

NEW FACES



Jacqueline Bohl started with the City of Mason City on June 6, 2021 at the MacNider Art Museum as a Receptionist. Welcome!



Regina Card started with the City of Mason City on March 29, 2021 in the Development Services Department as an Administrative Assistant. Welcome aboard!



Courtney Moretz started with the City of Mason City on June 14, 2021 in the Police Department as a Crime Victim Specialist. Thank you for joining us!

The Yard Waste collection season is scheduled to end on **Friday, December 3**, weather pending. Updates of the status of yard waste will be listed on the City's website and Facebook page. For more information, contact the Sanitation Division of the Operation & Maintenance Department at 641-421-3691.



Holiday Open House

Save The Date!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Charles H. MacNider Art Museum
www.macniderart.org 641-421-3666

MASON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS:

Don't miss "The Black Dahlia" by Duffy Hudson performance at the Mason City Public Library on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Mason City Room. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is open to the public.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2021

2	Historic Preservation Commission	7	Daylight Saving Time Ends
6	City offices and MacNider Museum closed	8	Airport Commission, 4 pm
7	Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 pm	9	Park & Recreation Board, 6 pm
7	City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm	9	Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
8	Sanitation Make-up Day for September 6	10	Sanitation Make-up Day for November 11
8	North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team, 4 pm	10	North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team, 4 pm
9	Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board, 8 am	11	City offices closed
13	Airport Commission, 4 pm	11	Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board, 8 am
14	Park & Recreation Board, 6 pm	16	Library Board, 4:15 pm
14	Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm	16	Museum Board, 5:30 pm
21	Library Board, 4:15 pm	16	City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
21	Museum Board, 5:30 pm	24	Sanitation Make-up Day for November 25 and 26
21	City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm	25	City offices and MacNider Museum closed
25	Elmwood St. Joseph Cemetery History Walk	26	City offices closed

OCTOBER 2021

5	Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 pm	2	Historic Preservation Commission, 4:30 pm
5	City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm	7	Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 pm
7	Historic Preservation Commission, 4:30 pm	7	City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
11	Airport Commission, 4 pm	8	North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team, 4 pm
12	Park & Recreation Board, 6 pm	9	Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board, 8 am
12	Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm	11	Holiday Open House, MacNider Art Museum, 1-4 pm
13	North Iowa Diversity Appreciation Team, 4 pm	13	Airport Commission, 4 pm
14	Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board, 8 am	14	Park & Recreation Board, 6 pm
19	Library Board, 4:15 pm	14	Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
19	Museum Board, 5:30 pm	21	Library Board, 4:15 pm
19	City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm	21	Museum Board, 5:30 pm
31	Halloween	21	City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm

NOVEMBER 2021

2	Election Day	21	Sanitation Make-up Day for December 24
2	Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 pm	22	City offices closed
2	City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm	24	Sanitation Make-up Day for December 31
4	Historic Preservation Commission, 4:30 pm	31	City offices closed

This calendar does not include all events and is subject to change. Sign up for Mason City's e-notification option to receive the latest updates, agendas, news releases, event notification, and other timely news. For more information, visit www.masoncity.net or contact staff at (641) 421-3600 or the individual department responsible for the event.

CITY HOLIDAYS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2021

2021 City Holidays (offices closed)

Labor Day, Monday, September 6
Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11
Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26
Christmas Day, Friday, December 24
New Year's Day, Friday, December 31

Sanitation Make-Up Day

Wednesday, September 8
Wednesday, November 10
Wednesday, November 24
Wednesday, December 22
Wednesday, December 29



RIVER CITY NEWS

TRI-ANNUAL
NEWSLETTER
OF THE CITY OF
MASON CITY,
SUMMER 2021

MCFD OPEN HOUSE RETURNS

The Mason City Fire Department (MCFD) will host their annual Open House on Sunday, October 10th from 12-3 pm. More details of the fun activities offered will be available in the near future. Keep an eye on the MCFD's Facebook page for announcements.

Fire Prevention Week runs Sunday, October 3rd through October 9th. This year's campaign theme is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" Everyone is encouraged to get educated about the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must take action. Learn more information about fire safety and find games and activities for kids of all ages at www.firepreventionweek.org.

