

# Council Corner

*Updates and highlights on Council events, information and more!*

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## July Meetings

Due to the holiday, City Council moved the regular City Council meetings to the second and fourth Monday for the month of July.

July 10 @ 6:00 p.m.

July 24 @ 6:00 p.m.

## City Hall Hours

Monday—Friday

8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

### Lake Petocka Fitness Stations

The City of Bondurant would like to acknowledge Cole Nicholson's efforts on the Eagle Scout fitness stations project he completed around Lake Petocka. The project is a great example of the community goals of expanding and enhancing recreational opportunities for residents of all ages. The stations will provide a free and unique fitness choice for residents of all ages to improve their health. His ingenuity and dedication to see the project through completion is a great example of leadership.



### Heritage Park

The scope of services for Heritage Park was approved at the May 15, 2017 City Council meeting. The Parks and Recreation Board voted on May 18, 2017 to establish the name of the waterway going North and East from Grant Street, South as Heritage Park. The City Council agreed and approved the name on June 5, 2017.

To see the layout of the Park, stop into City Hall to view the map. Also, you are invited to attend an informational meeting to discuss plans for Heritage Park on Monday, July 17, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and/or Thursday, July 20, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the City Center.

Roger Silver, the Landscape Architect from Nilles Associates, will present concept drawings. Related pages from the Community Visioning Program will also be present. A 10-minute presentation with a questions and answer session will also be held.

## Fireworks

The State Legislature passed legislation that legalizes fireworks. The attached ordinance puts in place some measures of how fireworks in Bondurant could be sold and discharged. This matter was discussed at the June 5th Council meeting.

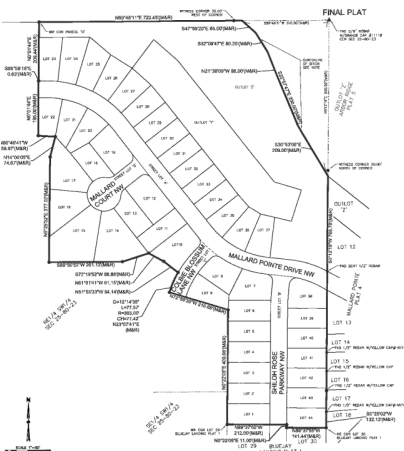
The ordinance reflects minor changes discussed at that meeting. The ordinance restricts fireworks discharges to the days of July 3 between the hours 2:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and July 4, between the hours 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. It also requires that those discharging fireworks be 18 years of age (or in the immediate presence of a parent or guardian with consent to supervise) and cannot show signs of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Additionally, an individual discharging fireworks would need to do so on his/her own property or have the consent of the property owner. Discharge on public property is prohibited. The individual would also be responsible for clearing debris from the discharge.



The ordinance also indicates that an individual cannot explode consumer fireworks within 600 feet of the property line of a property containing any structure which offers combustible material for sale; a medical clinic, hospital, child care facility or senior living facility. Maps are attached to show the approximate radius of the areas in which fireworks discharge would be prohibited.

The ordinance requires those selling fireworks have a state and city permit to do so and insurance of not less than a \$2M per occurrence and \$5M aggregate. Sales can only occur within structures complying with all zoning, fire, building, electrical and plumbing codes. A separate ordinance regulating fireworks sales is going through the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing process and will be forwarded to the City Council once that has been completed. This may take a few months as this hearing will occur after the ordinance updating the Zoning code is completed.

## Blue Jay Landing Plat 2

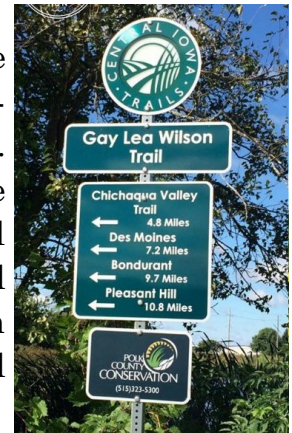


The owner/developer of the property is Classic Builders out of Ankeny. The engineer/surveyor is Civil Design Advantage out of Grimes. The property is located on the north side of 2nd Street, Northwest. The zoning of the property is R-2, Medium Density Residential District.

