

# Altoona Life

July  
August  
2009

*Providing a healthy dose of Altoona Attitude!*

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## Reminders

**City Offices CLOSED**  
Friday, July 3rd

**NEW Recycling Toter**  
**BEGINS**

Monday, July 13th  
Tuesday, July 14th

**Brush Drop off**  
Saturday, July 11th  
8:00am - 12:00pm

**Music in the Park**  
Sunday, July 27th  
7:00pm  
Haines Park Stage  
"Rick & Beth" w/ Jack  
O'Leary - songs of the  
50s/60s

**ROLL THOSE GREEN  
CARTS OUT**  
*Begins in Altoona on  
July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>*



Be sure to place your new green recycling toter on the curb for your regular Monday or Tuesday pick-up. If your recycling pick-up is missed, please contact #515-24-GREEN (47336). If your garbage pick-up is missed, please continue to contact City Hall at 515-967-5136.

The Recycle & Roll program makes it easier for you to recycle. We appreciate your assistance in making it easier for our collectors to pick it up as well. Here's how you can help.

- Your cart should be within 18 inches of the curb with the short metal bar facing the street.
- Do not place the cart near low hanging branches.
- To avoid damage to public and private property, place the cart at least 6 feet away from mailboxes, lamp posts and other permanent structures.
- Place your cart on as level a surface as possible.
- Yard waste bags and other large items should be 3 to 6 feet away from your cart.
- Placing the cart in your driveway reduces the likelihood that access to it will be blocked by vehicles, landscaping or snow.
- Close the lid prior to pick-up.

**CORRECT**



**INCORRECT**



Please visit [www.recycleandroll.com](http://www.recycleandroll.com) or contact Metro Waste Authority with questions at 515-323-6514



**Metro Waste Authority**  
No Wasted Resources

## CIVIC PLAZA CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Phase 1 construction has begun on the Civic Plaza. The Civic Plaza will be located with the Enabling Gardens behind the new Hy-Vee between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Phase 1 includes a pond, the wetlands, a fountain, waterfall, and water play area for children. The entrance for Phase 1 will be off of Center Place Drive. Please note: Prairie Heritage Trail is currently closed between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The trail will be replaced when Phase 1 is completed.



**Altoona Attitude — It's positively contagious!**  
[www.altoona-iowa.com](http://www.altoona-iowa.com)

# ALTOONA CITY REMINDERS



Please call Cindy  
at 515-967-5136 for  
shelter reservations.

## 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

## Village Park Shelter

\$35 – residents

\$45 – non-residents

\$35 – deposit for residents

\$45 – deposit for non-residents

## ENABLING GARDENS

The Garden Talks and Demonstrations take place on Saturdays at 10:00am in the Altoona Enabling Gardens located behind Hy-Vee.

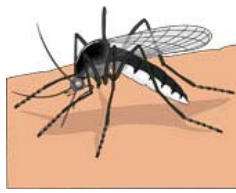


July 11	Shade Plants
July 18	Children in the Garden
August 15	Flower Arranging
September 12	Plant Pathology
October	Prairie Seed Harvest Walk

## MUSIC IN THE PARK



**Rick and Beth - Music of the 60s** will be performing on Sunday, July 26th. **Bob Van Hook** will be performing on August 30th at 7pm. Please bring a chair and enjoy the show at Haines Park Stage.



## 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: Pyrethrin (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.

## A SPECIAL THANKS



The City of Altoona would like to say thank you to the following groups or individuals:

- Mr. Russell Wilkins for his donation of large oak trees to replace several of the trees the City lost at Haines Parks last summer during the storms.
- SEP seniors who volunteered their time during Senior Skip Day, on May 1. Seniors hung flower baskets in Old Town and picked up 9 cubic yards of trash from area parks, ponds and along roadsides.
- Mrs. Richardson and the SEP 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, on May 5<sup>th</sup>, helped pick up our area parks and trails. The SEP 8<sup>th</sup> Graders removed 6 cubic yards of garbage and debris from various locations throughout Altoona.

