers in stock. Stickers are probably not on the shelves, but are sold at the customer service area of the larger stores. **MWA Compost It!** stickers are also available at city halls in many participating communities. **Please remember that if the MWA Compost It! logo is not on the bag you will need to purchase a \$1.00 sticker in order to have your yard waste picked up.**

Compost It!
Bags are
\$7.75 for a bundle of five.
Compost It! Stickers are \$1.00 each
(40 pound limit per bag)



Protecting Against Mosquitoes

One sure sign of summer is the buzzing of mosquitoes! Mosquitoes can be dangerous with their threat of transmitting diseases, such as encephalitis to humans and heartworms to pets.

The City of Altoona periodically sprays mosquitoes with the safest, most effective spray and techniques. In fact, our spray is the least toxic organophosphate registered with the EPA for mosquito control: Pyrocide (Pyrethrins, Piperonyl butoxide, technical) Altoona also uses an ultra-low volume (ULV) cold aerosol insecticide generator/sprayer that targets mosquitoes.

Mosquito control and your safety are important. That's why we use chemicals and techniques that meet EPA Standards.

While many citizens want the City to spray, others would like to discontinue the spraying. If you do not want the City to spray your area for mosquitoes, or would like to be contacted prior to spraying, please call City Hall at 967-5136.

WOOD CHIPS



Wood chips are available. If you are interested, please make an appointment with the Street Department for pick-up times. The number is 515-967-2734.

BRUSH DROP OFF

1108 8th Street SW
(entrance to the Waste Water Plant)

Only the 1st Saturday of each month
8:00am to noon

Mark your calendar with these dates:

July 7 August 4 September 1

Report a Street Light Out!

If you notice a streetlight out, please report the location to City Hall at 967-5136.



Bus schedule information is at the following website:
www.ridedart.com

Public Safety Workers to be Honored

Members of the Eastern Star will honor police and firefighters with a luncheon on Wednesday, July 11th at King David Lodge in Altoona. The ladies of the Eastern Star contacted the police and fire departments several months ago, expressing a desire to show their appreciation for the public safety professionals who serve this community. An invitation will be extended to all full-time, part-time, reserve and retired public safety employees.

Eye Those Bicycles!



With school out of session, the wise driver will keep an eye out for kids on bikes. Even though bicyclists are supposed to obey the rules of the road and observe stop signs, we all know that kids will dart out into intersections from street corners and driveways. A good habit for drivers is to always obey the speed limit and watch for children on bikes and trikes who may unexpectedly appear in the street from yards, playgrounds or between parked cars. Eye those bicycles and save a life!

Fireworks & the 4th of July



With 4th of July coming up, safety is a major concern. Fireworks are enjoyable but also can be deadly or result in injuries that will effect people for the rest of their lives.

It is against the law to use or explode fireworks within the city limits, unless you first obtain a fireworks permit from the Altoona City Council. We receive annual complaints concerning illegal fireworks that disturb the peace and create a fire safety hazard. Adults who supply juveniles with fireworks are at risk of being charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and anyone who uses fireworks is subject to a court appearance, fine and confiscation of any unexploded illegal materials. Play it safe this year and enjoy one of the many legal fireworks displays that are available for viewing in Altoona and nearby communities.

If you wish to report illegal fireworks, please call our dispatch center at 967-5131. Your call can remain anonymous. We hope you will provide an exact location of the violator, if possible.

KEEPING ALTOONA SAFE



The police department has completed some major accomplishments during the past two years. A few of the projects are listed below.

RMS Conversion: The police department revamped its reporting and record keeping procedures. Our new records management system allows us to efficiently share information with other law enforcement agencies in Polk County. It has already proven its value during criminal investigations. We also use this new technology to transmit traffic crash, traffic citation and crime reports directly into the system from patrol vehicles that are still mobile and in the field.