Plat 2 includes 44 lots and will connect to Blue Jay Landing Plat 1 and Mallard Pointe Plat 4.

## Gay Lea Wilson Trail Grant Submission

The City of Bondurant has made a commitment to completing the multi-use trail known as the Gay Lea Wilson Trail and proposes to extend the trail south along Mud Creek across Highway 65 to I-80 West. The City intends to submit a grant application to obtain funding for the Gay Lea Wilson Trail Extension, through the State Recreational Trail program. The City of Bondurant will maintain the trail for its intended use and maintain the proposed Extension in public use for a minimum of 20 years following the project completion. The City Council endorsed the application on June 19, 2017



## New Park Land

The City recently purchased approximately 24 acres north of Lake Petocka. The property closed on Friday, June 9th. The plan is to expand the recreation fields in that area. In order to develop the property as intended, it is necessary to perform engineering work and develop construction documents so that a contract can be let later in the summer.

An agreement with Veenstra & Kimm to perform survey, planning and design for improvements to the 24 acre site that would include grading, drainage improvements and seeding for future recreational fields as well as a new trail connection along the site's eastern border was approved. The engineer will work with civic organizations and city staff to define the details and materials, timeline, phasing and staging requirements. Additionally, they will create construction documents, cost estimates and scheduling and coordinate sub consultants. The amount of the contract is not to exceed \$16,550.



The goal is to have plans ready and let a contract later this summer for grading work in the fall.

## Boxcar BBQ



Daryl Bailey submitted a Site Plan for the Boxcar BBQ located at 103 Main Street, Southeast (white building next to Reclaimed Rails). Daryl & Marci Bailey own the property. Boxcar BBQ will serve as a restaurant in downtown Bondurant.



## Calendar City Council Meetings

The following meetings will be held in the Council Chambers:

July 10 @ 6:00 p.m.

July 24 @ 6:00 p.m.

For the most current information, go to [www.cityofbondurant.com](http://www.cityofbondurant.com).

## Disconnect Day



The City of Bondurant sends out utility bills the first of every month. Payment is due on the 15th, and on the 16th, we add 10% to your original

amount. Each month, a date is determined for "disconnect day" (please note that the date is not the same each month). If a payment is not received by the date listed on the notice that is mailed out to you, the City will disconnect your water and a \$50 non-payment fee will be applied to your utility bill.

City Hall does offer automatic payment. With Automatic Payment, your payment is automatically withdrawn from your account, at the financial institution of your choice, on the 15th of the billed month. If the 15th is on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the withdrawal will be on the following business day. You will continue to receive a billing statement each month so you can make the proper entry in your account register.

We also offer a paperless option for your utility bill. We have the capability to email your bill if you desire.

### **Disconnect Day is July 26.**

If you have questions or concerns regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact City Hall.

## Prairie Landscapes of Iowa

The City secured a REAP grant to assist with the development of some amenities at Lake Petocka and at Bondurant City Hall. The projects included a shelter with restrooms at Lake Petocka; the installation of a grinder pump; erosion control/bank stabilization; installation of storm water treatment cells (city hall); cultivation of a 1.5 acre site restoration with native mix; construction of a sewer line; and some work that had been done to the south shelter.

The memorandum of understanding addresses the 1.5 acre site restoration with native mix and the storm water treatments cells, located on the east side of City Hall. This will help with a damp area in the ground on the northeast side of city hall. This agreement also covers some native grasses to be installed in Heritage Park.

There are many benefits to native plants. They are easy to grow as they are adapted to local conditions and no fertilizer is needed. They obtain all the nutrients needed from the native soil. Because their roots are longer, they provide soil stabilizing benefits, helping to reduce erosion from wind and water. Native plants are also four times more attractive to bees and butterflies.

As these areas grow, it is important to remember that in the first year, the native grasses/flowers "sleep," meaning that they will look somewhat anemic. The second year, the natives "creep," meaning they grow slowly. The third year, natives "leap" and grow quickly. Maintenance costs are slated to go down in years three and four.

We are planning to put some signs in that say "Prairie in Progress."

