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25TH ANNUAL

Music in the Park FESTIVAL

The Asbury Area Civic and Recreation Foundation is pleased to host the "Music in the Park Festival" on Saturday, July 8th in Asbury Park from noon until 10:00 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Games & Prizes
Face Painting
Midwest Inflatables
Millers Petting Zoo
RMB Magic

THE MUSIC

Entertainment starts at 12:00 pm
Beau Timmerman, Kristina Castaneda,
Heartland Harmony, Ralph Kluseman
& Johnnie Walker, Suonare, Tapestry
7:00 pm | The Breakfast Club

FOOD

Ice Cream (provided by US Bank), Birds Fried Chicken, Just 4 Kicks, Happi Hibachi, Howling BBQ and Asbury Area Civic and Recreation Foundation's ice-cold beer stand.



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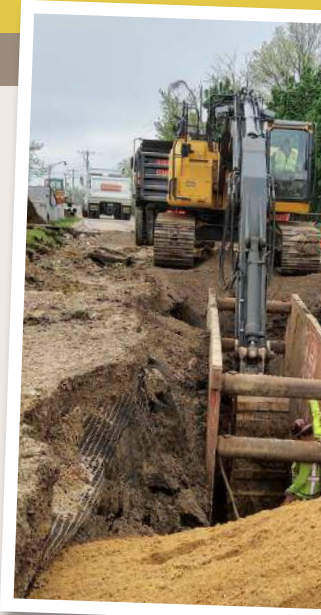
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Capital Projects

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Hales Mill Road Reconstruction

Reconstruction of Hales Mill Road between Brick Mason Lane and Asbury Road began at the start of April. **Eastern Iowa Excavating** out of Cascade, Iowa has nearly completed the installation of new 12-inch PVC sanitary sewer main and related service lines. In addition to concrete pavement replacement, other utility improvements in this \$2.5 million project include the replacement of the storm sewer system and a handful of potable water copper service lines. Construction is on track for completion this fall.

Forest Hills Wetland Improvements

MSA Professional Services is nearly finished with the design phase of this stormwater improvement project located in the eastern part of the Forest Hills Subdivision near the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility. Project plans account for the removal of undesirable vegetation and trees from the project location, some major site grading and site restoration with native seeding and plantings. Due to some permitting requirements, the current plan for construction is to open bids in the summer of 2023, with construction to occur this fall. Permanent seeding of the project site will likely next spring with temporary seeding to cover the site in the fall and winter months of 2023 into 2024.

Autumn Drive Reconstruction

Design is underway for the reconstruction of Autumn Drive between Sun Valley Drive and Hales Mill Road, which includes several utility replacements and upgrades. Utility work will include the replacement of sanitary sewer main and service lines, water main and service lines, storm sewer and the installation of new street lighting. Currently, plans account for project bidding to occur in the fall of 2023, with sanitary sewer replacement work to begin late this fall and all roadway related work to begin around the spring of 2024.



2023 CITY ELECTIONS

The Asbury City Election will be held on November 7, 2023. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The City of Asbury will have two City Council seats and the Mayor's seat open for this year's election. Elected city officials serve four-year terms. Interested candidates must complete and submit an Affidavit of Candidacy with their nomination papers. Papers are available at cityofasbury.com/government or at Asbury City Hall during regular business hours. The first day to file nomination papers with the City Clerk is Monday, August 14.

The deadline to submit nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 31. City Hall will stay open until 5 p.m. that day for filing.



COMMUNITY DAY OF CARING

Thank you again to all of the returning volunteers from **MSA Professional Services** and **Flexsteel Industries** for cleaning up the City's trail system, helping mulch in Asbury Park and even painting picnic tables!

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City Hall Closures

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in observance of Independence Day
Monday, September 4, 2023 in observance of Labor Day

There will be no changes to garbage pick-up due to the holidays.



Reminders & Notes

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QUESTIONS? Sign up for automatic monthly payments and learn more at cityofasbury.com/departments/utilities.

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Increase in UTILITY FEES

As part of the FY 2024 Budget, Asbury City Council approved increases to utility fees at this time. Residents can expect to see a minimum increase of \$4 in their monthly utility bill, or approximately 14 cents per day.

Of course, no one likes to see a rate increase. However, given the inflationary pressures of general goods and services, along with raises to retain employees and capital improvement efforts, the City Council approved raising rates in order to keep pace with inflation and maintain a stable financial outlook for the utilities.

The sanitary sewer and stormwater rates were last increased in FY 2017, when the base rate for the sanitary sewer was raised from \$36.50 to the current \$37.50 and the stormwater rate was increased from \$6 to \$7 at the same time.

The refuse and recycling rate was last increased in FY 2023 from \$10.75 to \$11.50.





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SWIMMING POOL AND SPA REGULATIONS

The City requires the following permits:

- **Zoning** to meet set back requirements;
- **Building** for decks and/or other structures;
- **Electrical** for controls, heaters and pumps;
- **Fences** to meet fence requirements.

Do I need a building permit?