**THANK YOU FOR KEEPING ALTOONA BEAUTIFUL!**

## BUMP — SET — SPIKE



The sand volleyball courts are completed in Village Park. Village Park has been transformed this past year with the new play equipment, shelter, bathrooms and now sand volleyball courts. We even have a drinking fountain for the family dog. Come and enjoy. Village Park is located at the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW and 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

The City of Altoona anticipates that the little park located in the Falcon Ridge development will be completed by July 1.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Iowa Classic Parade "FABLES & STABLES"

is scheduled for Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

Citizens need to be aware the parade route will begin at the intersection of Adventureland Drive and the Prairie Meadows North access street located across from the Git & Go convenience store, continuing east on Adventureland Drive, turning right (south) on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, turning right on (west) on 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, and then turning right (north) on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW and then turning left (west) on to Adventureland Drive, heading back to the staging area.

For more information, please check [www.AltoonaChamber.org](http://www.AltoonaChamber.org)

### DRIVEWAY PARKING



Please remember to avoid parking where the sidewalk crosses your driveway. Not only does it become difficult and dangerous to maneuver around vehicles, especially if you are a small child on a bike or a person who has mobility limitations, but Iowa Law and Altoona City Ordinance prohibit parking across the sidewalk (Code of Iowa 321.358(1); Altoona Code Chapter 69.06.4)

### REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUT!

When reporting a streetlight that is damaged or burnt out, please include the location.  
Call City Hall at 967-5136.



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

### Brush Drop Off

1108 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
(entrance to the Waste Water Plant)  
Only the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month  
8am - 12pm



Mark your calendar with these dates:

July 11 August 1 September 5

### Firecrackers and the Fourth



Remember that it is illegal in Iowa to use or explode fireworks or firecrackers without a permit. A large number of complaints are received each year regarding illegal fireworks that disturb the peace and create hazards to life and property. Adults who supply fireworks to juveniles are at risk of being charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and juveniles are at risk of being referred to Polk County Juvenile Court. Anyone who uses illegal fireworks or firecrackers is subject to a court appearance, a monetary fine and confiscation of any unused illegal materials. Play it safe this year. Enjoy one of the many legal fireworks displays that are available for viewing in Altoona and nearby communities.

### Open Burning

This is a reminder that no open burning is allowed in the City limits of Altoona. The City of Altoona Code of Ordinances 105.05 *Open Burning Restricted* states; No person shall allow, cause or permit open burning of combustible materials where the products of combustion are emitted into the open air without passing through a chimney or stack, except as provided in Chapter 161 of the Code of Ordinances.



Code 161.09 *Open Burning and Recreational Fires* states: Section 307.1 of the International Fire Code shall be amended by adding the following to the end of the section: There shall be no open burning in the City of Altoona Corporate Limits without prior approval of the Polk County Air and Waste Management Department and the Fire Chief.



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, leaves or yard debris in your fire pit. Also, allow plenty

of space around the fire pit to keep from getting burned or having the pit too 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!

### **CORRECTION NOTICE**

In the November/December 2008 issue of the AltoonaLife, it was stated that Artistic Manufacturing was having a fuel surcharge added to each utility bill. The company name was inaccurate. The fuel surcharge was approved for Artistic Waste Management, which is Altoona's solid waste and recycling vendor. The AltoonaLife reflected the correct business name in the January/February 2009 issue. We apologize for any misunderstanding. **NOTE: The March 2009 water utility bill was the last month to have this fuel surcharge applied.**



700 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S  
 Altoona, IA 50009  
 515-967-5132  
 7:30am — 4:30pm  
 515-967-5131  
 after hours  
 Fax 515-967-5133  
 '911' Emergency



950 Venbury Drive  
 Altoona, Iowa 50009  
 515-967-2216 office  
 515-967-7146 fax  
 '911' Emergency

**Recruits, are you ready?**

The Altoona Fire Department is taking applications for the upcoming Recruit Class 2010.

The Altoona Fire Department provides emergency services to all residents and visitors in Altoona and the surrounding area to include: fire response, suppression, investigation, salvage & overhaul, prevention & education, hazardous material operations, rescue & extrication, and emergency medical treatment and transport. Multiple types of working conditions exist including: heights, below ground operations, harmful atmosphere and environmental conditions for extended periods of time, known dangerous environments occurring all hours of the day and night and extreme heat and cold temperatures.

