



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Newsletter

Chamber Spotlight - Dittmer Tree Service

10 Signs Your Tree Needs a Trim

You know that it's time to trim your trees when leaves are falling off abnormally, and the branches look like they're trying to escape! But if this isn't an option for you right now (or if it's out of season), there are plenty of other ways to tell. Here are some pretty self-explanatory ways that your tree needs a trim!

Your Tree is Diseased or Dying

If your tree shows signs of disease such as dead branches, leaves that wilt easily or abnormal growth, it may be suffering from a fungal infection. Fungal infections are particularly prevalent in trees that don't receive enough water or sunlight. If left unattended, the disease will only get worse and kill more of your valuable tree.

Dead Branches

Dead branches are an obvious sign that something is wrong with your tree. When you see these hanging on your tree, you know that there is some sort of damage going on. It may be that the branch suffered a break due to weather or some other factor and isn't receiving enough nutrients from the tree anymore. There's also a chance that borers have infested the limb and are sucking up all of its life-sustaining sap. Whatever the case may be, you need to attend to the problem before it spreads into the rest of your tree.

A Wayward Tree is Becoming a Safety Hazard

When trees become damaged or diseased, they need some sort of immediate attention to correct the problem. If you've had a wayward branch or two hit your car on the street below, it may be time for a few strategic cuts. There's definitely no reason for you to wait until someone gets seriously injured before taking care of this kind of problem. Safety should be your number one priority, not the aesthetics of your yard.

The Tree Is Blocking Sunlight From Reaching Your Home or Garden

The sunlight that reaches your property depends heavily on the direction of your property and how many trees you have around. If a tree's branches are obscuring the sunlight from reaching your home, it may be time to consider cutting off some of the branches. Too much shade in your garden can damage plants and affect their growth.

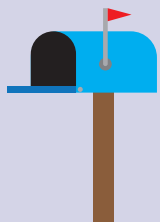
The Tree Is Over-Crowding Other Trees in Your Yard

It can be perilous for trees to crowd each other. Although they may appear like they're all in good health, the lack of sunlight and proper nutrients can affect their growth and cause them to become diseased or die sooner than normal. If you have an overcrowded tree, you should consider trimming the lower limbs and allowing some breathing room for each plant.

The Branches of Your Tree Are Growing Too Low to the Ground

If the branches on your trees are growing low down towards the soil, then they're probably reaching their optimal height and it's time to let them grow again. If you have a significant problem with branches scraping the ground, this is likely a sign that your tree needs to be carefully trimmed so it can return to its optimal height.

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Submit articles by the 20th of each month to be included in the next chamber newsletter.

Articles may be edited or reduced as space provides.

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The Tree Is Dropping Sap or Fruit on Your Property

One of the biggest problems you'll face with trees is when they leave a mess behind. When trees drop their fruit and sap, it can be hard to clean up and cause damage to your property. Too much fruit or sap on the ground could attract pests such as birds and squirrels that may hurt the tree by scratching up its bark. A good trim can help with this problem.

The Tree Is Growing Too Close to Your House or Power Lines

It doesn't matter what type of tree you have or how healthy it is—trees that grow too close to your house can become a big problem. Not only will they affect the appearance of your home by lowering its curb appeal, but they could also damage the foundation and structure of your home. In some cases, trimming your tree is all you'll need to do, but there are some cases where the only thing you can do is remove your tree entirely.

The Trees Are Obscuring a Natural Scenery

Sometimes you may want to trim your trees back because they're growing too tall and blocking out a scenic view. This is especially the case if you own a property on the side of a mountain, next to some beautiful woods or near water where you like to enjoy nature's wonders. Although pruning isn't always necessary, sometimes it's required to keep the beauty of nature in your yard.

The Tree Is Leaning in One Direction or Another

Although trees are typically robust, they can be damaged by the wind. If your tree is leaning too far one way or another, it may have sustained some damage that you overlooked before. This could potentially cause the tree to collapse during a storm, so it's best to take care of this problem as soon as possible.

