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- Walcott Lions Club
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- Walcott Mutual Insurance Assn.
- Walcott Trust & Savings Bank
- Walcott Volunteer Firefighters Assn.
- Walcott Women

Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NEWSLETTER

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Walcott American Legion Post 548 Avenue of Flags 2016

For \$35 per year, the Walcott American Legion members will place a 3'x5' American Flag in the front yard of your home or business on the following holidays and special events:

Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

Volunteers will deliver and place a flag in your yard before the holiday and take it down after. The Walcott American Legion Post will be responsible for any repairs or replacement if it were to become, soiled, damaged or stolen. **Anyone may sign up for this program** at any time and the cost will be prorated by \$7 per holiday. Your donation will help provide support to Veterans, the community, and several American Legion youth programs such as the Oratorical Contest, Cub Scouts and Boys State.

Show your patriotism and support by signing up today!

All you need to do is fill out the following information and return it at your convenience.

Make checks payable to American Legion Post 548. Return to Brian Mengler

351 E. Memorial Rd, Walcott, IA 52773. Any questions contact Brian at (563) 284-5187

We will contact Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989 for location of utilities prior to installing flags.



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Underground Sprinklers? _____

Underground Dog Fence? _____

Renewal _____ New _____

Chamber members may submit articles by the 15th of each month to be included in the next chamber newsletter. Articles written may be edited or reduced as space provides. Contact Kris Burt at 284-9028 or email at cwkkburt@msn.com.

WALCOTT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 388 • Walcott, IA 52773

Ads for members cost: business card - \$20, 1/4 page - \$35, and 1/2 page - \$70. Ads for non-members cost: business card - \$40, 1/4 page - \$70 and 1/2 page - \$140. Please contact Wendy Minnick at 386-4566.

CHAMBER DIRECTORS

- Wendy Minnick, Chairperson
- Karla Burt, Vice Chairperson
- Linda Rivers, Secretary & Treasurer
- Kris Burt, Newsletter Editor



The 2016 recycling calendars for City of Walcott garbage & recycling customers were mailed with the December bills. Extra calendars are available at City Hall.

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

The Walcott Public Works Dept. will be picking up live Christmas trees at the curb on Monday, December 28th and Monday, January 4th. Please have trees curbside by 8:00 a.m. **No bags around trees.**

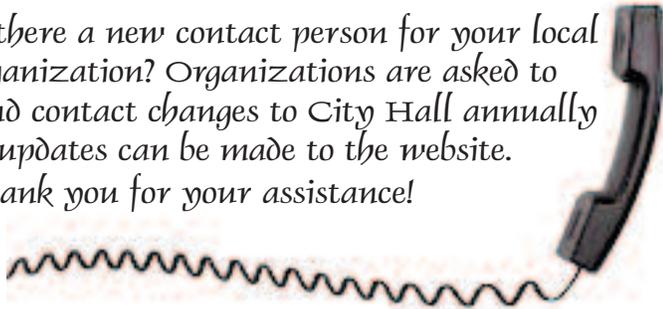


SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Shelter and gazebo reservations may be made by contacting City Hall at 563.284.6571 ext. 10 starting February 1st. Reservations will become effective when the completed reservation form and the nonrefundable fee of \$35 are remitted to the City Clerk's office. Unreserved shelters will still be available on a first come, first served basis.

ORGANIZATION CONTACTS

Is there a new contact person for your local organization? Organizations are asked to send contact changes to City Hall annually so updates can be made to the website. Thank you for your assistance!



2016 PET LICENSES

are now available at City Hall. The annual fee is \$3.00 per cat or dog and proof of a rabies vaccination is required. License fees become delinquent on April 1st.



**WALCOTT DAY SPONSORED
CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST WINNERS**
White: 431 W Parkview Drive
Color: 303 E Otis Street
Religious: 417 Michelle Lane
Animation: 110 Century Street
Overall: 204 Cedar Lane Drive

Thanks to all who decorated and made the town festive!