GET CONNECTED ... Stay Connected!



Follow the City departments on social media. Like us on Facebook and Follow us on Twitter & Instagram for the latest information about road closures, events, and other news.

TWO TIMES THE HOCKEY ACTION

Hockey fans have a reason to celebrate! For the first time in hockey history, Mason City will have two junior hockey teams calling the Mason City Arena home for the 2021-22 season.

The North Iowa Bulls program has elevated to the North American Hockey League (NAHL) from the North American 3 Hockey League (NA3HL). The Mason City Toros will replace the Bulls in the NA3HL, aiming to continue the rich tradition of successful hockey in the league.



Hockey season kicks off in the Mason City Arena in September. Get your tickets for the entire season or single games by visiting www.northiowabulls.com and www.masoncitytoros.com.

CITY HOLIDAYS 2022

City offices will be closed in observance of certain holidays in 2022. Listed below are the holidays and the sanitation make-up day for the holiday. For questions, contact the Sanitation Division of the Operation & Maintenance Department at 641-421-3691.

2022 City Holidays (offices closed)

New Year's Day, Friday, December 31, 2021
President's Day, Monday, February 21
Good Friday, Friday, April 15
Memorial Day, Monday, May 30
Independence Day, Monday, July 4
Labor Day, Monday, September 5
Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25
Christmas Day, Monday, December 26

Sanitation Make-Up Day

Wednesday, December 29
Wednesday, February 23
Wednesday, April 13
Wednesday, June 1
Wednesday, July 6
Wednesday, September 7
Wednesday, November 9
Wednesday, November 23
Wednesday, December 28

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CITY OF MASON CITY MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to provide efficient and effective City services and infrastructure with sound fiscal policies that create an enjoyable quality of life in a safe and viable community."

As we transition into the fall and winter months, facilities will close for the season and weather may impact programming and activities. Visit the City's website at www.masoncity.net to keep current on the status of closures and postponements.

RIVER CITY NEWS

Suggestions and comments are always welcome. Please contact:
City Administrator's office
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Mason City, IA 50401
(641) 421-2701 (phone)
(641) 424-7189 (fax)
cityinformation@masoncity.net

Airport Tops Passenger Milestone



The Mason City Municipal Airport (MCW) surpassed a milestone of 1,000 passengers in the month of May, with a total of 1,317 passengers passing through the Airport. In June, 847 passengers boarded flights out of Mason City, with 1,736 total passengers flying through the Airport, the highest passenger count since March of 2012.

Come and see what MCW has to offer:

- Daily airline service to Chicago
- Easy access
- Free parking
- Free terminal Wi-Fi
- Competitive airfare
- Baggage forwarding

It's time to plan your winter or spring break getaway to somewhere warm to escape the cold winter weather that will soon be upon us!

Customers may book flights departing MCW on United Express through united.com or by calling United Airlines reservations at **800.UNITED.1 (800.846.8331)**.

MASON CITY RECEIVES THE TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION AND GROWTH AWARD



In honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management, Mason City was named a recipient of the 'Tree City USA' designation and the 'Growth Award' this past spring. Mason City has been a Tree City USA for 17 years and a Growth Award recipient for 6 years.

The Growth Award is awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation to recognize higher levels of tree care by participating Tree City USA communities. It highlights innovative programs and projects as well as increased commitment of resources for urban forestry. It also provides an opportunity to share new ideas and successes across the country. The City's Growth Award Application focused on Building the Team/Budgets/Grant Applications and Performing the Work/Planting Trees/Tree Planting Program.

MetroNet, a new internet service provider, will soon begin the construction of 100% fiber network in Mason City. The construction teams may need to have access to the utility easements located on residential properties. The construction phase is temporary and they will do their best to minimize any impact to property.

In order to prepare residents for what to expect during the construction phases, the construction process is outlined in detail through videos and photos. If residents have any concerns or questions, they should be addressed directly to MetroNet representatives via telephone or through their website. Please review the FAQ information on the City's website before initiating contact.

Notifications:

MetroNet will communicate with residents throughout the construction process and planned notifications to residents via a letter (4-6 weeks prior), postcard (2-3 weeks prior) and yard marker (7-10 days prior). Before the start of construction, utility markings will appear in easements and the right-of-way with temporary paint and flags.

