

# The City of Clarksville

# WINTER NEWSLETTER

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## Snow Related Information

**PARKING** - If snowfall is expected overnight, you should move your vehicle the evening before, as our crews may start plowing as early as 3:00 A.M. It is illegal to leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or city-owned off-street parking area during a snow emergency, unless the snow has been removed or plowed. A snow emergency is when snow accumulation, in any 24 hour period, is over 1 inch. Unattended vehicles may be ticketed & towed away at the owners expense. Please help us keep the streets and parking cleared.

**SNOW REMOVAL** - As a safety concern, everyone needs to shovel their sidewalks. After 12 hours, the city may hire someone to clear the public sidewalk, and assess the cost to the property owner. To help first responders in the event you have an emergency at your home, please keep your steps cleared as well as the sidewalk. When cleaning your driveway, make sure your snow piles do not block the view of drivers. We also ask that you do not blow or throw snow into the street after it has been plowed.

**SNOWMOBILES** - Riders must stop at all intersections, obey the 10 MPH speed limit, and stay on the designated route. The curfew for snowmobiles is 11:00 P.M. Please share this information with anyone you know who operates a snowmobile in town. Riding on public or private property, including the yard around your home is not allowed. Snowmobiles are only allowed to be operated on the designated trails. Deviation from the trails is only allowed to get to the gas stations, restaurants, and bars.

## Do You Have A Green Thumb?

The Clarksville Garden Club is made up of community members with a common interest... gardening! Whether it be vegetable or flower gardening, members help advise each other, share ideas, and also volunteer on community projects. Currently the organization takes care of the flower garden at Volunteer Park & the Main Street Planters. This year the group may develop an "Adopt A Planter" program for the community. This would give organizations, families, and businesses an opportunity to express your interest in flowers, and also help beautify our downtown area. All you would have to do is plant and maintain one of the flower planters on the sidewalks downtown. The club is always seeking new ideas from new members. The group meets monthly during warmer months for fellowship & project planning. If interested, please contact Marilee Gray or Alice Jones.

## City Youth Recreation Program

The number one goal of the City Recreation program is to give every child in our community who wants to participate, the opportunity to do so. The following activities are available through the program:

**Flag Football** is offered in September and October for 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade boys.

**Volleyball** is offered in September and October for 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade girls.

**Basketball** is offered November through February for the following levels: 1st/2nd grade girls, 1st/2nd grade boys, 3rd/4th grade girls, 3rd/4th grade boys, 5th/6th grade girls, and 5th/6th grade boys. The 1st & 2nd graders learn the basic fundamentals of the game and start in January. Traditionally at the end of the season the boys & girls scrimmage each other. The 3rd - 6th graders play games and scrimmage other surrounding towns.

**T-ball** is offered in May and June. This program is for the kindergartners on Sunday afternoons.

**Baseball** is offered in May and June for the 1st - 6th grade boys.

**Softball** is offered in May and June for the 1st - 6th grade girls.

Participation forms as well as a list of committee members can be found on the city website.

## Yard Waste Information

**CITY YARD WASTE SITE** Only tree trimmings and vegetation is allowed to be brought to the site. The facility is under 24 hour video surveillance.

**OPEN BURNING** period for yard leaves is September 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> annually. Burning is not allowed on city streets and alleys.

### **Clarksville Public Library**

Phone & Fax - (319) 278-1168

Hours: Mon & Wed 10 - 6 Tues & Thurs 10 - 5

Friday 10 - 4 Saturday 10 - 2

In addition to our books and periodicals, we offer public access computers, wireless internet, copy & fax, historical resources, and videos, along with programs for children and adults

Search our card catalog On-line  
[www.clarksville.lib.ia.us](http://www.clarksville.lib.ia.us) or on the city website

## Sign Up Reminder For CodeRED

Butler County is now using the CodeRED Emergency Notification System. It is an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications and the distribution of information considered to be important.

This system allows officials to telephone all or targeted areas of the County in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action, such as an evacuation, lost child, contaminated water, hazardous chemical spill, etc. This system is capable of dialing the entire County, if needed, within minutes. It then delivers a pre-recorded message describing the situations to a live person or an answering machine in the affected area, possibly including instructions requiring immediate action by the recipient.

While a calling data base was created by extracting information from Butler County's computerized files and other public record sources, the county is certain that not all phone numbers of residents were captured.

If you would like to receive CodeRED emergency messages you may sign-up by going to the county courthouse website, which you can find a link to on the city website, or by calling the Butler County Emergency Management office at (319) 267-9968.

## Visioning Committee Update

The Clarksville Community Visioning committee is gearing up to start the first project. After nearly a year of planning and gathering input from residents, the committee is working on a design for a new Clarksville sign at the intersection of Highways 3 and 188 south of town. This new sign will incorporate a landscape design, and will be a significant improvement.

Other projects in the future include several improvements downtown, a new reading park across from the library, new welcome signs at all four entrances into town, and yet to be determined projects to improve the appearance of the ponds south of town. The committee will be applying for grants to help pay for these projects.

## City After Hours Contact Information

If you need to reach a city employee after hours or when city hall is closed, please refer to the following list:

**WATER OR SEWER EMERGENCY** - Call the Butler County Dispatch Center at 267-2410. Tell them your concern, and they will have our police officer get in contact with one of our public works employees.

**CITY HALL** - If city hall is closed, all city department cell phone numbers are posted in the lobby. Please feel free to contact them directly if necessary.

**POLICE NON-EMERGENCY** - Call the Police Dept. office at 278-1911, and leave a voice mail. The officer on duty will return your call when available. Call the county dispatch center if you need immediate assistance.

## Trees Forever Update

The Clarksville Trees Forever committee is an active group of community volunteers that has planted about 300 trees in Clarksville over the last eight years. The focus has been to plant a variety of species of street trees in the parking area between the sidewalk and street, also known as the city's right-of-way. We are trying to increase the overall tree canopy for future generations, which provides shade in the hot summer months, as well as environmental benefits, and enhancing the appearance of our community. While doing this, we are focusing on diversifying our tree population. Our funding comes from grants from Mid-American Energy, which the city provides matching funds for.

An insect pest called the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has the potential to take out many trees in town in the near future, similar to what Dutch Elm Disease did in the 1960's and 1970's. EAB attacks and kills all ash (*Fraxinus*) tree species; in Clarksville we have many green ash and a few white ash. EAB began in Detroit, and has spread to Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, and last year, was found in Iowa's Allamakee County, on the Iowa side of the Mississippi River. At this time, it is not recommended to treat or remove healthy ash trees. The Clarksville Trees Forever committee has not planted any ash trees for several years, and we will continue to plant a variety of other species. If you have an open space in the parking area near your home and would like a tree planted, or have questions about tree planting, please contact Meredith Borchardt, Lloyd Calease, Jeff Kolb, or Larry Voigts.

## Garbage & Recycling Notes

**HOLIDAY COLLECTION CALENDARS** were recently mailed by Waste Management to all households. Please keep it, so you can refer to it the entire year to see when collection is changed due to a holiday.

**TOTERS** need to be removed from the curb within 24 hours after collection. This is to aid in snow removal, and to keep them from becoming a hazard in the street.

**GOODWILL INDUSTRIES** has a collection box at the Butler County Solid Waste Transfer Station on Highway 3. You can donate approved items during business hours. Please call 267-2070 for information.

**RECYCLING AREA BEHIND CITY HALL** This area is only for items identified on the dumpsters. Please do not dump TVs, appliances, or other unwanted items. They should be taken to the Transfer Station. This area is now under 24 hour video surveillance. Boy Scouts are available on Saturday mornings to help you.

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