Many home renovation projects and additions require a building permit before construction may begin. A few common projects are:

- Decks, patio covers, porches (repair and replacement)
- Roof work
- Siding, soffit, fascia, casings
- Additions
- Garages and carports
- Structural repairs i.e. foundations, walls, headers, beams, joists and rafters
- Retaining walls over 4 feet
- Swimming pools
- Interior remodeling involving drywall, moving or building walls, altering windows/doors, etc.
- Demolition of all or part of a structure

FENCE PERMIT REQUIREMENT

A Fence Permit is required for the construction of all new or replacement fences within the City. There is no fee for a Fence Permit. For fences located within five feet of the property line, a Fence Agreement must be signed by all affected property owners and submitted with the Fence Permit Application. Find a list of fencing requirements at cityofasbury.com/departments/building_and_zoning.

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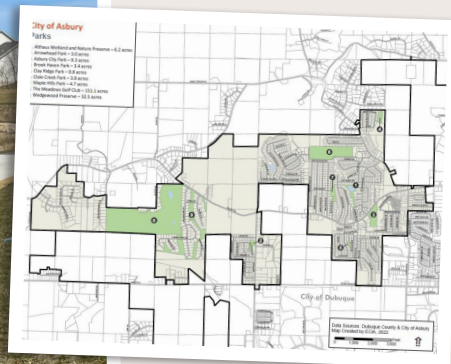


Parks & Recreation

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TAKE CARE OF CITY PARKS, TRAILS & GREEN SPACES

The City of Asbury's parks, trails and green spaces are available for all to use and enjoy, but your help is needed. When you use these facilities, please remember to pick up your trash and leave no trace behind. This way, when others use the facilities after you, they will also be able to enjoy a clean environment. Thank you!



Cloie Creek Splash Pad

Hours of Operation: 10 AM to 9 PM

Open DAILY through Labor Day

Address: 3031 Sanibel Lane, located off Park Place Drive



If you have not been to the splash pad before, the pad runs in 5 minute cycles. After 5 minutes of runtime, the water will automatically shut off. To restart the flow of water, push the "activate" button located on either side of the pad on a red pole. The splash pad will not run when it is raining.

Please help us take care of this amenity by not washing anything down the drains. Things like mud, snack wrappers or balloons can harm the splash pad's filtration system and cause the pad to shut down for maintenance. Rinsing off bikes in the splash pad is strictly prohibited. Keep the fun going by helping us prevent things from going down the drains!



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PROPERTY TAX PROCESS:
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DAVID KUBIK, Retired Dubuque County Assessor

Every homeowner has recently gotten a notice from the County Assessor showing a sharply higher assessed value. These notices also frequently mention the drop in “rollback” and how much of the assessed value increase will be wiped out by a much lower rollback, but there are no specifics given about the future rollback amount.

This may lead many of you to question if this is just a diversion to what might end up being a large property tax increase down the road. I can assure you it is not a diversion. Before I explain and provide a few possible scenarios on what the true taxable value impact might be, you need to be aware of the formula used to set individual property tax amounts. This is how it works:

ASSESSED VALUE	set by Assessor
x “ROLLBACK”	set by State to limit statewide taxable value increases to 3%
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TAXABLE VALUE	
x LEVY RATE	set by local elected officials after budget hearings held
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Gross Property Tax

While I can’t guess how the overall levy rate might change (or not change) during the dozens of public hearings early next year, I can explain why there are not clear answers being provided to homeowners on how taxable values might be impacted.

In the first example, let’s assume that statewide residential assessed values will increase by 22% and your home value also increased by that same percentage (informal discussions between assessors estimate it to be around 22%, though no one knows exactly). With that much of an increase in assessed value, the rollback drops from 55% to 46%, thereby limiting the taxable value increase to 3%.

In the second example, let’s continue to assume the average statewide assessed value increase was 22%, but your home’s assessed value went up 30%. Even though your home’s assessed value went up 8% more than the statewide average, the sharply lower rollback causes only a 10% increase in the taxable value.

In the last example, let’s continue the assumption that state-wide assessed value increased are 22%, but your home saw an assessed value increase of 15%. In that scenario, your taxable value will be decreased by 3%. Yes, you read that right. Because your home’s assessed value increase was so much lower than the state-wide average, your taxable value will decrease.

As you can see by these examples, the future 2023 rollback will be highly dependent on what state-wide assessed value increases are. This uncertainty about the exact rollback number is also the reason why county assessors and city assessors cannot give property owners a crystal-clear answer on how the assessed value changes will affect the taxable value on their property tax bill next fall. There just isn’t enough solid data to provide precise answers. What everyone does know and can be stated without question, is that the lower rollback will sharply reduce the big assessed value increases everyone is seeing.

		Assessed Value	Rollback	Taxable Value
Example 1: 22% statewide increase, and your home went up 22%	2022	\$100,000	54.7%	\$54,650
	2023	\$122,000	46.1%	\$56,290
Example 2: 22% statewide increase, but your home went up 30%	2022	\$100,000	54.7%	\$54,650
	2023	\$130,000	46.1%	\$59,981
Example 3: 22% statewide increase, but your home went up 15%	2022	\$100,000	54.7%	\$54,650
	2023	\$115,000	46.1%	\$53,060



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