



# URBANA NEWSLETTER

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## City Hall Hours

Monday-Friday  
7:30 am to 11:30 am  
Noon to 3:45 pm

## Mayor

Mitch McDonough  
mmcdonough@urbanaiowa.com

## Council

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City Council Meeting  
January 13th, 6:30 pm

**UP COMING ACTIVITIES**  
⇒ Farmers Mkt -January 9th

## Utility Bill Update

You may notice a slight increase to your utility bill this month. After 6 months of deliberation the Urbana City Council voted to change the way the storm sewer fee was charged. Stormwater is rainwater or melted snow that runs off streets, lawns and structures. The purpose of the increase is to improve our storm water management throughout our community.

The new calculation has established an equivalent residential unit (ERU) of 2,000 square feet of impervious area, such as your home and garage(s) per the assessor's site.

The following charges per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) associated with the users's property:

1. Undeveloped. A flat storm sewer availability charge at the rate of \$0.00 per month.
2. Single-Family and Townhome Residential: \$3.00 per ERU per month up to a maximum of 2 ERUs.
3. Commercial/industrial/multi-family: \$3.00 per ERU per month up to a maximum of 15 ERUs.

### Example Fee Calculation:

Home + garage sq ft = 2,900  
 $2,900 / 2000(1 \text{ ERU}) = 1.45 \text{ ERUs} * \$3 \text{ per ERU} =$   
\$4.35 billed for storm sewer.

**Please be mindful that leaving a car parked on the street during snow removal is costly.**



**It takes time to plow the street each time a single car is finally moved, when they are parked on the street it's another obstruction for the plow drivers to work around and it's against the City's parking ordinance. So it can result in a parking citation.**



## WINTER MARKET

(Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10)

**Due to COVID-19 closure of the Community Center,  
we will have January through April Markets in the American Legion!**

**Come Get Fresh at the Market!**

Join us for baked goods, crafts, eggs and even some hardy vegetables  
Coffee and doughnuts each week and you can win a free basket of goodies from the vendors!

Janice 443-2511 --- Eileen 443-5620

A festive banner for the New Year. The top half features the year "2021" in large, 3D, gold-colored numbers that appear to be hanging from white strings against a dark red background with glowing red bokeh lights. Below the year, the words "HAPPY NEW YEAR" are written in bold, gold, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath that, the text "We will Be Closed - January 1st" is written in a white, cursive font. The bottom half of the banner has a light blue background with diagonal white stripes. On the left is the USA Communications logo, which consists of three blue curved lines forming a stylized 'C'. To the right of the logo, the text "USA Communications" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below this, the tagline "Connecting Your Community to the Future." is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the website "www.usacomm.coop" and phone numbers "319-436-2224" and "1-800-248-8007" are listed in a blue, sans-serif font, separated by vertical bars.

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Dale L. Viner  
 Phone: 319-443-2825 Cell: 319-361-5654  
 Email: autowerks@fmtcs.com

2021 WILL BE GRAND!

*Happy New Year!*

May the coming year  
 bring only the best memories!

**URBANA  
 Motors**



**VINTON ‘BRUSH DUMP’**  
**Winter Hours**  
 Dec.-Feb.  
First Sat. of the Month 1-3 pm

The ‘Brush Dump’ is open to Benton County residents and property owners for disposal of landscape waste originating in Benton County. The site is the third right turn north of the Cedar River bridge on Highway 150. **Construction and demolition waste is prohibited including any wood that has been chemically treated or coated.**

**Just a reminder from the US Post Office. It is the responsibility of the homeowners to keep their mailbox clear of snow to allow access of the carrier to the box. This is not the City’s responsibility.**

**Planting Dreams. Growing Success.**

*Grow with us in Urbana!*



**NSB**

NORTHEAST SECURITY BANK

205 North Union Ave. ~ 319-443-5626 ~ www.banknsb.com ~ MEMBER FDIC

**135.12 DUMPING OF SNOW.**

It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.

**MOVING? PLEASE REMEMBER**

**Departing residents are required to complete a moving out form to stop Municipal water billings.**

The form can be found at Urbanaio-wa.com. If you fail to do this you will be responsible for the water, sewer, and garbage bill until it is completed. We have no way of knowing that you have moved and are not using these services if you don't fill out this form.

**Sign up for ACH automatic payment of your utility bill.**

**Never worry about receiving late charges again.**

Your payment will automatically be debited from your checking/savings account on the 20th of each month or next business day if a weekend or holiday.

