



CITY NEWSLETTER

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6700 Merle Hay Road
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JOHNSTON POLICE & FIRE

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JOHNSTON PUBLIC WORKS

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CROWN POINT COMMUNITY CENTER AND SENIOR DINING CENTER

6300 Pioneer Parkway
251-3707

GET READY FOR KITES ON THE GREEN!

Johnston's Third Annual Kites on the Green is coming up on Saturday, May 7! The family-friendly kite festival features giant show kite displays, celebrity balloon races, free kite building, live music and delicious food! The free festival will be held on the grounds of the Johnston Public Library, located at 6700 Merle Hay Road, from 10 am until 7 pm.

To get ready for the festival, the Library is hosting two free kite-making workshops in April. We hope you will join us on Saturdays April 9 and 23 from 2 to 4 pm inside the west meeting room at the Library. At each workshop, attendees will receive a free kite-making kit, personal instruction and a chance to test out their new kite!

Learn more about all of the events at cityofjohnston.com/kitesonthegreen today!



APPLY TO SERVE ON A BOARD OR COMMISSION

On July 1, there are a number of terms that expire for residents who serve on city Boards and Commissions. The Board of Adjustment, Park Advisory Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, Senior Citizens Advisory Board and Tree Board all have vacancies beginning July 1. If you are interested in serving on a Board or Commission, visit cityofjohnston.com or contact City Hall at 278-2344 for an application. Applications are due by Friday, April 22.



50+ FUN NIGHTS RETURN

50+ Fun Nights return on Wednesday, April 20 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at Crown Point Community Center, located at 6300 Pioneer Parkway. We will be playing hand and foot, bridge, dominoes, pool, shuffleboard, and Wii. Refreshments will be served at this free night sponsored by the Johnston Senior Advisory Board.

Crown Point Community Center houses a wide variety of fun activities and events for residents and visitors who are age 50 and older. Here, you can learn how to sew, play tennis with friends, breathe deeply during yoga, get your heart pumping with Zumba, enjoy a noon meal, learn how to play pickle ball, and most of all, have fun with great people.

Learn more about 50+ activities in Johnston by visiting cityofjohnston.com/seniors.

LOST AND FOUND FOR ANIMALS IN JOHNSTON

Losing a beloved pet can be a scary time for anyone. It's important to know where to turn if your pet is lost. When an animal is found in Johnston, the Johnston Police Department picks up the animal and transports it to the City's temporary animal shelter, located in our Public Works Facility at 6400 NW Beaver Drive. A picture is taken and the animal's information is logged into our system. The animal is scanned for a microchip. The animal's picture and information is then posted on the Iowa Pet Alert website.

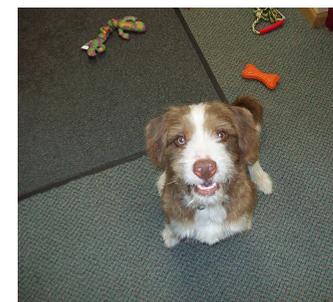
The Public Works facility has the capacity to hold three dogs and four cats at one time. We have indoor/outdoor runs for the dogs with an expanded, secure green space for the animals to play. The facility is air conditioned and heated. Animals have around-the-clock care while in the City's shelter. This is considered a holding facility as the City holds stray animals for a period of three days while searching for the owner of the animal. Our shelter is licensed with the Department of Agriculture. To find out if your pet is in our shelter, please call 278-0822.

After the three-day hold time, the animal is transferred to the Animal Rescue League and held for an additional seven days. This gives the owner ample time to search and locate the lost animal. After the total hold time of ten days between the City and the ARL, the animal is tested for temperament and placed up for adoption through the ARL if it has not been claimed by its owner.

Since the Public Works Department does not have an animal control officer on staff, we do not hold aggressive or feral animals at the City shelter. Sick or injured animals are also transferred directly to the ARL so they can receive the medical attention they need. In extreme or emergency situations the City relies on a local vet to help care for those animals.

Since the City does not have an animal control department, the impounding and care for animals in our shelter is a joint effort between Public Works staff and the Johnston Police Department.

Residents can call the Public Works facility during operating hours to arrange pick up of their impounded animal. After hours and on weekends, residents will need to contact the Police Department at 278-2345 to have the animal released. The fee for an animal impound is \$50 per incident. If the animal is impounded and is not licensed with the city, there will be an additional charge of \$10 to license the animal. The fee is due when the animal is released to its owner. Once transferred to the ARL, the owner is responsible for paying the City of Johnston fee as well as the fees that are charged by the ARL for the animal to be released. To find out if your pet is at the ARL, please call 473-9101.



WIDE VARIETY OF SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS PLANNED

The City of Johnston has a variety of ways for you to spruce up your home, neighborhood and community this spring. Check out the glossy center spread of this magazine to learn about our \$25 Tree Sale, City-Wide Curbside Cleanup Event, Free Tire & Tree Branch Disposal, Community Cleanup Day and Free Shred Day.

To learn more about all of our spring cleanup events, you may also visit cityofjohnston.com/spring today.