

Friends of the Library
16th Annual
Used Book Sale
Sept 27 - Oct 4, 2008
During Library Hours

Book Sale

Mark Your Calendars!

We need your donations of books, records, CD's, tapes, computer programs, games and puzzles! All proceeds benefit the Jefferson Public Library

Upcoming Children's Programs:

September: Settlers, Sodhouses and Soybeans
October: Halloween, Haunted Houses & Hijinks
November: Pilgrims, Pumpkins & Pudding
December: Santa, Snow & Sundaes
January: Movies! Movies! Movies! and More!
February: Iowa, Indians & Ice Cream



Wireless Internet Access
is now available at the Jefferson Public Library!

SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE

The City of Jefferson is asking all residents to discharge the water from their sump pumps to the outside of their home. The water from the sump pump should be kept on your property. Water from sump pumps that discharge into floor drains goes directly into the sanitary sewer system and is a main contributor to overloading the sewer mains and Wastewater Treatment Plant. The result of these overloaded sewer mains causes backups into not only your basement, but also your neighbor's basements. *If you have questions, please contact the Wastewater Plant at 386-4711.*



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ANNUAL DOG AND CAT LICENSING REQUIRED

The City of Jefferson requires that all dogs and cats are licensed annually by the City of Jefferson at the Jefferson Police Department. Proof of current vaccinations is mandated at the time of purchase of the license.

The fee schedule is:

- \$5.00 per year for spay / neutered pets
- \$10.00 per year for non/spayed / non-neutered pets
- For more than (4) pets:
- \$20.00 per year for each additional pet over (4) total, spayed / neutered.
- \$40.00 per year for each additional pet over (4) total, non-spayed / non-neutered.



The new license year starts January 1, 2009.

It is also a violation of City Code for your pet to be without a current license. A pet brought to our attention without a current license could result in the owner being charged with a simple misdemeanor.

Your assistance in voluntarily licensing your pets would be appreciated.

Dan Taylor, *Chief of Police*

GOING GREEN

Did you know the City of Jefferson offers a Direct Payment Service? A simple form is available at City Hall. The City will have the water bill automatically deducted from either your checking or savings account on the due date, which is normally the 15th of each month.

No more late payments and you will be "going green" by saving gas, paper and postage. Why not sign up today?

BEST BUY INCLUDES IOWA STORES IN TEST FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

(Program to expand the electronics, appliance recycling options available to consumers in 117 stores nationwide.)

Minnesota-based Best Buy Co., Inc. has included its Iowa stores in a pilot e-recycling program that began June 1, 2008. At the Best Buy stores in Des Moines, Waterloo, Mason City, Sioux City, West Des Moines and Ames, customers are invited to bring in no more than two units per day, per household, for recycling at no charge. Customers can bring items such as televisions and monitors up to 32", computers, phones, cameras and other electronics devices and peripherals in for recycling. Televisions or monitor screens greater than 32", console televisions, air conditioners, microwaves and appliances are not included in the pilot program. Best Buy will work with its stores, recycling partners and manufacturers to evaluate the success of the test and determine options for scaling it across the U. S.

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**CITY ANNOUNCES FALL CLEAN UP DATES
OCTOBER 20-OCTOBER 24, 2008**

Fall Clean Up Week is the perfect time to prepare your yard and house for those long winter months by disposing of your old furniture, leaves and unsightly items lying around your property.

Your pick up day will be the day your garbage is normally collected. **Reminder: These materials must be separated.** Metal with metal, wood with wood, garbage with garbage, yard waste, etc. **If this is not done the material will be left.**

Charges will apply for appliances and e-waste items. All other items will be free. Also, yard waste bags do not need a sticker this week.

For further information watch for articles that will be published in the Jefferson Bee and Herald newspapers.

BRUSH CHIPPING — The week of October 20th is the **final** brush chipping week for the year. This is Jefferson's fall clean up, so your brush will be picked up on your regularly scheduled garbage day.

INSIDE YOUR CITY

Officials from the Department of Transportation will be meeting with the City staff and the City engineering firms of MHF Engineering and Snyder and Associates to begin preliminary design work on a four lane \$10.5 million overpass at the intersection of State Highway 4 and the Union Pacific Railroad.

A \$4 million federal grant was awarded to the City in 2007. It will be utilized to finance the costs for engineering and acquiring additional land to construct the overpass. Additional funding will be sought through federal grants and local funding.

The Jefferson City Council passed a policy on the replacement of sidewalks in response to deteriorating residential sidewalks throughout the City. Under the policy, the City would identify sidewalks in need of repair and notify the property owner. The City would remove the existing sidewalk and install the sidewalk themselves or hire a contractor to do the work. The property owner would only pay for the concrete. The intent of the replacement program is to initially focus on immediate safety hazards and work with property owners who have expressed interest in replacing their sidewalks.

The City and Chamber of Commerce are conducting interviews with businesses, seeking feedback on topics of communication, promotion, improvements, services and image. The interviews are conducted at each business location so the City and Chamber representatives can view the facility in order to better understand their business.

Newsletter Articles

- FALL CLEAN UP
- INSIDE YOUR CITY
- FALL BURNING
- WATER DEPT.
- WATER METER ACCESS
- WINTER SUGGESTIONS
- GARBAGE PICKUP
- RECYCLING
- GCCC AEROBICS ROOM
- ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS
- PARKING ON STREETS
- SNOW ON STREETS
- SNOW ON SIDEWALKS
- PUBLIC LIBRARY
- SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE
- PET LICENSES
- GOING GREEN
- BEST BUY RECYCLING

Columbus Day
Monday, October 13, 2008
All City offices closed.
Mon. thru Thurs. garbage & recycling routes delayed 1 day.

Beggar's Night
Friday, October 31, 2008
Suggested 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Veteran's Day
Tuesday, November 11, 2008
(observed)
All City offices closed.
Tues. thru Thurs. garbage & recycling routes delayed 1 day.

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 27, 2008
All City offices closed.
Day after Thanksgiving, City Hall closed, but Thurs. & Fri. garbage & recycling routes will be picked up on Fri., Nov. 28

Christmas
City offices close at 12:00 p.m. December 24th. All City offices closed 12/25. Thurs. & Fri. garbage & recycling routes will be picked up on Fri., Dec. 26

New Years Day
Thursday, January 1, 2009
All City offices closed.
Thurs & Fri. garbage routes will be picked up on Fri., Jan. 2

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 19, 2009
All City offices closed.
Mon. thru Thurs. garbage & recycling routes delayed 1 day.

President's Day
Monday, February 16, 2009
All City Offices closed.
Mon. thru Thurs. garbage & recycling routes delayed 1 day.

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