

NEW FACES



LIEREN ANDERSEN started with the City of Mason City on November 15, 2022 at the Mason City Public Library as a Library Assistant. We're glad you have joined us!



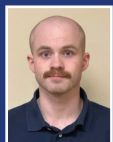
CONNAR ELLIOT started with the City of Mason City on January 30, 2023 in the Fire department as a Firefighter. Thanks for joining our team!



CRAIG GULLETT started with the City of Mason City on February 17, 2023 in the Development Services department as a Transit Driver. Welcome aboard!



ETHAN KOSKI started with the City of Mason City on January 30, 2023 in the Fire department as a Firefighter. Welcome!



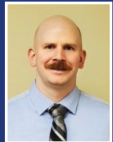
JUSTIN LARDY started with the City of Mason City on March 9, 2023 in the Police department as a Police Officer. Welcome to our team!



GORDON MULLIN started with the City of Mason City on November 15, 2022 at the Mason City Public Library as a Custodian. We're glad you have joined us!



DANIEL PARKS started with the City of Mason City on November 21, 2022 at the Mason City Public Library as a Library Clerk. Welcome!



BRANDON PELETY started with the City of Mason City on October 31, 2022 in the Police department as a Police Officer. Welcome to our team!



NICHOLAS WESTENDORF started with the City of Mason City on January 30, 2023 in the Fire department as a Firefighter. Thanks for joining us!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT CITY RETIREES

Robert Berggren, *O&M Street & Parks*

Daniel Burke, *O&M Water Reclamation*

Alice Ciavarelli, *Youth Task Force*

Raelene Evans, *Library*

Mike Francis, *Water Supply*

Jon Gansen, *Highland Park Golf Course*

Dan Nonnweiler, *O&M Parks*

Connie Price, *Finance*

Jim Sberal, *Development Services*

Robert Sliger, *Transit*

Thank you for your years

of service to the City!

CITY OF MASON CITY MISSION STATEMENT

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

***The City yard waste collection has resumed.**

Place yard waste in biodegradable paper bags with a limit of 50 pounds per bag.

GET CONNECTED... Stay Connected!

Follow the City departments on social media.

Like us on Facebook & Follow us on Twitter and

Instagram for the latest information about

road closures, events, and other news.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2023

2 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 pm
2 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
4 Historic Preservation Commission, 4:30 pm
8 Airport Commission, 4 pm
9 Park & Recreation Board, 6 pm
9 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
11 Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board, 9 am
16 Library Board, 4:15 pm
16 Museum Board, 5:30 pm
16 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
20 **Flight Breakfast at Municipal Airport, time TBA**
25-29 **Band Festival weekend**
29 **City offices closed**
29 Memorial Day ceremony, TBD, Elmwood Cemetery
31 **Sanitation make-up day for May 29**

JUNE 2023

1 Historic Preservation Commission, 4:30 pm
2 **Friday Night Live: First Friday, downtown starting at 6 pm**
3 Farmers Market in Central Park, 9 am-noon
6 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 pm
6 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
8 Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board, 9 am
10 Farmers Market in Central Park, 9 am-noon
10 **MacNider Arts Festival**
12 Airport Commission, 4 pm
12 Park & Recreation Board, 6 pm
12 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
17 Farmers Market in Central Park, 9 am-noon
20 Library Board, 4:15 pm
20 Museum Board, 5:30 pm
20 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
24 Farmers Market in Central Park, 9 am-noon

This calendar is subject to change. For more information, visit www.masoncity.net or contact staff at (641) 421-3600.

JULY 2023

1 Farmers Market in Central Park, 9 am-noon
4 **City offices closed**
5 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 pm
5 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm (note change in date due to holiday)
5 **Sanitation make-up day for July 4**
6 Historic Preservation Commission, 4:30 pm
7 **Friday Night Live: First Friday, downtown starting at 6 pm**
8 Farmers Market in Central Park, 9 am-noon
10 Airport Commission, 4 pm
11 Park & Recreation Board, 6 pm
11 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
13 Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board, 9 am
15 Farmers Market in Central Park, 9 am-noon
18 Library Board, 4:15 pm
18 Museum Board, 5:30 pm
18 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
22 Farmers Market in Central Park, 9 am-noon
29 Farmers Market in Central Park, 9 am-noon

AUGUST 2023

1 Zoning Board of Adjustment, 4 pm
1 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
1 **National Night Out, TBD**
3 Historic Preservation Commission, 4:30 pm
4 **Friday Night Live: First Friday, downtown starting at 6 pm**
5 Farmers Market in Central Park, 9 am-noon
8 Park & Recreation Board, 6 pm
8 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
10 Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery Board, 8 am
12 Farmers Market in Central Park, 9 am-noon
14 Airport Commission, 4 pm
15 Library Board, 4:15 pm
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15 City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm
19 Farmers Market in Central Park, 9 am-noon
26 Farmers Market in Central Park, 9 am-noon



Margaret MacNider Campground Named One of Top Two Municipal Campgrounds in Iowa

Margaret MacNider Campground in Mason City has been named as one of two top municipal campgrounds in Iowa by Readers of RVTravel.com magazine.

