



CITY NEWSLETTER



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WHO-TV'S ANDY FALES TO SPEAK AT TAILGATE

Johnston's annual 50+ Tailgate is coming up Wednesday, September 21 at Crown Point Community Center, located at 6300 Pioneer Parkway. Join the 50+ crowd and wear your favorite team colors. Hy-Vee will be grilling hamburgers, and offering a side of fresh fruit, chips, dessert and beverages. Please make your reservations by September 19, either by signing up at Crown Point or by calling Carol Briggs at 727-5595. The doors will open at 5:30 pm and serving will begin at 6 pm. The \$5 fee will be collected at the door the night of the event. We are delighted to announce that **Andy Fales from WHO-TV** will be our guest speaker, and he will be entertaining us with stories from the newsroom. Come support your favorite team, have a burger, and enjoy an evening of fun! This night is sponsored by the Johnston Senior Advisory Board.



Please watch for further details in next month's newsletter about a 50+ bus trip to Jefferson. We will be touring RVB—1875 Historic Furniture Shop, the 168 foot Carillon Bell Tower, and Deal's Apple Orchard, all while enjoying a fall color motor coach bus ride. More information to come!

Every weekday visit Crown Point for a wide variety of activities, including yoga, quilting, pickle ball, tennis and cards! Learn more about all 50+ events at cityofjohnston.com/seniors.

ENJOY ART, CRAFTS, WINE ON SEPTEMBER 23



Mark your calendars for Friday, September 23 at 5:30 pm for the sixth annual Art in the Barn event located in the Simpson Barn, just west of Johnston Public Library. Work by local artists, appetizers, wine, boutique beer and live music will highlight this annual fundraiser for the Johnston Public Library hosted by the Friends of the Library. Tickets for Art in the Barn are on sale now at the library and will be available for purchase at the door on the night of September 23.

LIBRARY, CITY OFFICES CLOSED ON LABOR DAY

City Hall and the Johnston Public Library will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. No recycling, yard waste or garbage collection will happen on Labor Day. Regular Monday pickup will take place on Tuesday and Tuesday pickup will take place on Wednesday.

We invite you to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter! Every Thursday, we send information on the four most important things happening in Johnston right to your inbox! It's a quick, informative read. Sign up now by going to cityofjohnston.com and click on "Notify Me."

UPDATE ON 2016 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

Terra Park - Since April, crews have worked on the reconstruction of the regional trail behind Terra Lake, the construction of a trail that replaces the Doc Brown trail just south of DuPont Pioneer, an amphitheater, picnic/restroom shelters, and a small lake-side shelter. The new Terra Park and Crown Point parking lots are complete. Extensive landscaping that will focus on natural systems and native plantings is underway. This year's Terra Park improvements will be complete by December 1. The next phase of construction at Terra Park, located at 6300 Pioneer Parkway, will include an all-inclusive play area, a 2,500 square foot fishing pier and a soft trail along the rim of the lake. Terra Park will be complete and open for events in the fall of 2017.

Crosshaven Park - A new park is being designed in the Crosshaven neighborhood located on the city's northwest side. This park will be found at the far east side of the development near Beaver Creek. Currently a playground is being designed with play structures and swings as the initial focus. Construction should begin this fall and wrap up by spring 2017. Other features of the park will be constructed in 2017 and will include a shelter and basketball court.

Greenwood Hills Park - A small park will be developed on the south side of the pond adjacent to NW 86th Street. Park plans are still being worked through, but residents can expect a playground feature, small shelter and active fishing pier within two years.

NW 70th Avenue - The project is progressing on schedule and is expected to open to traffic later this year. All of the underground utility work is complete and paving is underway. The contractor will continue preparing the subgrade and paving from the west end of the project eastward. The area west of NW 107th Street and NW 70th Avenue will be open to local traffic soon, with other segments opening as they are completed.

NW 100th Street near High School - Construction is underway on NW 100th Street near the future Johnston High School. NW 100th Street is now closed to traffic from NW 62nd to NW 70th. Underground utility work is nearly complete and paving from the north end has been installed south to Ashton Drive. The subgrade preparation and paving will continue until completed. NW 100th is expected to open to traffic later this year.

East of Merle Hay Road Neighborhood Improvements - NW 60th Avenue construction began this spring and the project is expected to be complete by late summer. This road will undergo similar neighborhood improvements as NW 55th Avenue. The bike trail will remain on the north side of NW 60th Avenue.

Kempton Bridge - Construction is underway on the bridge located near NW 66th Avenue and NW Beaver Drive on the northeast side of Johnston. Expect and plan for construction delays in the area of the Des Moines River bridge until the summer of 2017. The bridge will remain open during construction and is a project of Polk County. Reconstruction of the intersection of NW Beaver Drive and NW 66th is scheduled for next spring, depending on progress of the bridge construction.

Beaver Drive Bridge Over Interstate 35-80 - Construction of the Beaver Drive Bridge is well underway with the substructure and beams installed. Iowa Department of Transportation crews anticipate the bridge will be closed through November.

NW 100th Street Paving near NW 54th Avenue - The paving project on NW 100th Street near NW 54th Avenue is expected to open to traffic in late 2016. The project is progressing on schedule for the anticipated opening.

100th Street Bridge - The construction of a new 100th Street bridge over Interstate 35-80 with pedestrian access is well underway. Anticipated completion of the bridge is expected in late November. This is a project of the City of Urbandale.