In the following days, MetroNet's contractors will begin constructing their fiber-optic network. This includes directional boring and the installation of overhead wires on existing poles. Work will primarily be routed in the same areas as existing electrical and communication wires.

Restoration will be completed after the work is complete within the specific area as weather permits.

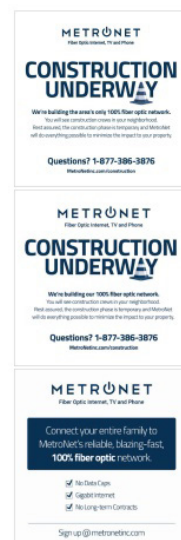
Contact information for MetroNet once construction has begun:

Customer Service: 877-386-3876 (**do not contact City Hall**)

Online Questions/Complaints, visit www.masoncity.net and click on Residents tab and find the MetroNet Fiber Optic Construction page.

METRONET FIBER OPTIC CONSTRUCTION COMING SOON!

CONSTRUCTION 5"X5" TURF SIGNS



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HALLOWEEN: TRICK OR TREAT in Mason City



Sunday, October 31 has been designated as trick or treat night in Mason City between the hours of 5:30-7:30 pm.

To help ensure a safe and fun event for everyone, here are a few safety tips to follow.

- Choose a Halloween costume and accessories that are fire resistant and fit properly to avoid tripping or safety hazards.
- Make sure costumes or bags have reflective tape or provide glow sticks or flashlights for after dark trick-or-treating.
- Young children should be accompanied by a responsible adult; if older children are going alone, plan and review a route approved by you and agree on a specific time children should return home.
- Remind children never to enter a stranger's home or car and do not eat any treats until they return home.
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends.
- Put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Drivers - lower your speed and watch for children walking on streets or darting through cars and traffic.

LET'S ALL STAY FOCUSED AND WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP THIS HOLIDAY SAFE AND MAGICAL!

It is illegal to discriminate against any person because of Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Handicap, Familial Status, or Natural Origin

In the sale or rental of housing or residential lots

In advertising the sale or rental of housing

In the financing of Housing

In the provisions of real estate brokerage services

In the appraisal of housing

Blockbusting is also illegal

We do business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law (the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1968)



PLEASE CONTACT CITY HALL (641-424-7154)

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO HOUSING DISCRIMINATION



There are always areas to volunteer assisting with Recreation activities and Parks Departments from painting, cleaning up trash, minor repairs.

In April we celebrated Earth Day and have some impressive numbers: 851 volunteers collected 545 bags of trash and volunteered 1197.0 hours over a two week period!! GREAT JOB MASON CITY!!!

Volunteer Mason City also has one-time projects and special events along with on-going volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

If you feel you would like to join one of these volunteer groups or learn more about the opportunities Mason City has Please contact Mary Litterer, volunteer service coordinator at 641-421-3372 or at volunteermasoncity.net

**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has!!*
--- Margaret Mead, Anthropologist.

This Quote holds so true for Mason City Volunteers!

ELMWOOD-ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY'S Annual History Walk

Join us at Elmwood - St. Joseph Cemetery for our annual History Walk. Learn fascinating local stories in the context of national events throughout history.

This year's afternoon stroll features stories from The War of 1812, Civil War, and World War I. The afternoon stroll is \$10 per person, and sessions start at 2:30pm and 4:00pm. The stroll lasts about an hour and involves about a mile of walking throughout the cemetery.

The dinner meal includes home style chili, cinnamon rolls, and all the fixings. Dinner runs from 6-7pm and costs \$10 per person.

Our evening event will feature a new format as a seated evening of entertainment and learning. Enjoy live music from local band, The Hats, "old-timey" root beer in a history walk mug, and listen to how the Prohibition era led to fun and innovation. The evening event will start at 7pm and costs \$20 per person.

All proceeds from the event benefits the preservation of the cemetery grounds. Tickets will be limited and available at the cemetery office starting on September 1, 2021. For more information, please contact Cemetery Manager Tyler Anderson at Elmwood@masoncity.net or 641-421-3687.

