

Altoona Life

JULY
2018



Providing a healthy dose of Altoona Attitude!



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TRASH DELAY

Reminder trash pick up will be delayed by one (1) day the week of Labor Day.

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

Monday, Sept. 3

Event Details—THURSDAY, JULY 26

Veterans Memorial (behind Hy-Vee)

3-4 p.m. Veterans Memorial Re-dedication, Altoona 150 Opening Ceremony

Altoona Public Library

6-6:45 p.m. Pint Size Parade

Olde Town

5-8 p.m. "Celebrate Community" exhibit, Altoona Area Historical Museum
Sponsored by the City of the Altoona, Altoona Area Historical Society and Burget Mill

5-8 p.m. "History on the Move: Iowa 101" mobile museum exhibit

Sponsored by the Altoona Area Historical Society

Outlets of Des Moines

7-9 p.m. Live Music by Flipside, food trucks

Sponsored by Heart of America Group

Event Details—FRIDAY, JULY 27

Civic Plaza

6-9 p.m. Music on the Plaza

8:30 p.m. Altoona Trivia Night – Brightside Aleworks

Olde Town

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. "Celebrate Community" exhibit, Altoona Area Historical Museum
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10 a.m. – 5 p.m. "History on the Move: Iowa 101" mobile museum exhibit

Sponsored by the Altoona Area Historical Society

8 p.m. Karaoke, at Olde Town Tap

Outlets of Des Moines

6:30 p.m. Family Movie Night

Sponsored by Ironwood Apartments/Haverkamp Properties and BMW of Des Moines



Altoona Fire Department hosting a blood drive on Friday, August 17th from 2—5:30pm located at 950 Venbury Dr. Please contact Jared Ogbourne at 515-967-2216 with questions.

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ALTOONA REMINDERS



Park Shelter Reservations

Please contact City Hall at 515-967-5136 to make a reservation.

Enclosed Shelters:

Lions Park Shelter

*1/2 Day Rates

\$75 – residents

\$125 – non – residents

\$100 – deposit for residents & non-residents

*Full Day Rates

\$150 – residents

\$250 – non-residents

\$100 – deposit for residents & non-residents

Open Air Shelters:

Haines Park Shelter

Haines Park Performance Stage

Haines Park Rose Garden Gazebo

Enabling Garden Shelter

Village Park Shelter

*1/2 Day Rates

\$50 – residents

\$60 – non – residents

\$50 deposit for residents

\$60 deposit for non-residents

*Full Day Rates

\$100 – residents

\$120 – non-residents

\$50 – deposit for residents

\$60 – deposit for non-residents

Rental Schedule:

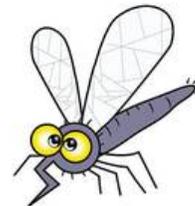
Morning (1/2 day) 7:00am – 3:00pm

Afternoon (1/2 day) 4:00pm – 10:00pm

Full Day 7:00am – 10:00pm

PROTECTING AGAINST 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 starting in April until sometime in October, depending on mosquito count and weather conditions. The City uses Kontrol 30-30 Concentrate and ULV Karrier Green. Altoona also uses an ultra-low volume cold aerosol insecticide generator/sprayer that targets mosquitoes. Mosquito control and your safety are important. That is why we use chemicals and techniques that meet EPA standards.

There are breeding sites that are created by standing water, which may be found in street catch-basins, subdivision drains, roadside ditches, flood channels, ravines and other public right-of-ways. The City routinely performs larviciding, which will keep these areas mosquito free.

Please contact City Hall at 967-5136 if you do not want the City to spray your area for mosquitoes, or you want to be contacted prior to the city spraying in your area.

CITY BRUSH DROP OFF

Residents wishing to deposit brush can enter through the gate north of the Altoona Aquatics Park and south of the Altoona Skate Park. Altoona Aquatics Park is located at 1200 Venbury Drive.

Please have information identifying you as a City of Altoona resident ready when you drop off brush. The brush pile is open from 8:00am – 12:00pm on the following dates:

Saturday, August 4 / Saturday, September 8 / Saturday, October 6



NO SMOKING

The City of Altoona does not allow smoking in parks and at outdoor entertainment venues. This includes the sports fields located at Sam Wise Youth Complex, Spring Creek and Lions Park. This is in compliance with the Iowa Smokefree Air Act of 2008.

REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUT!

If a street light is out in your neighborhood, you may have the light fixed by reporting it to Mid-American Energy at 1-888-427-5632 or at <http://www.midamericanenergy.com> (click on the button labeled "Submit a Streetlight Repair Request")



MUSIC IN THE PARK

Bring a chair, blanket or grab a bench to enjoy *MUSIC IN THE PARK* at Haines Park.