**Requirements:** a high school education or GED, good physical condition, valid Iowa drivers license and proof of automobile liability insurance. Individuals will be required to take a reading comprehension and math test, a physical agility exam, successful completion of motor vehicle and background criminal check, a pre-employment physical and drug screen. CPR and First-aid certification will be required in 30 days of hiring. Candidates will receive: compensation, NFPA 1582 Medical Evaluation, CPR training, community involvement, death & dismemberment insurance coverage, Firefighter I and Emergency Medical Technician – Basic training, and **FREE: Altoona Campus and Aquatic Memberships.**

So, if you're ready to commit the time and effort to one of the busiest emergency services department in the county, then the Altoona Fire Department might be for you. You can pick an application up at the City Hall, 407 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE or the Fire Station, 950 Venbury Drive.

**Warning Sirens:**

A reminder, with the potential of severe weather upon us, that 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.



Outside warning devices shall 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 each month at noon. If a siren in your area is malfunctioning, please call the Fire Department at 967-2216.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**



Senior Police Officer Brett Handy is the employee of the 1st quarter. Brett is a valuable member of the police department, presently serving as our community relations officer and lead D.A.R.E. instructor.

Brett's duties include scheduling of all D.A.R.E. classes for sixth grade students at Altoona's four elementary schools, providing personal safety classes for elementary school children, and conducting bicycle safety rodeos. Brett also assists the patrol and investigation divisions in the summer, when school is not in session. He conducts alcohol and tobacco sales compliance checks at businesses, and tracks sex offenders living in the city who are required to be registered.

Brett started his career in law enforcement when he joined our police reserve program in 1991. He was hired as a full time officer in 1995, graduating from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. From 1998 to 2001, he was assigned as a task force officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration office in Des Moines. In 2002, he graduated from the two week D.A.R.E. Instructor training program.

Congratulations Brett, on this well-deserved recognition.

**Call Early**

Whenever you see something suspicious in your neighborhood or witness activity that just doesn't seem right, don't hesitate to call the police right away. Many times, citizens feel that they shouldn't "bother" the police with a minor concern or perhaps are uncomfortable dialing 911 for a situation that may not be a true emergency.



These are the times to use our non-emergency number: 967-5131. This number is answered by our dispatch center and puts you in immediate contact with specialists who can summon the police for you without delay. If you have an administrative question that does not require an immediate response by a uniformed police officer, please dial 967-5132 between the hours of 7:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

Altoona police officers are here for you, 24 hours every day: Weekends, holidays, and regardless of the weather. For emergencies, always dial 911.

**WORK  
ZONE**

# **PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**WORK  
ZONE**

## **ALTOONA BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**1504 8th Street SW**

Building South of Altoona Campus

Telephone #: 515-967-5138

HOURS: 8:00am to 4:30pm (Monday - Friday)

### **SIDEWALKS**



Just a reminder for those who have received notices to repair sidewalks. The 45-day time frame for repairs is fast approaching. If you haven't done so already, please refer to the

Sidewalk Repair Guide at <http://www.altoona-iowa.com/departments/building.asp>. If you do not have access to the Internet, please stop by our offices and we can provide you a paper copy. Our location is at 1504 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW (right next door to the Altoona Campus). For those who have chosen not to make the necessary repairs, or are unable to, staff will place these marked panels on a list for a hired contractor. The costs for said repairs will not be known until we are able to provide a complete list to a contractor for bid. Staff is estimating the cost to be between \$200.00 to \$500.00 per 4 foot by 4 foot panel. The final cost for repairs are solely the contracted bid amount and no additional "City" fees are added or charged to this cost.

### **CONTRACTORS AND PERMITS**

Below are a couple of helpful hints to keep in mind when hiring a contractor to perform work on your property.

1. Always check with your contractor to see whose responsibility it is to obtain a permit if the City requires one.
2. Always make sure you have a copy of your permit if you haven't obtained it yourself.
3. Try to get at least 3 cost quotes from various contractors.
4. Ask the potential contractors for references.
5. Check with the Better Business Bureau for any complaints against a contractor you may be hiring.
6. Verify if the contractor is a "registered" contractor with Iowa Workforce Development. This can be done by visiting the IWD website at <http://www.iowaworkforce.org/labor/contractor.htm>.

