

Altoona Life

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Providing a healthy dose of Altoona Attitude!



The Altoona Fire Department Pierce Velocity PUC Ascendant is complete and home. The Pierce is equipped with an aerial ladder and will aid the department in rescues and fires that occur in multiple levels. A aerial mounted ladder can also aid in fires that are spread over a wide area. Here are some fun facts about the new fire truck:

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CITY WIDE CLEANUP

Saturday, April 20—
Monday Trash Day

Saturday, April 27—
Tuesday Trash Day

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- The ladder will reach 107 feet.
- The ladder has FLIR thermal imaging camera at the end, this will allow us to see hot spots above the fire from a remote screen location.
- The ladder has a rating of 750 lbs. when not flowing water and 500 lbs. when flowing water. These ratings are for winds of 50 mph or less.
- The ladder operates at an angle of -10 degrees to 77 degrees.
- The water pump and nozzle on the end of the ladder will flow 1250 GPM of water.
- It carries 1000' of 5" large diameter hose to attach to hydrants for large volume water distribution.
- It carries 500 gal of water and 50 gallons of foam.
- The rear two axles also steer, this engages when the steering wheel is turned past 30 degrees. This allows the apparatus to having a smaller turning radius.
- The apparatus took 11 months to build. It is an apparatus that is custom built in Appleton Wisconsin at Pierce Manufacturing.



You can help!

The City of Altoona relies on our residents to let staff know of safety concerns created by weather conditions, snow removal operations, water main breaks, potholes, etc. If you have a concern, please contact City Hall at 967-5136 (Monday—Friday; 8am—4:30pm) or 967-2734 (during off hours and weekends).

BLOOD DRIVE

Join the Altoona Fire Department on Monday, January 28th from 2:30—5:30pm to donate blood.

Life Serve Bloodmobile will be at the Altoona Fire Department (950 Venbury Dr.). To schedule an appointment, please go online to www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

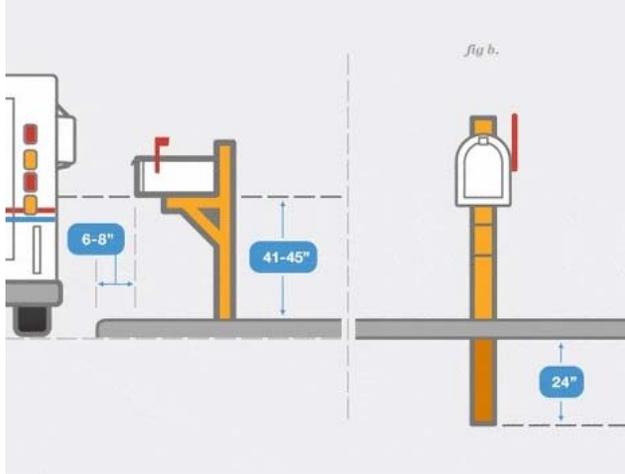


SPECIAL VOTE

Tuesday, March 5th

Altoona residents will be voting on the Polk County 1¢ sales tax.

WINTER REMINDERS



Clean around mailboxes and be sure the mailboxes are properly installed behind the curb line to withstand snow clearing efforts by the City. The illustration shows proper placement required by the U.S. Postal Service. To understand the USPS requirement, please check out the following website: <https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>

The City assumes NO responsibility for mailboxes damaged during snow removal.

The City Council passed an amendment to Altoona City Code 136.03 on November 19, 2012, amending provisions pertaining to removal of snow, ice and accumulations. The amendment allows abutting property owners to sprinkle fine cinders, sand or deicing

chemicals when accumulations have formed upon any sidewalk so that it cannot be reasonably removed. The sprinkling of these materials must be done in a manner as to provide traction and prevent the sidewalk from being dangerous to persons using the sidewalk for the entire length and width.

WINTER TRASH & RECYCLING CART PLACEMENT

Please remember that your garbage and recycling totes 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 placed in the road.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



EMERGENCY ACCESS

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 on your lights on to make it easier and faster for responders to find your home.