Sunday, July 29th @ 7:00pm

Sunday, August 26th @ 7:00pm

Sunday, September 23rd @ 2:00pm

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.

THANKS TO BAKERIS ROOFING FOR THEIR SUPPORT

Bakeris Roofing donated \$44,000 to the Altoona Fire Fighters and Police Associations. (Pictured left to right: Chief Jared Ogbourne, Dawn Gee, Jeff Bakeris, Chief Greg Stallman)



SEP Senior Skip Day provided the City of Altoona with 3 crews this past May. The crews were able to help by spreading mulch at the Haines Park Playground, hanging flowering baskets in Old Town, and picking up trash from the Altoona Campus to Hy Vee along the trail and ponds.

Walnut Woods Church had a community service day. They spread playground mulch at Village Park. They also picked up trash from the library to Hy-Vee along the trail and ponds. Thank you SEP and Walnut Woods Church for helping to keep Altoona safe and beautiful!



Here are a few helpful tips to work on with your children this summer:

Helpful Tips

FAMILY SAFETY

- ◆ Teach your children to remember home addresses and phone numbers.
- ◆ As a family, learn where your local police and fire departments are located.
- ◆ Show your children all the possible safe locations for help or assistance (Churches, schools, government buildings, friends' homes, grocery stores, etc).



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Tuesday, August 7th 6-8pm
Altoona Christian Church

Check out the Altoona Police Department's Facebook page for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2326904013989679/>

Prescription Drug Drop Box

Do you have unwanted or unused Prescription Drugs in your house?

Do Not dump them in the garbage, sink or flush them down the toilet....

Bring them to the Altoona Police Department and drop them off in our Prescription Drug Drop Box.

Location: Altoona Police Department Lobby

Time: 8am-4pm Monday thru Friday;

Not open on Holidays



GOING ON VACATION

The police are often asked: "Can the police check my home from time to time while I am gone?"

Yes! Stop by the police department and fill-out a **Vacation House Check form**. We'll put you on our special watch list. Or you can call us and we'll complete the form over the phone. (515) 967-5132 (press 3)

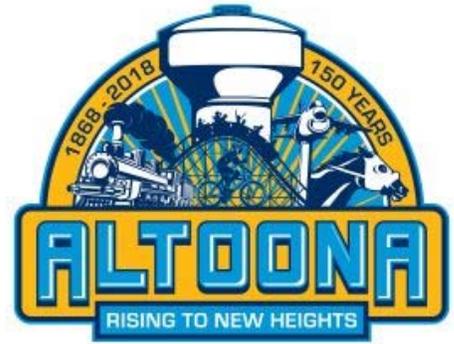
Event Details—SATURDAY, JULY 28

Parade on 8th Street

10 a.m. Altoona 150 Parade

Sponsored by Bank Iowa, Skinner Law Office and Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce.

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE During the Altoona 150 Parade, 8th Street will be closed from 17th Ave SW to 8th Ave SE (Sam Wise Youth Complex).



Outlets of Des Moines

8 a.m. Altoona 150 5k

Sponsored by the Altoona Campus

Civic Plaza

8-9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by SEP Kiwanis

Olde Town

*****RIDE THE TROLLEY TO OLDE TOWN FROM SAM WISE*****

8:30-9:30 p.m. Pie baking contest pie drop-off.

12-8 p.m. "Celebrate Community" exhibit, Altoona Area Historical Museum

Sponsored by the City of the Altoona, Altoona Area Historical Society and Burget Mill

12-8 p.m. "History on the Move: Iowa 101" mobile museum exhibit

Sponsored by the Altoona Area Historical Society

12-7 p.m. Antique car display

12-7 p.m. "Tracing your Roots" genealogy workshops/help provided by the Iowa Genealogical Society

12-7 p.m. Des Moines Children's Museum

12-7 p.m. Train display

12-7 p.m. Live Music

12-7 p.m. Old fashioned games

12 p.m. Pie Baking Contest

Sponsored by Perkins Restaurant & Bakery

1-5 p.m. BINGO, inside Olde Town Tap

1:30 p.m. Olde Town Altoona History Walking Tour

1:30 p.m. Pie Eating Contest

Sponsored by Perkins Restaurant & Bakery

2:30 p.m. Olde Town Architecture Walking Tour

2:30 p.m. Bubble Gum Blowing Contest

3 p.m. Civil War era street dance

3:30 p.m. Olde Town Altoona History Walking Tour

4:30 p.m. Olde Town Architecture Walking Tour

Sam Wise Youth Complex

*****RIDE THE TROLLEY TO OLDE TOWN FROM SAM WISE*****

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mud Volleyball Tourney 12-7 p.m. Art in the Park

Sponsored by Larry's Windows, Snyder & Associates, Maclyn Group, and Design Alliance Inc.