When considering a project please feel free to contact the Building and Zoning Department for any questions. We are located at 1504 8<sup>th</sup> Street SW (right next door to the Altoona Campus). Our main phone number is 515-967-5138. You may also visit our website at <http://www.altoona-iowa.com/departments/building.asp> for permit applications and handouts.

### **Water Conservation continued**

The May/June AltoonaLife reviewed some ways to conserve water in the bathroom by making changes beginning with your toilet. As stated before, the bathroom is where you can make the most substantial reduction in your personal water use. Two thirds of the water used in an average home is used in the bathroom.

#### ***Showers***

People used to think showers were less wasteful than baths. That failed to take into consideration the fact that many of us spend 10 to 20 minutes or more in the shower. Since most showers pour out between 5 – 10 gallons per minute, that can add up in a hurry.

Time yourself next time you step under the spray. The odds are you really don't need to stand there that long, or need the shower running at full, hot blast.

#### ***Shaving, Tooth Brushing***

Don't leave the water running. Run as much as you need, then turn off the tap until you need some more. Water running unused goes straight down the drain.

*- information provided by AWWA*

### **Is it Treated?**



There is a common misconception about the municipal storm drain system. There are two underground pipe systems that carry water away. The first is the sanitary sewer for waste water that is sent to a treatment facility, cleaned to meet strict EPA standards and released

back to the water supply system. The second is the storm drain that collects runoff and sends it directly to receiving waters without being treated. Thus, storm drains carry large amounts of pollution away from urbanized areas.

#### ***Go P-Free (Phosphorus-Free)***

Help prevent algal blooms and growth of unwanted aquatic vegetation in your streams and lakes. Unless you have newly seeded lawn, most soils in Iowa provide all of the phosphorus needed. Understand the fertilizer label: NPK (N=nitrogen, P=phosphorus, K=potassium). Choose a fertilizer that is P-Free or contains "0" phosphorus. Ask your commercial applicator to use only phosphorus-free fertilizer and have them sweep any excess from impervious surfaces such as driveways and sidewalks.

*-information provided by Iowa Stormwater Education Program 5*



## Altoona Public Library

700 Eighth Street SW  
Telephone #967-3881  
[www.altoona.lib.ia.us](http://www.altoona.lib.ia.us)

### 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:

July 4: CLOSED

### Building A Foundation Book Bags

Go Green and help build the Foundation of the Altoona Public Library. Donate \$10.00 or more to the Altoona Public Library Foundation and receive an APL cloth book bag. The Altoona Public Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization created in 2005 to advocate and raise funds for the public library through campaigns, events and activities. This includes funding for great events like the Annual Literacy Festival and the summer reading program, as well as the purchase of needed books, videos, DVD's, CD's, equipment and improvements in computer technology. Please help the Altoona Public Library Foundation support the library's future by making a donation. The APL bags are available at the library's front desk.



## Be Creative @ Your Library

The summer reading program, "Be Creative," is off to a great start, and there are more "artsy" activities still to come in July. Programs include Tubabu African Drumming, Mexican Guitarist R.J. Hernandez, Escape School with Jeanne Uhl and a Carnival created by the Altoona Campus Kids. Children are also invited to read their way to great prizes during the book-log that runs until July 31. Prizes will be awarded for every 5 books read, up to 25 books. There will be drawings from the completed logs in August. So come explore the worlds of music, art, dance, books and much more at the library this summer. To pre-register, or for more information, please stop by the library or call 967-3881. A complete listing of storytimes and programs is also available on our website, [www.altoona.lib.ia.us](http://www.altoona.lib.ia.us).



## We the People Bookshelf

The Altoona Public Library was one of 4,000 libraries across the country selected to receive a **We the People Bookshelf grant**, which provides free hardcover books to participating libraries. Included in the bookshelf are editions of 21 classic books, plus three Spanish translations, on the theme of "Picturing America." In all of the classic books, words are used to portray significant themes in American history and culture. The We the People Bookshelf project for libraries is a grant initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) that provides classic children's literature to school and public libraries. Each year, NEH identifies a theme important to the nation's heritage and selects books that embody that theme to build the **We the People Bookshelf**. A complete list of awarded titles is available at the library or at our website, [www.altoona.lib.ia.us](http://www.altoona.lib.ia.us).