SRT/SERT: We have melded our Special Response Team with the larger Suburban Emergency Response Team comprised of officers from the police departments in West Des Moines, Urbandale and Clive. We are training on a regular basis as a member of the SERT and are thus provided with a bigger pool of specialized emergency responders.

Digital Conversion: VCR technology has been replaced with digital technology as we continue to record video and audio during traffic stops and under other circumstances. In-car video has proven to be an effective deterrent to claims of improper police conduct, and also serves as a unique courtroom or training tool.

Radar Trailer: The purchase of a radar speed trailer has proven to be very popular with citizens and police officers. We are able to respond in a timely fashion to complaints of speeders in residential areas, with a mobile digital display that reminds drivers to slow down and drive with care.



Vacation Retreat?

If you will be out of town for a few days, or a few weeks, stop by the police department or call 967-5132 to request a vacation house check. You will need to provide a little information about your plans, such as date of departure, date of return and what cars may be in the driveway or what lights should be on in the home. You might also wish to list emergency contact information, along with the name and vehicle description of anyone who will be checking on your house. Be sure to stop your mail and newspapers, or arrange to have a neighbor pick up these deliveries each day.

Warning Sirens:



A reminder with the potential of severe weather upon us the outside warning devices (sirens) are activated upon the National Weather Services (NWS) advisory of potential weather conditions of severe weather such as tornado warnings.

Sirens will be activated once per 'warning period' determined by the NWS. If a 'warning period' is extended by the NWS, the sirens will be activated again to notify that conditions will continue. Sirens are tested the first Saturday of month at noon. If a siren in the area is malfunctioning, please call City Hall at 967-5136.

2007 Recruit Class Moves Forward

The 2007 Fire Recruit class will finish June 28, 2007, with their Fire Fighter written and practical testing and then the recruits will start EMT class in August. We have had about 30 recruits in this year's class from 7 metro departments.

The recruits will get a couple months off and begin Emergency Medical Technician – Basic class, which will take them up to December.

...come be part of the next class!

The Altoona Fire Department is once again gearing up for another recruitment year. If you have interest in applying to the busiest emergency responder service in Eastern Polk County, this is the place! If you want to give back to the community, have pride in what you do, and learn the emergency business, apply to the Altoona Fire Department.

WELCOME



Larry Snyder has over 14 years of experience in the commercial construction field and is a certified Residential Building Inspector. Larry will work as a Code Enforcement Specialist for the City of Altoona. He looks forward to the growing atmosphere that Altoona has to offer.

Larry and his wife, Lorie, stay active with their boys Kyle (11) and Nicholas (8). Kyle and Nicholas love to play roller hockey and guitar with their dad.



Please remember that construction season is here. Please be alert for people working on the streets. Thank you.

ALTOONA BUILDING DEPARTMENT



AT OUR NEW LOCATION

1504 8th Street SW
Building South of Altoona Campus
Telephone #: 515-967-5138
HOURS: 8:00am to 4:30pm
Monday - Friday

HELPFUL HANDOUTS

The Building Department has handouts available to citizens and builders to assist them with building code issues. These handouts are available online at <http://www.altoona-iowa.com/departments/building.asp> or at the Building Department office. The department is continuing to update existing handouts. The following handouts have been revised:

1. The "Approach and Sidewalk" handout for one and two family dwellings has been revised to be more user-friendly.
2. A new handout for Updating Residential Electrical Systems for use when altering, moving or replacing an electrical service is now available.

PERMIT, PLEASE?

Please check www.altoona-iowa.com, click on "City Departments" and then click on "Building" for information in regards to when a permit is required.

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

The State of Iowa has recently passed bills that will require all electrical, plumbing and mechanical contractors to be licensed by the State. For more information regarding these two bills please go to <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/>, click on BillBook then type in HF 908 (plumbing and mechanical) or HF 897 (electrical) under the "quick find".





PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES



Haines Park Facelift



Haines Park is in the process of having the rose garden area redone with cobblestone pavers and a new gazebo. We anticipate the rose garden and gazebo to be completed by the end of June. Some small playground equipment and miscellaneous walkway improvement will complete the facelift for Summer 2007. The picture shows the work in progress at the rose garden.

Venbury & 8th Street SW Intersection



The traffic signals are now installed at the intersection of 8th Street SW and Venbury Drive. The signals will increase access for Venbury residents and the Fire Department needing to use 8th Street. The signals also provide a safe way for pedestrians to cross 8th Street when visiting the Library, Aquatic or Skate Parks.

*****SAVE \$5.00 OFF YOUR NEXT WATER BILL!*****

Save yourself time and money by applying for the **Automatic Payment Plan** for you water bill! The City of Altoona is offering \$5.00 off of your next water bill when you sign up for **Automatic Deduction** from your checking or saving account.

Call Jody at City Hall for details #967-3180 ext. 226.

1st Avenue South Reconstruction



1st Avenue South Reconstruction continues and we anticipate the road to be open by August before Clay School opens. Please check www.altoona-iowa.com for updates. Thank you.

Falcon Ridge Trail Projects

Citizens can access the proposed improvements to the Falcon Ridge Bike and Pedestrian Trail on our website www.altoona-iowa.com under "News to Know" on the main web page. Please contact Aaron Putnam at 515-967-5136 if you have questions or concerns.



The City of Altoona has contract mowers maintaining the majority of City property and parks this summer. Please contact Tim Van Wyk with questions or concerns at 515-967-5203. Thank you.



Greenway Park Project Update

The Greenway Park sewer replacement continues to move forward slowly. The extreme cold weather in February and the heavy Spring rains have put the project well behind schedule.



The sewer replacement project is anticipated to be completed by late summer. The trail and landscaping will need to be completed following all the sewer work. We appreciate your patience.

ONLINE Water Payments

The City of Altoona has more and more residents taking advantage of online banking by their various banking institutions. Please remember to initiate your online payments 7 to 10 days before your bill is due. The City does not receive your payment from your bank immediately following your online transaction. Keep in mind your bank has to send a check to the City of Altoona through the mail. We have no way of knowing if you have paid your bill until we receive the check in the mail from your bank. Please keep this in mind when you choose to pay your water utility bill online.



RAIL CROSSING REPAIR



The week of June 11th, 17th Avenue SW was closed at the railroad crossing just south of 8th Street SW for repairs. The crossing was removed and replaced with new track and crossing material. The tracks were raised to facilitate a smoother crossing. A storm sewer was

added to drain water from the East to West.

While Iowa Interstate Railroad made the repairs to the tracks we removed part of the berm on the west side of 17th Avenue SW so we could connect the sidewalk coming from the North to the trail. This will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists using the trail.

USING YOUR WATER WISELY

Are you a **Wise User** of the water supplied to your home or business?

The Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission has developed an awareness program aimed at educating all water customers on how to use water wisely. The program offers tips on detecting and repairing leaking faucets and toilets and how to more efficiently water your lawn. These tips can be found at www.dmww.com/usingwaterwisely.asp or through a link on your local city or utility Web site.

Following these water saving tips can reduce the peak water consumption on hot summer days and aid your water system in operating more cost effectively.



SPLISH, SPLASH – I WAS TAKING A BATH...

Most people in North America use 50 to 70 gallons of water indoors each day and about the same amount outdoors, depending on the season. Even where water is abundant water conservation is important!



Here are some areas in and around your home where you can make a difference in conserving our water supply.

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD AREAS

- Check for hidden water leaks. Take a water meter reading. Two hours later take another water meter reading making sure that no water was used during the time period. If there is a leak the meter will show an increase.
- Insulate your water pipes.
- Check faucets and pipes for leaks.
- Install low-flow faucet aerators.

IN THE BATHROOM

- Check toilets for leaks
- Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket
- Put plastic bottles in your toilet tank. Or consider buying "low flush" toilets
- Install water saving showerheads.
- Take shorter showers.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth, shaving, etc.

IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM

- Only run full loads with the washer.
- If you are in the market for a new washer consider buying a water saving frontload washer.

IN THE KITCHEN

- Only run full loads in the dishwasher.
- Don't leave the water running when rinsing dishes.
- Minimize use of kitchen sink garbage disposal units. Create a compost pile to dispose of food.
- Don't leave the water running while cleaning vegetables.
- Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator rather than running the tap water until it is cool enough to drink.

IN THE YARD

- Water the lawn only when it needs it providing a deep soak which is more beneficial than short surface watering. Water during cool parts of the day and avoid watering on windy days.
- Install water efficient systems for yards, gardens, and flower beds. This could include drip irrigation, soaker hose, sprinklers set on timers or rain barrel catchment systems.
- Plant drought-resistant shrubs and plants.
- Use mulch around trees and plants
- Make sure your gutter flows onto your lawn instead of your driveway or sidewalks.
- Only use the hose to rinse the car when washing versus leaving the hose running.
- Use a broom, not the hose, to clean driveways, sidewalks and garages.
- Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings.

Altoona Public Library

700 Eighth Street SW
Telephone #967-3881
www.altoonapubliclibrary.net

HOURS:

Sunday: 2:00-5:30 p.m.
Mon – Thurs: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fri – Sat: 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.



HOLIDAY HOURS:

Closed: 4th of July & Sept 2-3

TARGET GRANT



Through a grant from Target, the library has purchased eighty new, nonfiction books for children. The new books focus on current issues in today's society, taking on topics like global warming, bio-fuels, alternate energy sources and immigration. They also cover local history, including information on Native American tribes and other local topics important to children today. Target gives back more than \$2 million a week to its local communities through grants and special programs. Since opening its first store in 1962, Target has partnered with nonprofit organizations, guests and team members to help meet community needs. Additionally, Target team members and retirees donate more than 315,000 hours to more than 7,000 projects each year. Titles purchased from the Target Grant will be displayed on the children's new book shelf and are ready to be checked out. If you have any questions about this new collection, give us a call or stop by the library.

A Touch of Magic: Magic Classes



Magician Rick Eugene will present a free magic class on Thursday, July 12th at 3:00 p.m. for children grades 3rd-6th. Each child will receive their very own magic kit and will get the chance to learn all the tricks of the trade. Pre-registration is required and spots are limited, so call now or stop by the library



NEWSBANK

The library has started a new subscription to Newsbank, an online database that lets you search the electronic editions of local, regional, and national U.S. newspapers and news magazines. It provides unique coverage of local, regional and international news, including companies, politics, sports, industries, cultural activities, science and technology, entertainment, and people in the community. One great feature is that you can search The Des Moines Register, as well as other local Iowa papers. To check out this new database, go to our website at www.altoonapubliclibrary.net and click on the Database tab. You will need your barcode number from your library card. If you have any questions, please give us a call or stop by.



I SPY A GOOD BOOK

Hey super sleuths, the summer reading program, "Get a Clue @ your library," is well on its way to breaking the case. Don't miss your chance to keep tabs on all the suspects. July programs include comic magician Rick Eugene, the Campus Carnival, a special showing of Harry Potter: Order of the Phoenix and a visit by the cool critters from the Blank Park Zoo. Come get a summer calendar for further details on what is available, scope out some great books and have a summer filled with mystery and intrigue.



MUSIC IN THE PARK



Music in the Park continues Sunday, July 27th and August 26th at 7:00pm. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening at Haines Park. If you have any questions regarding Music in the Park, please contact Phyllis Murphy at 515-967-4942.

WHAT IS THAT?



The Waste Water Department has been training on the Combination Jet/Vac truck. This truck will allow us to clean our sanitary and storm sewers instead on contracting the work out. The truck also has the ability to "pothole" which means that water is sprayed directly into the ground creating a pothole. Then, dirt and water are vacuumed out in order locate utilities safely without damage. The truck can also be used with proper training to assist in rescues when a person is trapped by dirt cave ins. The truck provides a safer way to rescue versus using a backhoe to remove dirt.