12-11 p.m. Beer Garden

1-4 p.m. Kids Fun Zone

Sponsored by Menchie's Altoona Crossing, Altoona Campus, Altoona Kids Cafe

12-4 p.m. Inflatables

12-8 p.m. Tractor Show

Sponsored by McManus Automotive and Farmers Mutual

12-8 p.m. Car Show (registration begins at 10 a.m.)

12 p.m. All-American Lumberjack Show

12-11 p.m. Food Trucks

12-5 p.m. Old Fashion Games

12:45 p.m. Civil War Reenactment

Sponsored by the Altoona Area Historical Society and Bank Iowa

1 p.m. All-American Lumberjack Show

2:45 p.m. Lumberjack Kid Camps

3:30 p.m. Civil War Cannon Demonstration

4 p.m. Family Red Rover

4 p.m. All-American Lumberjack Show

5 p.m. Civil War Reenactment

Sponsored by the Altoona Area Historical Society and Bank Iowa

6:30 p.m. Adults (18+) Red Rover

9:30-10 p.m. Fireworks

Sponsored by Prairie Meadows, Prairie Vista Village, Bankers Trust, MidAmerican Energy

Main Stage Concerts

Sponsored by Townsend Family Trust, PETSAKES, ReMax Precision, Adventureland Resort, Elder Corporation

• 2-4 p.m. Shock Collar concert, Main Stage

• 4-6 p.m. Toaster concert, Main Stage

• 6-8 p.m. Abby Normal concert, Main Stage

• 8:30-9:30 p.m. Spazmatics concert, Main Stage

• 10-11 p.m. Spazmatics concert, Main Stage

Children's Stage

Sponsored by BRAVO Des Moines, CAP Theater, Casey's General Stores, and the Altoona Public Library

• 1-2 p.m. Jim Gill Music

• 2-3 p.m. Magician Rick Eugene Brammer

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GRASS CLIPPINGS

Please do not blow grass clippings into the street. Not only does the City have an ordinance against such action, grass clogs the storm sewer system and creeks, causing flooding and back up problems during heavy rains. Try mulching your grass on your yard. This will cut down on your need for fertilizers.



WHO DO I CONTACT ABOUT HIGH WEEDS & GRASSES?

Please contact the Building Department at 967-5138 ext. 150 with questions or concerns. You can view the entire ordinance (Chapter 52) on the city website.

<http://www.altoona-iowa.com/about-altoona/city-code/>

Requirements regarding grass and weed height is as follows:



- 1. Residential Properties:** Grass and weeds are not to exceed a height of six (6) inches.
- 2. Undeveloped Lots:** Grass and weeds are not to exceed six (6) inches in height along the side and rear property lines for a width of 10 feet, the remaining property can have grass as high as 12 or 15 inches in height depending on what the property is zoned/utilized for. This basically creates a maintained buffer area between undeveloped and developed properties.
- 3. The public right of way adjacent to all properties:** Grass and weeds are not allowed to exceed six (6) inches in height. The right of way is described as the area between the back or edge of the street to the actual property line.
- 4. Commercial and Industrial:** Grass and weeds are not allowed to exceed 12 inches.
- 5. Agricultural:** Grass and weeds are not allowed to exceed 15 inches.

BEFORE DIGGING



Please take the time to call Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989. Iowa One Call will mark your utility lines on your property. This service is provided for free and provides a very important safety measure. Avoid digging and planting where the utilities are marked.

Please contact the Building Department with any questions or concerns at 515-967-5138.

Event Details—SUNDAY, JULY 26

Haines Park

11 a.m. Ecumenical Service, led by Pastor Noah Ruppert, Lutheran Church of the Cross

12 p.m. Ice Cream Social and Community Picnic

Sponsored by Bank Iowa, JETCO and Fareway

1:30 p.m. Time Capsule/Altoona 150 closing ceremony
Sponsored by Watts Vault and Monument, Co.