Don't get Penalized

Purchase your pet licenses before April 1, 2022, to avoid a delinquent fee. All cats and dogs over six months are required to have an annual city license. The license fee is \$3 per animal and proof of rabies vaccination is required.



Park Reservations

Spring is here and that means the parks will be filling up fast! Reservation forms for park shelters and gazebos must be completed and remitted to the City Clerk's office with a nonrefundable fee of \$35. If you have questions or would like to reserve a park facility, please contact City Hall at (563) 284-6571, ext. 10. Unreserved facilities will still be available to be enjoyed by the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Golf Cart, ATV, and UTV Use on City Streets

Limited use of golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs are permitted in Walcott with the following regulations:

- Annual permits are required. Apply with the Walcott Police Department, pay a \$25 fee, and provide evidence that you are at least 18 years of age with a valid Iowa driver's license and have a minimum of \$300,000 in liability insurance coverage for this activity.
- Drivers must obey all traffic laws and equip their vehicles with safety equipment, including a slow-moving vehicle sign, a safety flag, and adequate brakes. Golf carts and UTVs require a rear-view mirror and UTVs and ATVs must also have mufflers and an adequate exhaust system.
- All are permitted on city streets from ½ hour after sunrise until ½ hour before sunset, but they are prohibited from using Y-40/Blue Grass Road and Walcott Road/Hwy 6/F58.
- ATVs and UTVs may be operated during prohibited hours to perform snow removal activities. Golf Carts may only be operated between March 1 and November 30.
- ATVs and UTVs are required to provide proof of registration with the State of Iowa prior to applying with the city.

Permits expire annually on December 31, regardless of the date of issue. Application forms are available online at www.cityofwalcott.com.

Organization Contacts

Is there a new contact person for your local organization? Local organizations are asked to call City Hall or email contact changes to lrickertsen@cityofwalcott.com so updates can be made to the organization listing on the City's website.





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Kindergarten Round-up

Kindergarten Round-up will be March 3 at 9:30 a.m. Please contact the school to get signed-up as soon as possible.

PTA Fun Night

Friday, April 1, 6-8 p.m.

After two long years, the Walcott Elementary PTA is able to once again hold the MOST FUN event of the year, the school carnival!

All of the fun, games, prizes, and food are made possible by the generosity of businesses, organizations, sponsors, donations, and event volunteers. Please email WalcottPanthersPTA@gmail.com or call (563) 528-5250 for specific details. You can also follow us on Facebook by searching "Walcott Panthers PTA Group" to get updates about all of our events.



Thank you from the Buffalo Food Pantry

The Buffalo Food Pantry would like to thank all of the organizations and individuals that supported us throughout the year.

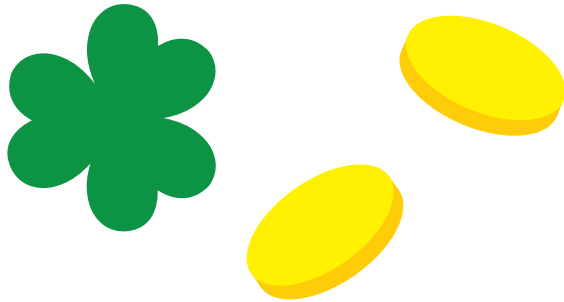
The Buffalo Food Pantry serves the area from Interstate 280 west to Muscatine County and Interstate 80 south to the Mississippi River which includes the cities of Walcott, Blue Grass, and Buffalo and relies solely on donations.

With your help, in 2021, the Pantry served 700 families, containing 2,343 people.

If you would like to make a donation, you can drop-off your donations at Calvary United Methodist Church in Walcott or to Larry Smith, 224 E. James St., Walcott.

For those in need, the Pantry hours are Tuesdays 9 a.m. - noon and Thursdays from 5 - 7 p.m.