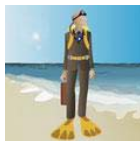
1500 8th Street SW
 Altoona, IA 50009
 Phone: 515/967-0788
 Fax: 515/967-2446
www.altoonacampus.com

HOURS:

Mon – Fri.: 5:00 am – 10:00 pm
 Sat: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
 Sun.: Noon - 7:00 pm

4th of July Hours: 7:00am - 3:00pm

S.C.U.B.A.



Become a certified diver and discover a whole new underwater world in this course offered at Altoona Campus by Matt Leydens of Leydens Dive Shop. Mask, fins and snorkel are required.

Contact Aquatics Coordinator Mike Foote at 967-0788, ext. 227 or Matt Leydens at Leydens Dive Shop at 288-6312.

Session1: July 7 - August 11
 Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Fees: \$275 per person
 Registration is required.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP

Learn how to rough-it in the great outdoors! We'll hike, fish, play games, explore nature, learn how to set-up camp, cook lunch and make great friends! Camp will be held at Thomas Mitchell Park, just five miles east of Altoona Campus. The week will end with a family cookout and campfire on Saturday evening. Families interested in camping out overnight in the Youth Campground may stay for only \$1 per person.



Grades 6-8 July 30-August 4
 Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Family Cookout & Campfire - Saturday 6:00 p.m. (weather permitting)
 (Min. class size: 10, Max. class size: 25)

Members \$100 Non-Members \$125
 Registration fee includes camp T-shirt, daily lunches, Saturday's cookout and campfire meal.

POLK COUNTY SENIOR MEALS & RECREATION



Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday in the Altoona Campus Community Room. Reservations are required one day in advance (please call before 12 Noon). There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

Podiatry services, blood pressure checks, and dental screenings are regularly available during senior meals, along with monthly health education covering the latest health updates. On the third Tuesday and Friday of every month the Visiting Nurse Services offer Adult Health Maintenance Clinics.

Games and activities are offered in the Community Room before/after lunch on the following days:

Monday: Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday: Crafts (before lunch)
 Friday: Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 a.m. BINGO (after lunch)

Health Insurance for Seniors - Information Session

Would you like to know more about Medicare, Medicaid and supplemental health insurance? Humana representative Tom Mahedy will be offering FREE educational information on health care for seniors, how the systems work, and how to find the best insurance fit for you. **(He is not coming to sell insurance policies)**

This informational presentation will be offered on Wednesday, July 18 in the Altoona Campus Community Room from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Please pre-register for this seminar at the Altoona Campus front desk from July 2-16.

LIFETIME SPORTS

Learn the skills to enjoy golf, archery and bowling! We'll share the rules of play, scoring and proper techniques for each sport. Camp will travel to various sites including Terrace Hills Golf Course, Archery Field & Sports, and Ankeny Lanes. Lifetime Sports will begin and end at Altoona Campus. We'll end the week with a pool party to celebrate your accomplishments!



SESSION II: Grades 3-5 August 6-10
 Monday - Friday 1:00-5:00 p.m.
 (Min. class size: 4, Max. class size: 12)

Members \$100 Non-Members \$125
 Registration fee includes camp T-shirt, facility fees, pool party and transportation to and from the "off-campus" sites.

ALTOONA AQUATICS PARK OUTDOOR LESSONS

Four sessions of daytime swim lessons will be offered at the Altoona Aquatics Park. Lessons are conducted in 30 minute sessions Monday through Friday mornings over a two week period. (Yes - the water is heated) Pre-registration is required, and payment is due at registration. Refunds are NOT issued for outdoor lessons, and make-up lessons are NOT available for lessons cancelled due to weather conditions.

