

# Council Corner

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

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## Holiday Closings

City Hall will be closed on Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day, and Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.

## City Hall Hours

Monday—Friday  
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

### Citizen Surveys

Recently, the City of Bondurant partnered with the University of Iowa's Institute of Public Affairs and conducted a Citizen Survey. The survey asks residents to indicate their level of satisfaction with city services, ranging from fire services to community growth. The survey was mailed to 780 random households in Bondurant. In total, 237 completed surveys were received, which yielded a response rate of 30.4%. The survey was designed to yield a traditional level of confidence level of 9%, with a margin of error of + or - 5%.

The survey indicated that 97.5% rated Bondurant as a nice place to live. The vast majority (68%) of residents believe the overall quality of city services received are "very satisfied" or "satisfied."

The three highest rated services were Library (78.5%), Fire (75.5%), and Water (75.4%). The three lowest rated services were Street Repair (29.5%), Snow Removal (28.2%), and Economic Development (27.5%).

Click on the link below to view the results:

[2016 Bondurant Citizen Survey](#)



### Fall Clean-up

Saturday, November 5

Solid Waste—Curbside

Yard Waste Drop-off Site—Public Works Building (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Appliances Drop-off Site—Public Works Building (8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ONLY)



The Public Works Building is located at 306 1st Street, Northwest behind the American Legion.

Contact City Hall with any questions at 515-967-2418 or [info@cityofbondurant.com](mailto:info@cityofbondurant.com).

\*\*\*FOR RESIDENTS WITHIN BONDURANT CITY LIMITS ONLY\*\*\*

### Gay Lea Wilson Trail—Segment 3

Work has begun on the third segment of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail on Grant Street, South. The paving project will connect the Bondurant Regional Trailhead to Brick Street, Southeast. The project is expected to be completed this year.

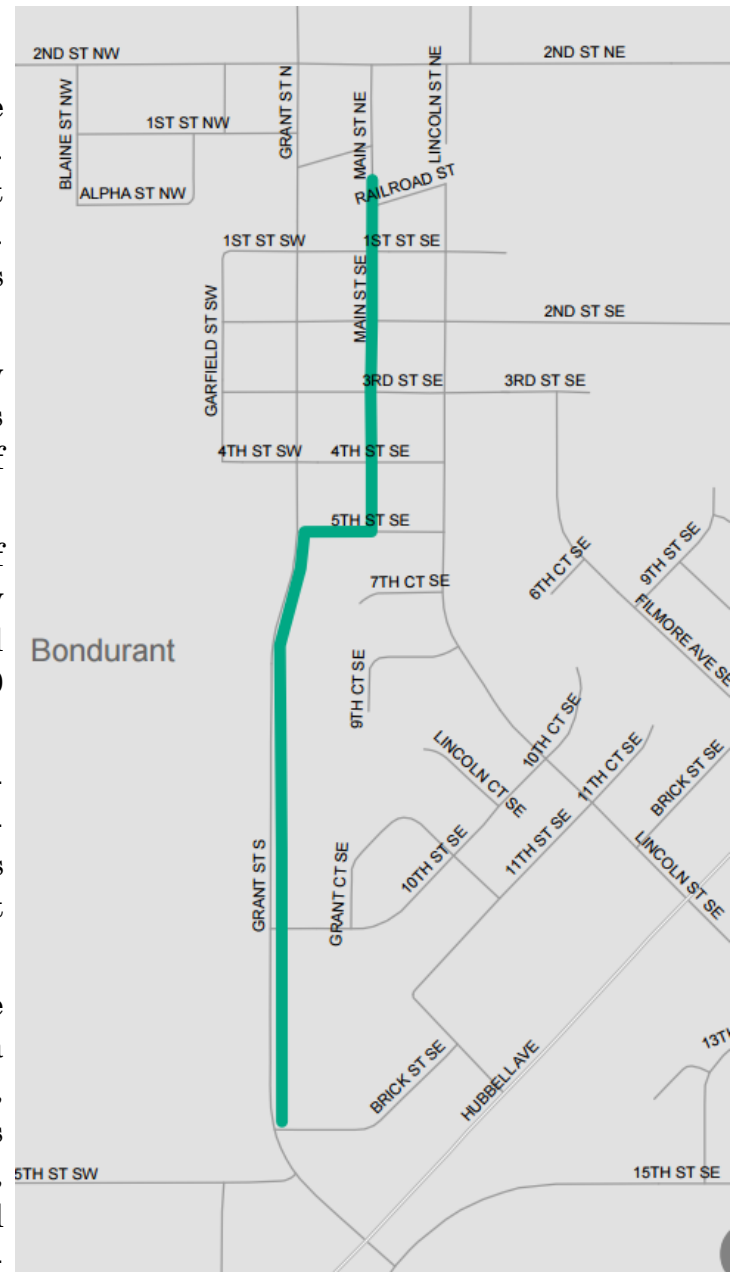
RW Excavating and Dozing submitted the low bid in the amount of \$398,330, which was \$109,000 below the Engineer's estimate of \$507,430.

The City has funds allocated from the MPO of \$392,000 for this work. The Lohse Family Foundation had allocated an additional \$100,000 which made for a total of \$492,000 available for the project.