[www.altoona.lib.ia.us](http://www.altoona.lib.ia.us) offers further information regarding these programs and all other library activities.

## *Altoona Historical Society*

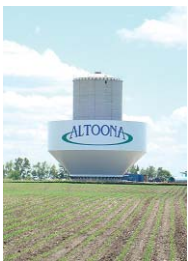
### The Toonerville Trolley



People commuting to work on a daily basis in the early 1900s faced transportation issues just like we do today. In order to meet the needs of local residents, construction of a local electric railroad system began in early 1902.

The goal of the railroads, known and Interurbans, was to provide economical and convenient transportation between communities in central Iowa on a regular scheduled basis.

### SE WATER TOWER



The SE water tower is located on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The water tower has a capacity of 2 million gallons. The SE Water Tower was built in conjunction with Pleasant Hill and Des Moines Water Works to meet the expanding needs of the area. Altoona's share of the water will be 750,000 gallons. The tower is a composite tower with a metal bowl similar to the NW water tower located off of Adventureland Drive near Interstate 80. The plan is to have the bowl raised up to the top and the tower in service by fall.

## 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 Campus Flag Football	Altoona Campus	967-0788
Altoona Co-ed Softball	Bill Sowder	967-4966
Altoona Elementary PTA	Deb DeDecker	967-6893
Altoona Fire Fighters Association	Pete Medina	515-480-4408
Altoona Girls Softball	Joe Carter	967-5737
Altoona Hustling Herdsmen 4-H Club	Rob & Barb Timmins	967-4141
Altoona Little League	Dave Underwood	967-9152
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 Youth Soccer Association	Joe White	967-9269
Altoona Swim Club	Altoona Campus	967-0788
Altoona T-Ball	Ryan Roberts	957-0758
Altoona Triathlon Club	Jason Bernstein	202-9501
American Legion	Lenny Shaw	967-4625
American Legion Auxiliary	Linda Shaw	967-4625
Boy Scouts #63	Doug Watson	967-7727
Boy Scouts Troop #563	Al Rutten	263-1197
Centennial Elementary PTA	Angie Caswell	967-9400
Clay Elementary PTA	Jenny Waltz	967-7373
Cub Scouts Pack #383	Lorie Ruffcorn	967-7302
Cub Scouts Pack #463	Rick Peake	975-1396
DECA (SEP)	Carol Von Tersch	967-6631 x2129
Delaware Elementary PTO	Angela Boggs	262-8980
Demolay	Jim Roske	967-4649
Eastern Polk Quilters Guild	Jane Hummel	262-5361
FFA (SEP)	Matt Eddy	967-6631 x2053
French Club (SEP)	Michele Raasch	967-6632 x2086
Girl Scouts	Chris Lynn	967-3225
Heartland Singers	Dawn Hutchison	266-1189
Interact Club (SEP Affiliate of Rotary)	Nate Ballagh	967-6631 x2037
KEY Club (SEP Affiliate of Kiwanis)	Danielle Heefner	967-5509 x2120
King David Masonic Lodge	Craig Long	669-7445
Kiwanis Club	Allon Cady	967-4213
Knights of Columbus Council 13109	Thomas Brandt	491-4006
Leo Club (SEP affiliate with Lions)	John Jones	967-6631 x2077
Lions Club	Barb McGrean	967-7283
Little Rams Wrestling	Todd Meyer	265-5148/222-1911
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	Marti Kline	967-5881
SEP Athletic Boosters	Mark Vance	967-5754
SEP Music Boosters/Band	Paul Hike	262-0327
SEP Music Boosters / Vocal	Rhonda Brandenburg	778-5084
SEP Builders Club	Angi Wilson	967-5509
SEP Post-Prom Committee	Nancy Fink	967-0922
SEP Youth Tackle Football	Jamie Sargent	967-2545
Solos (widows)	Linda Larson	967-3378
Spanish Club (SEP)	Karla Jensen	967-6631
TLC (SEP)		
TOPS Club, Inc	Norma Holcomb	262-2600
VICA (SEP) SKILLS USA	Phil Cronin	967-6631 x2048
Willowbrook Elementary PTA	Melanie Bates	537-4896
Za-Ga-Zig Shrine	Jim May	967-3000