SESSION III: July 9 - July 20
 SESSION IV: July 23 - August 3
 FEES: \$42 per student, per lesson



Contact the Altoona Campus at 515-967-0788 for registration times

Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce

Altoona Bucks

Try us first...
Look at what we have to offer!

The Community Promotions Committee of the Altoona Chamber of Commerce would like to remind you to use Altoona Chamber Bucks, a program designed to expand the opportunity to do business locally.

GIVE ALTOONA BUCKS AS A GIFT!

Altoona Chamber Bucks are available for purchase only at the Chamber office and can be used as gift certificates for all occasions in \$5 denominations. A list of Businesses that are participating in the Altoona Bucks Program will be given out with each purchase.

ABC'S OF CHAMBER = ALWAYS BUY CHAMBER

Purchase your chamber Bucks at the Chamber office located at 119 2nd Street SE, Altoona, Iowa 50009. 515-967-3366



Upcoming Events:

July 13: Altoona Chamber Community Golf Outing at Terrace Hills Golf Course.

August 2: Chamber Night at Principal Park – Discount Tickets available at the Chamber office.

August 10: Altoona featured in the Central Iowa Tourism booth at the Iowa State Fair Tourism Building from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

October 11: Taste of Altoona at Prairie Meadows Conference Center.

Altoona Historical Society



Altoona Historical Society Members in front of the New Historical Center

ALTOONA'S NEW HISTORICAL CENTER

On May 29, 2007, the Altoona Area Historical Society held its first meeting at the building soon to become the Altoona Area Historical Center, located at 104-2nd Street SE in Old Town Altoona. Built in 1873, the building is the oldest structure in Altoona. It was purchased by the City of Altoona in December 2006 to use as a historical center.

The Altoona Area Historical Society is working with state and local historical preservation officials to preserve and renovate the property. The Society will have an office and museum in the building later this year.

If you would like to learn more about the history of Altoona and the surrounding area, contact the Altoona Area Historical Society at altoonahistory@aol.com or 967-4815. The group meets at 7:00pm the fourth Monday of every month at the Altoona Area Historical Center. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP FORM... Thank you for your support!

Altoona Area Historical Society
1060 – 14th Street SE
Altoona, IA 50009
515-967-4815



	\$10.00	Individual Membership
	\$25.00	Family Membership
	\$30.00	Business Membership

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Would you like to volunteer? _____ Signature _____

The goals of the Altoona Area Historical Society are to create an Altoona Area Historical Museum and to educate citizens about our local history.

Service Organizations

Following is a list of Altoona area service organizations, contact names and phone numbers.

