

# NEWS FROM CITY HALL

## CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED:

MAY 29TH

JULY 4TH

SEPTEMBER 4TH

## 501 PINE LOT FOR SALE

The city will be selling the lot at 501 Pine Street during the regular city council meeting on June 5, 2017 at 5:30. If you are interested in bidding the lot, you can pick up the

Offer to Purchase form at City Hall along with the Offer to Buy Real Estate and Acceptance form that explains the requirements of the lot. You must build a single-family home on the

lot within 3 years of purchase. The starting purchase price is \$13,000 plus closing costs. Stop in or call City Hall for more information.

## MOSQUITO SPRAYING

When the mosquito season begins, the city will spray for mosquitos every Tuesday as needed beginning at 9:00 P.M. If it is windy or raining, the alternate day will be Wednesday. Notice will be posted at City Hall, on the city's website and email blast, on the RTU channel, and in the Reinbeck Courier when spraying will begin.

## FLUSHING HYDRANTS

During the month of June the city will be flushing fire hydrants. Please check your water before doing laundry.



## PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

One of the tennis courts at Elmwood Park will be converted to a pickleball court. The Park Board will be hosting a pickleball tournament as a fundraising project. The tournament will be held on July 8, 2017 with a rain date for July 9, 2017. If you would like to participate please contact City Hall or a Park Board Member. Watch the city website for more information!



## STREET REPAIRS

You will be seeing Mack's Asphalt and LL Pelling in town seal coating and repairing streets. In addition to the normal water main break and sewer line street repairs, they will be doing needed repairs and seal coating on Blackhawk Street. The City asks for your patience and cooperation during these projects.



## REINBECK FOURTH OF JULY

The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, put on by The Citizens of Reinbeck Committee, will be held on Sunday, July 2nd – Tuesday, July 4th. There will be a Schedule of Events distributed throughout the businesses in town and at City Hall. You can also get information from the committee's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/Reinbeck4thofJuly](http://www.facebook.com/groups/Reinbeck4thofJuly)

and from a link on the city website at [www.reinbeck.org](http://www.reinbeck.org).

As this event draws people from all areas around us, this is a great time to show your pride for your city. Please take the time to inspect your properties, making sure your property is neat and or-

derly and free of any noxious weeds or clutter. Please be considerate of any homeowner struggling to maintain their good appearance due to health or financial reasons. Be a good neighbor and offer your assistance or bring it to the City's attention. There are wonderful G-R students who need volunteer hours who may be willing to help.

## AQUATIC CENTER

The opening date for the Aquatic Center is scheduled for June 3, 2017. You can purchase tickets in advance at City Hall. The prices have remained the same at \$150 for a family pass, \$75 for a single pass, and \$3 daily admission. A generous donation has been received for remodeling the deteriorating bath house. Bids are

coming in at approximately \$100,000. The Park Board will be doing some fundraisers to collect funds for this project. If you would

like to donate, please drop your donation off at City Hall. It would be nice to have a new bathhouse for next year's pool opening.



City of Reinbeck  
414 Main Street  
Reinbeck, IA 50669

PRSRST STD  
ECRWSS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
EDDM RETAIL

Local  
Postal Customer

## ORDINANCES TO REMEMBER

- Please remember to register your golf carts and equip them with the proper safety equipment.
- Grass is not to exceed 6" and is not to be mowed into the street. No noxious weeds.
- All vehicles must have valid licenses and be operable.
- Trees are to be trimmed so that all branches are 12' above the surface of the street and 8' above the sidewalks.
- Burn days are Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## ELMWOOD PARK

Elmwood Park is now open. There is a new "Gleo McCommons" shelter by the little league ball diamonds. The use of this shelter is first come first serve unless you call in to City Hall to reserve it. The fee to reserve the Gleo McCommons shelter is \$35.00. If you see any kind of vandalism in progress at the park, please report it immediately to the sheriff's office.

