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## DISCOVER A NEW VIEW AT THE GRAND CELEBRATION FOR THE HIGH TRESTLE TRAIL

The long-awaited opening of the complete 26 mile High Trestle Trail is scheduled for Saturday, April 30. The trail dedication and ribbon cutting will start at 11 a.m. at the trailhead in Ankeny. This is located just west of the Ankeny Fire Headquarters located at 120 NW Ash Drive.

“Discover a New View” is the theme for the event, which reminds trail goers to view the extraordinary scenery along the trail from a new perspective.

As part of the trail’s Grand Celebration festivities, each city will feature events or activities designed to take people off the trail and into the communities. Planned events range from a pancake breakfast in Ankeny, an outdoor art show in Slater, and Civil War Cannon Demonstrations in Woodward.

Participants will receive a Grand Celebration “passport” to check off as they complete their trip to all five towns. Visit any of the passport locations between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to enjoy all the scheduled activities. Many of the activities are free and no registration is required.

High Trestle Trail is built on a former railroad bed, previously owned by the Union Pacific Railroad and winds its way through the four counties of Dallas, Boone, Story and Polk and five cities of Woodward, Madrid, Slater, Sheldahl and Ankeny. This stretch is the newest addition to the 670 miles trail system connecting Des Moines and all of Central Iowa. The highlight of the trail is the 13-story high, half mile bridge over the Des Moines River, which is located just east of Woodward.

Over 800 donors and several major public grants have brought this \$14.7 million project to life. High Trestle Trail took nearly eight years to complete with constant work from all of the trail communities, trail counties and the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. For more information on the trail and Grand Celebration event, go to [www.hightrestletrail.info](http://www.hightrestletrail.info).

## CENSUS SHOWS REMARKABLE GROWTH

The official Census 2010 data was announced in February and showed remarkable growth for the City of Ankeny. The population numbers from the 2000 Census were 27,117 and the Census 2010 was 45,582. This is a growth of 68% in just ten years and Ankeny has retained its position as the 11th largest city on the state of Iowa.

Census data is used to support community initiatives involving environmental legislation, quality of life issues and consumer advocacy. With this new information in hand, the City of Ankeny is optimistic about receiving increased funding for the community as well as attracting new business and shopping opportunities.

The success of Census 2010 was in part due to the community collaboration of various civic leaders and groups who promoted the importance of counting every person who resides in Ankeny.

**“The latest census report wasn’t all that surprising considering Ankeny’s population has been on an upward trend for the last two decades. We’re a well-balanced community with growing job opportunities and a quality of life that draws people to Ankeny.”**

*Steve Van Oort  
Mayor, City of Ankeny*



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# SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE CITY

Follow the City of Ankeny on Twitter and Facebook – What’s in it for me?

As social media becomes more prevalent in our personal lives, the City of Ankeny is committed to leveraging these tools to speak to and communicate with citizens in the areas where they expect to find information.

Since June 2009, the City of Ankeny has worked to develop a presence on Facebook and Twitter. Our intent has been to eliminate perceived barriers between citizens and their local government by offering a direct line of communication where ideas can be exchanged, information can be shared and problems can be quickly resolved.

The City feels that engaging with citizens in this way creates a more informed, connected and happier community. “We strive to meet the customer service needs of citizens with timely and honest communication,” said Public Relations Officer Deb Dyar. “In its own small way, we believe this contributes to the overall quality of life in Ankeny.”

In response to this initiative, the community has come to recognize social media as a trusted resource when it comes to addressing their questions or having their opinions heard.

“Thank you so much,” said Jacqui DiGiacinto on January 26. “You’ve always been so helpful through Facebook!”

“Thank you for your Facebook presence,” said Matt Robie on December 30. “It’s been very informative and interesting and I always notice that you respond quickly and positively to questions that are asked.”

Citizens aren’t the only ones who benefit from this new form of communication. Engaging with the community in this space has become an invaluable tool for the City as we learn how to more effectively serve our customers. Everything from the timing of traffic lights to locating city-owned sidewalks that need to be plowed after a snowstorm has been improved through the interaction social media provides.

Looking forward, the City hopes to enhance social media offerings as well as continue to solicit ideas, photos and comments from followers.



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*Matt Robie*

*December 30, 2010 via Facebook*



<http://www.facebook.com/AnkenyIA>



<http://twitter.com/CityOfAnkeny>

## POLICE PROMOTIONS BRING MORE DIVERSITY TO DEPARTMENT

Recent promotions at the Ankeny Police Department include Ankeny’s first female captain and first minority promoted to a supervisor position.

