

# City of Davenport Newsletter



Quarter 1 | January - March 2022



## Get your lawn and garden off to a great start this spring!

No Sticker Yard Waste Weeks are Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 15. Residents may place yard wastes in a Kraft-ply bag on their regular garbage day without a yard waste sticker during No Sticker Yard Waste Weeks.

Improve your soils with locally produced compost and garden soil products from the Davenport Compost Facility. Our products are natural, nutrient, and biologically rich soil amendments that will improve water retention, increase nutrient levels, and reduce the need for chemical applications. Find information on our products, directions, hours, and more at [www.davenportiowa.com/compost](http://www.davenportiowa.com/compost). Check us out early, garden and potting soils go quickly.

Thinking about a landscape lift? Incorporate water pollution filtering native plants or porous pavement. Native plants are an excellent food source and habitat for pollinators, birds, and other essential critters, not to mention the environment. Your project could qualify for the City's 50/50 Cost Share Program. Find out more at [www.davenportiowa.com/5050bmp](http://www.davenportiowa.com/5050bmp).

## Building Relationships, One Cup at a Time



Coffee with a Cop events will return in 2022! Join your neighbors and Davenport Police Officers for coffee and conversations. Dates and times will be announced on the City website at [www.davenportiowa.com](http://www.davenportiowa.com).

## Auto-Renewal at Davenport Public Library

Do you always find yourself remembering too late that your Library items are due? The Library has a system for that! Beginning January 1, 2022, all items checked out will automatically renew on your account to save you from late charges. Please note that this will only be for the first renewal, and any items with holds on them will not renew automatically. For more information, please call the Library at (563) 326-7832.

## City-wide Summer Theme 2022

This year's City-wide Summer Theme is "Beyond the Beaten Path". Davenport Public Library, Davenport Parks and Recreation, Vander Veer Botanical Park, Figge Art Museum, Putnam Science Museum, and Nahant Marsh will offer activities and programs that take families and kids' imaginations into the unknown. Learn more by visiting [www.davenportiowa.com/parks](http://www.davenportiowa.com/parks).



## Volunteer with us!

Saturday, March 19 is the City's annual Corridor Cleanup! Help us ring in spring and support our community's hometown feel by showing you care while clearing litter and debris left behind from winter. Nobody knows what kind of weather we will battle or what we will find when the snow melts. That is all part of the fun in helping our community shine. Whether you participate for the fun of having a story to tell while wondering "how that got there," to improve our community's image, or keep pollutants out of our waterways, the Corridor Cleanup is a great way to demonstrate pride, ownership, and stewardship in the community we live. Registration begins live Friday, January 14, 2022 at [www.davenportiowa.com/cc](http://www.davenportiowa.com/cc).

## Davenport Parks and Recreation is Hiring!

Davenport Parks and Recreation seeks passionate and talented individuals dedicated to serving the community. The City of Davenport is currently seeking dynamic individuals to fill seasonal and year-round positions throughout the department. Seasonal positions available include AmeriCorps members, Aquatics Instructors and Lifeguards, Sports Coordinators and Officials, Camp Leaders, The River's Edge Concessions and Skate Guards, Parks Ambassadors, Horticulture Specialists, Park Maintenance, and Golf Course Facility Staff. Apply today! Visit <https://bit.ly/ParksHiring>.



## Be Prepared 101

Many homeowners, near or far from a waterway, often don't think of their property as waterfront property. The fact is, we all live on waterfront property. It can take just one torrential rainfall to flood a car, basement, or bring the water's edge right to your back door. Those nearer waterways are more vulnerable, of course, but everyone should take the time to become knowledgeable of their flood risk and prepare accordingly. Find tools to evaluate your flood risk at [www.beprepareddavenport.com](http://www.beprepareddavenport.com).

**A wet spring may be around the corner.** Melting snow, rain, ponding, and pooling of water can often result in wet basements. Have you flood-proofed your basement? Moved appliances and other assets up and off the floor? Is your sump pump in good working order? Prevent damage to your home and assets – move it, or lose it.

**Renters beware.** Your landlord's insurance policy will not cover the replacement of your personal belongings in the event of a flood, fire, theft, or other incidents. If you rent, look into rental insurance.

**Turn Around, Don't Drown.** The CDC reports that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water and that the next highest percentage of flood-related, deaths is the result of people walking into floodwaters. Don't underestimate the force and power of water. Six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult, 12 inches can carry most cars away, and 2 feet of rushing water can float most SUVs and trucks.

**Know the rules before you remodel or build.** Building codes and federal, state, and local regulations exist for public safety. When it comes to property located in the floodplain, some of the rules dictate the extent to which you can remodel and require certain floodproofing activities. Find information about regulations at [www.beprepareddavenport.com](http://www.beprepareddavenport.com).

**What is an easement, and is there one on my property?** Easements are designated areas of private land that provide access to essential services such as sanitary sewer lines and utilities and may be used to convey stormwater run-off from your property over land. Easements are essential in urban areas, and property owners need to know where they are and what they can do on them. Find out more at [www.davenportiowa.com/easements](http://www.davenportiowa.com/easements).

**Have questions about flood risk or reducing flood risk?** The City is here to help! Call 563-326-7765, email [flood@davenportiowa.com](mailto:flood@davenportiowa.com), or visit [www.beprepareddavenport.com](http://www.beprepareddavenport.com).



Interested in the Davenport Good Neighbor Project? Mark your calendar for the 2022 Quarterly Meetings!



April 12, 2022  
July 12, 2022  
September 13, 2022  
December 13, 2022

Get connected today: [GNP@davenportiowa.com](mailto:GNP@davenportiowa.com).

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