Margaret MacNider Campground, established in 1958, features 23 acres of parkland. Campers enjoy all the comforts of home with full hookup trailer camping pads or for outdoor enthusiasts, tent camping sites are available. Each site features a fire ring and picnic tables with access to a modern bath house built as a storm shelter.

Enjoy the camping experience right here in 'River City'!

**Watch the Recreation Department Facebook page for opening dates of the MacNider Campground and Aquatic Center, and upcoming recreational programming opportunities!*



GET READY FOR A SPECTACULAR SUMMER UNDER THE SUN & STARS!

We've got fun in 'River City' and this summer is gearing up to be exceptional!

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE IS BACK!

Mark your calendar for Friday Night Live Summer Series **every Friday from June 2 – August 18** on The Plaza from 6-8 pm.

Grab your lawn chair and enjoy the delectable variety of dining options in our downtown restaurants!

Join Main Street Mason City for Friday Night Live: FIRST FRIDAY events on **June 2, July 7 and August 4.**

Festivities will entertain all ages featuring food trucks, family friendly activities and more in downtown Mason City. Live music at the Principal Pavilion on The Plaza begins at 6 pm.

The **84th Annual North Iowa Band Festival** kicks off the season **May 25-29** with the theme 'All-American Band Festival'. The weekend will be filled with concerts and performances, a carnival, parade, instrument petting zoo, talent show and much more! Make plans to take in the sights and sounds at Band Fest!



GET YOUR FILL WITH FRESH LOCAL GOODIES



The Mason City Farmers Market is gearing up for another season! Market days are Saturdays starting June 3 and running through October 7 from 9 am – noon at Central Park in Mason City. The market features an array of treats including meats, veggies, eggs, baked and artisanal goods! Shop with your favorite vendors while enjoying yoga, a monthly 5K, bounce houses, weekly live music and more! Visit their website at masoncityfarmersmarket.com or Facebook for up-to-date information.

Just a few of other events currently on the calendar with more information coming soon:

***MASON CITY ARENA** will host concerts and events to be announced soon! You won't want to miss the great entertainment lined up!

***ANNUAL FLIGHT BREAKFAST** will fly in to the Mason City Municipal Airport on Saturday, May 20.

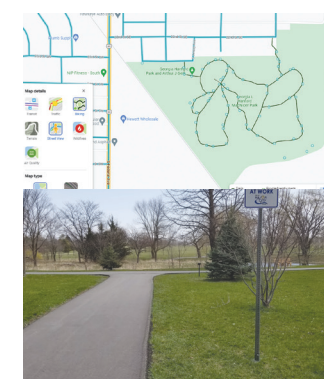
*Let your creative side come out by enrolling in classes at the **MACNIDER ART MUSEUM**. The annual MacNider Arts Festival is June 10 featuring activities, food, Art Market and musical entertainment for all ages.

*Weekly Summer Live Music in the **LIBRARY COMMONS** begins Friday, June 2 and ends on September 1, featuring various local artists from 11 am-1 pm every Friday. Make plans to have lunch and enjoy the sounds!

*With spring comes the installation of new sculptures for the **RIVER CITY SCULPTURES ON PARADE** to compliment the over 50 permanent sculptures on display. Take a stroll on the 1.7 mile walking tour and make sure to vote for the "People's Choice Award" to become part of the permanent collection.



Winner of 2022 People's Choice Sculpture Competition entitled "No Time to Say Hello, Goodbye", creation of artist Kimber Fiebiger of Minneapolis



Bike and trail enthusiasts have a new avenue to navigate trails using the bike map showing trail conditions

Top photo is Google maps view – select 'Street View' to access data. Click on the blue dots to link to an actual picture of the location.

Bottom photo is a result of selecting a dot on the map.

Mason City has so many recreational options including swimming, golf, parks, trails, running, biking, disc golf, kayaking and so much more. Take in the beauty of over 600 acres of scenic parkland with amenities for everyone!