“These promotions blend an exceptionally strong academic and experienced group of candidates fully capable of leading this department for the next 15 years,” said Police Chief Gary Mikulec. “Each brings a high level of energy, expertise and specialized training to the team making this among the strongest group of supervisors assembled in the agency.”

**Joe Schaffer** was promoted to captain in the operations division effective February 14 of this year. Joe has been with the department since 1996, serving as a patrol officer, DEA task force officer, narcotics detective, patrol, detective sergeant and operations lieutenant.

**Makai Echer** was promoted to captain in the support services division effective October 2011. With the department since 1995, Makai has served as a patrol officer, school resource officer, detective and patrol sergeant. She is currently an instructor for the women’s self defense program Rape Aggression Defense (RAD). Makai is the first woman promoted to the rank of captain in the department.

**Brian Huggins** has been promoted to lieutenant effective February 14, 2011. Huggins has been with the department since 2001, serving as a patrol officer, field training officer and patrol sergeant.

**Ben Bowersox** was promoted to lieutenant effective October 2011. Ben has been with the department since 1999, serving as a patrol officer, field training officer supervisor, GTSB coordinator, firearms instructor, sergeant and is a member of the SERT team.

**Brian Kroska** has been promoted to Sergeant effective February 14, 2011. With the department since 2003, Brian has served as a police officer and detective.

**Stephanie Braun** was promoted to Sergeant effective October 2011. She has been with the department since 2001 and has served as a school resource officer, field training officer and instructor in a number of capacities including RAD and bike patrol.

**Willie Figueroa** was promoted to Sergeant effective January 2012. Willie has been with the department since 1995, serving 10 years as a field training officer, detective and former member of ERT. Formerly with the New York Police Department, he is the first minority promoted to a supervisor position in the police department.

Mikulec added, “All these men and women share the same professional goals and standards expected of their police department by our community. They understand the tenets of community policing and will relate well and respond appropriately to a diverse and growing Ankeny as well as navigating the Ankeny Police Department into the future.”

## IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING; TWO OPTIONS FOR RESIDENTS

### Appliance & Electronic Recycling Day Saturday, April 23: 8 a.m.-Noon

The Appliance and Electronics Recycling Day will be held at the City Maintenance Facility located at 211 SE Lorenz Dr. The City of Ankeny is working with Midwest Recovery of Bondurant to allow residents to drop off a number of household appliances and electronics with no on-site charge. A fee will be charged for monitors and televisions based on the size of the unit.



### Ankeny Clean-Up Days / Tree & Branch Recycling Days Saturday, May 14: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, May 15: noon-4 p.m.

The annual Ankeny Cleanup Days will be held the weekend of May 14 and 15, at the Prairie Ridge Family Aquatic Center, located at 1220 NW Prairie Ridge Dr. Residents are allowed up to five passenger or truck tires; no commercial tires will be accepted. The Ankeny Rotary Club provides volunteers to assist in unloading materials and debris from vehicles.

As part of the clean up, trees and branches will be accepted at the City Maintenance Facility at 211 SE Lorenz Dr., located across the street from the entrance into Des Moines Area Community College on South Ankeny Blvd. Trees and branches must have a trunk size between one and eight inches. There will be two additional Tree & Branch Recycling Days on Saturday, June 13 and Saturday, October 8; both will run from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

*Residents residing within the corporate limits of Ankeny may participate in these two programs. For a complete list of items accepted, items not accepted, and a price list for monitors go to the city's website at [www.ankenyiowa.gov](http://www.ankenyiowa.gov).*

## RECYCLING CFL BULBS

We all know using Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFL's) saves energy and electricity costs. But what should we do with the bulb when it has burned out? Should it go to the landfill or be recycled?

### Can CFL's be tossed in the trash?

CFL's should be recycled in order to prevent mercury from being released into the environment. In addition, almost all of the components of the bulb can be recycled. Many home improvement stores have free in-store drop off locations and some bulb manufacturers have pre-labeled recycling kits. For more information on recycling CFL's, go to [www.epa.gov/bulb](http://www.epa.gov/bulb) recycling.



*Additional environmental tips can be found on the City's website at [www.ankenyiowa.gov](http://www.ankenyiowa.gov) and chose "Ankeny Go Green."*

## ANNUAL STREAM CLEAN-UP WILL FOCUS ON PARKS IN PRAIRIE TRAIL

Looking for an opportunity to volunteer this spring and contribute to the environment in a meaningful way? Join the Ankeny Stormwater Stakeholders Group as they celebrate Earth Day and clean up one of Ankeny's important watershed areas.

