

# JANUARY

## NEWSLETTER



### Meet Aedan Hickey, *Holstein's New Public Works Director*

by Julie Joy, Deputy Clerk

The City of Holstein is excited to introduce Aedan Hickey, our Public Works Director, who brings energy, dedication, and a strong commitment to providing dependable, high-quality services for our community.

Since joining the City, Aedan has proven to be a motivated, hands-on leader who takes pride in the work his department does every day. He approaches public works with a practical, forward-thinking mindset—focused on keeping essential systems running smoothly while always looking for ways to improve.

Over the past year and a half with the City, Aedan has worked hard to strengthen his technical expertise. He has earned Iowa DNR Grade 3 certifications in both Water Treatment and Water Distribution, along with a Grade 2 certification in Wastewater Treatment. These certifications reflect his commitment to maintaining safe, reliable utility systems and staying current with industry standards.

Aedan's background also brings valuable balance to the role. He is a graduate of OABCIG and Briar Cliff University, where he earned a double major in Accounting and Business Administration. This combination has been a strong fit for public works, allowing him to effectively manage day-to-day operations while also focusing on budgeting, planning, and responsible use of public resources.

"My educational background and training have been a great fit for public works," Aedan shared. "It's helped me balance the operational side of utilities with budgeting, planning, and being a good steward of the City's resources."

***"I'm proud to serve Holstein and committed to keeping our public works services reliable and strong."***

#### **Certifications (Earned with the City of Holstein):**

- Iowa DNR – Grade 3 Water Treatment Operator
- Iowa DNR – Grade 3 Water Distribution Operator
- Iowa DNR – Grade 2 Wastewater Treatment Operator

#### **Education:**

- OABCIG – High School
- Briar Cliff University
- Double Major: Accounting & Business Administration

#### **What This Means for Holstein:**

- Strong technical expertise in water and wastewater systems
- Sound financial and operational decision-making
- Commitment to safe, reliable, and efficient public services
- Focus on proactive maintenance and continuous improvement

Looking ahead, Aedan is focused on continuity, reliability, and progress.

"I'm excited to serve the community of Holstein as Public Works Director," he said. "My goal is to continue building on what we've already accomplished—keeping systems dependable, staying proactive with maintenance and improvements, and supporting the community."

Residents can feel confident that the City will continue to provide the same great quality of public works service, with a strong focus on reliability and a commitment to exceeding expectations whenever possible. The City of Holstein is proud to have Aedan Hickey leading the Public Works Department and looks forward to the positive impact his leadership will bring.

### EXPLORE CITY RESOURCES

Visit our website for detailed information on local ordinances, community events, and services. Scan QR code to follow our official Facebook page to stay up to date.



Reminder: All trash receptacles shall be stored in the rear yard or in a permitted accessory structure. Ord #267

**City Council Meetings – Jan 13 & 27 @ 5 PM**

Full agendas & minutes @ [www.holsteiniowa.org](http://www.holsteiniowa.org)

# STUBBS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## Exciting Changes at Stubbs Memorial Library!

Pardon our progress! We're painting! Starting January 7th, the main room and lobby of the Stubbs Memorial Library will experience a vibrant transformation from wallpaper to paint, marking the end of nearly 30 years of the old look!

### Important Information:

- The library will be closed for part of this renovation, and access to the drop box will be limited.
- A temporary drop box will be available as an alternative.
- The library will be closed on January 7th and 8th.
- Curbside library service will resume on January 9th and 10th.
- City Hall will serve as a temporary drop box location during open hours: 8 AM to 4 PM.

The reopening date for the public is still tentative, so please stay tuned to our Facebook page for updates regarding the project's progress, the drop box situation, and reopening day!

**Note: There will be no Story-time on January 7th, 2025.**

## Ordinance Highlight

### Planning & Zoning #267



The City of Holstein reminds residents, property owners, and contractors that all building projects, property changes, and land use activities must comply with the City's Planning & Zoning Ordinance.

✦ A zoning permit or building permit may be required for projects such as:

New construction or demolition; Accessory buildings, fences, decks, or sidewalks; Sign installation; Excavation or work in the public right-of-way; Rezoning, variances, or conditional uses.

📖 The full Planning & Zoning Ordinance and current Zoning Map are available on the City of Holstein website.

💡 Tip: Contact City Hall before starting a project to ensure proper permits are obtained and to avoid delays or additional fees.

📞 Questions? City staff are available to help guide you through the process.

## LOHFF-SCHUMANN COMMUNITY & FITNESS CENTER

HOURS: MON-FRI 5AM - 9PM | SAT 10AM - 4PM | SUN 1PM - 5PM

### Group Fitness Classes

TRX, Barre Fusion, Zumba, Total Body Tone, Recover, Body Pump, Rhythm & Restoration. Visit "Holstein Parks and Rec" on Facebook for the class schedule.

### Senior Cards

Monday afternoons 1-3pm | Cards, Snacks, Prizes

### Youth Basketball

3rd-6th youth basketball: Games scheduled for the last 4 Saturdays in Jan. @ Holstein & Schaller schools.

### Friendly Reminder

To please bring a change of shoes during the winter weather. The ice melt is very hard on our equipment.

## City Council Update

The City of Holstein would like to welcome Steven Tiefenthaler and Mike Johnson as our newest City Council Members. We appreciate their willingness to serve our community and look forward to working together in the year ahead.

We also extend our sincere thanks to Jamison Voss and Christine Wiese for their time, dedication, and service to Holstein. Their contributions to the community are truly appreciated.



As we welcome the New Year, the City of Holstein extends its best wishes to our residents, businesses, and community partners. We are grateful for your continued support and involvement and look forward to working together in the year ahead to keep Holstein a safe, welcoming, and thriving community. Wishing you a happy, healthy, and successful New Year.

*-The City of Holstein*

## THANK YOU

**A Heartfelt Thank You to everyone who joined us for our Cookies, Cocoa, and Coffee for Claus Fundraiser! We also want to extend our gratitude to those who generously donated cookies!**

## Winter Operations & Safety

**Snow Removal:** Streets and emergency routes are cleared first, followed by residential streets and alleys as conditions allow. Please avoid on-street parking during snow events to help crews work efficiently.

### Winter Utility Safety

Help prevent frozen pipes by insulating plumbing and allowing faucets to drip during extreme cold. Keep water meters accessible and use space heaters safely.

**Utility bills are due on the 20th each month. The City of Holstein provides various payment options: in-person, mail, night drop and online. For billing questions or assistance, contact City Hall.**



ALL DOGS & CATS - \$15 PER PET

**DUE BY JAN 31, 2026**

Rabies must be up to date & on file. Tags to be picked up at city hall