

Altoona Life

October -
December
2010

Providing a healthy dose of Altoona Attitude!

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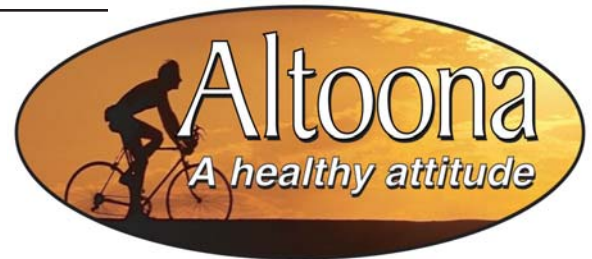
City Offices CLOSED

Thursday, Nov. 25th
Friday, Nov. 26th

Friday, Dec. 24th
Monday, Dec. 27th

Friday, Dec. 31st

NEW STORM WATER UTILITY



The City of Altoona has recently established a Stormwater Utility. A stormwater utility is the most equitable way to cover the costs of stormwater services provided throughout the city. The City of Altoona is required to have stormwater programs that must be implemented under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. This was an unfunded mandate. There are six measurable goals outlined in the NPDES permit. These include:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Involvement and Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control
5. Post- Construction Storm Water Management
6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations.

To assist in funding the stormwater program, fees have been established. Fees are based on the amount of impervious area each property contains. Impervious surface area is an area which prevents or impedes the infiltration of stormwater into the soil as it enters in natural conditions prior to development. Common impervious surface areas include, but are not limited to, rooftops, sidewalks, driveways, patios, parking lots, storage areas, compacted gravel surfaces and other surfaces which prevent or impede the natural infiltration of stormwater runoff which existed prior to development. The larger the impervious area, the more stormwater a property contributes to the stormwater system. Those who contribute more, pay a larger stormwater utility fee.

The city staff worked with a resource group of residents and business owners to provide input on the utility and establishment of fees. The fees will be based on an equivalent residential unit (ERU) which is the average amount of impervious surface on a residential property. To determine an ERU, 10% of the residential properties in Altoona were evaluated to determine the average amount of impervious surface on a residential property. This was calculated as 4,000 square feet. Therefore, 1 ERU = 4,000 sq. ft. of impervious surface. This will be used to calculate the fees that will be paid by commercial businesses with larger amounts of impervious surfaces.

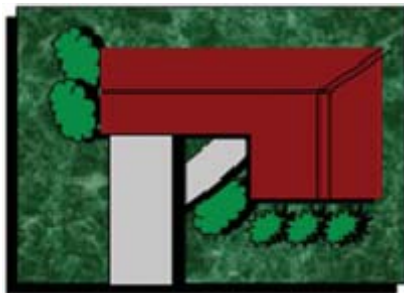
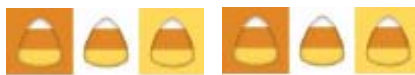


Figure 1. Impervious surfaces include rooftops, sidewalks to the home and driveways .



BEGGARS' NIGHT
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 30th
from 6 - 8pm

Fees

Residential property will be assessed for one ERU. One ERU will cost \$3.00 per month and will be included on the monthly utility bill beginning on January 1, 2011.

- storm water utility information continues on page 5 -

Altoona Attitude – It's positively contagious!

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ALTOONA FALL REMINDERS

PARKS RESTROOMS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON STARTING OCTOBER 15



The permanent restrooms located at Haines, Lion's and Village parks will be closed on approximately

October 15 for the season. Portable restrooms located throughout the city parks will be removed for the season on approximately October 15. The City does this to protect the pipes from freezing. Although, we may have some beautiful, warm fall days, the nights may dip into freezing temperatures. The City anticipates being able to open the bathrooms and provide portable restrooms in the spring on approximately April 15, weather permitting.

Rentals of the park shelters will also cease on October 15, 2010. Park shelter reservations for 2011 will begin on Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

Thank you.

CITY WIDE CLEANUP

City Wide Cleanup will take place on two separate dates this year. The Altoona residents whose regular trash pick up is Mondays have been assigned Saturday, October 16th. The Altoona residents whose regular trash pick up is Tuesdays have been assigned Saturday, October 23rd. All items must be put out on your curb no later than 6:00am on your assigned Saturday morning. All loose items must be bagged, bundled or boxed. The weight limit 45 pounds.



