

# NEW YEAR, NEW COUNCIL MEMBER



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# Capital Improvement Report

Summer Drive West Reconstruction - Construction of this new roadway, water main, storm sewer and street lighting was completed in early November. The updated underground utilities and the new 7" thick concrete roadway will now serve the Summer Drive corridor far into the future

Cloie Creek Trail- Construction bids were recently opened for the Cloie Creek Trail Project. The City awarded the roughly \$710,000 project to Midwest Concrete from Peosta, Iowa. The trail is partially funded by the Iowa DOT and is to be constructed in two separate segments. One segment will connect the east side of the Forest Hills Subdivision to the Hales Mill lift station site, while the other segment will connect Maple Hills Park to the Hales Mill lift station site. Construction is set to commence in the Spring of 2022.

Cloie Creek Sanitary Sewer Upgrades - The City is currently in the design stages of the Cloie Creek Sanitary Sewer Upgrade project. This project will include the replacement of sanitary sewer along the Cloie Creek corridor from Autumn Drive to a point south of the Hales Mill Road lift station. Upgrades include the replacement of aging and undersized clay sanitary sewer. The City plans to install new 12" PVC sanitary sewer to accommodate the anticipated increase of sewage flow volumes with the planned connection of a force main to the gravity sewer lines upstream. As of now, construction is anticipated to begin Spring or Summer 2022.

**Springreen Apartments Water Main Upgrades** - This project is in the early design phase and involves upgrades to the water main that services a number of properties between Springreen Drive and Autumn Drive. The current water main is greatly undersized and properties are fed from a dead end line. Improvements include the installation of 8" PVC water main and creation of a loop in the line. As of now, construction is slated for Fall of 2022.

# Good to Know

## New Business in Town



Pampered Paws is located on Saratoga Road and owned by Kaitlyn Kluck. She opened the business in October of 2020. Kaitlyn graduated from Kirkwood Community College with a degree in pet grooming. She works with dogs on a one on one basis. This means from start to finish, she is focused on only one dog without other dogs in between. It's a less stressful environment for the dogs and they get to go home sooner and not be in a kennel for a long period of time. Kaitlyn has always had a passion for working with dogs and is a huge animal lover. Welcome to Asbury, Pampered Paws!

## Tree Lighting

Together as a community, we kicked off the holiday season with a Tree Lighting Ceremony in Asbury Park. The small Christmas tree has grown since 2019. Thank you to Beeler Tree Farm for providing this healthy little tree that brings so much joy to our community.

This year, the City invited residents and families to place an ornament on the tree. This idea was originally submitted to the City from a young resident, Eleanor Johnson. Eleanor has since moved out of the area but did return this year to help Santa light the tree.



Thank you to Hy-Vee for providing hot apple cider and to Card Your Yard Dubuque for the festive signage. Dear City of Asbury.

My name is Eleanor and
I had an idea that I think
would bring our community
together. By idea is to have a
tree lighting festivel even, year at
Asbury Park I think it would be
best to do it a little bit before.
Christmose so that everyone could
be a little bit more merry. Any
way I thought it might be fun
to have a choir to sing Christmose
carols and maybe we could even
get Jumbo to make hot checolate. For
the tree lighting part you could get
a bio Christmas tree and set it
up in the park. Then we could
string on the lights and at like
8:30 we could turn on the lights.
Thank you for reading my letter
and I hope this idea is possible, but
do not worry because I hope people
will donate mency to the festival.
Sincerley.



Karen Klinkhammer will begin her four-year City Council term January 1, 2022. Incumbents Russ Domeyer and Craig Miller were re-elected for an additional four years. Karen and her husband Steve have lived in Asbury since 1978. Steve and she have been married for 50 years. They have two children and five grandchildren. She retired from Medline Industries in 2014. Karen enjoys camping and spending time with her grandchildren. She is excited to be part of the process of Asbury's continued growth.



City Council would like to thank John Richey for his many years of service for the City of Asbury.

