



CITY OF Hills *Newsletter*

Musings from the Mayor...

In case you haven't heard, there is a Presidential Election taking place November 5th. There is also a Congressional representative, State senator and representatives, County offices, and Township trustees to be elected, in addition to several judges being up for retention. I hope you take the opportunity to vote, if you haven't already. As Americans, we often take this right for granted, forgetting that in many parts of the world, citizens don't have this opportunity.

There are also a couple of issues on the ballot, and I hope you take your time to familiarize yourself with them.

One asks if Johnson County should be allowed to issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$30 million for the purpose of acquiring and developing lands with public access provided, to protect the water quality in rivers, lakes, and streams; protect forests to improve air quality; protect natural areas and wildlife habitat from development; and provide for parks and trails. These acquisitions would be managed by the Johnson County Conservation Board.

There are also two proposed amendments to Iowa's Constitution on the ballot. Proposed amendment #1 provides that only US citizens 18 or older and meeting state and county residency requirements be eligible to vote in all elections. Further, it provides that 17-year-olds, who would be 18 by the time of the General Election, would be eligible to vote in primary elections, subject to the same citizenship and residency requirements.

Proposed amendment #2 deals with the Gubernatorial Line of Succession. It provides that the Lt Governor will act as the Governor if the Governor is temporarily disabled. It further provides that the Lt Governor or Lt Governor-elect will

become the Governor or Governor-elect in case of the resignation, death, or permanent disability of the Governor or Governor-elect.

I recommend that you read up on the issues if you haven't already. We should all be as informed as much as we can before entering the voting booth. It should be an interesting election.

By Tim Kemp

Community Calendar

HCC: Hills Community Center – 110 E Main Street

November

- 11/3** Daylight Saving Time Ends **2am**
- 11/5** **Election Day 7am – 8pm** – HCC
- 11/8** Fall Festival **5:30pm – 7pm** – Alexander Elementary School
- 11/8** Hills Town and Country Meeting **6pm** – HCC
- 11/11** City Office Closed – Veteran's Day
- 11/11** Veterans' Day Program **10:00am** – Atrium Village, Main Dining Room
- 11/12** Senior Dining **Noon** – St Joseph Church Hall
- 11/12** City Council Meeting **7pm** – HCC
- 11/13** Planning & Zoning Board Meeting **6pm** – HCC
- 11/13** Yoga in the Community Center **7pm** - HCC
- 11/20** Utility Bill Payment Due
- 11/25** Annual Memorial Service **10am** – Atrium Village, Main Dining Room
- 11/25** City Council Meeting **7pm** – HCC
- 11/27** Meter Read
- 11/28 – 11/29** City Office Closed – Thanksgiving

December

- 12/9** City Council Meeting **7pm** – HCC
- 12/10** Senior Dining **Noon** – St Joseph Church Hall
- 12/11** Planning & Zoning Board Meeting **6pm** – HCC
- 12/14** Santa Claus Comes to Town **10am – 11:30am** – HCC

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City News

General Election

Tuesday, November 5, 2024
7:00am – 8:00pm
Hills Community Center
110 E Main St

As you read in the Mayor's Musings, there are two proposed changes to Iowa's Constitution up for vote. The language of the proposed changes is provided on the ballot; however, the original language is not. Here we provide both so you may know what you are voting to replace:

Voting Age and Citizenship: Repeal and replace Section 1 of Article II of the state constitution.

Proposed new language:

"Only a citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years, who shall have been a resident of this state for such period of time as shall be provided by law and of the county in which the citizen claims the citizen's vote for such period of time as shall be provided by law, shall be entitled to vote at all elections which are authorized by law. However, for purposes of a primary election, a United States citizen must be at least eighteen years of age as of the next general election following the primary election. The required periods of residence shall not exceed six months in this state and sixty days in the county."

Existing language to (potentially) be replaced: *

"Every citizen of the United States of the age of twenty-one years, who shall have been a resident of this state for such period of time as shall be provided by law and of the county in which he claims his vote for such period of time as shall be provided by law, shall be entitled to vote at all elections which are now or hereafter may be authorized by law. The General Assembly may provide by law for different periods of residence in order to vote for various officers or in order to vote in various elections. The required periods of residence shall not exceed six months in this state and sixty days in the county."

*The requirement to be 21 years of age was superseded by the 26th Amendment to the US Constitution, ratified in 1971, lowering the voting age to 18.

General Election continued...

Gubernatorial Succession: Repeal and replace Section 17 of Article IV of the state constitution.

Proposed new language:

"Lieutenant governor or lieutenant governor-elect to become or act as governor or governor-elect.