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS: Please notify City Hall of changes in contact names and telephone numbers.**



**The Chamber Wants You to Join Us!**  
**August 6, 2009**  
**Chamber Night at Principal Park**

Altoona Chamber of Commerce  
119 2nd St. SE  
(515) 967-3366



The Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce is offering you a special discounted rate to the August 6 Iowa Cubs Game vs. the Reno Aces. **For just \$3**, you and your family can enjoy not only entry into the game, but also a tailgate before the game with hot dogs, brats, chips, and ice cream (tailgate is on a first come, first serve basis). The tailgate starts at 5:30 p.m. Game begins at 7:05. It's great fun for all ages! For tickets, contact Jessica Maldonado, with the Greater Des Moines Partnership, at [jmaldonado@desmoinesmetro.com](mailto:jmaldonado@desmoinesmetro.com) or call Jessica at 515.286.4924. Staff and members of the Altoona Area Chamber will be helping to serve ice cream that night – if you see one of us, be sure to say “hello!” This event is open to the public.

**Want to Increase Your Business?**

Join the Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce! Your membership provides opportunities to make business connections at several events each month, sponsor local events, and market directly to our thriving community, plus... **We Have Fun!**

**½ Price for ½ Year Special**

Join the Chamber between June 1 and July 31 and receive ½ off your membership fee for the remaining year. If you're a business owner, don't miss this opportunity! For more information, contact the Chamber at 967.3366, [altoona@netins.net](mailto:altoona@netins.net) or visit us online at [www.altoonachamber.org](http://www.altoonachamber.org).

**Altoona Historical Society**

**- continued from page 6 “The Toonerville Trolley”**

The Interurban service to Altoona began on September 11, 1902. It was nicknamed the “Toonerville Trolley”, after a popular comic strip of the time. The Trolley made fourteen trips between Altoona and Des Moines each day. Service ran from 7:00 a.m. in the morning until ten minutes after the last show ended in Des Moines at night. A one-way fare was only twenty cents.

With the convenience of Interurban service, it became very popular for Des Moines residents to ride the train to Altoona on weekends. A few weeks after service began, the Altoona Herald reported 600 visitors in town on Sunday afternoon. People strolled around town, had dinner, and rented a buggy at the livery for a leisurely drive in the country. It was not long before T.E. Haines announced he would construct a new hotel and restaurant to handle all the visitors.

The Interurban was especially busy on holidays and at State Fair time. In 1910, over 4000 tickets were sold between Des Moines and Altoona on the Fourth of July. It was reported that the Interurban had difficulty making it uphill to Altoona that day because there were so many passengers! During the State Fair, people would drive their teams and wagons from as far as twenty miles away to catch an Interurban from Altoona to the Fair.

Unfortunately, the advent of automobiles marked the end of the Interurban. The number of daily passenger trips declined rapidly during the 1930s. In August of 1941, passenger service was discontinued altogether.

If you would like to learn more about the history of Altoona and the surrounding area, contact the Altoona Area Historical Society. The group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Altoona Area Historical Center, 106-2<sup>nd</sup> St SE. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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

**MEMBERSHIP FORM...Thank you for your support!**

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



\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Individual Membership  
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Would you like to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## NOT SO LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER

### HOURS:

Mon – Fri.: 5:00 am – 10:00 pm  
Sat: 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Sun.: Noon - 7:00 pm  
1500 8th Street SW  
Altoona, IA 50009  
Phone: 515/967-0788  
Fax: 515/967-2446  
[www.altoonacampus.com](http://www.altoonacampus.com)



### Cheerleading Clinic

The Altoona Campus Cheer Clinic will teach your child the basic fundamentals of cheerleading including arm motions, jumps, kicks, cheers, dance and stunting. The objective is to introduce the sport of cheerleading while focusing on teamwork and sportsmanship. This two-day clinic will conclude with a cheer routine performed for parents. Kids entering Kindergarten – 6th grade in the Fall of 2009 are welcome to sign up. Please register at the front desk for either session. Space is limited!

