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City Shop/Office

534-3029

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534-2222

Newsletter

COVID 19

A group of resources for community members amid the COVID-19 outbreak courtesy of Sean Snyder (Winneshiek County Emergency Management Coordinator).

[Taking Care Of Your Behavioral Health During An Infectious Disease Outbreak](#)

<https://www.fortatkinsoniowa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Taking-Care-of-your-Behavioral-Health-during-an-infectious-disease-outbreak-2.pdf>

[Older Adults and COVID-19: Staying healthy during this stressful time](#)

https://www.fortatkinsoniowa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/PREPWISE_COVID-19_Older-Adults.pdf

[IDPH: How to Cope with Anxiety about Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

<https://www.fortatkinsoniowa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/IDPH-Coronavirus.pdf>

[Tips For Survivors Of A Disaster Or Other Traumatic Event](#)

<https://www.fortatkinsoniowa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Tips-for-Survivors-of-a-Disaster->

The [Test Iowa Initiative](#) includes an assessment that was developed in coordination with the Iowa Department of Public Health and it will better inform Iowans of their current health status, whether or not they should get a COVID-19 test, and instructions on how to get tested. The assessment asks about existing symptoms and occupational considerations.

Go to: <https://www.testiowa.com/> to complete the survey.

2020 Census Field Operations are Postponed

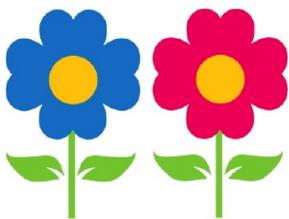
At the present time, field operations for the 2020 Census are postponed until the Coronavirus threat ends. When it is over the Census will be needing workers to help insure that all citizens are counted so that the county and cities receive the most funding benefits. Several workers are still needed in Winneshiek County.

Please help us to spread the word that we are still recruiting workers. This is a great part-time temporary job with flexible hours (15-20 hours per week) and pays \$17.50 per hour and 57 1/2 cents per mile travel reimbursement. Work is in the local area. This is a great opportunity for retired people, college students, graduating high school seniors and those who would just like some extra income. All applications are accepted on line by going to: www.2020census.gov/jobs.

TO ALL RESIDENTS

BURNING is PROHIBITED IN THE CITY LIMITS

Summer Band Concerts To be determined



Regular Council meetings held on the 1st Wednesdays of the month at 7:00pm at the Community Center. Agendas posted at the bank, Huber's store, Post Office, the city Office. (Due to COVID 19 our meetings are held via ZOOM. Link posted on agenda.)



Winneshiek County Recycling

<http://www.winneshiekcounty.org/departments/recycling>

Terry Buenzow
2510 172nd Avenue
Decorah, IA 52101

Phone: 563-382-6514
Fax: 563-382-6514
Office Hours:
Monday - Friday

6:00 am to 3:00 pm,
24-Hour drop-off container located in Fort Atkinson in the Community Center parking lot.

REMINDER— Iowa One Call.

Be sure to contact Iowa One Call before you do any type of digging in your yard to prevent underground services from being disturbed. 1-800-292-8989 www.iowaonecall.com

AUTO PAY Save time and postage by having your water/sewer/garbage bills on automatic withdrawal from the bank. Form is available on the city web page under ACH form.

Hawkeye Sanitation

In an effort to help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, our office will be closed to the public. The office will continue to be staffed during our regular business hours. Please contact us by calling 563-547-3828. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The safety of our employees, our customers, and the communities we serve are our top priority. **Effective immediately and permanently**, all business garbage that is not in a dumpster and all residential garbage not in a dumpster will need to be bagged and tied shut. Some exceptions will apply. Please be sure your bag can hold the weight of your garbage, keeping in mind also that each bag is not to exceed 60 pounds. We greatly appreciate your cooperation. This is an example of why we are requesting all garbage now be bagged and tied. We are seeing more hazardous materials and need to protect our employees. Although this is discussing recycling, we are also dealing with this in our garbage collecting ... <https://www.cnn.com/videos/business/2020/04/08/covid-19-gloves-trash-waste-management-worker-orig-cm.cnn>

You May be Eligible for Funding Assistance for Home Repairs

The Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund (NEIHTF) is accepting applications for housing rehabilitation/improvement projects. Applicants can be low-moderate income homeowners, non-profit organizations or for-profit organizations to promote and create affordable housing activities. All applicants must be in one of the four counties of Allamakee, Clay, Howard and Winneshiek. Eligible projects include rehabilitation and repair of existing housing, including, but not limited to: roofs, windows, siding, plumbing electrical, energy efficiency, lead paint issues, and handicapped accessibility.

For more information on the NEIHTF, please contact Upper Explorerland RPC, at 563-864-7551 or you can obtain an application online at www.uerpc.org, Housing Programs, Regional Housing Trust Fund.

2020 Fort Atkinson Rendezvous September 26 & 27, 2020

The Friends of Fort Atkinson are looking for new members to assist with the planning.