If there is a temporary disability of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall act as governor until the disability is removed, or the governor dies, resigns, or is removed from office. In case of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall become governor for the remainder of the term, which shall create a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor. This section shall also apply, as appropriate, to the governor-elect and the lieutenant governor-elect."

Existing language to (potentially) be replaced:

"Lieutenant governor to act as governor.

In case of the death, impeachment, resignation, removal from office, or other disability of the governor, the powers and duties of the office for the residue of the term, or until he shall be acquitted, or the disability removed, shall devolve upon the lieutenant governor."

Community Calendar continued...

HCC: Hills Community Center – 110 E Main Street

December

12/20 Utility Bill Payment Due

12/23 City Council Meeting **7pm** – HCC

12/24 – 12/25 City Office Closed – Christmas

12/31 Meter Read

12/31 City Office Closes **Noon** – New Year's Eve

January

1/1 City Office Closed – New Year's

Notice

Minimal spot-spraying of weeds on City properties using over-the-counter herbicides may occur around the first of each month.

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Open Burning Ban Lifted

Johnson County has lifted the opening burning ban. Therefore, open burning of yard waste will be allowed through Sunday, November 17th, 2024, within Hills city limits.

Open burning is permitted within the rear portion of the residential lot, but all fires must be at least 25 feet from any buildings.

Open burning is limited to yard waste only; and all fires must be attended, with a water source nearby.

Open burning is permitted between the hours of 10am and 7pm, or the onset of darkness, whichever occurs first.

Open burning is not allowed on City streets or on windy days.

If you prefer, you may dispose of your yard waste using yard waste bags, which are available at the City Office and cost \$1.65 each. You may pay at time of purchase, or have the charge applied to your water bill. Put yard waste bags out with your trash on Wednesdays.

Bookmobile Fall 2024 Schedule

Tuesdays through December 17, 2024

2:45 pm – 3:15 pm

Atrium Village

117 S 3rd St



The Bookmobile is a mobile library service from the Iowa City Public Library (ICPL). In addition to a collection of new and popular books and DVDs on the Bookmobile, you can check out anything from ICPL's collection by placing a hold and requesting pickup at the Bookmobile.

For more information, or to get your library card, visit: icpl.org or call **319.356.5200**.

Volunteers Wanted

Would you be interested in serving on a committee to organize the 2025 4th of July parade? The City of Hills would like to hear from you! Call **(319.679.3197)** or email (cityhills@sharontc.net) the City Office with your name and contact information.

FEMA Publishes Notice of Preliminary FIRM and FIS Report

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a notice of its proposed flood hazard determinations. (See *The Federal Register*, [federalregister.gov/documents/2024/10/24/2024-24776/proposed-flood-hazard-determinations](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/10/24/2024-24776/proposed-flood-hazard-determinations).) This includes its preliminary copies of the revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Johnson County. The preliminary FIRM and FIS report include proposed flood hazard information for certain locations in the City of Hills. The proposed flood hazard information may include addition or modification of Special Flood Hazard Areas, the areas that would be inundated by the base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood; base flood elevations or depths; zone designations; or regulatory floodways.

These proposed flood hazard determinations, if finalized, will become the basis for the floodplain management measures that Hills must have in effect to qualify for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Any owner or lessee of real property in Hills who believes their property rights will be adversely affected by the proposed flood hazard determinations may appeal. The appeals should be submitted to the City, which will consolidate and forward those appeals to FEMA. Please note, *the sole basis for such appeals is the possession of knowledge or information indicating that the proposed flood hazard determinations are scientifically or technically incorrect.*

To view the FIRM and FIS report, go to: hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload. There are several FIRMs; the two that include Hills are 19103C0310F and 19103C0320F.

For more information on the appeals process, go to:

floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp

The appeals window closes on January 21, 2025.

Community News

Sts Mary & Joseph Catholic Churches

Our Three-Parish Cluster in Lone Tree, Nichols, Hills

Church of St Mary

201 Short St, Nichols 319-330-5324

St Mary Church

216 W Jayne St, Lone Tree 319-629-4225

St Joseph Church

209 Brady St, Hills 319-679-2271

Rev David O Paintsil, Parochial Administrator

email: paintsild@diodav.org

Carol Kaalberg, Pastoral Associate

email: kaalbergc@diodav.org

Nancy Waldschmidt, Director of Faith Formation

email: nwaldschmidt@gwaea.org

Rev Lou Leonhardt, Retired

PO Box 454, Lone Tree, Iowa 52755

Cluster Website: stsmarijoseph.com

*We invite you to join us for the celebration
of the Holy Eucharist!*

*We hope you find our parishes
Welcoming and Belonging!*

Saturday Mass Schedule:

4:00 pm St Mary Church (Lone Tree)

Sunday Mass Schedule:

8:00 am Church of St Mary (Nichols)

10:00 am St Joseph Church (Hills)

Daily Mass Schedule (Tuesday – Friday):

8:00 am Rosary Atrium Village Chapel

8:30 am Mass Atrium Village Chapel

The Christmas Season

Our cluster community invites you to share this upcoming beautiful and holy season of Christmas with us at Mass. Please visit our cluster website stsmarijoseph.com for all the services schedules as we draw closer to these important holidays. Our weekly bulletin will also list all service times and is available in our Spiritual Lending Library, located by the St Joseph statue on the southwest side of the church property. Weekly bulletins can also be found on our website.

Senior Dining

2nd Tuesdays

(November 12 and December 10)

Noon – 2:00 pm

St Joseph Church Hall – Hills

209 Brady St

Senior Dining is a potluck, so bring a dish to share, and your own table service. Drinks are provided.

It is open to the entire community and is held at St Joseph because they have plenty of parking in their adjacent parking lot, and an elevator to take you to the hall downstairs.

The meal is followed by cards and bingo.

Food Pantry

Wednesdays 10:00 am – Noon
East Door, St Joseph Church, Hills
209 Brady St

The food pantry is for anyone who is food insecure. There are no forms to complete; no income requirements to meet; and no appointment necessary. Just pull up to the east door and tell the volunteers your household size.

You will receive a week's worth of food. Pre-packed boxes containing frozen meat (chicken, beef, or pork) plus canned vegetables and fruits, as well as other goods, will be loaded into your car.



ATRIUM VILLAGE

One Semi-Private Room in the Center
One Private Suite in the Care Center
One 1-Br Apartment, Remodeled
Currently Available

Call or stop in to visit:

319-679-2224 | 117 S 3rd Street Hills, Iowa

www.AtriumVillagesHills.com

Community News

ATRIUM VILLAGE SALUTES ALL WHO HAVE SERVED



PUBLIC WELCOME.
WE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGE VETERANS TO
JOIN US, AS WE OFFER OUR APPRECIATION
FOR THEIR SERVICE.

ATRIUM VILLAGE
117 S.3RD ST., HILLS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2024
10AM, MAIN DINING ROOM
ANY QUESTIONS CALL PAULA AT 319-679-2224

Atrium Village invites you to our

Annual Memorial Service
Monday, November 25
at 10:00am

Main Dining Room

Join us as we remember our residents
who have passed away this year

Please RSVP to Paula by Monday 11/18
paulak@atriumvillagehills.com
319-679-2224

ATRIUM VILLAGE

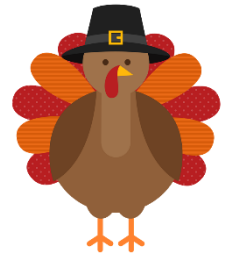
NOW HIRING

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Dietary Aide: Part-time
Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA):
Full-Time and Part-Time
Activity Assistant: Part-Time

Please send resume to
atriumv@sharontc.net

Or call (319) 679-2224 to inquire
about current opportunities



*Santa Claus is
Coming to Town*

Saturday, December 14, 2024
10:00am – 11:30am
Hills Community Center
110 E Main St

Here's your chance to
meet Santa Claus and tell him
what you'd like for Christmas!

Sponsored by:



Hills Town and Country Club
Where Town and Country Meet

Community News

Sharon Center United Methodist Church

2804 520th St SW, Kalona
319-683-2564

Rev Olympia Muller, Pastor
Email: olymarmuller@gmail.com
Misty Christner, Secretary
Email: sharoncenterumc@gmail.com



God's blessing to all!

I'm Pastor Olympia Marcos Muller of Sharon Center United Methodist Church, inviting you to join and support our church ministries. We welcome all of you in our worship services:

Casual Worship Service with Praise Band @ 8:30 am
Traditional Worship Service @ 10:30 am
Joint Worship Service every 1st Sunday of the month with Holy Communion Service @ 9:00 am

We are happy to see you and welcome you!

God bless you all!

Website: sharoncenterumc.wordpress.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Sharon-Center-UMC-631969050162157/

Upcoming Events – Please Join Us!

Election Day
Tuesday, November 5, 2024
7:00am – 8:00pm Fellowship Hall

Sharon Center UMC continued...