Common items included: bagged clothing, charcoal grills, televisions, chairs, tables, mattresses, carpet.

Common items NOT included: tires, concrete chunks, major building parts, large piles of building materials, asphalt shingles, ALL APPLIANCES (microwaves, stoves, washer, dryer, dishwasher, water heaters, etc.)



TIRE DROP OFF

When: Saturday, October 16th

Where: Maintenance Garage
406 5th Avenue SW

Time: 8:00am – 12:00pm

*TIRES ON RIMS ARE **NOT** ACCEPTED



Protecting Against Mosquitoes

In the July - Sept City Newsletter in the article regarding mosquito spraying it was incorrectly stated that the City uses Pyrethroid to control mosquitoes. The City has switched to Kontrol 30-30 another EPA approved product for mosquito control.



FALLEN LEAVES

The City of Altoona appreciates your cooperation in keeping Altoona beautiful and maintaining the storm drains by raking or mulching your leaves on your own property.

Please do not blow them into the streets (City Ordinance 135.05). Also burning leaves is not allowed within city limits (City Ordinance

Compost It! bags are \$7.75 for a bundle of five. Compost It! stickers are \$1.10 each (40 pound limit per bag)



FINAL Compost it! bag pick up days for 2010 are Monday, November 29 and Tuesday, November 30 on your regular trash pick up day.

Brush Drop Off

1st Saturday of each month

FINAL DATES for 2010

October 2 November 6

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

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Altoona Triathlon Club is hosting the STINKFOOT 5K on Sunday, October 3, 2010, at 8:00am. The 5K will begin and end at Lion's Park. Citizens need to be aware that the race route will take place on city streets. It will start at Lion's Park, head north up 10th Avenue SW/NW, head east on Adventureland Drive, turn south on 5th Avenue NW, jog around in the Wyatt Woods development before heading south on 4th Street SW and west to end at Lion's Park.

For information on the STINKFOOT 5K, check out the Altoona Triathlon Club's website at www.altoonatriathlonclub.com

CYCLOCROSS

Location: Lion's Park

Altoona Cross Date: Saturday, October 3
from 11:00am – 3:30pm

State Meet Date: Saturday, November 13
beginning at 11:00am



ALTOONA WINTER REMINDERS



THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE... SNOW BUSINESS

SNOW ORDINANCE

All vehicles MUST be off the streets anytime there is an accumulation of 1 inch of snow or ice anywhere in the City, and remain off the street for 48 hours after the snow event subsides.

HOMEOWNER SNOW REMOVAL RESPONSIBILITIES

All sidewalks adjacent to your property are your responsibility. All complaint calls will be referred to the Building Department for follow-up and code enforcement.

Snow placed on sidewalks by City plows where the sidewalk meets the street is the responsibility of the property owner to remove. City snowplows will not clear private driveways except under emergency conditions and with the approval of the supervisor on duty. The snow placed in your driveway by the city plows is your responsibility to remove. Please do not move snow from your driveway into the street.



Clean around fire hydrants in your yard, so the Fire Department may have easy access to your hydrant in case there is a fire in your neighborhood.

Clean around mailboxes and be sure the mailboxes are properly installed behind the curb line to withstand snow clearing efforts by the City. **The City assumes no responsibility for mailboxes damaged during snow removal.**

ALTOONA SKATING RINK



Altoona has its own skating rink and it's FREE. The skating rink is located on the north side of the Sam Wise Youth Complex between the fields where the flag football and soccer games are played. After some extremely low temperatures the pond will be filled. So sharpen those ice skates and be ready to have some fun at your very own Altoona skating rink.

WHERE DO I PUT MY TOTER IN THE WINTER?

Please remember that your garbage toter must be accessible 18 inches from the curb. Your clean driveway approach may be the best option during heavy snow times. Please do not place your toter on city streets. City snowplows can not clear snow properly when toters are placed on city streets. This is especially true in cul-de-sacs which are impossible to plow if toters are not maintained on personal property.