The Bondurant Development, Inc. Arts & Recreation Committee have funds available to extend the paved trail through the Porch Swings & Fireflies site (project at Hwy 65 & Grant Street, South).

The City of Bondurant's 2030 Comprehensive Plan (2012) identified green infrastructure as a priority for Bondurant. The City's 2013 Park, Trail and Greenway Master Plan supports trails such as Segment 3 Gay Lea Wilson Trail, East because it will connect neighborhoods and promote active living and allow for greater appreciation of natural amenities. One of the City's goals is to encourage transportation alternatives for community members by maintaining and expanding the trail network and where possible, link destination areas (schools, Main Street, parks and neighborhoods) by the trail system and tie the local trail system to regional trail networks.

Gay Lea Wilson Trail, East serves the community by allowing people in residential areas to access the Bondurant City Center, Post Office and Bondurant Community Library at the north end of the trail and travel to businesses located on Main Street and to Bondurant Middle School and the two elementary schools. The trail will also provide a route to Brick Street Market and Café, Legacy Bank and Casey's General Store. Eventually people will be able to commute to Altoona on the Mud Creek Trail.



## Iowa's Living Roadways Projects Program

The City of Bondurant has been selected to receive funding through the Iowa's Living Roadways Projects Program administered by Trees Forever. The Bondurant Community Visioning Program Committee identified community landscaping as one of several key projects. They have selected three sites for the initial landscaping nodes, along the existing Chichaqua Valley Trail as it intersects with three key streets in Bondurant. The purpose of the project is to create a cohesive community image and visual connectedness in different areas of town through use of a consistent landscaping palette. The nodes will increase habitat diversity by replacing typical lawn grass with native plants that will be attractive to pollinators. The landscaping will also call increased attention to where the recreational trail crosses the three different streets, and thus reduce the risk of traffic accidents at those intersections by slowing vehicle traffic.

This project is an ongoing project that will be maintained by the City.



*Trail landscaping using pollinator friendly native species, looking northeast from existing trail along 2nd St. NE*

## Polk County Aviation Authority

Ankeny Regional Airport serves executive and corporate travel, freight operations and general aviation in the Des Moines metropolitan area.

The Polk County Aviation Authority (PCAA) is the owner and operator of the Ankeny Regional Airport. The board members set policies, direct operations and appraise the airport's performance.

The board is composed of seven representatives appointed by the local government partners that form the PCAA: Polk County (3 members), Altoona (1 member), Ankeny (2 members), Bondurant (1 member).

On October 17, City Council appointed Jake Nilles to represent Bondurant on PCAA.

## High School Addition



The Site Plan for the High School addition was approved this month. The Site Plan involves a classroom addition on the north side of the high school and an auditorium addition on the south side of the high school.

Construction is planned to start in the spring of 2017 with an anticipated opening of the classrooms in the fall of 2018, and the auditorium opening near the semester break.

## Calendar City Council Meetings

The following meetings will be held in the Council Chambers:

November 7 @ 6:00 p.m.

November 21 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

## Remember to Vote!

Election Day is coming soon. Please plan to join your neighbors and friends and vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8. To register to vote, change your address, request an absentee ballot or to find your precinct location, go to the Polk County Auditor's website at [www.polkcountyiowa.gov/auditor](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/auditor). You can vote at your precinct from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. as well as other satellite voting stations. Need to know more about your candidates? Candidate resumes as well as their position on important community issues are available online at [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org), the 2016 online candidate Voter Guide.

## Street Sweeping

Starts the week of November 14, and will continue for 2-3 weeks, weather permitting.



## Bulk Regulations



City Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission held a Special Meeting on Monday, October 24 to discuss the current Bulk Regulations in the Zoning Code. They compared them to similar Cities in Iowa and Cities around the metro.

Council and the Commission agreed on changes in the R-1 and R-2 zoning regulations. A resolution

was approved at the October 27th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, and has been forwarded to City Council to approve at the November 7th meeting.

The change will take effect on January 1, 2017.

## Yard Waste Collection

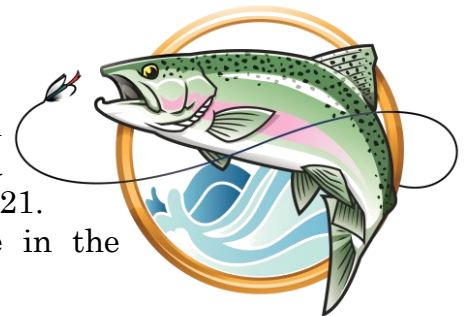
With cooler weather here, raking your leaves is not too far behind. Be prepared and ready to "fall" into good yard waste disposal habits by purchasing the right bags and stickers for curbside disposal.



Curbside collection of yard waste through the Compost It! program ends Nov. 30, which gives you ample time to rake leaves, prune bushes and get rid of spent annuals and garden debris. Using the program properly will ensure your yard waste doesn't get left at the curb.

## Trout Stock

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources stocked Lake Petocka with 1500 trout on Friday, October 21. Plans for another trout stock are in the works for early next year.



Check out their video from the stock on our Facebook page!