November 2, 2021 was election day and voting results were: Matt Davisdon – 353; Karen Klinkhammer – 466; Craig Miller – 493; John Richey – 423; Russ Domeyer –540; Scattering – 19.

## City Council Goal Setting Session 2022

The Asbury City Council met on November 30, 2021 for their annual goal setting work session. The work session agenda included a review of the City's mission statement, prior year accomplishments, Capital Improvement Plan 2022, and Projects and Programs, Policies and Initiatives.

#### **City Council Priorities (2022-2023)**

#### **Top Priorities**

- 1. Staff retention, competitive wages and benefits.
- 2. Asbury Road Intersection Improvements (Hales Mill and Radford Intersections).
- 3. Long range planning for residential and commercial development and annexation.

#### High Priority

- 1. Pedestrian Walkways: Connect city via sidewalks and trails.
- 2. Police: Maintain trust and confidence in local government.
- 3. Inclusion, diversity, equity, accessibility, leadership and social justice.
- 4. Emergency management health disaster (COVID 19).

#### Other Priorities.

- 1. Storm water issues: retention/detention ponds, quality of water, runoff.
- Enforce ordinances.

The City Council will approve the Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Report in January 2022 and will work toward attaining these priorities in the FY 2023 and beyond in their project planning and city operations. The report once approved by City Council will be available on the City of Asbury website,

www.cityofasbury.com.

# Spring Reminders

## Park Board Vacancy

Thank you to Ken Resch for his 25+ years of being on the Park Board. Ken is moving out of town and will no longer be able to serve on the Park Board. We wish Ken and Chris good luck in their future endeavors. There is an opening on the Park Board. The Board meets on an as-needed basis and includes seven members. The board is a recommending board to City Council. If you are interested, please submit your letter of interest to Sara Burke at sburke@cityofasbury.com or you can drop off a letter at City Hall.



## Is Your Property

You can visit iowastormwater.org to learn more about rainscaping, rain gardens, water runoff and surface water pollutants. Your "hydrologic footprint" is the amount of stormwater runoff your property generates during a one-inch rainfall. Fill out the online questionnaire and receive a runoff report to help you decide how much rainwater to capture and

where it falls.
Visit http://www.
jcswcd.org/Audit
to view your audit
results.



### 2022 Rentals

**Sullivan and Wagner Pavilions (Asbury Park)** - Reservations will be taken at City Hall after January 1st for the rental season beginning May 1, 2022 to October 31, 2022 for all pavilions. Rental reservation charges are as follows:

• \$50 charge for a half day reservation (9 a.m. - 3 p.m. or 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.)

Cloie Creek Pavilion - Rentals for Cloie Creek Pavilion are for the entire day at a cost of \$100.00.

Reservations will only be made for up to the maximum number of people the City states a pavilion holds. If the group is larger than the number of people that a pavilion holds, then the reservation must be made for both pavilions. If only one pavilion is available, no reservation can be made.



Payment and completed rental agreement are required to secure your date. Renters may call in advance to have their preferred date held for up to 5 business days. If rental agreement and payment are not received, by the end of the 5th day, the renter will forfeit their hold on the date, and the pavilion may be rented by another party.



## Trivia Night!

Help support Music in the Park at this year's annual Trivia Night! Mulligans, game perks, 50/50 raffle and lots of fun! Up to 10 people per table.

Date: Friday, April 22, 2022

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Meadows Golf Course, 6525 Clover Lane, Asbury

Cost: \$18.00 in advance; \$20.00 at the door

Call City Hall at 556-7106 for more information.

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## New Emergency Notification Service

Dubuque County is now using Alert Iowa, a new smart 911 service. The City of Asbury recently switched from CodeRED to Alert Iowa. This free emergency notification service allows local emergency officials to notify Dubuque County residents and



businesses of emergency situation and time-sensitive news by phone, text or email. Alert Iowa is used to notify residents of important issues including:

- Emergency Evacuation Notices
- Natural Disaster Response
- Boil Water Advisories
- Public Health Crisis
- Emergency Preparedness
- Missing Children/AMBER Alerts
- Criminal Activity