Winterize your outside faucets!

Remember to disconnect the hose attached to your outside water faucet. This will prevent the outside faucet from freezing and breaking during the cold, winter months.



Online Water Payments



City of Altoona has more residents taking advantage of the online banking by their various banking institutions. Please remember to initiate your online payments 7 to 10 days before the bill is due. The City does not receive the payment from your bank immediately following your online transaction. **Your bank sends a check to the City of Altoona through the mail.**

Automatic Deduction Plan

This is the automatic deduction plan that the City of Altoona offers. The payment is deducted from your checking account on the 25th of each month. Any message on your water bill in regards to automatic draft **only applies to those who have signed up.** Call City Hall for details at 967-3180, ext 226, on how **you** can sign up for automatic draft and save \$5.00 off your next water bill!

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

Save yourself time and money by applying for the Automatic Payment Plan for your 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 savings account.

Call City Hall for details at 515-967-5136.

Christmas Tree Pick Up Only on January 3rd & 4th



Christmas trees placed at the curb on your regular trash collections day of the Monday, January 3rd, or Tuesday, January 4th, will be picked up by your trash collection service. Trees must be free of all ornaments, have NO plastic bags on them, and must have a "Compost It" sticker (\$1.00) attached. If there is snowfall on the day of collection, you must be sure that your tree is accessible for pickup.

'Tis the season for cardboard, wrapping paper and greeting cards. Remember to recycle! Metallic paper, bows and ribbons, Styrofoam, and plastic bags go in the trash. These are not accepted in Curb It!





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

Goodbye and Good Luck, Sergeant Griggs

September 1, 2010 saw the retirement of Sergeant Ron Griggs, a 22 year veteran of the Altoona Police Department. Sergeant Griggs served with distinction, beginning his full-time career in March of 1988. He worked in the patrol division and was also a certified firearms instructor and weapons armorer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1995. Ron was honored with a surprise retirement party at police headquarters, where he received a plaque in recognition of his conscientious dedication to duty, a quality he reliably displayed every working day.

Ron and his family are looking forward to spending time together in their many activities, which are certain to include the grandchildren. We wish them the best of everything. You be greatly missed, Ron.



Promotional Process Underway

With the retirement of Sergeant Griggs, seven candidates have stepped forward from the police ranks and expressed interest in becoming the next Patrol Sergeant. The promotional process is underway and will include a battery of tests and interviews before an assessment panel. Hours and duties of the two existing Patrol Sergeants have been temporarily shifted to fill the void, and a promotional announcement should be made prior to the end of this year.

New Intern

The department welcomes Kyle Peterson, a student a Grandview University, as our newest intern. Kyle is a resident of Des Moines, and plans to take advantage of this opportunity at the police department to gain a better understanding of the inner workings of a law enforcement agency. He will spend some time with the criminal investigation division, but hopes to concentrate primarily on the activities of the patrol division. Welcome aboard, Kyle! We hope your brief stay with us will be beneficial.



Maintain your sidewalks and driveway of snow and ice. If you do require an emergency response, a cleared approach to your door will be the safest route for the emergency responders and you. Maintain your outdoor lights to illuminate your numerical house numbers. If you call "911" for an emergency response, turn your lights on to make it easier and faster for responders to find your residence.



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

CHILI & OYSTER SUPPER

*Altoona Firefighter Association's Annual
 Chili & Oyster Supper*
 Friday, November 5th
 Altoona Fire Department
 5:30 – 8:00pm
 Children \$3.00 Adults \$5.00



***Flu shots will be available at the same time**

DRUG DROP

Altoona Fire Department is hosting a drug drop on Saturday, November 13th from 10am–1pm. You can bring your expired or unused drugs, needles, sharps, etc. to the Fire Department to be disposed of properly and safely. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Whetstone at 967-2216.