PONDS MAINTAINED BY THE CITY

The only recreation allowed on ponds maintained by the City of Altoona at any point in the year is fishing from the shore. The following ponds are maintained by the City of Altoona:

<u>POND NAME</u>	<u>GENERAL LOCATION</u>
Bass Pro Pond	Bass Pro Shops
Bennett Bay	Bennett Bay Subdivision
Clay Estates Pond	Clay Estates Subdivision
Falcon Ridge Pond	Falcon Ridge Subdivision
Ironwood Pond	East end of Stonegate Ct.
Ironwood South Pond	currently under construction
Loupee Park Ponds	Fieldstone Estates
Oak Hill Pond	Oak Hill Park
Porter Pond	Greenway Park
Prairie Heritage Ponds	From 1 st Ave. South to Venbury Dr.
Tuscany Pond	Tuscan Estates Subdivision



CITY TRAIL IN WINTER

The City of Altoona does clear the snow off of the trails during winter. We do not treat the trails with salt or sand. The trails are cleared last following the city facilities' sidewalks and parking lots. Many communities close all trails during winter months but we want ours to be open for use. Please enjoy the trails but be cautious of the weather conditions.

SNOW MUCH FUN!

City of Altoona attempts to remove all snow from all streets in a reasonable amount of time following a snow event. The first priority is to get the arterial streets cleared and maintained to provide access for the public, police, fire and rescue units.

Sand, salt, and liquid de-icers are used to maintain the roads during winter weather events. The truck pictured is one of many the City uses to clear the roads and apply sand and salt. Please maintain a safe following distance of at least 50 feet from all snow removal equipment.



Streets may be temporarily closed if they become impassible due to automobile accidents or stranded automobiles. City roads will be cleared only if city equipment can safely push the snow without hitting vehicles parked in the street. Cul-de-sacs will not be cleared if garbage and recycling totes are placed in the city street. The roads will be cleared when the obstructions are removed either by the owners or towed at the owner's expense.

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.

CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP



Altoona's City Wide Cleanup will run a little differently this spring. The city wide clean-up will take place over two (2) separate days.

If **Monday** is your scheduled trash day, then **Saturday, April 20th** is the day for your clean-up items. If **Tuesday** is your scheduled trash day, then **Saturday, April**

27th is the day for your clean up items..

Please have all items out on the curb by 6:00am of your designated morning. Some common items that residents can place on the curb for pick up are: bagged clothing, charcoal grills, televisions, chairs, tables, mattresses, and carpet.

Common items NOT included for pick up are: tires, concrete chunks, major building parts, large piles of building materials, asphalt shingles or appliances (microwaves, stoves, washer, dryer, dishwasher, water heaters, etc.)



SATURDAY, APRIL 27th

8AM – 12PM

The City of Altoona will have a tire drop off at the Street Department, also, on April 28th. Residents of Altoona can drop off a household maximum of five (5) tires (**rims removed**) at 406 5th Avenue SW (across from Altoona Elementary playground) between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

Please present your driver's license to verify your residency.

*This program does **NOT ACCEPT** the following types of tires at the collection site:*

- Tires generated from businesses
- Farm or tractor tires
- Solid tires (lawnmower, forklift or golf cart tires)
- Bicycle tires



welcome

I was born in Frankfurt Germany while my father was in the service, I started in law enforcement in 1988 working as a part time law enforcement officer while in college. In 1990, I joined the Remsen Police Department fulltime , I joined the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office in 2000 I remained there until transferring here to Altoona. While at the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office I worked overnights as a K9 patrol until being assigned with the DEA drug task force, I spent 4 years working in the drug unit before I was promoted to Lieutenant and was placed in charge of Patrol, reserves, and K9.