In its 5th year, the Annual Stream Clean-Up will be on Saturday, April 30 starting at 8 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the park shelter in Westside Park, located at 599 SW State Street, next to the Ankeny Art Center. The clean-up work will be around the pond at Westside Park and the lakes of Prairie Trail in Vintage Park and Promenade Park, which are also located along SW State Street. Trash bags and vinyl gloves will be provided. Boots are advised, or shoes that you don't mind getting wet. Rakes or other tools may also be helpful. For more information, contact Amy Bryant at 963-3520 or [abryant@ankenyiowa.gov](mailto:abryant@ankenyiowa.gov).



## NEW OPTION FOR MORE RECYCLING



Is your Curb It! cart overflowing in two week's time? Metro Waste Authority (MWA) is now offering an alternative for residents wanting to increase their recycling efforts with the option of an extra cart through the Curb It! Extra program.

Extra carts will be provided to residents for an annual subscription cost of \$30; this covers the cost of collection every other week. There is no limit to the number of additional

carts a resident can order, however each cart has an annual cost of \$30. The annual subscription fee is prorated depending on when it is purchased. Residents with extra carts will receive an invoice in the mail in June for the renewal of the subscription service for the extra cart(s). The annual collection service is valid from July through June of the following year. If residents do not renew their annual subscription, the extra cart(s) will be retrieved.

The only qualification for this program is that residents must already have a 96-gallon recycling cart. There is an option to request either an additional 96-gallon cart or a 48-gallon cart; the annual cost is the same regardless of the size. If residents currently have the 48-gallon cart and would like to upgrade to the 96-gallon cart, there is no cost to do so.

MWA will also deliver the carts for a one-time delivery fee of \$25. This fee is waived if residents pick up the additional cart themselves. There is no fee if residents are upgrading from the 48-gallon cart to the 96-gallon cart.

To order an extra cart, contact Ramona at MWA at 515-244.0021. Orders can only be taken over the phone. Payment can be made by check or credit card.

*Want to get news and updates from Metro Waste Authority on collection interruptions or new services? Sign up for MWA email updates - go to [www.mwatoday.com](http://www.mwatoday.com) sign up for customized messages for Ankeny.*

# YOUTH VOLUNTEERING CHANGES LIVES, INCLUDING THEIR OWN

A recent survey conducted by the U.S. Census showed 15.5 million youths between the ages of 12 and 18 contribute more than 1.3 billion hours of service hours annually. This is twice the rate of adults - 55% of youth volunteer at school, church, non-profit organizations and in their community compared to only 29% of adults. And guess what - youth who volunteer are less likely to engage in risky behavior, are more likely to feel connected to their communities and tend to do better in school. In addition, youth are much more likely to volunteer because "it makes the world a better place" or "it's important to do things for others" versus it being a school requirement. Ankeny's youth are no exception and two groups closely involved with city services have done important things for their peers and their community.

*by Betsy Knoblock Grabinski, Public Relations Specialist*

A new group of young people started their work with simply volunteering at library events. With a core group of kids that were interested in reading and wanting to be involved, Kirkendall Public Library children's librarians Sherry Schlundt and Kelly Munter thought that it was the perfect time to formally start a group they had wanted to assemble for years. "We had seen other libraries develop similar groups and after getting to know these kids, seeing them volunteer to help at events, we figured it was now or never," said Schlundt. "We decided to get things started last fall."

The group is called **Teen Advisory Group** or "TAG" and they meet once a month after school. They have three main tasks: volunteer/assist at events, help plan teen and other youth-oriented activities and help select new library materials for young adults. Although there were already a number of young people volunteering, Schlundt and Munter formalized the process by specifically inviting kids to be a part of the group and having them fill out an application. They felt the application process was good experience for the kids and it would give them some confidence in knowing they were individually selected to participate.



*Tag members Lauren Beauchamp and Katelyn Melcher help apply temporary tattoos to Spiderman and a princess at the library's annual Halloween Trick-or-Read Event.*

The volunteering side of the group came naturally to them. "These kids put in over 300 volunteer hours last summer," said Munter. "We saw their enthusiasm and wanted to encourage them to continue." Since their start last fall, they have helped out with the Trick-or-Read Halloween event, Santa Visits the Library and several movie events. They do anything from setting up

chairs to serving popcorn to putting on temporary tattoos. "I love volunteering at the movies, it's a lot of fun!" said TAG member Cory Brooks.