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION VACANCY

Applications are being accepted to fill a vacancy, term ending 12/31/2016, on the Walcott Planning & Zoning Commission. Applications can be found at www.cityofwalcott.com or at Walcott City Hall.

The Planning & Zoning Commission meets as needed on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The Commission reviews and makes recommendations to the City Council on matters regarding zoning, planning, and development.

Submit completed application to City Hall at 128 W. Lincoln Street by February 10, 2016. All applicants must be a resident of the City of Walcott and at least 18 years of age. All applications are subject to the open record laws of the State of Iowa.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Saturday, February 6th, 2016 • 6-9pm

Walcott American Legion

Sponsored by Walcott Women

Tickets available from Lisa Mengler, Kelly Quick,

Jenn Schaeffer, or Meribeth Chesnutt.

Walcott Women will also be selling tickets around town at different locations.



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WALCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

November 2015 Calls

EMS	19
Haz Mat	1
MVC	1
Other	2
Fire	2
Total for month	25
YTD	326

Note from WFD:
Hope everyone had a great Christmas and safe New Year. Remember: use appropriate rated drop cords, clear area around space heaters, and replace furnace filters



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Serving 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Cost - \$10.00 in advance

\$11.00 at the door

Kid's Chicken Nugget Meal - \$4.00

Homemade desserts - \$1.50

**Advance tickets available from any
Walcott Legion member**

For further information, call 284-6640

WALCOTT SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year to our Walcott Panther Family! We hope that many blessings will find you in 2016. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

Our boys basketball season will begin with our first game on January 19th, so be sure to make it out to Walcott for some exciting "hoops" this year. Let's cheer our Panthers on to victory!!!!

Be sure to take a look at our new web site on the Davenport Community School District web page (davenportschools.org). Click on "Our Schools", then hi-light "School Web Sites" and then click on Walcott Elementary or Intermediate. You will be able to see our calendar of events there.

Don't forget - Every Wednesday is a one hour early dismissal at 2:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Rockin' Robyn Stender

Walcott School Secretary



Walcott CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

**Support your Chamber by attending
the meeting at City Hall.**

Monday, January 11th @ 12:30

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BETTER VALUE



We are looking for junior boys and girls interested in attending Boys State and Girls State. The week long events take place in June. You will learn through hands-on experience about the political system involved in the government of Iowa.

If you are interested in interviewing for this educational and interesting event, please call Richard and Mary Golinghorst, Boy and Girl State Chairman, at 284-6556.



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CALVARY NEWS

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR:

The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'THESE ARE MY APPOINTED FESTIVALS, THE APPOINTED FESTIVALS OF THE LORD, WHICH YOU ARE TO PROCLAIM AS SACRED ASSEMBLIES.'" (Leviticus 23:1-2)

Did you ever wonder where the holidays came from? We celebrate many holidays in this country, some are religious holidays like Christmas and Easter (neither of which is mentioned in Leviticus, by the way), some are not. The passage in Leviticus I've mentioned above goes on to name seven festivals that are to be observed without fail. Ours are different than the ones mentioned in the Old Testament but all holidays have one thing in common no matter what their origins. Holidays are how communities remember what is most important.

One of the things I love about New Year's Day is the opportunity it gives me to start afresh. This past year has been a hard one in many ways. That is often the case. New Year's Day reminds me that I can release what has gone before and step forward. It's not a religious holiday, but we can choose to make it a significant one.

PASTOR AL
PRESCHOOL UPDATE: Preschool is on their Christmas break. They will resume again on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. They still have openings for 3-5 year olds. You can contact the Preschool by calling 284-6122.

CALVARY KIDS CLUB: Calvary Kids Club will resume on Wednesday, January 14th at 3:45 p.m. This will be a 10-week session, ending on Wednesday, March 16th with our banquet. Letters with registration forms will be sent out in the near future. If you are new and would like information on this program, you can contact the church office at 284-6213. Their hours are M-F 8 AM - 12 NOON.