I authorize the City of Urbana to initiate entries to my (our) account below:

Checking/Savings Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution's Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution's Address \_\_\_\_\_

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until the City of Urbana has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and manner as to afford the City of Urbana a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please attach voided check\*\*\***

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:

City Hall  
102 Capitol Avenue  
Urbana, Iowa 52345

**E-BILLING NOW AVAILABLE**

## STREET LIGHT REPAIR REQUESTS

If you notice a street light that needs repair you can submit a repair request by either filling out an online form at [www.alliantenergy.com/streetlights](http://www.alliantenergy.com/streetlights) or by calling 1-800-alliant(1-800-255-4268) or East Central REC at 443-4343 depending on where you pay your electric bill.

## Urbana Meals on Wheels

**We are in need of more drivers to deliver meals to people in our community.**

Meals on Wheels are being delivered in Urbana on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. If you would like to sign up to receive a meal please call Linda Lough at 319 472-4761. The cost is \$3.25 if you are 60 or older and \$4.25 if you are younger than 60. You will be billed at the end of each month for the meals you have received. If you would like to volunteer to deliver meals please contact Trish Peebles at [tpeebles@fmtcs.com](mailto:tpeebles@fmtcs.com) or 319 551-1724. The meals need to be picked up in Vinton at 11:10 am.

## Parks & Playground Board

The City of Urbana is looking for five (5) members of the community to form a Parks & Playground Board. The duties of this board is to study, investigate, counsel and develop and/or update annually and administer and implement a plan to improve the public facilities in the City Parks, and create a playground and recreational area as deemed necessary in such Parks.

The members shall be appointed for a period of three (3) years. Please see Chapter 23 of the Urbana Code of Ordinances for additional information.

If you are interested in applying for this board please call City Hall at (319)443-2400.



LET YOUR CARE SHINE

*bright* 2020 TREE OF LIGHTS ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

**THANK YOU!**

You donations make a difference for healthcare in Benton County! We are grateful for your continued support.

[www.myvghfoundation.org](http://www.myvghfoundation.org)  
 Questions? Contact Foundation Director, Robin Martin at (319) 472-6375 or email: [rmartin@vghinc.com](mailto:rmartin@vghinc.com)

VIRGINIA GAY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Tree of Lights Annual Campaign

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**URBANA**  
 FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC  
 Family Medicine | Community Pharmacy

Michele Burnes, PA-C      Pam Kee, ARNP

Clinic: **319-443-5000**

Mon. - Tues.: 7am-7pm; Wed.: 7am-4pm  
 Thurs.: 7am-7pm; Fri.: 7am-6pm

LaGrange Pharmacy: **319-443-6337**

[www.myvgh.org](http://www.myvgh.org)

## LIBRARY CORNER

The Andersen Center Point Library is currently operating with book pickup services. We are taking appointments, (849-1509) for copy, fax or computer services. The Main Street entry is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 8 PM and Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. To order your items for no contact pickup call the library anytime at 849-1509 and leave a message or you can order via your online account by going to the library website at [www.centerpoint.lib.ia.us](http://www.centerpoint.lib.ia.us) and click on the blue catalog button then log into your account on the upper right. Make your item selections and we will give you a call when they are available for pick up. No contact pick up is available in the Main Street entry. Check out the great selection of new puzzles and games for family fun during these cold winter

### St. Mary Food Pantry

St. Mary, Urbana has a food pantry available to those in need of assistance. If you or someone you know needs extra help with food, please contact Dawn at 319-560-4907.

An appointment will be scheduled to get you what you need.

**Don't forget the mini food pantry on the corner of Wood and Brush Streets.**



- ⇒ **Lions Club**-Meeting the first Monday of each month. 7 PM.
- ⇒ **Library Board**- Meeting the first Tuesday of each month @7pm in Urbana Community Center.
- ⇒ **Visioning Committee**-Meeting the second Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station 6:30.
- ⇒ **City Council Meeting**-Second Wednesday of the month 6:30 at City Hall.
- ⇒ **Urbana American Legion** Meeting the third Thursday of every month at 7 pm at the Legion Hall.
- ⇒ **Legion Auxiliary** - Meeting is the fourth Monday every month at 6:30 PM
- ⇒ **Bay View Club** -Meeting the 2nd Friday of each month. Call Mary Magill for details.