Thank you for all your support,
Respectfully submitted by Larry Smith, Finance Officer



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"This, then, is how you should pray:

*'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'"*

Matthew 6:9-13

Have you ever found yourself reciting something you've recited hundreds of times and yet not registering the meaning of the words with your brain, heart, and soul as you say them? This happens to most of us in different seasons of life.

The Lord's prayer was given to his disciples by Jesus. They were asking him to teach them to pray, and these are the words he gave them. They were then passed down to us. This is a prayer one will find said in churches across the globe, because it is the model of prayer Jesus offered. It is perfect prayer to pray on a daily basis.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. We hope you will join us as we worship our Lord. The first Sunday of Lent, March 6, through the rest of the Lenten season, we will be taking a deep dive into the meaning of the Lord's prayer. We will look at each phrase, paying attention to the depth of the meaning that God gave us as his model of prayer. It is a beautiful prayer, and I hope you will join us, as we draw closer to Jesus together.

Bless you, each and every one,
Pastor Joy Mitchell

Join our "Table Tennis Club" on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
It's in the Old Social Hall at the church. **We'd love to see you!**

Souper Bowl Fundraiser

Calvary United Methodist Church has an annual tradition involving soup. Instead of celebrating Super Bowl Sunday, we celebrate SOUPER Bowl Sunday. A table in social hall was set up with information about each team playing in the Super Bowl. It included some facts about soup and hunger in the U.S. Members were asked to bring cans of soup and place them on the side of the table that housed the team they hoped would win Super Bowl. This year Calvary collected 938 cans of soup for the Buffalo Food Pantry. Incidentally, most of the soup cans were on the side of the LA Rams.



Special thanks to our youth Sunday School class and their leader Grant Allison. They sold birdhouses they made from gourds. With the money they collected, they were able to purchase and donate 526 cans of soup!



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Community Organization Sign

The Community Organization Sign was recently updated to include signs for many of the Community Organizations in Walcott. There is also an additional sign that recognizes Walcott's sister city, Bredenk. Please take a look the next time you drive by.



Community Club February feed

Hosted by Walcott Community Club
The Walcott Community Club reminds its members to join them for the March feed on March 3, 2022, at 7 p.m. at the Walcott American Legion for a steak dinner.

This feed is sponsored by Bentley Funeral Home, Twin States – Liqui Grow, CBI Bank & Trust, and Paustian Concrete.

Here comes Peter Cotton Tail

Mark your calendar for Walcott's annual Easter Egg Hunt brought to you by Walcott Women and Calvary Preschool.

What: Easter Egg Hunt

Who: Kids ages 0 - 6 grade

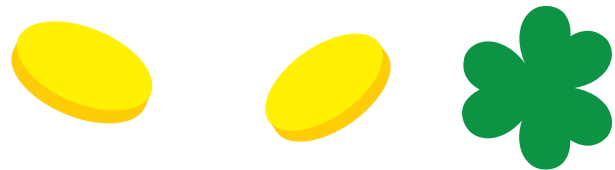
When: April 10th, 2022, Noon

Where: Water Tower Park in Walcott, IA

Cost: Free (Nonperishable food donations for the Buffalo Food Pantry will be accepted)

Daddy and Daughter Dance Fun

Walcott Women would like to thank everyone who attended the Daddy Daughter Dance and supported our event. Thanks for making it a great success! Special thanks to Diamond DJ services for the great entertainment and Linda Holbrook, Mary Giebelstein, Karen Meincke, and Michelle Hilliker for donating their time and talents to the cookie decorating station.



Walcott Historical Society

The Walcott Historical Society is committed to preserving Walcott's history and we'd like to invite you to become a member, either actively or inactively. Dues are \$10 per year and meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at the Museum. If you don't like to attend meetings, you can join our auxiliary to help with events only. The Walcott Historical Museum is located at 102 E. Vernon St. across from the Burt Clinic. Tours are available by appointment only except for special events like Walcott day.

