

CITY OF MINBURN NEWSLETTER



October - 2024

CITY HALL HOURS

Monday, 11:00-7:00

Tue-Fri, 8:00-4:00

Sat & Sun, Closed

Phone: (515)677-2245

Email: cityclerk@minburn.org

Website: Minburn.org

OFFICIALS

Joe Stuetelberg – Mayor

Meaghan Bennett – Council

Megan Cline – Council

Laura Helm – Council

Jared Mills – Council

Charlotte White – Council

Chris Helm – Clerk & Works

Abby Embree – Library Dir.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Minburn Residents,

As we approach the end of 2024, I'd like to share some exciting updates, offer a few ideas for the future, and express my sincere gratitude for being part of such a vibrant, close-knit community. Thanks to a partnership with Congressman Zach Nunn, we've secured \$2 million to invest in Minburn's water infrastructure. This funding will help us design and build a new water distribution system that will better serve all our residents. Construction is expected to begin in late 2025 or early 2026, and we will keep you informed as more details become available.

We are also fortunate to have such amazing local businesses and restaurants right here in our small town. It's heartwarming to see so many of you supporting them, and these businesses truly give life to our community. They help make Minburn a special place and draw visitors to our town.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to express how proud I am of our town's spirit of togetherness. Whether it's volunteering for one of our great events or lending a helping hand to a neighbor, it's clear that Minburn is a Small Town with a BIG Heart. Thank you for continuing to support each other and for making our community a wonderful place to live. Keep it up!

Warm regards,
Mayor Stuetelberg

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION



We are pleased to announce that Abby Embree has been appointed as the new Library Director. A recent graduate of the University of Iowa, Abby brings her love of books and valuable experience from her previous work in library settings. This fall, she will further her expertise by pursuing a Master's Degree in Library Science at Indiana University.

Outside of her professional commitments, Abby enjoys reading, spending time with her cat, Birdie, and exploring national parks. Please join us in welcoming Abby to her new role at the Minburn Library!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October

- 7 – Legion Auxiliary Meeting
7pm – Legion Hall
- 7 – Craft Club – Paper Pumpkins
All Day
- 14 – Regular City Council Meeting
7pm – City Hall
- 23/24 – “Fall into Reading”
All Day Event
- 31 – Trunk-or-Treat @ Meek Park
5:30-7pm – Baker Street

November

- 4 – Legion Auxiliary Meeting
7pm – Legion Hall
- 5 – **Election Day** (General Election)
- 11 – Regular City Council Meeting
7pm – City Hall
- 14 – Book Club – 11am
Remarkably Bright Creatures
- 28 – Thanksgiving – City Hall Closed

Please welcome Chris Helm, our new City Clerk and Public Works Director.

He comes to us with a background as a former teacher, bringing creativity and dedication to his new role. Outside of work, Chris enjoys spending quality time with his wife, Laura, and their two beloved dogs. In his free time, he loves to BBQ, attend live shows, camp, and play disc golf.

We are excited to have Chris on board and look forward to the energy and enthusiasm he will bring to our city. Welcome, Chris!



CITY OF MINBURN GRINDER PUMP NOTICE

In the event your grinder pump alarm activates, please follow these steps:

NOTICE: WATER LINE INSPECTION

City representatives will be conducting waterline inspections in the coming weeks. These inspections are checking for the presence of booster pumps. Please be aware that booster pumps without a low-pressure cut-off are prohibited.

We appreciate your cooperation as we work to ensure compliance and maintain the safety and integrity of our water system.

UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE

Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a new crisis program to aid in paying past due water bills.

For more information, please contact
New Opportunities - Dallas County
Phone: (515) 465-5185 ext. 4090
1212 2nd Street Perry, IA

1. Press the button located at the bottom of the electrical box (the box with the red light on top) to silence the alarm.
2. The alarm should reset within one hour. If the alarm does not reset, please contact City Hall.
3. If the alarm activates after business hours, leave a message, and we will respond on the next business day.

The following items must not be disposed of through the grinder system:

-Glass	-Metal	-Seafood Shells	-Coffee Grinds
-Diapers	-Explosives	-Grease/Cooking Oil	-Paint
-Egg Shells	-Gravel/Sand	-Socks/rags/cloth	-Floor Stripper
-Kitty Litter	-Gasoline	-Strong Chemicals	-Lubricating Oil
-“Flushable” Wipes	-Sanitary Napkins or Tampons	-Plastic	

Hair and Grinder Pump Maintenance: Hair can also be detrimental to the grinder pump. Although it is impossible to prevent all hair from entering the system, we recommend using an inexpensive trap in your tub, shower, or sink to catch most of the hair. Hair can wrap around a valve, preventing it from closing properly and causing the pump to wear out faster.

-Use common sense when disposing of items. Anything hard or fibrous can bind the grinder and cause damage.

-Items processed by a garbage disposal can also be gritty and cause damage to the grinder system.

Liability Notice:

***** Any damage caused to the grinder pump by improper disposal of prohibited items will result in repair costs being charged to the homeowner. *****

MINBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Hours:

Monday: 10am-6pm
Tuesday: 4pm-8pm
Wednesday: 10am-4pm
Thursday: 10am-4pm
Friday: 10am-4pm
Saturday: 10am - 2pm
Sunday: Closed

Contact:

Phone: (515)726-3900
Email: Library@minburnlibrary.com
Website: MinburnLibrary.com



LIBRARY EVENTS

Craft Club: Paper Pumpkins

October 7th | All Day

Get creative with us at Craft Club this month, where we'll be making paper pumpkins. Stop by anytime during the day to participate!

"Fall into Reading" Escape Room

October 23rd & 24th | All Day

Join us for a fun, fall-themed escape room experience! The event runs all day, but reservations are required, so be sure to call ahead to secure your spot. (515)726-3900

Trunk or Treat

October 31st | 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Celebrate Halloween with our annual Trunk-or-Treat event. Lineup for cars begins at 5:00 PM, and the festivities start at 5:30 PM. Bring the whole family for a fun evening!

November Book Club: Remarkably Bright Creatures

November 14th | 11:00 AM

Our next book club will discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. Book pick-up begins October 10th, and both the pick-up and book club meeting will start at 11:00 AM.

Mark your calendars and join us for these great events!



Feel free to visit and take what you need, no questions asked.

We welcome donations, including perishable items, as we have both refrigerator and freezer storage available.

Questions?

Contact the library at
515-726-3900.

Eat Greater Des Moines and Hunger Free Dallas County have been generously providing donations to our food pantry twice a month, typically during the 3rd and 4th weeks. If you require immediate assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.