WALCOTT ATHLETICS

Registration for Softball and baseball sponsored by Walcott Athletics

will be January 13th

from 5-8pm in the

Small gym at Walcott School.

Contact Kaci Kraft at

(563) 340-8817 or

13.kaci.kraft@gmail.com

with any questions.



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WALCOTT LIONS TRIVIA NIGHT



Saturday January 30 @ Walcott Coliseum

Doors Open at 6pm, Trivia Starts at 7pm. \$10 per person or Reserve a table of 8 by Jan. 23 for \$75. Reservation can be made by emailing kmpuck@yahoo.com; calling 284-0002; or by U.S. mail to P.O. Box 891, Walcott, IA 52773.

Proceeds will support Walcott Lions' projects, including Scholarships, eye screening at local pre-schools, and assistance for eyeglasses, hearing aids, and handicap ramps to the needy.

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Walcott, IA 52773

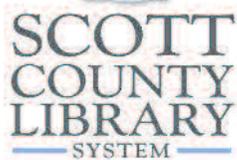
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story times. Besides hearing holiday stories, we made origami and edible dreidels for Hanukkah, cheese Christmas trees and cards for Christmas, paper 'crackers' like they have in England, and reindeer treats. **THERE WILL BE NO PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES IN JANUARY** because of winter weather and vacations. In February we will feature books and activities about Valentine's Day, Presidents, Dogs, and Cats.

Our book club read *The Weight of Silence* by Heather Guidenkauf for our January 4 discussion. It relates the fictional story of two little girls who disappear, told from the perspectives of the people in their lives. Our next book is *Olive Kitteridge*, by Elizabeth Strout, about a retired schoolteacher who deplores the changes in her small Maine town and the world at large, but fails to notice the changes in the people around her. The book is available at the library for check-out in print or CD format and also online. All interested persons are invited for our brief but interesting discussion on February 1.

Please make it a New Year's resolution to visit a library this year if it's been awhile since you stepped into one. Libraries have undergone many changes in the past decades. Silence is no longer required but respectful quiet is. People seldom browse the shelves for books to read but order specific titles they've heard about to be delivered to the library of their choice. Computers are available for those who do not have them or the printers they need to print-out tax forms and documentation. Books and magazines are available to purchase at prices lower than any store. Free publications like *Radish*, *Family Focus*, and *50+* are available. No matter what your interests are, the library has resources for you at no cost. Our Walcott branch of the Scott County Library System may be small but we have access to all of the larger libraries within a 50-mile radius and beyond. Hope to see some new faces in 2016!



LIBRARY NEWS

Here we are in 2016, a leap year, so everyone will receive another day to enjoy--and read! Hopefully you had a wonderful holiday season. If you received any new books and want to make space for them, you can always donate the books you've already read to the library to sell. They're priced very cheaply and generate money for the children's programs.

Speaking of children's programs, we had lots of fun at our Friday morning preschool

BLUE GRASS COMMUNITY CLUB



Trivia night - Hawaiian Theme
Saturday, January 16th
Doors open at 6:00pm
Trivia starts at 7:00pm
Teams of 8, \$10 per person
Bring snacks, bar will be open
To reserve a table call Tami at 563.210.6195



DECEMBER 7, 2015 MINUTES

The semi-monthly meeting of the City Council of Walcott, Iowa, was held on Monday, the 7th day of December, 2015, at Walcott City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Puck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other council members present were: Tim Koehler, Virgil Wayne Latimer, Lisa Mengler, and Jackie Puck. Absent: Mayor Kostichek. City employees present: Jeff Blake, Steve Bowman, Josh Geigle, Lisa Rickertsen, Randy Reimers, Linda Rivers, and Tom Schirman.

Approval of Agenda. Jackie Puck moved and Mengler seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda. Koehler moved and Jackie Puck seconded to approve the consent agenda including the invoices, Resolution 2015-42 – Approving an Amendment to the Personnel Policy Handbook (Section 6.3 Insurance Benefits), and the minutes from November 16, 2015. Roll call ayes: Koehler, Jackie Puck, Jacob Puck, Latimer, and Mengler. Motion carried.