Mark your calendars tentatively for **Sunday, August 30th** for our

Annual Car/Motorcycle Cruise

Funds raised will be used for grant matches for improvements to the Fort Atkinson historical site.

Check out the City's Web Site: www.fortatkinsoniowa.com

A copy of the *City of Fort Atkinson ordinances* can be found at:

<http://www.fortatkinsoniowa.com/city-code.html>

*******For Your Information*******

- **JUNK VEHICLES.** City code states that it is unlawful for any person to store, accumulate or allow to remain on private property within the corporate limits of the city. A junk vehicle is unlicensed and has broken glass, broken, loose or missing parts, is a habitat for nuisance animals or insects, contains flammable fuel, inoperable, is defective or obsolete.
- **JUNK** - City code states that it is unlawful for any person to store, accumulate or allow to remain on private property within the city limits. Junk includes old or scrap copper, brass, lead, or any other non-ferrous metal; old or discarded rope, rags, batteries, paper trash, rubber, debris, waste or used lumber, or salvaged wood, dismantled vehicles, machinery and appliances, old or discarded glass, tinware, plastic or old or discarded household goods or hardware.
- **Junk or Junk Vehicles kept on private property, constitute a health and safety threat and a nuisance, the owner of or person occupying the property is liable for the violation.**
- The **COMMUNITY CENTER** facility is available to the public for rent. Information for renting the community center can be found on the City's web site; www.fortatkinsoniowa.com or by calling the city/shop office @ 534-3029. Please leave a message.
- **PERMITS** are required for buildings, structures, decks, outdoor furnaces etc., that are erected or altered. Call 534-3029 for information regarding permits. There is a \$25.00 fee for the permit and they are approved by the City Council. Putting up a yard fence does not require a permit, but you do need City Council approval
- **YARD WASTE SITE:** The City operates a **yard waste site is open** for residents to dispose of yard waste; grass clippings, shrubbery and trimming, trees, branches, leaves & garden waste. The yard waste site is located behind the Fort Atkinson Community Park.
- **FIREWOOD** is to be NEATLY stacked and located on a SIDE OR REAR of your yard, not in the front yard.
- **TRIM TREES:** It is the responsibility of property owners with trees overhanging a street or boulevard sidewalk to trim the branches so they are at least 15 ft. above the surface of the street and at least 8 ft. above the sidewalk.
- **ANIMAL OWNERS:** It is unlawful for any animal owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City or to allow an animal to defecate on either public or private property without cleaning up the mess. Landlords are responsible for their tenants, if your tenants are not.
- **SIDEWALKS:** Residents are required to maintain their sidewalks for safe pedestrian travel. Snow removal is also a requirement of sidewalk maintenance.
- Please DO NOT put paper towers or other non-degradable products in the City's sanitary sewer system. These products plug up the floats in the lift station which can lead to serious problems that can be costly to fix, which you pay for in the end.
- **GRASS CLIPPINGS:** Please do not mow grass clippings or other yard matter into the street.
- **GOLF CART LICENSE FEE:** \$50.00 first year and proof of insurance, \$25.00 yearly renewal Sticker must be posted on golf cart. Operator MUST have a valid drivers license, be 16 years of age and show proof of insurance.
- **ATV/UTV:** Must follow regulations set by the State of Iowa, DNR and Winneshiek county.

The city Quasquicentennial (125th) picnic scheduled for June 24, has been cancelled.

City of Fort Atkinson

PO Box 36

Fort Atkinson IA 52144

Spring Clean-Up Day 2020

Due to COVID 19, will notify residents on water bill when date is set.

Let us help you cleanup your property! The City of Fort Atkinson will sponsor a City-Wide Spring Clean-Up Day. We will have a large roll off dumpster located on the lower lot of the Farmers Union Cooperative and is east of the Hay Auction. The site will be monitored by city personnel. Only items from residential homes IN THE CITY LIMITS of Fort Atkinson will be accepted.

During Spring Cleanup the following items can be brought to the dumpster with no cost the homeowner:

- 1) Furniture and household items without limit. *(Excludes, TV's, computer equipment and major appliances)*
- 2) Minor home remodeling debris, provided it is bagged, boxed or bundled, is no longer than 4 feet in length and that each bag, box or bundle does not weigh more than 50 pounds.
- 3) Paint cans containing dry paint with the lid removed.

The following items can be brought to the drop-off site for a disposal fee of \$25.00. Washing machines, clothes dryers, water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, trash compactors, stoves, microwave ovens, freezers, humidifiers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, televisions, computer monitors, computers, printers (questions about other items call)

The City will also pick up items for people unable to haul items to the drop off site. We will pick them up at the curb of your residence. To have these items picked up call 534-3029 to make arrangements. The following items will not be accepted: vehicle tires, hazardous waste materials such as liquid paint, solvents, pesticides or herbicides.

The City of Fort Atkinson reserves the right to reject any items brought to the site for disposal.