United Women in Faith Salad Supper
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
6:00pm Fellowship Hall

Free, with presentation on human trafficking in Iowa.

Thanksgiving Service
Thursday, November 28, 2024
7:00pm Church

Great Blue Herons and Friends Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 8, 2024
7:00pm Church

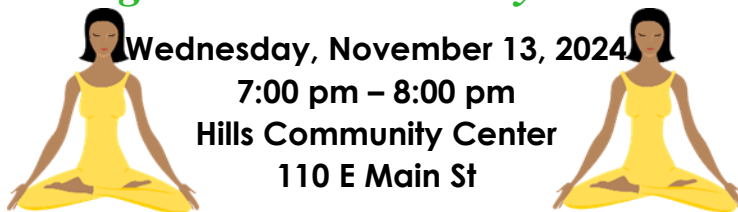
One Day Bible School/Parents' Day Out
Saturday, December 14, 2024
9:00am – 3:00pm Church

For infants through 6th grade. Theme: Follow the Shining Star. Contact the secretary Misty Christner (see above left) for a registration form.

Game Night
2nd Wednesdays
(November 13th and December 11th)
6:00pm – 8:00pm Fellowship Hall

Potluck, followed by cards and board games.

Yoga in the Community Center



Wednesday, November 13, 2024
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Hills Community Center
110 E Main St

Yoga has many physical and mental health benefits, including improved flexibility, strength, balance, and mood. And it's fun! Megan Palmer, certified yoga instructor and former Hills resident, continues to offer a monthly free yoga class in the Community Center with a class on Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00 pm. (A December date has not been set yet.)

Come join in the camaraderie! All levels of experience (including "none") are welcome and encouraged. Participants are required to sign a liability waiver and bring their own yoga mat.

Community News

COME ONE COME ALL!
LET'S CELEBRATE FALL
AT THE ANNUAL

ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY

FALL FESTIVAL

Friday, NOV. 8th 2024
Event @ 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
3571 South Sycamore St

Games, raffles, dance party, cake walk, face painting, pizza and popcorn!
Buy some tickets, support our PTO and have an **AMAZING NIGHT!**



ALEXANDER ELEMENTARY FESTIVAL DE OTOÑO

¡VENID UNO. VENID TODOS!
¡CELEBREMOS EL OTOÑO EN EL ANUAL!

Viernes, 8 de NOVIEMBRE 2024
Evento @ 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
3571 South Sycamore St

Juegos, rifas, fiesta de baile, caminata de pasteles, pintura de caras, ¡pizza y palomitas!
Compra algunos boletos, apoya a nuestro PTO y ¡ten una NOCHE INCREÍBLE!



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Veterans' Day
* November 11
Thanksgiving
* November 28-29
Christmas
* December 24 - Closing at Noon
* December 25
New Years
* January 1

Please contact our office for urgent needs at 319.679.2211 or our Help Desk at 319.679.4357

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



City Staff wish you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season!

<p>COUNCIL MEMBERS EMILY HUDACHEK CATHY KNEBEL MICHELLE RUMMELHART GUY SOMMERS TERESA VOLK</p>	<p>CITY OF HILLS 201 N 1ST ST / P O Box 345 HILLS, IOWA 52235-0345 PHONE 319-679-3197 WWW.HILLS-IA.ORG</p>	<p>MAYOR TIM KEMP CITY ADMINISTRATOR ADRIANE SEDLACEK DEPUTY CLERK TAMARA FREMBGEN KESNER</p>
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The City Office is open from 9am – 4pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Alexander Elementary

Ignite Your Excellence

Hello from Alexander Elementary School! This month has flown by, and our students are engaging in so much learning each day. Did you know our 24-25 Theme is **Ignite Your Excellence**? This theme is a nod to the former Hills Lightning Bolts who have merged with our existing Alexander Community – focused on Excellence. On Friday, we will take an all-school photo and every student will receive their very own “Ignite Your Excellence” t-shirt, courtesy of MidwestOne Bank. Our students consistently get recognized for their hard work, excellent moments, and showing #FalconPride through earning “Spark Notes”. When a student earns a Spark Note, they get to ring the bell, and I announce their name/details of the Spark Note over the morning announcements.

We recently held our first ever Alexander Read-a-Thon and raised over \$4,600 for our school! This event was a huge fundraiser and helped promote the joy of reading! Thank you to all who supported. Our next Family Event is our 10th annual Fall Festival (see prior page), on November 8th from 5:30 – 7:00. Join us for carnival games, pizza, a silent auction, and camaraderie. We love our new and improved school community and thank you for sharing your scholars with us each day.

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