CARBON MONOXIDE –

Leading Cause of Poisoning Deaths in America

Cold weather means your furnace will be getting a workout. Proper care, maintenance and regular filter changes are required for your furnace to operate effectively and efficiently. Proper and routine maintenance helps to eliminate the possibilities of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Everyone is at risk for carbon monoxide poisoning. A colorless, odorless deadly gas, carbon monoxide adheres to hemoglobin in your body's bloodstream, offsetting oxygen, which is needed to survive. Accumulation of carbon monoxide in the blood forms a toxic compound known as carboxyhemoglobin. Carboxyhemoglobin causes symptoms as minor as flu like symptoms. As levels of carboxyhemoglobin increase, vomiting, loss consciousness and eventually brain damage or death may occur.

Sources of carbon monoxide inside buildings include house fires, faulty furnaces, heaters, wood-burning stoves, internal combustion vehicle exhaust, electrical generators, propane-fueled equipment such as portable stoves, and gasoline-powered tools such as leaf blowers, lawn mowers, high-pressure washers, concrete cutting saws, power trowels, and welders. Exposure typically occurs when equipment is used in buildings or semi-enclosed spaces. Please do preventative maintenance to protect yourself and loved ones. Also, purchase a carbon monoxide detector for your home.

EMERGENCY ACCESS

RUSS, YOU WILL BE MISSED!

Russell Patton started working for the City of Altoona in 1971. Russ has worked in nearly every public works department in his 39 years of employment. Over the 39 years, Russ has worked with three mayors, several city administrators and numerous supervisors. Russ can still remember who owned which farms that became housing developments. Russ finished his career in the Parks department where his job ranged from mowing, equipment operator, to "jack of all trades". Russ' favorite job was running his tractor, it didn't matter what he was pulling as long as he was on the tractor.



City staff and, especially, the Parks Department, would like to thank Russ for his patience, strong work ethic, comic relief and devotion over the past 39 years. Enjoy your retirement, Russ!

NEW STORM WATER UTILITY - continued from page 1 -

Commercial businesses will be assessed \$3.00 per ERU. An ERU is 4,000 sq. ft. of impervious surface. For example, a business with 12,000 sq. ft. of impervious surface will be charged \$9 per month. The fee will be included on the monthly utility bill beginning on January 1, 2011.

Fee schedule:

Fiscal year 2010/2011: \$3.00 per ERU per month
Fiscal year 2011/2012: \$3.50 per ERU per month
Fiscal year 2012/2013: \$4.00 per ERU per month
Fiscal year 2013/2014: \$4.50 per ERU per month
Fiscal year 2014/2015: \$5.00 per ERU per month

The monthly rate for each fiscal year beyond 2014/2015 will be determined by resolution of the city council prior to July 1, 2014.

ENABLING GARDENS



Prairie Seed Harvest Walks are the first 4 Saturdays in October, meeting at the Enabling Garden at 10:00am take place on Saturdays at 10:00am in the Altoona Enabling Gardens located behind Hy-Vee.

Be sure to check out the newest addition to the Enabling Gardens when you are enjoying the fall weather. The Polk County Master Gardeners have erected a sculpture of a praying mantis at the Enabling Gardens. Master Gardener Paula Winslow, explained the sculpture is to inspire and educate visitors about beneficial insects in our gardens. John Brommel of Des Moines is the artist and creator. The praying mantis was installed at the Enabling Gardens in September.



ALTOONA BUILDING DEPARTMENT 1504 8th Street SW

Building South of Altoona Campus
Telephone #: 515-967-5138

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

WINTER SAFETY CHECKS

A lot of emphasis is placed on making sure your furnace is in sound condition prior to the cold months. An important item to make sure your furnace will continue to work properly and safely is to have 3 feet of space free around your furnace and water heater. It is understandable that following the holidays and during the cold months that more items need to be stored indoors and space is hard to come by. Basements and storage closets that house furnaces and water heaters create the "out of sight, out of mind" situation. Although new furnaces and water heaters have sealed combustion chambers, the equipment still needs to be provided with some room. Too much clutter can present itself as a fire hazard, especially for those who have more "aged equipment. Please take the time to ensure the space surrounding the furnace and water heater is clear.