Their enthusiasm for library events spills over into planning them as well. The group is currently working on ideas to promote the Summer Reading Program, specifically to elementary school age kids. "If we talk, the kids will listen to us," said Beth Lee, one of the group's oldest members and currently in 9th grade. "The kids look up to us since we were their age just a few years ago."

The kids also get to help choose what new materials the library will purchase for the children's section. Schlundt and Munter couldn't think of a better way to enhance their catalog than with picks made directly from those who will read them, especially from kids who are tuned into what's happening now with the young adult literature world. "The kids are always impressed that one month they make a recommendation and the next time they come, the library has it already," said Schlundt.



*The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) at Kirkendall Public Library volunteered at the 2010 Halloween Trick-or-Read event. Front (L-R): Mike Gerhardt, Beth Lee, Lauren Beauchamp. Back (L-R): Cory Brooks, Abby Gerhardt, Grace Lundquist, Katelyn Melcher, Candice Hayes, Kelsey Hayes, Darian Peterson-Burch.*

What's in it for them? "We love to pick out books," said member Abby Gerhardt. "Because we get first dibs and don't have to wait to read them." On top of that, they can then make recommendations to their peers. TAG has a shelf in the Young Adult section of the library with "TAG picks" and each member has their own "picks" to add to the display. The only downside - they're usually snatched up quick and have to be replaced with new picks.



One benefit for the group was unexpected by the members; they're getting to know people they may not have otherwise. The members range from 6th to 9th grade and many of them don't go to the same school. TAG brings them together in shared interests and desire to volunteer. "In the TAG group it doesn't matter what grade you are in or what school you go to," said Schlundt. "It's just fun to get to know each other."

The TAG Roster currently has 12 active members including: Lauren Beauchamp, Cory Brooks, Miranda Decker, Abby Gerhardt, Kylie Lane, Mike Gerhardt, Beth Lee, Grace Lundquist, Darian Peterson-Burch, Rachel Schneberger, Nick Gerhardt and Katelyn Melcher.

With the group just getting started, Schlundt and Munter see lots of potential for the future. "We want to plan more activities, especially in the summer," said Munter. "We see TAG as a win-win for both the library and the kids. Anytime we can get kids enthusiastic about reading and the happenings at the library, we all benefit!"

The Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) has been around longer than TAG, but the essence of their work is similar. MYC provides Ankeny's high school age young people with an opportunity to represent and advocate on behalf of Ankeny's youth, inform them of existing opportunities and listen to suggestions on what the city can do to improve its youth orientated efforts.

All of MYC's members have been selected to serve by a submitted application; both the existing council and mayor select the new participants each year. "We hope the Mayor's Youth Council provides these kids with an opportunity to voice their opinion and be confident in their ideas," said Mayor Steve Van Oort. "I enjoy watching the growth of each member as they figure out what role they want to play in the council."

Just like the kids in TAG, MYC attracts kids from different schools who have a shared interest. "Being able to directly communicate with the Mayor, voice our opinions and better serve the community are just several reasons I decided to become an MYC member," said senior and MYC chair Luke Williams.



One of the big events MYC plans each year is the Youth Leadership Symposium, which in the past has drawn hundreds of participants and speakers such as explorer Charlie Whitmack and famed Drake basketball player Dolph Pulliam. This year's event will be on Saturday, April 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Pinnacle Club at Otter Creek and will feature Miss Iowa 2010, Pauli Mayfield. In addition to the keynote speaker, MYC will present their annual youth and youth

group of the year. This event is still open to attendees; simply go to [www.ankenyiowa.gov](http://www.ankenyiowa.gov), select the Youth Symposium from the In The Spotlight area on the front page and note your attendance. Both youth and community leaders are encouraged to attend this event.

MYC also helps at several Parks & Recreation events throughout the year. "My favorite activity was the haunted house," said senior and MYC vice-chair Josiah Ruhland. "It was great to see an idea go from the drawing board to a successful event."

The members also gain valuable leadership skills and learn the rules of a formal meeting. "I have a lot more insight on how the city works," said senior and MYC member Hillary Rinker. "I learned a lot about how to work with people of all ages."