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor: Bill Schickel
(641) 421-3600 (City Hall)
(641) 512-4502
bschickel@masoncity.net

At-Large: Paul Adams
(641) 525-0378
padams@masoncity.net

At-Large: Tom Thoma
(920) 412-6629
tthoma@masoncity.net

First Ward: John Lee
(641) 420-7922
jlee@masoncity.net

Second Ward: Will Symonds
(641) 512-0511
wsymonds@masoncity.net

Third Ward: Joshua Masson
(641) 420-4754
jmasson@masoncity.net

Fourth Ward: John Jaszewski
(641) 420-4055
jjaszewski@masoncity.net

CONSTRUCTION SEASON

12TH STREET NE BRIDGE OVER IDEAL CREEK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The 12th Street NE bridge over Ideal Creek located between Illinois Avenue and Florida Avenue is being replaced this season. The project is scheduled to begin in April and has been assigned 120 working days to be completed. A detour will be posted throughout the duration of the bridge construction project.

The project is being funded with a combination of sources including a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) in the amount of \$880,000 with the remaining funding through General Obligation Bonds.



12th Street NE Bridge over Ideal Creek

12TH STREET NE STREET & UTILITY REHABILITATION PROJECT

A section of 12th Street NE is scheduled for major rehabilitation this construction season. The rehabilitation project limits extend between North Federal Avenue and Kentucky Avenue. The initial work will involve the underground utilities which include water, sanitary and storm sewer. Following the completion of the utility improvements, the street will be resurfaced with Hot Mix Asphalt material. In addition to the new street surface is the reconstruction of the pedestrian ramps at the intersection crossings.



The 12th Street NE project is being funded through numerous sources including a Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) in the amount of \$800,000.00. The remaining funding will be provided by the city through Road Use Tax, Water and Sewer funds.

The project is in the April letting schedule with the Iowa DOT. Construction activity is expected to begin in May and will extend into the fall season. The project will be phased to help reduce traffic disruptions and provide access to local residences and businesses. The public is encouraged to adjust their daily routes and avoid traveling near the construction zone. Detours will be in place during the construction phases.

DESTINATION IOWA TRAIL PROJECTS

The city is also working on several other trails projects as part of the Destination Iowa projects package. The projects in planning and design for this current year include the Birch Drive Conversion and Illinois Avenue Bridge Improvements project and the remaining portion of the High Line Trail.



Birch Drive



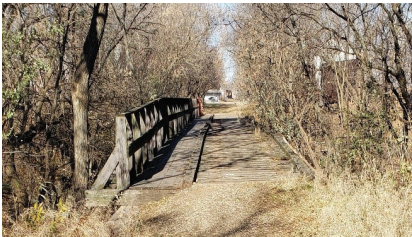
Illinois Avenue Bridge

HIGH LINE TRAIL PROJECT

The first segment of the High Line Trail on the former Union Pacific Railroad line is under contract and planned to be completed this construction season. The segment extends between 1st Street SE and 4th Street NE and includes improvements to the wooden bridge and landing over Willow Creek. The improvements also include steel pedestrian railing on the East State Street and Willow Creek bridges, the removal of rails at street crossings and improvements to the pedestrian crossings at each of the intersecting streets.

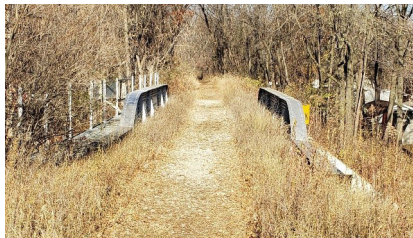


1st Street SE



Willow Creek Bridge

The High Line Trail project is being partially funded with a Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Grant, and the remaining through Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) Funds.



East State Street Bridge



3rd Street NE

2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Several other projects have been planned and are set to move forward this construction season. The following are just a few city-wide projects that you may encounter as you travel about.

STREET REHABILITATION PROGRAM:

The project involves upgrades and replacement of water and sewer fixtures, pedestrian ramps at street crossings and a new Hot Mix Asphalt surface.

STREET PANEL AND CURB REPLACEMENT:

The project involves the replacement of small pavement patches and the replacement of damaged or missing street curbing.

PAVEMENT TRAFFIC MARKINGS:

The project involves the application of marking paint to restore existing traffic and pedestrian related symbols and line work.



Volunteer Mason City

SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE

With Earth Day Cleanup almost complete, everyone's ready to get moving and a great way to do that is by volunteering! Mason City's volunteer team has done an outstanding job "Making Mason City Sparkle" this spring! There are a wide range of volunteer opportunities for people to become involved - working as a team. This unique program partners city departments with citizen volunteers to make projects and events happen that otherwise might not. Some are one-time projects and others are ongoing - opportunities are available for all age groups. We have projects that can be done when you can fit them into your schedule, or at specific times and days that are just right for you. Volunteering is a great way to challenge yourself to step out of the box and try something new.