### CITY PHONE NUMBERS

- ◆ **Ambulance** 911
- ◆ **Building Inspector** 327-6104
- ◆ **Center Point Library** 849-1509
- ◆ **City Hall** 443-2400
- ◆ **Fire Department** 911  
Non-Emergency 443-2627
- ◆ **Garbage - Billing Only** 443-2400
- ◆ **Garbage- Pick up Questions** 521-6978
- ◆ **Meals on Wheels** 472-4761  
*Urbana Representative*
- ◆ **Police Department** 911  
Non-Emergency 443-2780  
or 310-4990
- ◆ **Water/Sewer - Billing** 443-2400
- ◆ **Iowa One Call** 1-800-292-8989  
"Call before You Dig"
- ◆ **United States Post Office** 443-2193

# CHANGING OF THE GUARD!

As we ring in 2021 we regretfully say goodbye to our long time Police Chief Jerry Michael. Chief Michael has served the City of Urbana since starting as the building inspector in 1995. Jerry's last day as Police Chief was December 31st, 2020. We would like to thank you for your service and we applaud your dedication to the City of Urbana. Enjoy your retirement!



Josh Baker was unanimously voted in by the City Council and appointed by the Mayor to be promoted to Police Chief starting January 1st, 2021. Becoming a fulltime law enforcement officer has always been a dream of Chief Baker's. He is excited to serve the community of Urbana as the new Chief of Police.

In 2004 Chief Baker started his law enforcement career in the city of Oelwein as a reserve officer. While volunteering his time he was able to receive his reserve certification. Josh then journeyed to Fayette to serve that college community. In 2009, Josh and his family moved from Oelwein to Cedar Rapids. Shortly after moving, he was able to serve a closer community by joining the Shellsburg Police Department. In 2013, he became an officer of the Urbana Police Department.

Chief Baker worked the last 16 years as a fulltime employee at John Deere Waterloo Works. Chief Baker and his wife, Brooke, have 3 teenage children at home. Between work and family, Chief Baker stays busy. On the off chance he has time off, he can be found camping or riding his motorcycle.





WINNER WINNER!! Leo and Madonna Roseberry are the winners of the first annual City of Urbana Christmas light contest. This is a unique display as Leo has HANDMADE his decorations using rebar and his self-taught welding skills. Leo took interest in this type decorations from places they visited in Branson, Missouri-he would then come home and put his own twist on the basic idea.

Leo & Madonna are long time members of the Urbana Community, they were previous business owners of a hardware store which was opened by Leo's father in 1948. Their love for Christmas lights began when they started decorating their store, along with lights above the streets across the downtown.

Leo & Madonna have a true love for family and kids, they feel that it is important to have community activities to welcome new-comers and be role models for future generations. Given the current pandemic they haven't been able to share their usual family holiday traditions of getting together with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren to look at lights and enjoy a meal together. However, the 2 of them did enjoy a 96-mile tour of surrounding communities to take in the sights of their lights.

Leo's fabricated reindeer are also on display at his children homes, with the farthest in San Antonio, Texas. Leo's newest addition is his 8- point stars-they are a true sight to see. Leo is VERY handy with both welding and wood-working, his family and friends enjoy the wonderful pieces in which he gifts to them.

Leo has recently celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!!

Congratulations to Leo & Madonna



**101 SOUTH STREET**



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# UTILITY BILL ENCLOSED

## City of Urbana

### Snow and Ice Control Policy

Please find a full copy of the Snow and Ice Control Policy at City Hall. Here are the highlights.

Snow and ice control operations will be conducted for snowfall in **excess of two inches** or at the discretion of the PW Director as conditions warrant.

**Priorities**-Snow will be removed using the following priorities.

- 1) "Main Arteries" to provide access for emergency vehicles.
- 2) Local streets.
- 3) City Hall Complex. **City Hall will open to the public at 10:00 am.**
- 4) City alleys are the last priority and will be cleared after all streets have been cleared.

**Parking: No parking shall be permitted on City Streets when three (3) or more inches of snow are forecasted or has fallen.**

**Sidewalks:** All sidewalks adjacent to private property are the responsibility of the property owner.

**Driveways:** City snowplows will not clear private driveways. Any snow placed on the drive by city plows is the owners responsibility to remove and it may not be placed or pushed to a City Street or Alley.

**Mailboxes:** The property owner is responsibly for snow removal around the mailbox. The City will replace mailboxes physically damaged by the plow directly hitting it. The City will not replace mailboxes damaged by the weight and/or force of the snow coming off the plow.