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STREET CONSTRUCTION

SUMMER STREET PROJECTS

2018 Street Project

- **New Street from Clara Avenue to Acers Street**

Sewer & water mains are in, and the contractor is working on service connections to homes. Paving is planned for the end of July, weather permitting.

- **A portion of West Marion & South 12th Street by Walmart**

To begin once New Street project is wrapped up.

Normal Maintenance, Street Painting, Asphalt & Concrete Patching will occur during the Summer months.

This is a busy time of the year for the streets department. City Staff appreciates your patience as we continue progress around town.

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WATER SERVICE EXCISE TAX

NEW ON YOUR WATER BILL - WET TAX

During the 2018 session, the Iowa legislature passed a new law which created a Water Service Excise Tax (WET). Effective July 1, this tax **replaces** the current sales tax charged on water (which was 6% plus a 1% local option sales tax) and is **not** a tax increase. The new local excise tax will be 6% with no local option tax. It will apply to service charges, consumption, disconnect fees, and other related items, just as the current sales tax does. Customer bills should be minimally affected.

A portion of the total taxes collected will be used to improve the water quality in Iowa, with all remaining funds being deposited into the State's General Fund. Entities that are currently exempt from the water sales tax will most likely remain exempt, but please consult with your tax professional for specific advice. Those who will continue to be exempt do not need to submit new exemption certificates. The new excise tax will expire either July 1, 2029 or with the next state sales tax increase, whichever comes first.



PARKS & REC

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

YOUTH COED SOCCER CLINIC:

1ST – 8TH GRADES

July 17th, 18th, 19th & 24th, 25th, 26th

5:30-7:00 P.M.

KAYAK SKILLS CLINIC:

July 28th and August 11th

8:30-11:30

Manchester Family Aquatic Center

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL:

3RD – 6TH GRADES

Sunday Afternoons: September 9th – 30th

FLAG FOOTBALL:

1ST & 2ND GRADE - Saturday mornings

3RD & 4TH GRADE - Tuesday and Thursday evenings

Games will be in September - October

TO REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/CityofManchester0#/selectSessions/2345103>

Or visit www.manchester-ia.org and click **Rec Program Registration**.

Contact Doug Foley at **563-927-3636** or dfoley@manchester-ia.org for more information.

**Manchester Family Aquatic Center
Closing Date:**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND

Aquatic Center Phone Number: 563-927-6488

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Library has some great programs and events happening in the next few months!

VINTAGE VINYL SALE: Saturday, July 21 from 9 to noon!

The Friends of the Library received a very generous donation of record albums, including a sealed Michael Jackson and the Jackson Five album, many Beatles albums, and other awesome collectibles. The sale will be in the Library and doors open at 9 am. All proceeds go to the Friends group and will be used to support your Library!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM EVENTS:

There are still quite a few events to participate in before summer reading is over at the end of July. Stop by the Library anytime to pick up a calendar of events. We have programs for all ages and some great prizes to give away!

LIBRARY CELEBRATES 115 YEARS!

Help us celebrate the Library's history with a special Carnegie event coming at the end of September. The Friends of the Library are working hard to plan an evening celebrating 115 years of the Library and 25 years of the new addition! There will be guided tours, a rare look at vintage library artifacts, refreshments, door prizes, and more! Additional information will be coming in the next couple of months.

LIB-CON: Saturday, October 13th

LIB-CON, the Library's annual celebration of pop culture and creativity, is Saturday, October 13. More exciting details will be coming in the next few months so be sure to save the date!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING DURING SCHOOL YEAR

The Library offers story times and other special events during the school year, beginning in September. If you would like to receive information about our children's programming and events through e-mail, please send Angie, our Children's Librarian, an e-mail at bookmouse@manchester.lib.ia.us

Just a reminder – the Library does not open until 1 pm on the third Monday of each month due to staff training.

➔ **To keep up to date and learn more about our programs, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ManchesterLibraryIA
We also have an Instagram account: [instagram.com/manchesterlibraryia](https://www.instagram.com/manchesterlibraryia)**

Give us a call at 563-927-3719 if you have any questions.



WHITewater PARK SAFETY

Contributed by Chuck Ungs

The Manchester White Water Park has been a hub of attention for many people seeking warm season recreation for a number of years now. A few common themes develop over time and one of the big ones is that there are many of us folks who are working towards having visitors enjoy a safe and fun visit to the park.