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER January - March 2010



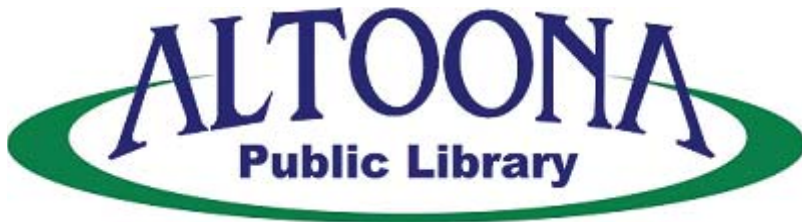
Jeff Hand was Employee of the Quarter from January through March 2010. Jeff has been an excellent addition to the Wastewater Department. He joined the Department in August of 2008 and through hard work, quickly learned about our water and wastewater systems. To expand his professionalism he obtained his Water Treatment Grade I license in the following year and learned to operate the Jet/Vac truck and Camera van. Jeff works well with others and is consistent in his attention to details. Jeff is an avid hunter and we are proud to have him as a member of our Water and Wastewater Department Team.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER April - June 2010

Randy Ulery is our latest Employee of the Quarter. Randy works in the Street Department. Randy was hired as a seasonal employee in 2009 but proved to be a great asset to the City of Altoona that we asked him to stay on in a permanent part-time status. The majority of time you will see Randy driving the street sweeper. Randy has a willingness to work all hours called upon him during emergencies. This has been a blessing with the snow last winter and the rains this summer. Randy has learned in a short period of time how to operate and maintain a complicated machine (sweeper). He is extremely dependable and always has a positive outlook on any task assigned to him.



Remember to change your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 7, 2010. This is also a great opportunity to change the batteries in your smoke detector.



700 8th Street SW
515-967-3881
www.altoona.lib.ia.us

Story of Music, Stories From Home

A unique blend of music and literature will be offered at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 9th, by the group calling itself "Picaresque II." Musician Lauren Pelon collaborates with poet and storyteller Gary H. Holthaus as the audience will learn about the role and importance of stories and music. It is an innovative program called "Story of Music, Stories from Home." Pelon plays a variety of instruments ranging from lute, lyre, and concertina, to recorders, gemshorn, and an electric wind instrument. Holthaus reads from his works and that of others. Both the music and the readings offer unique perceptions of the natural world, and celebrate our sense of place, community, and home. The program is funded by Humanities Iowa, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and sponsored by Altoona Public Library and Picaresque II. It is free and open to the public.



Taste of Altoona

Look for our booth at the 11th Annual Taste of Altoona on Thursday, October 28th, 2010. Get a taste of what we have to offer as well as samples and prizes from other local businesses. This great event will take place at the Prairie Meadows Events & Conference Center from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information, or to buy tickets, contact the Altoona Chamber at 515-967-3366. Hope to see you there!

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS

The library reports changes in hours to the Des Moines Register, WHO, KCCI and posts information on our website and Facebook page.



Check us out online at www.altoona.lib.ia.us. Your personal library account is accessible 24/7, anywhere there is Internet. All you need is your library card and pin number.

This allows you to request materials, renew checked out items and download audio books. If you have any questions, problems accessing your account, or if you need to establish a pin number please call the library at 967-3881.

HOURS:

Sunday: 2:00 – 5:30pm
Monday – Thursday: 9:00am – 9:00pm
Friday – Saturday: 9:00am – 5:30pm

HOLIDAY HOURS:

CLOSED - November 25th & 26th
CLOSED - December 24th, 25th & 26th
December 31st – **closing @ 3:30pm**
CLOSED - January 1st

Foreign Languages Online

If you plan on taking a beginning foreign language this fall, whether it's for high school or college, get your feet wet with our byki online language courses. There are 70 languages to choose from on our library link. It utilizes a web-based flash card system, pronunciation analysis and tracks your progress. It's easy and free. Go to the library website. Click on the "Do Research" link. Enter your library card barcode, along with your PIN number and create an account. As you sit in class you'll feel more confident and think to yourself – if you're taking French, of course – "Oui, je peux" (Yes, I can).