Beautification Awards. Mayor Pro Tem Jacob Puck presented Beautification Awards to owners of three commercial properties for recognition of renovation, restoration and/or landscaping work done at their properties. Awards were presented to the following: Luke Wegener – apartment building at 203 E. Bryant Street, Julie Needham – JDN Investments Inc. at 137 N. Main Street, and Richard Budelier – apartment building at 134 N. Main Street.

Main Street Streetscape Enhancement Project – Approval of Sidewalk Change. Rivers reported the remaining decorative street light installations should be completed next week. At the last meeting, there were concerns regarding compaction following the recent utility relocation work done by MidAmerican Energy. Rivers stated the area where the light bases were installed were not in areas that were disturbed by MidAmerican Energy, therefore did not require additional compaction. She also reported on the response from the contractor regarding the costs to reset the sidewalk forms. Koehler moved and Mengler seconded to approve the costs (\$2,000) to regrade the sidewalk and reset forms, per request from adjacent property owner, Denny Puck. Motion carried. This area is from B&D's north driveway to the north end of the project.

Scott County Library Board Updates. Kristal Koberg-Schaefer, Scott County Library Board Vice President, and Tricia Kane, Scott County Library Director, were present to report on their efforts to move the library to a larger location in Walcott. Schaefer reported the Board has decided to move forward with purchasing the building at 101 E. Durant Street which would allow them to expand their services. She reported the Board will be starting a campaign to raise funds to rehabilitate the building and asked for the City's support and to consider a donation towards the project. Discussion was held on the intent of the Hearts and Hands Foundation to facilitate fundraising efforts to purchase the building. Kane stated she and the Board President met with committee members to discuss options but once it was presented to the Library Board they voted for the Board to pursue purchasing the building. Koehler questioned if there would be an area for the Historical Society. Schaefer responded they are in the planning stages but it is something that could be considered. Sue Daly, Walcott Trust & Savings Bank, reported the bank is interested in the project and hoped the City would support and work together with the Library Board.

Building at 1113 N. Main Street – Realtor Contract. Jeff Heuer, Ruhl Commercial, was present and answered questions on his proposed realtor contract for the building at 1113 N. Main Street. Mengler moved and Jackie Puck seconded to approve the contract with Jeff Heuer, Ruhl Commercial, for a one-year listing. Motion carried.

Dissolve Vision Committee. The Vision Committee members filed paperwork to create a non-profit organization, Hearts and Hands Foundation, therefore the Vision Committee established by former Mayor Kristal Koberg-Schaefer in 2008 will be dissolved. Koehler moved and Jackie Puck seconded to dissolve the Vision

Committee. Motion carried. Vision Committee members Brent Arp, Brent Puck, Josie Dietz, and Karla Burt were in attendance at the meeting. Schaefer thanked the committee members and wished them luck moving forward with their Foundation.

Fire Department Report. Geigle presented a project worksheet to replace 21 out dated air pack bottles. A grant was received from Scott County Regional Authority, in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase. The remaining costs will be paid from the Fire Department Non-Resident and Donation Funds. Mengler moved and Latimer seconded to purchase 21 air pack bottles at a cost of \$19,110. Motion carried. Geigle also presented a project worksheet to purchase a Stihl K12 rescue saw for Engine #3, to be purchased from the Fire Department Donation Fund. Latimer moved and Mengler seconded to approve a Stihl K12 rescue saw for \$1,259.05. Motion carried.

Police Department Report. Three bids were received for the 2008 Ford Expedition, ranging from \$1,407 – \$2,786. Koehler moved and Jackie Puck seconded to sell the 2008 Ford Expedition to the highest bidder for \$2,786. Motion carried. Blake reported on the status of the new squad and a recent class DOT inspection class he attended with Officer Mayberry. Jackie Puck questioned how a snow emergency is declared. It will be listed on the next regular council agenda.