MYC meetings are bimonthly on Sundays. Members must be in grades 9-12 and be a student at either Ankeny Community Schools, Ankeny Christian Academy or home school equivalent. Applications for the 2011-2012 council will accepted through May 28 and can be downloaded on the city's website or in person at the Parks & Recreation office located at 210 S. Ankeny Blvd.



The 2010-2011 Mayor's Youth Council

Front row L to R: Connor Schaeffer, Josiah Ruhland, Luke Williams, Hillary Rinker and Ali Henkle. Back row L to R: Molly Burns, Matthew McGill, Kelsey Arneson, Quinn Wilson, Catherine Defino, Trevor Sawatzky and Caitlan Ledin.  
Not pictured: Ryan Wendt, Madeline Wignall, Alissandra Henkle and Colin Elleby.



Mayor's Youth Council

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*Luke Williams  
Ankeny High School senior  
and MYC Chair*

## SEE HOW ANKENY WORKS!

The Ankeny Economic Development Council developed a new campaign designed to grow the City's workforce, strengthen existing business relationships and promote business growth called "Ankeny Works." The initial campaign features interviews with 18 individuals who typify the strength and diversity of Ankeny's business community. Young professionals, working mothers, small business owners, entrepreneurs and CEO's are all represented in this dynamic cross-section of Ankeny's workforce as they share what makes Ankeny appealing to them both personally and professionally.

Go to [www.ankenyiowa.gov/econdev](http://www.ankenyiowa.gov/econdev) for the full profiles of these four individuals and the 14 others profiled in the initial Ankeny Works campaign.



Emigrating from India to study in America, **Anju Gupta** moved to Ankeny 8 years ago. After earning her PhD in genetics, she found a job as a Process Lead in Cotton Breeding with Monsanto. Both the job and the community turned out to be a perfect fit. They also value the level of acceptance they've found in Ankeny.



**Paul Porter** came to Ankeny a little over a year ago to study wind energy at DMACC. Paul is as enthusiastic about his studies as he is about potential career opportunities in Ankeny after he graduates in May of 2011. Ankeny offers the kind of convenience a working student values with opportunities relevant to his education.

It would be cliché to say that "variety is the spice of life" for **Tony Bolletta**. Working as an Engineering Manager for Tone's Spices, he's heard those jokes before. Instead, Tony shares with us the secret ingredients that help to make Tone's Spices one of Ankeny's largest and most successful employers.



Just as **Dr. Sara Schutte-Schenck** tends to the needs of children at the Mercy North Pediatric Clinic, she shares the reasons why Ankeny is a community that tends to her needs and the needs of her family. Ankeny's younger demographics means many new



and growing families for her practice. Ankeny is also a good fit for her family because of its "small town atmosphere, big city opportunities and amenities."

*Read the profiles to find out how Ankeny works for so many people – you may find that Ankeny can also work for you.*



### Tell us how Ankeny Works for You!

We are looking for people to feature in future profiles and we would love to hear about how Ankeny Works for you, your family, your business, your life!

**webmaster@ankenyiowa.gov or on Facebook at facebook.com/AnkenyIA**

## WATER RATES TO INCREASE IN APRIL

Residents will notice an increase in water and sewer rates starting in April. Water rates will go up 13% as a result of the Des Moines Water Works 20% increase for water purchased by the City, construction of the Saylorville Treatment Plant to ensure adequate water capacity in the future and significant drop in water sales due to two consecutive wet summers.

Sewer rates will increase 8% to ensure sufficient cash flow to fund capital projects and ongoing expenses, as well as sufficient capacity as the City prepares to close its wastewater treatment plant and transition to full membership into the Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA).

In 2004, the City entered into a 28E agreement with the WRA for the processing of wastewater treatment; under this agreement, Ankeny joined other metro area communities in upgrading the

Des Moines Wastewater Treatment Facility so that it can provide treatment services to the entire metro area. The Ankeny plant will eventually close as the required connections to the regional system are made. This plan was determined to be less expensive over the long-

term instead of expanding the current Ankeny treatment plant or construction of an additional plant. The current facility, located at 1102 SE Creekview Drive is expected to close in late 2012.



The city's Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 1102 SE Creekview Drive, is expected to close in late 2012 as the city transitions to a metro-wide system.

## NEW PARK AMENITIES ARE RESULT OF GENEROUS GIFTS AND TRIBUTES

In 2009, Parks & Recreation launched the Memorial Tribute & Gifting Program and has had much success in contributions for local park amenities. More than \$20,000 has been donated so far to the program and was used to add benches, bleachers, sports equipment and other improvements to Ankeny's parks system. In addition, the donor is able to honor their loved ones in a unique and lasting way.