Iowa Ghost Hunters Program

The Iowa Paranormal Advanced Research Team (IPART) will share their video, audio, and photographic evidence that has been collected over the years on Monday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. They will also discuss various topics, provide paranormal education and bring tools and equipment to share with visitors. There will be new material, evps, pictures and interactivity for the audience this year! These presentations also allow visitors to ask any questions they might have on the paranormal.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Community Education Programs offered through SEP's Community Education is available on line at www.se-polk.k12.ia.us. Click "RAM Mall" button on the right. Once on the RAM Mall page, click "Community Education" on the left.

You can register on-line or by calling 266-6795 between 8am and 4:30pm. All programs are on a first come basis. If you have questions, please contact Central Place at 266-6795.



SEP HOMECOMING PARADE
REMINDER – Thursday, October 7th
Beginning at 6:00 at Sam Wise (Altoona)
Check out www.se-polk.k12.ia.us for details.



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
www.altoonacampus.com

HOLIDAY HOURS

November 25th: 7 - 11am.
 December 24th: 7 - 11am.
 December 25th: CLOSED
 December 31st: 7am - 3pm
 January 1st: 7am - 3pm



Indoor Youth Swim Lessons

Indoor lessons are conducted in 30 minute sessions on Monday & Wednesday evenings for five weeks, between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Our certified aquatics staff will assist parents in determining the appropriate swim lesson level for each child. Payment is due at registration, and registrations are not available via phone.

SESSIONII: November 1st - December 1st

Register at Altoona Campus:

Mon. Oct. 18th, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
 Wed. Oct. 20th, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
 Mon. Oct. 25th, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
 Wed. Oct. 27th, 5:00pm – 8:00pm



Be sure to check out the Altoona Campus website at www.altoonacampus.com for Fall 2010 program information.

ALTOONA CAMPUS CO-ED DODGEBALL LEAGUE

Get in on the action for this 7-week co-ed dodgeball league! Co-ed teams of six (2 women minimum) will play 50 minute matches on Sunday evenings beginning at 5:00 p.m. Members of the champion dodgeball team will receive a t-shirt.



Team Fee: \$100
Registration: Please register by October 31st at the front desk
League Dates: November 7th - December 19th
 Tournament will be held on December 19th.

Altoona Campus Youth Basketball



Space is limited and registrations are accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. Team uniforms are included! Volunteers like YOU are what make our programs a success! Coaching applications, league rules, and registration forms will be available at the front desk and online at www.altoonacampus.com.

1st & 2nd Grade Cost:\$55 member/\$65 nonmember
Registration Dates: Nov. 1st – Dec. 3rd
League Dates: Jan 7th – Feb. 26th
 Practices Friday evenings & games Saturday afternoons.

3rd - 6th Grade Cost: New Price \$65!
Registration Dates: Nov. 1st – Dec. 3rd
League Dates: Jan 4th – Mar. 5th
 Practices weekday evenings & games Saturday mornings

COMBAT KIDS!

Knock-out fitness that's knock-out FUN!

This total body workout challenges youth ages 10+ with punches, kicks, bag training & cardio drills! Benefits include increased cardio endurance; increased speed & strength; better balance, footwork & coordination; increased confidence & self-esteem!

Registration is required.

Dates: Oct. 26th – Dec. 2nd
Times: Tues & Thurs 5:45 - 6:45pm
Fees: Members \$50/Non \$75
Location: Adult Gym



COMBAT CONDITIONING

Boxing workouts are a great way to burn fat and develop lean muscle mass! Combat Conditioning offers a challenging athletic style workout that is fun and rewarding. Join us if you are interested in working your entire body, taking out your aggressions, relieving stress, and learning self-defense! Men and women of all ages and fitness levels are welcome to attend! *All class times are welcome to attend on Saturday morning. Sign up today as space is limited to 30 participants per class time!