Altoona Bam Bam League	Amber Pedersen	967-5575
Altoona Campus Basketball-Boys and Girls	Altoona Campus	967-0788
Altoona Co-ed Softball	Bill Sowder	967-4966
Altoona Elementary PTA	Nikki Martinson	967-5725
Altoona Girls Softball	Jeff James	967-8832
Altoona Hustling Herdsmen 4-H Club	Rob & Barb Timmins	967-4144
Altoona Little League	Dave Underwood	265-9889
Altoona Men's Commercial Softball	Bill Sowder	967-4966
Altoona Men's Rec Softball	Bill Sowder	967-4966
Altoona Order of Eastern Star	Helen Blaney	967-2321
Altoona Soccer Club	Cecil Wright	967-1979
Altoona Swim Club	Altoona Campus	967-0788
Altoona T-Ball	Jeff McCarty	967-6999
American Legion	Lenny Shaw	967-4625
American Legion Auxiliary	Linda Shaw	967-4625
Boy Scouts #63	Rod Schroeder	967-5055
Boy Scouts Troop #563	Al Rutten	263-1197
Centennial Elementary PTA	Allison Brekke	967-3616
Cub Scouts Pack #383	Lorie Ruffcorn	967-7302
Cub Scouts Pack #463	Rick Peake	975-1396
DECA (SEP)	Carol Von Tersch	967-6631
Delaware Elementary PTO	Gina Menke	265-9843
Demolay	Jim Roske	967-4649
Eastern Polk Quilters Guild	Jane Hummel	262-5361
FFA (SEP)	Matt Eddy	967-6631
French Club (SEP)	Diane Larson	967-6631
Girl Scouts	Chris Lynn	967-3225
Heartland Singers	Dawn Hutchison	266-1189
Interact Club (SEP Affiliate of Rotary)	Nate Ballagh	967-6631
KEY Club (SEP Affiliate of Kiwanis)	Mark Aalderks	967-6631
King David Masonic Lodge	Everett Mauch	967-4796
Kiwanis Club	Cathy Beck-Cross	967-7806
Leo Club (SEP affiliate with Lions)	John Jones	967-6631
Lions Club	Dan Janssen	967-4294
Little Rams Football	Altoona Campus	967-0788
Little Rams Wrestling	Todd Meyer	265-5148/222-1911
MOMS Club (stay @ home moms)	Kirsten Sanders	957-4055
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)	Laurel Marshall	967-5894
Olde Town Altoona Business	Mike Vincent	967-0489
P.R.I.D.E. (SEP RhythAMettes)	Michelle Smith	967-8286
Parents Anonymous	Leslie Kran	255-9490
Polk County Master Gardeners	Paula Winslow	967-3409
RAMS Juniors Volleyball Club (SEP)	Jim Sixta	979-0627
Rotary Club of East Polk County	Steve Mather	967-5415
SEP Athletic Boosters	Mark Vance	967-5754
SEP Music Boosters/Band	Bev Sells	967-6631
SEP Music Boosters / Vocal	Debbie Wise	263-1609
SEP Post-Prom Committee	Kyrie Garras	266-1679
SEP Youth Tackle Football	Jamie Sargent	967-2545
Solos (widows)	Linda Larson	967-3378
Spanish Club (SEP)	Carla Jensen	967-6631
TLC (SEP)	Cathy Beck-Cross	967-7806
TOPS Club, Inc	Norma Holcomb	262-2600
VICA (SEP) SKILLS USA	Phil Cronin	967-6631
Willowbrook Elementary PTA	Jennifer Baier	967-7654
Za-Ga-Zig Shrine	Jim May	967-3000

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Timothy J. Burget

Council Persons:
Skip Conkling
Matt Davenport
Joe Riding
Stacey Warren
Michelle Sloan

City Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Additional meetings are scheduled as necessary.

Department Contacts:

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City Clerk	Randy Pierce	967-5136
Fire Chief	Jerry Whetstone	967-2216
Library Director	Dan Bakke	967-3881
Community Services Dir	Vern Willey	967-5136
Water Billing	Jody Evans	967-5136
Building Department	Susi Hoots	967-5138
Code Enforcement	Susi Hoots	967-5138
Building Official	Jeff Harden	967-5138
Planning Questions	John Shaw	967-5136

Utilities Superintendent	Karen Oppelt	967-5136
Water Supervisor	Doug Jones	967-2454
Wastewater Supervisor	Jim Utter	967-4464

Public Works Superintendent	Aaron Putnam	967-5136
Streets Supervisor	Jay Vos	967-2734
Parks Supervisor	Tim Van Wyk	967-5203

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(Commission meets the last Tuesday of each month)

Gerald Nolin, Chairperson	Jeda Blanchard
Dennis Keller, Vice Chair	Scott Henry
Anne Lohmeier	Dan Narber
Allison Hay	

Parks Board

(Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month)

Rod Marvin, Chairperson	Paula Winslow
Phyllis Murphy	Howard Johnson
Dean O'Connor	Paula Smith

Library Board

(Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month)

Diane Burget, President	Marc Hesner
Evelyn Cole, Vice-President	Becky Wehrman
John Schaffner	

Board of Adjustment

(Meets 1st Tuesday of the month, as needed)

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Dale Sikes, Vice Chair	Lea Morris
Dennis Armantrout	

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