A new park shelter was constructed along the High Trestle Trail, just north of 18th Street through donations

from family and friends of the late Jean Long, a long-time Ankeny resident and avid bicyclist. "We wanted a tribute to Jean that would be for both local bicyclists and the citizens of Ankeny," said Fred Long, Jean's husband. "This memorial is the result of the generosity of over 230 individuals from all over the world and shows she had a tremendous impact on the many people she met during her life."

While the program has been successful, amenities are still needed for both new and established parks. One specific need is benches for the newly completed Ankeny Dog Park, located at SW Ankeny Road and SW Goodwin Street.

Complete information on the Memorial Tribute & Gifting Program can be found on the city's website at [ankenyiowa.gov](http://ankenyiowa.gov) or contact Recreation Supervisor Ryan Penning at 963-3574. Contributions to this program are tax deductible.



A new shelter was constructed along the High Trestle Trail in memory of long-time resident and avid bicyclist Jean Long.

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WILL IMPACT TRAFFIC THIS SUMMER

Ankeny Public Works is gearing up for a busy construction season that will yield a host of improvements for the community. Projects include street patching and repair, adding traffic signals and stormwater improvements. A number of the construction projects are expected to disrupt Ankeny roadways for a period of time including temporary lane and street closings, signed detours and marked work areas. As with any construction, delays may happen due to weather.

Below is a recap of some of the major projects and their expected impact on traffic:

**Location:** SE Uehlar Dr from SE Delaware Ave to SE Trilein Dr  
**Type of Work:** sanitary sewer and storm sewer replacement  
**Duration:** early spring to late fall, long-term project  
**Impact:** Mainly residents and local traffic along SE Uehlar.

**Location:** Intersection of NE Delaware Avenue & NE 18th Street  
**Type of Work:** addition of turning lane  
**Duration:** spring, short-term project  
**Impact:** Minor traffic delays at the intersection

**Location:** Intersection of SE Delaware and Corporate Woods Drive  
**Type of Work:** addition of permanent traffic signal  
**Duration:** summer, short-term project  
**Impact:** Minor traffic delays at the intersection

**Location:** SW Logan Street from SW 3rd Street south 500 feet  
**Type of Work:** sewer, water main and street replacement  
**Duration:** early spring through summer, long-term project  
**Impact:** Mainly residents and local traffic along SW Logan Street

**Location:** NW Irvinedale Drive, from NW 18th St to NW 36th St  
**Type of Work:** asphalt overlay of street  
**Duration:** summer, short-term project  
**Impact:** Minor traffic delays, short-term lane closures

**Location:** SW Scott Street, south of 1st Street  
**Type of Work:** water main replacement  
**Duration:** spring to early summer, short-term project  
**Impact:** Minimal traffic issues

**Location:** SE Magazine Road, S Ankeny Blvd to SW State Street  
**Type of Work:** street paving, preparation for school opening  
**Duration:** will open before fall 2011  
**Impact:** Minimal to existing traffic, this is a new street

**Location:** SE/SW Oralabor Road, from SW Irvinedale Drive east to SE Peachtree Drive; SW State Street from Oralabor Road south half mile  
**Type of Work:** street patching and asphalt overlay\*  
**Duration:** summer or fall project  
**Impact:** Traffic interruptions, delays possible \* This is an Iowa Department of Transportation project.

**Location:** NE 36th Street/I-35 Interchange  
**Type of Work:** interchange and ramp construction on I-35, NE 36th St widening and traffic signal at intersection with NE Delaware Avenue  
**Duration:** 2011-2013, expected opening late 2012  
**Impact:** NE 36th Street will be closed through a portion of 2012

**Type of Work:** Annual street patching and repair work  
**Location:** Various locations, mostly in SE quadrant of city  
**Duration:** spring and summer  
**Impact:** Minor traffic interruptions, watch for signs

A complete list of projects and interactive map identifying where road construction is occurring is available at [www.ankenyiowa.gov](http://www.ankenyiowa.gov).

# CITY UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

## SIGN ORDINANCE REMINDER

With the start of garage sale season, it is important to revisit the City's sign ordinance and remember its purpose to keep the city streets free of sign clutter. The most important part of the ordinance is to keep signs out of the public right-of-way and away from major arterial intersections, such as Delaware Avenue, Ankeny Blvd or First Street.