We see numerous tubers, swimmers, recreational kayakers, canoers, white water kayakers, anglers and more at the park. The one thing each of the groups have in common is first and foremost to care for their own safety.

For those wanting to spend time in the water this is accomplished with safety gear in use.

- SUGGESTION #1: Wear **WATER SHOES** – these are designed to protect the bottom of the foot from the rocks, gravel, potential glass or other sharp objects that could be in the water or around the park – the best ones actually cover the ankle like high-tops.
- SUGGESTION #2: Always WEAR a properly fitted and adjusted PFD (**PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE**) – one designed specifically for kayaking is best for that sport.
- SUGGESTION #3: When playing at the park, wear a **HELMET**. Most folks understand the need to wear a helmet in many sports activities, in this case – the rocks are very unforgiving and helmets help with protecting our heads from the impact with rock.

For the many folks who now own a recreational kayak – our first and foremost suggestion is to place floatation in the boats behind the seat. This can be accomplished with a couple of cheap beach balls, a used box wine bag would work – or one can purchase float bags to accomplish this. These perform several functions – they provide floatation for the boat – so that if you fill the boat with water it will float. We actually saw two cheap kayakers in a row recently float down through the park in submarine mode, not a safe situation for anyone involved! Another function of the floats is that once the boat is filled with water, the float will displace many gallons of water (at about 8 lb.'s per gallon!), making emptying the boat and moving it around much simpler, safer for your back, and easier.

This summer we have seen that water levels have been staying higher than normal due to frequent large rainfalls in the watershed. One of the best suggestions we have been offering is first of all to follow the Manchester White Water Park on Facebook. We try to stay current with the page to keep folks up to date on excessive water levels. One of the best ways to stay informed is through the USGS site that can be found at:

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ia/nwis/uv?site_no=05416900

If you open the site and scroll down to find Most Recent Instantaneous Value – that will give you the CFS (cubic feet per second) for the Maquoketa just below town.

Our suggestions are as follows:

- **Over 500** - we suggest nobody except experienced white water kayakers in a group should run the features;
- **250-500** – those who are very experienced in recreational boats or white water kayaks;
- **UNDER 250 IS BEST FOR TUBING AND THE REST OF THE ACTIVITIES.** The water all flows through the shoot in the center of the features at this level.
- *Those who are great at controlling tubes might consider jumping in at 300 or below but maneuverability is key to avoiding bumping down the rocks on the edges of the features for these experts.*

Above all else we ask that you help take care of the park. Pick up after yourselves and one another. Avoid glass at the park, since it inevitably is broken and poses a hazard to all visitors. Enjoy the park and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you out there!



LOOKING AHEAD...

Manchester Farmer's Market is every Saturday from 8-11am this summer in a new location - **River Street behind Bushel and a Peck**. The market is open through October 6th. Follow Manchester Farmer's Market on Facebook for more information!

Lost Island Tickets are available for sale throughout the summer, as provided by The City of Manchester Parks & Rec Department. Tickets may be purchased at City Hall Monday–Friday 9am-5pm.

Manchester Day at the Kernels is on Saturday, July 28th. Join us for a day full of sun, fun and baseball!

Bacon N Hops will take place on Saturday, August 11th. Enjoy samples of bacon inspired foods and try the hops from various breweries and home brewers! Not only can you enjoy some local brews, but this year, you can sample wine too. This event coincides with the Country Car Cruise and Motorcycle Trials and also brings in great entertainment! Tickets at the gate will be \$25. Music lovers can also attend the music portion only for \$5.

Hero Hustle Sprint Triathlon welcomes all athletes, of all abilities to join the fun on August 26th. The goal is to get active, have a good time, and raise money for a good cause! The race is a sprint distance triathlon comprised of a 400yd swim, a 16 mile bike ride, and a 5K run to wrap it up.

Franklin Street Movie Night will take place on Sunday, September 2nd. This year's free outdoor movie will be *The Sandlot*. There will be free popcorn, door prizes, kids' activities and food vendors. The movie will show at 8 pm on the large blow-up movie screen. Bring your own chairs and blankets for seating.

Visit www.manchester-ia.org to keep up on all of the meetings and events happening in Manchester!

HARTWICK HUSKYS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, July 18	6:30 pm	Home Show (No concessions)
Sunday, July 22	2:00 pm	Home Show
Wednesday, July 25	6:30 pm	Home Show (No concessions)
Wednesday, August 8	6:00 pm	Learn to Ski Class
Saturday, August 18	2:00 and 5:00 pm	Home Shows (Jam at Schram)