**Sessions:** August 1st & 2nd  
**Times:**

#### K -1st grade

—Saturday 9:00-11:00 a.m. and  
—Sunday Noon - 3:00 p.m. (lunch 11-12)

#### 2nd - 6th grade

—Saturday 9:00-11:00 a.m. and  
—Noon - 3:00 p.m. (lunch 11-12)

**Cost:** Members: \$20/Non-Members \$30  
**Location:** Youth Gym  
\*Final performances for all ages will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.



### OUTDOOR AQUATICS PARK LESSONS

Sessions of daytime swim lessons will be offered during the Summer months. All lessons are offered Monday through Friday, for a 2 week period, and are taught by nationally certified instructors.

**SESSION III:** July 13 - July 24

**REGISTRATION from 5:30 - 7:30pm on:** 6/29, 6/30, 7/2, 7/6, 7/7, 7/9

**FEES:** \$48

**SESSION IV:** July 27 - August 7

**REGISTRATION from 5:30 - 7:30pm on:** 7/13, 7/14, 7/16, 7/20, 7/21, 7/23

**FEES:** \$48

**(No make-up lessons due to inclement weather.)**

Pre-registration is required for both indoor and outdoor lessons, and will be conducted at Altoona Campus. Payment is due at registration, and registrations are not available via phone.

### Combat Conditioning: Kids Camp!

This fitness boxing class is specifically designed for kids' ages 10+ who want to achieve a higher level of fitness. We'll challenge students with punches, kicks, bag training, resistance training, and nutritional education. The principles learned in this course will put kids on the road to a healthy lifestyle – one they can follow for years to come! Camp will be coached by Stephanie Hilsabeck, Certified Youth Fitness Specialist.

Benefits of this training camp program include:

- Increased cardiovascular endurance & stamina
- Increased speed & strength
- Better balance, footwork & coordination
- Unique total-body workout
- Increased confidence & self-esteem!



**Session:** July 6<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup>

**Days:** Monday and Wednesday 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**Cost:** \$50 Members and \$75 Non-Members \* Includes a T-shirt

### Save the Dates: Special Summer Outings



#### **July 17th —**

Parents and child(ren) are invited to meet us at 12:00 p.m. at Thomas Mitchell Park for fun, fitness, and outdoor activities. Please pack a sack lunch for both parent(s) and child(ren).

#### **August 21st —**

Adults are invited to meet us at 8:30 a.m. at the outdoor Aquatics Park for morning Yoga followed by an Aqua fitness class and social brunch. Please bring a beach towel and swimsuit. Cost is \$3 per person.

### ALTOONA AQUATICS SEASON PASSES - STILL AVAILABLE

Has your child turned into a fish this summer? There is still a chance to purchase season passes to the Altoona Aquatics Park. You can purchase the passes at the Aquatics Park located at 1200 Venbury Drive SW.

Individual passes are: \$75 (within SEP school district)  
\$100 (outside SEP)

Family passes are: \$125 (within SEP)  
\$160 (outside SEP)

# City of Altoona Directory

Mayor:  
Timothy J. Burget

Council Persons:  
Skip Conkling  
Gerald Nolin  
Joe Riding  
Michelle Sloan  
Stacey Warren

*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:

City Administrator	Jeff Mark	967-5136
Police Chief	John Gray	967-5132
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	Deb Curry	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	Rob Taylor	967-2734
Parks Supervisor	Tim Van Wyk	967-5203

**For all other city department phone listings,  
see the City Government blue pages in your  
telephone directory.**

## Planning & Zoning Commission

*(Commission meets the last Tuesday of each month)*

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

## Parks Board

*(Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month)*

Howard Johnson, Chairperson	
Paula Smith, Vice Chair	
Rod Marvin	Madonna Warren
Phyllis Murphy	Paula Winslow
Jill Pudenz	

## Library Board

*(Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month)*

Diane Burget, President	Adam Kline
Evelyn Cole, Vice-President	Byron Orton
Marc Hesner	

## Board of Adjustment

*(Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, as needed)*

John Rullman, Chairperson	Lea Morris
Dale Sikes, Vice Chair	Doug Teuber
Bob Hall	

## Altoona Historical Society

Tim Burget, President

**City Hall: 967-5136**

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