



October

City of Holstein
712-368-4898
Newsletter
2024

HALLOWEEN IN HOLSTEIN!

Thursday, October 31st

5pm: Meet at Douglas School House for a picture

5-6pm: Pumpkin Parade at local businesses on Main Street

6-8pm: Trick-or-Treating around town. Houses with LIGHTS ON only



GOOD SAMARITAN:

5-6pm: Outdoor Trick-or-Treat during the Pumpkin Parade

HOLSTEIN SENIOR LIVING :

6-8pm: Haunted House

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING RATE CHANGES FOR WATER, SEWAGE, GARBAGE, & STORM WATER DRAINAGE

The City of Holstein is committed to maintaining and improving the quality of essential services for all our residents. In line with this commitment, we are announcing an important change that will affect water and sewage rates due to a significant project mandated by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Lagoon Project Overview

The Iowa DNR has mandated the construction of a new lagoon system to ensure that our community meets the latest environmental standards for water treatment. This project is critical to safeguarding our water resources and ensuring long-term sustainability. The total estimated cost of the lagoon project is \$6-7 million. While the project will bring substantial improvements to our community, it will also require adjustments to water and sewage rates to cover the associated costs.

What You Won't Be Charged For Anymore

We are pleased to inform you that, with the new rate adjustments, you will no longer be charged the following fees: Urban Forestry Utility Fee, Hazardous Waste Fees, Fuel Surcharge Fees, Water Availability Charges. These eliminations have been made to simplify billing and reduce the burden of additional fees on residents.

Updated Charges

Water and Sewage Fees: To fund this necessary infrastructure improvement, residents will see an increase in their water and sewage rates, effective September 1, 2024. The increase is essential to ensure that the City can meet the financial requirements of the lagoon project and continue to provide reliable water and sewage services.

Garbage Fees: Garbage fees increased to support rising operational costs and ensure waste management services remain effective.

Storm Water Drainage Fees: Storm water drainage fees increased to fund ongoing maintenance and improvements to storm water systems protecting the community from flooding and other drain issues.

Your Contribution

We understand that rate increases are never easy, but they are necessary investments in the health, safety, and sustainability of our city. The rate increases are crucial to ensuring that the City of Holstein meets current and future environmental standards, maintains essential services, and continues to invest in infrastructure that benefits the entire community while remaining in compliance with state environmental regulations.

Questions or Concerns?

If you have any questions or would like more information about the lagoon project or the upcoming rate adjustments, please do not hesitate to contact City Hall at 712.368.4898 or via email at holstein@netllc.net. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together to make Holstein an even better place to live.

TREES ON PERSONAL PROPERTY MUST STAY PRUNED AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE READ BELOW. THANK YOU!



151.09 PRUNING AND CORNER CLEARANCE.

Every property owner having any tree overhanging any street or right-of-way within the City shall prune the branches so that such branches do not obstruct the light from any street lamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection so as to maintain a clear space of eight feet above the surface of the sidewalk, and a minimum of 14 feet above the surface of the street. Said owners shall remove all dead, diseased and dangerous trees, or broken decayed limbs, which constitute a menace to the safety of the public. The City shall have the right to prune any trees or shrubs on private property when the same interfere with the proper distribution of light along the street from a street line, or interfere with, or reduce, the visibility of any traffic control device or sign. The pruning of trees on public property is the responsibility of the abutting property owner. If the abutting property owner fails to trim the trees as required in this section, the City may serve notice on the abutting property owner requiring that such action be taken within five days. If such action is not taken within that time, the City may perform the required action and assess the costs against the abutting property owner for collection in the manner as a property tax. In addition thereto, the pruning of trees on private property referred to above shall be subject to the actions of the City referred to above.



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CLAWS UP EVENT!

Save the date: Thursday, October 24th

CLAWS UP PRESENTS :

Special thanks to The Ida County Planning Council and VT Industries for their financial support of this event!



Please join us on **Thursday, October 24 at 6pm** in the Rosemary Clausen Performing Arts Center to hear subject matter expert, suicide survivor and advocate, Kevin Hines, share his story of hope and celebration of life. Kevin Hines is a multi-award winning filmmaker, best-selling author and an award-winning global suicide prevention and mental health advocate. Two years after he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, at the age of 19, he attempted to take his own life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. Since that time, Kevin has devoted his life to actively spreading the message of living mentally healthy and openly discussing mental illness.

LOHFF SCHUMANN COMMUNITY CENTER

Winners of the Bathroom/Sauna Remodel Raffle!

Brenda Cronin–Yeti Cooler
Todd Heilman–Blackstone Grill

THANK YOU to everyone for helping support our remodel project!

THANK YOU to VT for donating new countertops for our ball field concession stand!

Basketball Registrations were sent home from schools, they are also available at the rec center and online.

Due by Friday October 18th

October Senior Cards Sponsor

MACI

Mondays 1-3:30pm

Cards, Coffee, Homemade Snacks & Prizes

TWO New Treadmills coming soon!

Group Fitness

Senior Exercise and Lift/Tabata. See schedule for class



STUBBS MEMORIAL LIBRARY



October 5 @ 11am: Dog Training 101 (rescheduled from Sept)

Join Barb Henningsen and her dog to learn basic tips and tricks for dog training. Please leave your dog at home so you can watch, listen, and learn! Time for questions after the program.

October 14 from 6:30-8pm: Want to solve a mystery with friends without acting it out? Join us for "The Sherlock Files!" Can you match wits w/ Sherlock Holmes and solve a mystery via a card game? Play alone or with a group, no role playing skills required. For players aged 14 and older. Multiple mysteries to choose from.

October 17th @ 4:30pm: "All About Owls" with Sanford Museum. Learn about owls and decorate your own edible owl cookie!

October 31st from 5-6pm: Miss Emily will be passing out glow necklaces outside the City Hall during the Pumpkin Parade.

HelpNow: Get ready for an engaging fall of learning – no matter where you are! Your Stubbs Memorial library card unlocks FREE live online tutoring, educational games, practice tests, and endless exploration with Brainfuse. Just connect with a live tutor from ANY device with an internet connection and your library card! www.holstein.lib.ia.us click on Online Resources!