Public Works Department Report. Bowman reported on meeting with Rita Stender and his recommendation to approve her request to have the City deed her half (40') of the adjacent Rowe Street right-of-way. Stender was previously told by Council to obtain a survey of her lot. This will be placed on the next regular council agenda. Bowman reported on findings following lines that he had televised, at no cost. He stated he was obtaining bids to install sleeves on lines to help with infiltration issues. John Brockmann questioned replacing the lines instead of adding sleeves to the sanitary lines. Discussion ensued and Bowman reported they are focusing on troubled areas and have been plugging manhole covers. Bowman presented a project worksheet to purchase equipment to handle bulk chlorine storage. Koehler moved and Mengler seconded to approve the purchase of a pump, storage tanks, and installation from Hawkins at a cost of \$755. Motion carried. Mengler questioned recent OT and weekend duties. Bowman stated the two part-time certified operators have been rotating weekend duties with full-time staff for the past month.

City Clerk Report. Rickertsen reported on email issues that have not been resolved and requested permission to change the City's email host. Mengler moved and Jackie Puck seconded to approve switching to F&B Communications for the email host. Motion carried. Rickertsen also reported on the following:

- FYE 2015 annual examination report from the State Auditor's office.
- Drilling for the Phase 2 environmental study is planned for December 17th.
- Letter from Watersmith Engineering requesting water quality data in order to proceed with determining any treatment that will be required for the future splash pad discharge. Bowman's department will obtain information as requested.
- Presented aerial photo for purchase. Council was not interested in purchasing the \$150 photo. The City is in the process of obtaining a no-cost, city-wide aerial photo from the 2014 county-wide aerial project.

Questions & Concerns. Koehler questioned the insurance coverage, if any, if the environmental study indicates contamination of the lot. City insurance agent Brent Arp, was present and stated he would look into it. Jackie Puck and John Brockmann thanked the Vision Committee for their efforts on behalf of the community. Brockmann also thanked Brent Arp for his volunteer work and recent decorating at Prairie View Park. Joe Hahn reported the roof is leaking in the truck bay where the new addition was added in 2011. Bowman will obtain proposals for roof repairs.

Mengler moved and Jackie Puck seconded to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried. All votes on motions were unanimous, unless noted.



January 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BBB = Boys Basketball					1 <i>New Year's Day!! 12pm Barefoot Becky @ Coliseum</i>	2
3	4 6pm City Council Meeting	5 2nd Semester Begins <i>9am Community Coffee @ Courtyard</i> 6:30 pm Sheepshead @ Courtyard	6	7	8 6-8pm 3rd-5th Open Gym Night <i>7pm J. Beauchamp @ Coliseum</i>	9
10 1pm Barefoot Becky @ Coliseum	11 12:30 Chamber Meeting @ City Hall <i>4 pm-PTA Meeting in the IMC</i>	12 7pm Dominoes @ Courtyard	13 1:15pm 500 @ Courtyard <i>5-8pm baseball/softball registration @ School small gym</i> 6pm P&Z meeting @ City Hall <i>6pm Bingo @ Courtyard</i>	14	15 2 Hour Early Out	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL 6pm City Council Meeting	19 1pm History of Aprons @ Courtyard <i>4:30 pm- 7BBB @ JB Young, 8BBB @ Walcott</i>	20 2pm Bingo @ Courtyard	21 4:30 pm-7BBB @ Walcott, 8BBB @ Smart	22 5-8pm Legion Dinner @ Legion <i>6pm 8th Grade Open Gym Night</i> <i>7pm Lost Country Dancers @ Coliseum</i>	23
24	25 4 pm-7BBB @ Bettendorf, 4:30 p.m. 8BBB @ Walcott	26	27 1:15pm 500 @ Courtyard	28 4 pm-8BBB @ North Scott, 4:30 p.m. 7BBB @ Walcott	29	30 6pm Lions Trivia Night @ Coliseum
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Blue Grass Legion Home
106 South Juniata Street

Saturday, January 2, 2016

6:30 to 10:00 AM

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Pancakes • Scrambled Eggs • Sausage
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