I also am a certified K9 trainer and have spent several months in Jackson Mississippi training under Randy Hare K9 and four months training dogs under the Saint Paul Minnesota Police K9 trainers. I currently have my second patrol dog that I have trained myself named Judge, Judge is a two year old Belgian Malinois that was shipped to me from Thorn Netherlands at 8 weeks old. Judge is Certified through the United States Police Canine Association as a dual purpose police dog. Dual purpose meaning he is both a detection dog and a patrol dog. I am married with two children. (pictured left to right:



Lt. Todd Trobaugh, Judge and Mayor Dean O'Connor)

ALTOONA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Altoona Public Library Hours

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

Phone #: 515-967-3881

Library Closed for Training

The library will be closed on Wednesday, March 27th for our annual staff in-service. Normal hours will resume on Thursday, March 28th.



Check out the Altoona Public Library's webpage for a variety of activities for people of all ages:

<https://www.altoona.lib.ia.us/>

EVERY DAY IS THE WEEKEND!

The City of Altoona bid farewell to Ken Dales. Ken Dales has spent 42 years in Law Enforcement. He started his career in 1976- with Pleasant Hill. He worked with Ankeny PD, Bondurant PD and the Polk County Sheriff's Office. His final stop was Altoona PD from 1988-2018.



Kenny was the 9th fulltime officer hired in 1988. When Ken was hired the department changed the uniform from brown to what we are currently wearing. Ken has worked for 10 different Chiefs of Police.

Some of Ken's many milestones;

- Was the first Altoona Officer on the DEA Task Force, from 1991-1993.
- Became a Detective in 1994-2014, during that time was promoted to Detective Sergeant.
- Transferred to patrol as the night sergeant from 2014-2016 and then promoted to Administrative Lieutenant.
- In summer of 2018 he was promoted to Captain.

In 2007 our CID Division was recognized as having the highest solvability of cases in the State of Iowa. Ken was instrumental in the creation of the following teams/groups;

- The Major Investigation Team, a multi-jurisdictional team.
- The credit card and retail fraud group, a multi-jurisdictional group.
- The Metro Area Fire Investigators Task Force.
- Brought the FD and PD together in working fire investigations.
- Law Enforcement Intelligence Network, which is a state organization. Under Ken's direction our CID Division was asked to help other agencies with their major cases, when they needed help.

He has been a tremendous asset to our department, our community and to the entire law enforcement community. Words cannot begin to say how much his friendship, mentoring, and guidance have meant to me.

ALTOONA REMINDERS

Park Shelter Reservations

PLEASE NOTE: Lions Shelter can be rented all year. Please contact City Hall at 515-967-5136 to reserve Lions Shelter.

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



Rental Schedule:

Morning (1/2 day) 7:00am – 3:00pm
Afternoon (1/2 day) 4:00pm – 10:00pm
Full Day 7:00am – 10:00pm

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

-SEWER RATE INCREASE -

The sewer rate per 1,000 gallons will increase from \$7.62 to \$7.92 will be reflected on the bills mailed on February 15, 2019. This increase was planned to cover debt service costs related to the WRA and the City's capital projects planned.

WATER TOWER - COLORED LIGHTS REQUEST



The City of Altoona has colored lights on the west water tower on Adventureland Dr. near Bass Pro Shop and the new Outlets of Des Moines. The lights can be programmed for any event.

For a fee of \$50.00/hour, you can choose the time and colors you want to have displayed. You can even see a preview of the light show on a City computer prior to your event.

Please complete the form located at http://www.altoona-iowa.com/departments/community-services_trashed/water/ and contact Public Utilities Supervisor Todd Allen at 515-967-4464 or City Hall at 515-967-5136.

COMING SOON...

ANNUAL TREE SALE

The City of Altoona Parks Department will be selling trees again this Spring in honor of Arbor Day. Check out the city's website at www.altoona-iowa.com in February for information on this year's Residential Tree program.



NEW!!! SAVE TIME – PAY BY PHONE!

The City of Altoona gives you access to your account 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It's a convenient way to pay your bills on your own time – with no waiting!

Save postage by paying your bill by phone. Access your updated account instantly. Hear real-time balances, payment amounts, and due dates. Enter your information securely through an automated system

Call 833-271-0804 today to make your payment over the phone!