## MEMORIAL BUILDING BREAKFAST

Thank you to all who worked at and supported the Memorial Board's Bloody Mary Breakfast on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The funds raised will be used to paint the kitchen. The Board may be planning this as an annual or bi-annual fundraiser so be sure to watch for the next one!

## EXCITING NEWS!

**WE ARE EXPANDING!  
FINE ART & CRAFT VENDORS  
INVITED TO APPLY**



For online application please visit [reinbeckartfestival.wordpress.com](http://reinbeckartfestival.wordpress.com) or contact Dana at City Hall 319-788-6404 or [cityasst@reinbeck.net](mailto:cityasst@reinbeck.net)  
See us on FB at [www.facebook.com/ReinbeckArtFestival](http://www.facebook.com/ReinbeckArtFestival)

## DAYCARE SUPPORT REQUEST

As many of you already know, the Little Rebels Learning Center has requested that the city council donate \$180,000 of Richard Grimm's gift to the city for their expansion project. When the city received Richard's gift they moved to put a large portion in a long-term CD to be used as the city's reserve, in case of an emergency, while they work to build the city out of a financial hole. \$100,000 was put in a 3-month CD for access should the city need it sooner, and \$38,991 was left in the General Fund to be used for small projects. The council has used some of this money for the sidewalk expansion at the park.

When the learning center was originally built, the city gave \$300,000 to this project. The city took out a loan and paid \$35,000 in interest. This loan was placed on the tax levy for repayment. The G-R School Board gave the same amount. And so, the City of Reinbeck received a GREAT amenity! No one argues the fact that the city needs the learning center. But, the learning center is a non-profit organization that does not pay city taxes. It is not an organization that the city is required to maintain or subsidize.

As mentioned earlier, the city is building itself out of a financial hole. This will take years to achieve. Does that mean we will sit idle until we are financially sound? No, but the city needs to be conservative and make smart decisions during this rebuilding. The city is REQUIRED to maintain city hall, fire & ems departments, Memorial Building, parks and pool, cemetery, water and wastewater facilities, streets and infrastructure, shop and city equipment, and to provide police coverage. Every department's budgets were cut for fiscal year 17/18 which starts July 1, 2017. These cuts were made because the cost to maintain these departments exceeded the revenue that will be coming in to cover the cost. If the city gives away any money, it will affect the budget and your tax rates as most projects and equipment will have to be bonded.

Last fall, the city council put together a Goal Setting Report which is VIABLE for any city's success. Some of the projects in that report are updates to the aquatic center bathhouse, additions to the park, street and infrastructure, city equipment, water and wastewater improvements, and stormwater improvements. Some issues that were listed were shortage of funds in the General Fund, lack of new revenue, shortage of funds in the Sewer Sinking Fund, impact of property tax legislation on city revenues, and funding for new equipment and projects. The city had Richard Grimm's money at the time this report was put together. Finances were an issue to the council at that time and the city's financial status has not change in just a few short months.

An argument was made from the learning center board that being full has turned families away from Reinbeck. How do we know that for sure? Maybe they have moved here and are just using a different day care. The board has also argued that moving families to town generates more taxes. The only way families moving to town increase property taxes the city receives, is if they build a house. A large daycare in town is not the only deciding factor when a family is looking to relocate. Other deciding factors are property tax rates, water & sewer rates, crime rates, parks & schools, downtown businesses, and general appearance of the city. Reinbeck has a lot to offer! Shouldn't the money that the learning center is requesting be used by the city to expand, maintain and improve the things the city is REQUIRED to take care of? And, keep in mind that we do have a thriving daycare already.

The learning center request will be addressed again at the June 5, 2017 regular council meeting at 5:30 p.m. You are encouraged to attend the meeting and share your views with your city council. If you cannot attend the meeting, you are encouraged to submit your concerns in writing to City Hall or talk with your council personally. If the money is given in any form, the donation will affect you, the tax payers of Reinbeck.