Location: Altoona Campus Gym
Cost: \$75 members /\$125 non members
Dates: Session 2- October 26th - December 4th
Class Day & Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays
 5:15-6:15am OR 9:30-10:30am OR 7:00-8:00pm
 AND Saturdays 8:00-9:00am

City of Altoona Directory

Mayor:
Timothy J. Burget

Council Persons:
Kyle Mertz
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	Kim Kietzman	967-3881
Community Services Dir	Vern Willey	967-5136
Water Billing	Cindy Thurman	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 2nd Tuesday of each month)

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

Board of Adjustment

(Meets 1st 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

Visit Altoona on the web at
www.altoona-iowa.com

CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP
either Saturday, October 16th or 23rd
- see page 2 for details -

Postal Customer
Altoona, IA 50009

ECRWSS

CARRIER ROUTE
PRESORT

U.S. Postage
PAID
Prst Std
Permit No. 14
Altoona, IA

City of Altoona
407 8th Street SE
Altoona, IA 50009



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 Henderson	491-2831
Altoona Men's Commercial Softball	Bill Sowder	967-4966
Altoona Men's Rec Softball	Bill Sowder	967-4966
Altoona Youth Soccer Association	Craig Ladd	967-4624
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	Kevin Bennet	967-6137
Boy Scouts Troop #563	Al Rutten	263-1197
Centennial Elementary PTA	Angie Caswell	967-9400
Clay Elementary PTA	Shawna Fetters	967-2933
Cub Scouts Pack #383	Lorie Ruffcorn	967-7302
Cub Scouts Pack #463	Ari Gordon	967-7231
DECA (SEP)	Carol Von Tersch	967-6631 x2140
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 x2402
French Club (SEP)	Michele Raasch	967-6632 x2133
Girl Scouts	Becky Meredith	957-4080
Heartland Singers	Dawn Hutchison	266-1189
Interact Club (SEP Affiliate of Rotary)	Monica Capper	967-6631 x2290
KEY Club (SEP Affiliate of Kiwanis)	Wendy Barlow	967-5509 x2233
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 x2487
Lions Club	Bill Pollard	967-6335
Little Rams Wrestling	Jerry Brown	710-4347
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)	Lynne Cassady	967-3107
Olde Town Altoona Business	Mike Vincent	967-0489
P.R.I.D.E. (SEP Rhythmettes)	Nancy McFarlane	967-7121
Parents Anonymous	Leslie Kran	255-9490
Polk County Master Gardeners	Paula Winslow	967-3409
RAMS Baseball Club	Joe Hermes	423-6265
RAMS Juniors Volleyball Club (SEP)	Jim Sixta	979-0627
Rotary Club of East Polk County	Larry Wilson	967-7447
SEP Athletic Boosters	Mark Vance	967-5754
SEP Music Boosters/Band	Jim Freel	966-0726
SEP Music Boosters/Vocal	Melissa Spiveg	263-8874
SEP Builders Club	Angi Wilson	967-5509
SEP Post-Prom Committee	Lorie Daniels	967-7302
SEP Youth Tackle Football	Jamie Sargent	967-2545
Solos (widows)	Linda Larson	967-3378
Spanish Club (SEP)	Karla Jensen	967-6631 x2134
TOPS Club, Inc	Norma Holcomb	262-2600
VICA (SEP) SKILLS USA	Phil Cronin	967-6631 x2101
Willowbrook Elementary PTA	Melanie Bates	537-4896
Za-Ga-Zig Shrine	Jim May	967-3000

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Altoona Historical Society

Women and Politics 1891

A word from Emery H. English, Editor
 Altoona Herald, October 24, 1891

During the present campaign, we have disliked very much to annoy our lady readers with articles that contain so much politics, because we know, as a rule, most ladies are not interested in that sort of reading, but we have not published anything that should offend anyone. We think that in the homes of today the mothers and daughters read, perhaps as much as fathers and sons.

We are convinced that partisan abuse cannot accomplish good, it is no argument. It can be no harm for any man or woman to express an honest opinion on economic questions, and give reasons for such belief. We respect any man's honest, intelligent belief whether in accord with our own or now.

Therefore, because we differ is no reason why we should not be the best of friends and enjoy each other's society more. So, ladies, don't be afraid to read the Herald. We have not, nor will we call anyone "liars", "slanders", "thieves" and like names just because their political views are different that ours.

If you are interested in learning more about the history of Altoona and the surrounding area, consider joining the Altoona Area Historical Society. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month, January through October, at the Historical Center. For more information, call Tim or Diane Burget at 967-4815.

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