There's a strong relationship between volunteering and health:

- Improves one's health
- Gets you up and moving
- Make new friends—great social outlet
- Spend quality time together working on a project with family, coworkers, or neighbors

Volunteering adds a new level of purpose to your life! We have seen it over and over!

Some programs underway to check out are:

BEAUTIFICATION:

Design, pick the plants and maintain a community flower bed of all sizes and locations around town for the season. Funds are available to assist in the purchase of plants. Team up with an experienced gardener and get a great learning experience from someone who has 'been there and done that'!

LITTER CLEAN UP TEAMS:

Annual city-wide litter cleanup event is an ongoing project with individuals and groups picking up trash throughout the summer and into the fall months.

ADOPT-A-LOT / ADOPT-A-STREET OR ADOPT-A-SECTION:

Adopt-a—Parking Lot/Street - help remove litter from chosen lots/streets and Adopt-a-Section is caring for a section in the City's cemetery - a rewarding experience to honor persons buried at Elmwood-St. Joseph.

457 CANNONBALL GARDENS:

This is a great experience for all ages with a variety of projects and ways to participate to preserve this one-of-a-kind, historical, restored gem.

This summer - come out and take the challenge to explore new things and help make Mason City Sparkle!!!

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."—Lao Tzu

STEP OUT & VOLUNTEER!

For more information, contact:

Mary Litterer, Volunteer Service Coordinator
421-3372 or volunteer@masoncity.net



SAVE THE DATE JUNE 10TH, 2023!



This year's "Woodland Wonders" nature theme of the MacNider Arts Festival will encourage children to use their imaginations while creating fun crafts on **Saturday, June 10 from 9 am – 5 pm**. Arts activities for children, an Art Market of talented artists, and musical entertainment will all be part of the fun. The **FREE** Pancake Breakfast will also return in 2023!

More than 200 area citizens are being recruited to volunteer during the Festival. If you are interested in volunteering during this event, contact the Museum at **641-421-3666** or email Jackie at jimbohl@masoncity.net.

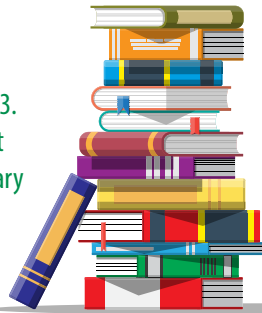
All events are on the lawns of the Museum and the adjacent Mason City Public Library at 303 2nd Street SE in Mason City. Basic festival foods such as hamburgers and walking tacos will be sold throughout the afternoon. Proceeds of the food sales benefit the Festival and Museum programming.

Children's activities, including art crafts, face painting and the Imagination Playground will be offered. There will be live musical entertainment on the stage in front of the Museum throughout the day, including the Mason City Municipal Band (9-10 am) and other delightful performers. Bring a lawn chair or use the provided picnic tables and bleachers!

LIBRARY EVENTS:

Summer Reading for all ages begins on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. Browse the library website, visit the library or check out the library Facebook page for details.

The Friends of the Library Geranium Sale is scheduled for Friday, May 5, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 9:00 AM to Noon.



SWIMMING:

An Essential Life Skill

Everybody should learn how to swim. Drowning is the second-leading cause of unintentional, injury-related death among children ages 1 to 14. A recent study found kids ages 1 to 4 who had taken swimming lessons showed a reduced risk of drowning by 88 percent. The

Mason City Aquatic Center wants to do everything they can to help make swimming lessons available to people in Mason City. Swimming lessons are offered in the morning and evening throughout the summer in 3 different sessions.

For more information please check the City's website at www.masoncity.net and search 'Summer Lesson Schedule'.



HOSTING A SPECIAL EVENT THIS SUMMER AND NEED SOMEWHERE TO ENTERTAIN YOUR GUESTS?

Whether it's a wedding, shower, graduation, birthday or just because, we have facilities available both inside and outside. Park shelters make a beautiful backdrop for your special occasion. If you prefer to hold your event inside, contact the MacNider Museum to reserve the Salsbury Room. Contact Recreation at 641-421-3673 for shelter information or the Museum at 641-421-3666 for the Salsbury Room.

**Book your summer vacation on flights from the Mason City Municipal Airport and take advantage of convenient daily Chicago airline service with easy access, free parking, Wi-Fi, and streamlined security. The Mason City Municipal Airport is North Iowa's Gateway to the World. For business or pleasure, Fly MCW!*