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The Coliseum
Bar & Grill

Friday March 4

Benefit for Charles Peterson

Saturday March 19

Wedding Swap and Sell 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday March 19

NORTH OF 40 8 p.m. - Midnight NO COVER!

Friday March 25

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Tuesday: Taco Tuesday

Wednesday: Ladies Night
Buy one get one drinks

Thursday: Happy Hour - all night & \$7.00 burger baskets

Friday: Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.

Saturday: Open at 11 a.m.

Closed Sunday & Monday

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Please contact Karen Puck at (563) 284-6438, Karla Burt at (563) 284-6839, or Sherry Roberts at (563) 340-9653 for questions, tours, or to donate. Our webpage is <http://walcotthistoricalsociety.org> and you can find interesting posts when you follow our facebook page, Walcott Historical Society.

We are preparing a display of baseball memorabilia, including uniforms, photos, old baseballs, bats, etc., to support the Walcott Day theme of Field of Dreams. Old Ertl toys would be appreciated as well. We also want to honor the woodworking members of our community with a display of small, hand-made items. If you have anything that you could loan us, you can contact Karen, Karla, or Sherry at the numbers above. We are also working on a book on one-room schoolhouses in western Scott County and hope to have it published before July. For a future display, we're collecting photos and artifacts of past businesses and old homes as they appeared in the past. If you have items or photos to let us borrow, please contact Karen or Sherry. These items will be returned to you unless you choose to donate.

? Now a trivia question: **Where was the Black Hawk School?** If you know, please contact Sherry with information.

47th Annual Fish Fry

Join the Lions Club of Walcott for their 47th annual Fish Fry. The fish fry will be held Tuesday, March 8, from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Walcott Coliseum.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at B & D Automotive or Burt's Clinic of Chiropractic for \$14. Tickets will be \$15 at the door the day of the fry.

Families are welcome! Tickets for children ages 10 and older are \$7 and children below 10 years of age are free.

Contact John at (563) 468-3788 with questions.

Join the Eastern Chapter of Polka Club of Iowa

Their next polka dance is a St. Patrick's Day dance featuring Becky & The Ivanhoe Dutchmen. The dance will be March 13 from 1 – 5 p.m. at the Walcott Coliseum. Admission is \$10. Contact Mary Murray with any questions at (563) 210-2636.

Join the Walcott Book Club

Join the Walcott Book Club on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Walcott Library (except in September when it is on the second Monday).

Featured Books are available at the library for checkout. Join us on March 7 for a discussion of Last Night at the Lobster by Stewart O'Nan.

Community Coffee at Courtyard Estates

Residents at Courtyard Estates would like to invite the community for "Community Coffee" the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. Please consider a good-will donation (\$1.00) to help cover costs.

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Legion Catfish Fillet Supper

Join the Walcott American Legion Post 548 for their Catfish Fillet Supper.

Friday, March 25, 2022, serving 5 - 8 p.m.

Donation of \$13 in advance or at the door

Children's Chicken Nugget Meal - \$4

Raffles and desserts will be available

Meals available as follows:

- Dine in
- Carry Out
- Curbside



For more information call (563) 529-5560.

Walcott Lions Area Scholarships Available

The Walcott Lions Club is accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors and above (college attending students), from the Walcott area.

If you live in one of the four townships surrounding Walcott; Blue Grass, Cleona, Fulton, or Hickory Grove Townships, you are eligible to apply.

Applications are available either through your school guidance counselors' office in Durant, Davenport (Central, North, or West), or North Scott, or by calling the Lion Scholarship Chairman, Lucas Matzen (563) 370-3611 or Lions Club President, John Kostichek (563) 468-9788. It is very important that you live in one of the four surrounding townships.

Application deadline is April 15, 2022.