Specifically for garage and yard sale signs, the advertising of the sale is limited to a maximum of three days for each sale. The signs should not exceed three square feet and can only be placed within a half mile of the sale location. For signs placed on private property, they must be at a minimum of six feet from the inner edge of the sidewalk and set back at least six feet from any adjoining property. Signs must be maintained in good condition and the area around them free of debris. One sign is allowed per lot, however, it can be in addition to any real estate signs.

For more information on the City's sign ordinance and a list of the major arterial intersections, go to [www.ankenyiowa.gov](http://www.ankenyiowa.gov) and find the Planning & Building department page.

## ANOTHER GOOD REASON TO BE GREEN



Looking for a good reason to add a rain barrel or rain garden to your property? How about getting some cash back for your time and effort? Now in its second year, the city of Ankeny Municipal Utilities has established a cost-sharing program that was established to help control stormwater quality and quantity impacts caused by stormwater runoff. The goal is to encourage individual landowners and

businesses to incorporate stormwater best management practices, or BMPs, on their property to aid in the improvement and protection of water quality. Some BMPs include rain gardens/bioretention cells, rain barrels, pervious pavement systems, and native planting buffers.

The program is intended to help cover the cost of materials and/or contractor labor to install such practices. The City will provide a 50% match on BMPs, up to \$1,000. Rain barrels will be funded at 50% with a maximum of \$75, limit one per address. Funding is available to applicants on a first-come basis and is subject to the approval of the Municipal Utilities staff and director. Applications for 2011 started being accepted April 1. Applications can be downloaded from the city's website at [www.ankenyiowa.gov](http://www.ankenyiowa.gov), go to Municipal Utilities and select "Reimbursement Program." For more information, contact Amy Bryant at 963-3520 or [ABryant@AnkenyIowa.gov](mailto:ABryant@AnkenyIowa.gov).

## PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS

City ordinance states that pet owners are responsible to pick up after their animals and deposited in a sanitary manner regardless of if the deed is done on public or private property. Please remember city parks are to be enjoyed by all residents and most parks have both plastic bags and trash bins for pet owners to use.



## ANNUAL SUMMERFEST STARTS JULY 7



This year's SummerFest will "Get Your Game On" and be July 7-10. To be involved in Miss 16, the parade, as a vendor or to schedule an event, go to [www.ankenysummerfest.org](http://www.ankenysummerfest.org) for information. To volunteer, contact Emily Fish at the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce at [efish@ankeny.org](mailto:efish@ankeny.org).