Olde Town

12-5 p.m. “Celebrate Community” exhibit, Altoona Area Historical Museum

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12-5 p.m. “History on the Move: Iowa 101” mobile museum exhibit

Sponsored by the Altoona Area Historical Society

Altoona Aquatics Park

Altoona 150 Beach Party – \$1.50 admission

First Avenue Roadway Improvements

Check the Engineering page on the City’s website for ongoing project updates:

<http://www.altoona-iowa.com/departments/engineering-2/>



POLK The Polk County Master Gardener’s “Season of Learning 2018” continues with the following programs:

img **MASTER GARDENER** **BOWEN STATE UNIVERSITY** **Extension and Outreach**
Tuesday, July 31st

Children’s Art in the Garden (6pm)

Tuesday, August 28th

Celebrate the Tomato (6pm)

Tuesday, September 4th—

Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (6pm)

Sunday, September 9th

Garden Gathering & Fundraiser (1pm)

All programs take place at the Enabling Garden located at 1050 1st Ave. S. (behind Hy-Vee off of 1st Ave. S).

All events are FREE. In case of inclement weather, please check out website for changes.

www.enablinggardencmg.org. Please bring a chair.



Altoona Public Library Hours

*Monday—Thursday 9am—9pm;
Friday & Saturday 9am—5:30pm;
Sunday 2pm—5:30pm*

Join the fun!!!!!!!

Lots to do, and don't forget Altoona's 150th birthday bash July 26-29. See the line up at altoona150.org and don't miss the Library in the parade on the 28th!

Science Center of Iowa: Global Soundscapes

Tuesday, July 17 at 3:30pm

What do vibrations look like in slow motion? How do animals use sound to survive? Meet a team of soundscape ecologists and hear the Earth in a whole new way. All ages. Registration required.

Duke Otherwise Live Show

Monday, July 23 at 6pm

Duke Otherwise is coming to Altoona for some outrageous, musical fun!

With his guitar, tap shoes, and distinct baritone, Duke Otherwise his interactive musical performance. His original songs are bursting with clever wordplay and fun ideas. Be ready to dance and laugh with this show. All ages. Registration required.

Movies & Munchies

Come along Into The Woods for this fairy tale mash-up movie on Tuesday, July 24 at 12:30pm! We'll have pizza and fresh-popped popcorn! It's Movies & Munchies with a musical twist! Grades 7-12.



Antique Appraisals

Professional appraiser Mark Moran will be with us to appraise your most-prized possession. The library is covering the cost, and space is very limited. Two chances to participate, Friday July 20 from 5-8pm and Saturday July 21 from 2-5pm. One item per person, no coins or weapons. Registration required.

Jim Gill Concert – Part of Altoona 150

Join us Saturday, July 28 at 1pm for a family concert at the Sam Wise Sports Complex. Jim Gill is a nationally known children's recording artist focusing on music and play in learning - he'll be bringing along his accordionist pal - get ready to dance and play!



Shortened Hours July 28th
The library will be open 1:30-5:30PM on Saturday, July 28 due to Altoona 150 parade.

SUMMER PROJECT SEASON



It's summer project season, and we've had a lot of questions about what projects require a permit. We recently updated some of our ordinances, so requirements

may be different than previous years. We've tried our best to answer the most common questions, but feel free to call the Building Department with any additional questions you may have. Please check out the City's website for this article and the links at <http://www.altoona-iowa.com/2017/06/16/summerprojects>

Does a swimming pool require a permit? It depends on the pool. If the pool is 24 inches deep or less, you do not need a permit or an inspection. If the pool is capable of holding more than 24 inches of water, you do need a permit. You also need a 4 foot, non-climbable barrier, and the pool has to be located in the rear yard, out of any easements. There are a few other requirements for the barrier and electric as well.

Does a shed require a permit? If the shed is over 120 square feet, you do need a permit. If it is 120 square feet or less you do not need a permit, but you still have to comply with City Ordinance and Zoning requirements. Per Altoona City Ordinance, you may have one shed (160 square feet or less) and one detached garage (161 – 1,000 square feet.) The shed must be located in the rear yard, out of easements, and 3 feet off the property line.

Does a fence require a permit? If you have an existing fence, and you're just replacing a few panels as routine maintenance, you do not need a permit. If you're putting up a new fence, you do need a permit. Stop by the Building Department and we would be happy to help you figure out the location and any restrictions you may have.

Does a deck require a permit? If you're just replacing walking surface, it's considered deck maintenance and does not require a permit. If you're installing railing, stairs, or a new deck, you do need a permit. You will also need footing, framing, and final inspections.



With your application, please include a detailed drawing including dimensions, support sizes and locations, railings, stairs, etc. We also need a site plan showing location of deck and distance from property line as we need to check setbacks.

Please note, you are required to have a permit before beginning any work. If you have any questions, please give the Building Department a call at **(515) 957-5128** or stop in at **1504 8th St SW**.