Walcott Class of 69 - Reunion

Were you part of the Walcott 1969 ninth-grade class? You're invited to catch-up with your former classmates at an informal reunion once a month on Sunday mornings. This month the group will meet at I-80 on March 20, at 8:30 a.m.

Contact Linda Kostichek for more information.



Library events for March

The Walcott Branch has planned an exciting March with programs for all ages. You don't need to register, just stop in and enjoy the fun activities.

Here's a listing of our upcoming events:

- March 3 - World Wildlife Day – Drop-in from 4 – 6 p.m. for a craft.
- March 7 - Adult Book Club at 7 p.m. – join us for a discussion of Last Night at the Lobster by Stewart O'Nan.
- March 8 - Story Time with Miss Kerri at 4:30 p.m.
- March 10 - Celebrate Popcorn Lovers Day! Drop-in from 4 – 6 p.m. for popcorn and crafting.
- March 14 - Children's Craft Day! Learn About Butterflies! Drop-in from 4 – 6 p.m. for a craft and to learn all about butterflies.
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day – Drop-in from 4 – 6 p.m. for crafts and snacks.
- March 24 - Spring is here! Drop-in from 4 – 6 p.m. for a craft.
- March 28 - Lego Club – Drop-in to build your own creation from 4 – 6 p.m.
- March 31 - Crayon Day! Drop-in from 4 – 6 p.m. for a craft.

During the month of March, you have two opportunities to show off your writing skills:

- Write Your Story Day is March 14! Write a funny story about yourself or something that has happened to you! Turn it into the library or email entry to alysa.allen@scottcountylibrary.org before March 14 to be entered for a prize!
- You Might Be A Poet and Not Know It!! World Poetry Day is March 21! Pick up a kit with random words in it and write a poem with only the words you have been given! Turn it into the library or email entry pic to alysa.allen@scottcountylibrary.org by March 21.

The next Social Gaming Gathering will be on Monday, March 21, from 5 – 8 p.m. This group plays the game Betrayal at House on the Hill. It's a cross between Dungeons & Dragons and Clue and has so many possibilities for adventures--with a twist! Must be at least 18 years old to join this group. Stop in for a friendly game.

The Walcott Branch is open Monday – Thursday from 2 – 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. We have books, movies, magazines, music, museum passes, and more! You can always access our digital collections from our website at www.scottcountylibrary.org.



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	1 Swim meet @ Clinton 4:30 p.m. Westravaganza @ West High School 7 p.m.	2 Junior High Conferences 4:15 – 7:15 p.m. Park Board meeting at 5:15 p.m. Walcott Community Club feed, 7 p.m.	3 Kindergarten Round Up, 9:30 a.m. World Wildlife Day, 4 – 6 p.m. Swim Meet @ Central 5 p.m. Walcott Community Club feed, 7 p.m. Table Tennis Club 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	4	5	6 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
7 City Council meeting, 6 p.m. Adult Book Club at 7 p.m.	8 Community Coffee at Courtyard, 9 a.m. Story Time with Miss Kerri at 4:30 p.m. Fish Fry 4-8 p.m.	9	10 Celebrate Popcorn Lovers Day! 4 – 6 p.m. Table Tennis Club 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	11	12	13 Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Polka Dance, 1 – 5 p.m.
14 NO SCHOOL Spring Break Children's Craft Day! 4 – 6 p.m.	15 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	16 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	17 NO SCHOOL Spring Break St. Patrick's Day 4 – 6 p.m. Table Tennis Club 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	18 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	19	20 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
21 City Council meeting 6 p.m.	22	23	24 Spring is here! 4 – 6 p.m. 7/8 Band & Orchestra concert 6:30 p.m. Table Tennis Club 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	25 Elementary Spring Pictures Taken Catfish Fillet Supper 5-8 p.m.	26	27 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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Save the date: April 1, PTA Fun Night 6-8 p.m.
 Save the date: April 10, Easter Egg Hunt - Noon



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