

July 2020
Happy 4th of July



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City Hall
Hours 8:00 a.m. to
4:30 p.m.
319-648-3501

www.riversideiowa.gov

City Hall, Parks, Playgrounds

Riverside City Hall will be closed until construction of the new lobby is completed. Anticipated opening date is July 1st. Due to limited seating and social distancing of 6', the public is encouraged to watch the meeting on the city website at www.riversideiowa.gov. Public comment is encouraged, and if you wish to comment prior to the meeting, feel free to call city hall, drop suggestions in the utility box, or email the city administrator at admin@cityofriversideiowa.com.

All City parks are open to the public; however, the drinking fountains have not been turned on and restrooms are currently closed. Youth teams have returned to using the fields, following guidelines by the state youth programs. The pavilions are available for use for gatherings following the governor's social distancing proclamations. As water and bathrooms are not yet available, no rent is charged, but there is a \$25 refundable damage deposit.



CLEAN UP DAY. Saturday, July 25th 8-11 a.m. River Street next to hall Park. Enter from Casey's, one-way drop-off heading west. No regular trash or toxic items. Limit of 4 tires per household. \$10 disposal fee for each appliance. If not paid that day, it will be added to your water bill. Call City Hall if you need assistance at 319-648-3501.

Projects

Projects currently nearing completion, getting ready to start, or in process:

Safe Routes to School. Update! Project to begin the week of June 29th.

Fourth Street/Rose. Work is moving along on the Fourth Street Project. Water mains have been installed, with hookups to services following close behind. The street paving, storm sewer and sidewalk portion are in currently in process.

Trail Renovation. The city is forming a committee to work on a plan to restore the area. If interested, please fill out the volunteer form on the city website at riversideiowa.gov. The Parks Committee met with ITC on June 17th to discuss the plans of restoration by ITC. Once this plan is completed the Trail Restoration Committee will meet to complete the project in the fall.

Grant Opportunities Coming Soon.....

City Council is finalizing details for the Commercial and Residential grant programs. Check the website for future Downtowne Business District Incentive Program and Community Beautification Incentive Program.

Reminder:

The City ROW between the sidewalk and the street is reserved for utilities. Homeowners are required to maintain this area, however, plantings of flowers, gardens, and new trees are not permitted. As the street projects progress through the community, they will include storm sewer, curb, and gutter. All previously planted trees, shrubs, and flowers will be removed and will not be replaced.

Council voted in 2019 to limit the height of grass to 9". Those not in compliance will receive a letter and have 48 hours to comply. Grass clippings are not to be blown into the street as they clog the storm drains and create a safety hazard.



Reminder: The purchase of fireworks is legal in the State of Iowa, however, the discharge of fireworks within the city limits of Riverside is not. Violators can be fined up to \$300 with court costs. Please respect your neighbors.

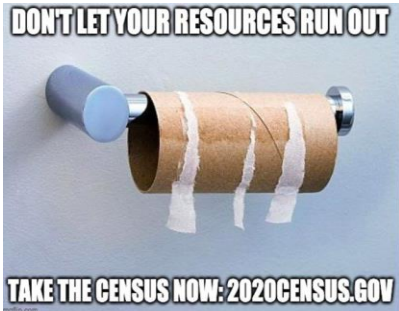
Paint Riverside Red, White and Blue! A Virtual July 4th Celebration
Riverside citizens and homeowners (kids included) are invited to decorate their home or lawn in red, white, and blue for the 4th this year. Prizes will be awarded for winners in the following categories: Most patriotic, most creative use of red, white, and blue, and most flags. Register by calling city hall at 648-3501 and provide your name, address, and phone number. No fee to enter. Then on the 4th, walk, drive or pedal around town to enjoy the decorations. Those not wishing to enter are encouraged to show your support by putting up flags.

Water Billing

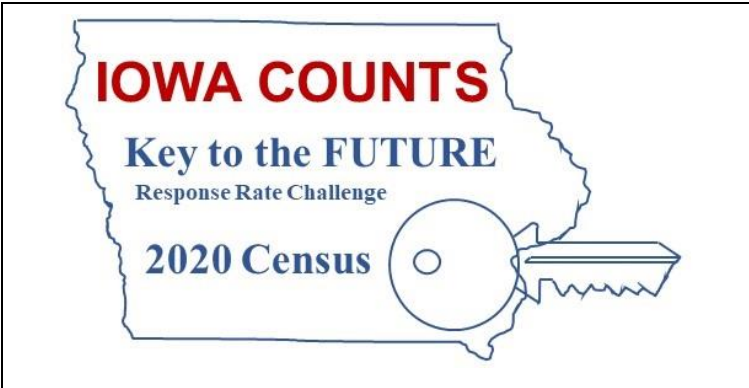
The new water bills are here! The bills are perforated at the bottom for easy removal to send in with your payment. Since the city tapes the envelope versus sealing it, the envelope can be reused for mailing. All you need is a stamp over the existing postmark. (This has been approved by the Post Office).

Final Drive-Up Pop-Up Pantry

The final drive-up pop up pantry was held June 13th in Kalona. The cities of Riverside, Kalona, and Wellman, in conjunction with HACAP, and many generous donors, gave away over 25,000 pounds of food for the Hwy 22 Corridor area. Thank you for your generosity in giving of your time and money to those who have been food insecure during this difficult time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Local food pantries are still available. The Riverside Pantry is located at St. Mary's Catholic Church on the 2nd Saturday of the month. If this is your first time, please call 319-648-5301.



Please respond to: [My2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov).
If you need help, please contact City Hall at 319-648-3501 and we will be happy to assist you



Serve Your Community

Openings on Boards, Commissions

There is currently one opening on Planning and Zoning, for those who live outside the city within a two-mile radius. Meetings are held monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. If you know of anyone who may be interested in serving, fill out the form on the city website under the news section and return to city hall.

There are currently two openings on the Board of Adjust, for those who live outside the city within a two-mile radius. Meetings are held on an as needed basis. If you know of anyone who may be interest in serving, fill out the form on the city website under the news section and return to city hall.