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CITY NEWSLETTER



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BEGGARS' NIGHT PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 30

This year, Beggars' Night falls on Sunday, October 30. Be safe and have fun as you trick-or-treat through Johnston's neighborhoods from 6 to 8 pm! The Johnston Police Department offers these trick-or-treat safety tips: Be sure older children take friends and younger children are accompanied by a trusted adult. Teach children to never enter a home without prior permission from their parents. Teach children to never approach a vehicle, occupied or not, unless they are with a parent or guardian. Make sure your child wears reflective clothing. Teach children to never approach a home that is not well lit.



WELCOME NEW FIRE CHIEF JIM CLARK



Help us give a warm welcome to the new Fire Chief of the Johnston-Grimes Metropolitan Fire Department. Chief Jim Clark comes to our communities from the Sioux City Fire Rescue Department where he was the Administrative Assistant Fire Chief. Clark begins work here on October 17.

"Jim's extensive experience in the fire service and collaborative management style were key in our selection process. We are excited to have him lead our team," said Johnston City Administrator Jim Sanders.

Clark is responsible for overseeing all operations of the cities' fire departments including personnel management, budget development, long-range planning and coordinating fire and rescue activities for two rapidly growing communities. Johnston and Grimes renewed their 28E Agreement in June. The agreement to share services has been in place since 2007.

REGISTER YOUR RENTAL PROPERTY

All Iowa cities with a population of more than 15,000 people must maintain a rental housing inspection program. The City of Johnston's Residential Rental Code requires owners and/or property managers of all rental properties, including but not limited to condos, townhomes, duplexes and apartments, to register with the City's Building Department. Many registrations are now coming due --- be sure to check the expiration date on your certificate! Visit cityofjohnston.com/rentals for more information, or call the City of Johnston Building Department at 515-727-7778.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO ENJOY

City Week, October 10-14: What's it like beneath our city? What are the top priorities for elected officials in 2017? What's it like behind the scenes in city departments? These are some of the many questions we will be answering during our third annual City Week. Every day this week head to the City of Johnston Facebook page, Twitter feed and city website to learn more about the important work that takes place to keep our city running well.

Fire Department Open House, October 15: Please join the Johnston Fire Department from 10 am to 1 pm for an Open House at the Public Safety Building, located at 6373 Merle Hay Road. The interactive open house will feature demonstrations, fire prevention tips, tours and plenty of time for interaction with our firefighters.

Mayor's Run & Walk for the Trails, October 22: Join Johnston Mayor Paula Dierenfeld at 8 am for a 5K walk or run on Johnston's trails! The family-friendly event will begin and end at Crown Point Community Center, located at 6300 Pioneer Parkway. We have some of the best raffle prizes out there and a long-sleeve shirt is included in the \$30 registration fee (to the first 100 participants). All proceeds benefit Johnston's recreational trails.

To learn more about all kinds of wonderful events happening in Johnston, please visit cityofjohnston.com/upcomingevents!



YARD WASTE & OPEN BURNING: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

As we head in to fall and fall yard work begins, please remember that it is illegal to burn leaves, grass clippings, pine needles, garden waste and other organic debris within Johnston city limits. Please continue to use the Compost It! yard waste program through November 29. Compost It! provides curbside collection of yard waste.

City code allows the burning of brush, sticks, branches, trees and shrubs on single-family and two-family residential properties when placed 50 feet away from a neighboring home. Burning is not allowed in the public right of way or any public easement area. Property owners or tenants must be present at all times when open burning is taking place. Please remember to be respectful of neighbors who may enjoy fall weather but do not appreciate smoke blowing into their homes.

JOIN 50+ CROWD ON FALL FOLIAGE BUS TRIP TO JEFFERSON

Journey to historic Greene County with the Johnston Senior Advisory Board as they sponsor a fall foliage bus trip! The 50+ group will travel to Jefferson on Wednesday, October 19. They will depart from Crown Point Community Center, 6300 Pioneer Parkway, at 8:30 am and will return between 4 and 5 pm. The group will step back in time at the RVB-1875 Historic Furniture Shop and Museum to learn the art of custom furniture. Then they will ride the elevator to the top of the 168 foot Carillon Bell Tower and take in Iowa's rural landscape with a "bird's eye" view. A lunch destination is yet to be determined. The group will make a final stop at Deal's Orchard for a hayride and dessert. The cost per person is \$25, which includes motor coach transportation, lunch and all tour fees. Please note that sign up is on Friday, October 7 from 1 to 3 pm, and Monday, October 10 from 10 to 11:30 am at Crown Point. Each person may only sign up themselves and one guest.