*At left: Getting ready for the Boat Regatta, SummerFest 2010.*

## UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

<b>Monday, April 10</b>	Council Planning Session .....	5 p.m. ....	City Hall
<b>Tuesday, April 12</b>	Board of Examiner's & Appeals.....	7 p.m. ....	City Hall
<b>Saturday, April 16</b>	MYC Youth Symposium.....	9 a.m. ....	The Pinnacle Club
<b>Sunday, April 17</b>	Sunday Brunch.....	9 a.m.-1 p.m. ....	Tin Cup Bar & Grille
<b>Monday, April 18</b>	City Council Meeting .....	5:30 p.m. ....	City Hall
<b>Tuesday, April 19</b>	Board of Adjustment Mtg.....	5 p.m. ....	City Hall
	Plan & Zoning Commission Mtg.....	6:30 p.m. ....	City Hall
<b>Saturday, April 23</b>	Appliance/Electronics Recycling Day.....	8 a.m.-noon .....	City Main. Facility
<b>Sunday, April 24</b>	Sunday Brunch.....	9 a.m.-1 p.m. ....	Tin Cup Bar & Grille
<b>Friday, April 29</b>	Springtime Party & Grillout.....	11 a.m.-6 p.m. ....	Ankeny Hy-Vee
<b>Saturday, April 30</b>	HTT Grand Celebration ....	8 a.m. ....	Trailhead, West of Fire Hdqtrs
	Stream Clean-up.....	8 a.m. ....	Shelter @ Westside Park
	Springtime Party & Grillout.....	11 a.m.-6 p.m. ....	Ankeny Hy-Vee
<b>Sunday, May 1</b>	Sunday Brunch.....	9 a.m.-1 p.m. ....	Tin Cup Bar & Grille
<b>Monday, May 2</b>	City Council Meeting .....	5:30 p.m. ....	City Hall
<b>Tuesday, May 3</b>	Board of Adjustment Mtg.....	5 p.m. ....	City Hall
	Plan & Zoning Commission Mtg.....	6:30 p.m. ....	City Hall
<b>Monday, May 6</b>	Hershey's Track & Field Games .....	6 p.m. ....	Northview MS
<b>Sunday, May 8</b>	Sunday Brunch.....	9 a.m.-1 p.m. ....	Tin Cup Bar & Grille
<b>Monday, May 9</b>	Council Planning Session .....	5 p.m. ....	City Hall
<b>Saturday, May 14</b>	Ankeny Clean-Up Days....	8 a.m.-4 p.m. ....	Prairie Ridge Aquatic Ctr
<b>Saturday, May 14</b>	Ankeny Clean-Up Days....	noon-4 p.m. ....	Prairie Ridge Aquatic Ctr
<b>Monday, May 16</b>	City Council Meeting .....	5:30 p.m. ....	City Hall
<b>Tuesday, May 17</b>	Board of Adjustment Mtg.....	5 p.m. ....	City Hall
	Plan & Zoning Commission Mtg.....	6:30 p.m. ....	City Hall
<b>Monday, May 23</b>	Council Planning Session .....	5 p.m. ....	City Hall
<b>Saturday, May 28</b>	Aquatic Centers Open.....	noon .....	Prairie Ridge/Cascade Falls
<b>Monday, May 30</b>	Memorial Day.....	All City Offices & Kirkendall Library are closed	
<b>Friday, June 3</b>	Movies Under the Stars .....	dusk.....	Wagner Park Bandshell
<b>Monday, June 6</b>	City Council Meeting .....	5:30 p.m. ....	City Hall
<b>Tuesday, June 7</b>	Board of Adjustment Mtg.....	5 p.m. ....	City Hall
	Plan & Zoning Commission Mtg.....	6:30 p.m. ....	City Hall
<b>Friday, June 10</b>	Movies Under the Stars .....	dusk.....	Wagner Park Bandshell
<b>Saturday, June 11</b>	Tree & Branch Recycling .....	9 a.m.-3 p.m. ....	City Main. Facility
	Barefoot Bash.....	1 p.m.-8 p.m. ....	Hawkeye Park

*\*Event Registration required. For more details on any of the events above, go to [www.ankenyiowa.gov](http://www.ankenyiowa.gov) and search the event calendar.*

## CITY SERVICES GUIDE

<p>Peddlers/Vendors.....City Clerk 963-6400          Application for license, general questions          Potholes/Street Damage.....Public Works 965-6481          Potholes*, pavement repairs*, concrete or curb problems          Recycling.....Metro Waste Authority 244-0021          Sewage.....Municipal Utilities 963-3520          Problems on city property          Sidewalks.....Planning &amp; Bldg 963-3550          Repair needed*          Signs/Traffic.....Public Works 963-3520          Street signs*, traffic lights*          Streetlights.....Mid-American Energy 1-888-427-5632          Broken or burned out streetlights*          Street Sweeping.....Public Works 965-6481          Schedule, broken glass, report damage*          Towed Vehicles.....Police Administration 289-5240          Due to snow emergency, no parking zones          Trash.....Contact individual service provider          Utility Billing.....Utilities Customer Service 963-3565          Payments, billing questions          Municipal Utilities 963-3520          Water.....Quality, treatment, conservation, back flow          Park Maintenance 963-3578          Standing water, mosquito control*</p>	<p>* This service/violation/item can also be reported online at <a href="http://www.ankenyiowa.gov">www.ankenyiowa.gov</a>          Animal Control.....Dispatch 286-3333          Stray dogs/cats, lost pets, local animal complaints, report          neglected or abused animals, wild animals          Buildings.....Planning &amp; Bldg 963-3550          Unsafe or vacant buildings*, violations*, permits and          guidelines, code information          Businesses.....City Clerk 963-6400          Licenses and permits          Child Seats.....Police 289-5240          Inspections, laws, installation - Community Service Officer          Construction.....Planning &amp; Bldg 963-3550          Condition of site, unauthorized, permits          Construction.....Public Works 963-3520          Road construction projects          Drainage.....Municipal Utilities 963-3520          Storm water drainage issues          Fire Safety.....Fire Department 965-6469          Violation, open burning, flammable material storage,          explosives, community education          Fire Hydrant.....Municipal Utilities 963-3520          Damaged, maintenance          Landscaping.....Planning &amp; Bldg 963-3550          Overgrown shrubs, weeds          Parks.....Park Maintenance 963-3578          Trails, city parks</p>
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