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Newsletter



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Thank you Mayor Tom Becker for everything you have done for our City. We are sad to see you leave, but happy for all the memories and for the wisdom you have shared.



Upcoming Events

January Meetings

Tuesday, January 4th

Park & Rec 7 - 8 pm

Monday, January 10th

City Council 7 - 9 pm

Tuesday, January 19th

Hometown Pride 6 - 8 pm

Wednesday, January 25th

Planning & Zoning 7 - 9 pm

City Hall will be closed January 17th for Martin Luther King Day



West Des Moines Public Library

Fun activities for all ages at the library. Here are a couple of the events this month!

Model Trains
January 8th 9am - 5pm

Author Event - Sara Ennis
January 25th 6:30 - 8:30 pm

For more information and to register for any classes go to www.wdmlibrary.org

Master Gardener Program

www.extension.iastate.edu/mastergardener

Planting Design Tips
January 4th 6 - 7 pm

Planting Design Models
January 11th 6 - 7 pm

Planting Design Graphics
January 18th 6 - 7 pm

December Yard of the Month Winners



January Mayor's Note

Dear Residents of Cumming,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you. Thank you for electing me as your new mayor. My wife, Renee, and I moved to Cumming in November 2016 after I retired. I quickly became active in the city by applying, and then being appointed to, the Planning and Zoning Commission in January of 2017. I served two years before joining the Cumming City Council in 2019.

As I move into my new position as mayor, it leaves a space to fill on the city council. This seat will have a term ending on December 31, 2023. The City Council will discuss how to fill this position at the next council meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022. This meeting will be available to attend via Zoom with Meeting ID: 838 2710 0094 and Passcode: 088212

I would like to express my gratitude to Mayor Tom Becker for his many years of service to the City of Cumming. Under his leadership we were able to begin the Great Western Crossing development, build a new city park, host a successful Home Show Expo, birthed a relationship with Ragbrai for an annual fall ride that will begin and end in Cumming each year and began a study in Old Town for a project that could remove septic tanks and put in new streets, curb and gutter.

Our city has had many exciting changes in the last few years and we have several more planned. We recently have formed a Steering Committee to work on the Comprehensive Plan. The committee is made up of at-large city residents, local business owners and city board and committee members. This group will be working with McClure Engineering and utilizing their Comprehensive Planning Services. We will be asking for more involvement from residents on this project at various events/mailings in the coming months.

An update on development: The Great Western Crossing development is steadily growing and our community has gained new residents. Developers are working with the city to move forward with The Villas, Townhomes and commercial projects.

The largest project that is in development is the Hy-Vee Distribution Campus. The City applied, and was awarded, a 1.3 million grant from the Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) program to make the necessary improvements on G-14 and 50th to move forward with this project. The construction, engineering, management fees and anything outside the scope of this grant, will be paid for by Hy-Vee, not the city. Construction should begin on this project in May, and are expected to be completed by mid-November of this year.

The Fast and Fresh convenience store, gas station and Smokey Row coffee shop are also moving forward. The expectant completion date for this project is towards the end of 2022, subject to material being delivered. Supplies, such as fuel tanks, have been ordered however they are on backorder with long wait times expected. The development agreement for this project will be on the January 24th council meeting along with a public hearing.

The city website is a very useful tool and the calendar will keep you up-to-date on when meetings and events are happening. Contact information is on the website too, along with agendas and minutes of meetings. Our Facebook page is also a good resource and another location to find the weekly and monthly newsletters.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time. I look forward to serving, and working with you, to keep Cumming home.

Respectfully,

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69.10 SNOW REMOVAL.

No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during snow removal operations unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall.

136.03 REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE.

The abutting property owner shall remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from sidewalks, or if ice cannot be removed, to treat the ice with sand, salt, or other non-slippery substance on a continuous basis while the ice is present. The cleaned or treated area of the sidewalk must be a minimum of 36 inches wide. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice, or accumulations within 48 hours after cessation of snow or ice fall, or continue to treat the surface while the ice is present, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax. The abutting property owner may be liable for damages caused by failure to remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from the sidewalk.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT

Notice Is Hereby Given: **That at 7 o'clock p.m., at City Hall, Cumming, Iowa and via Zoom at Meeting ID: 838 2710 0094 and Passcode: 088212** for those to whom it is impractical or impossible to attend in person, on **January 10, 2022**, the City Council of the City of Cumming, Iowa will hold a public hearing on the question of amending the urban renewal plan for the Consolidated Cumming Urban Renewal Areas (the "Urban Renewal Areas") in order to authorize the undertaking of new urban renewal projects in the Urban Renewal Areas consisting of (a) providing tax increment financing support to Hy Vee, Inc. in connection with the construction of a new distribution center and convenience store; (b) providing tax increment financing support to Iowa Distilling Company in the connection with the construction of a new production and distilling facility; and (c) using tax increment financing to pay the costs of the City's Old Town Infrastructure Project. A copy of the amendment is on file for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

At said hearing any interested person may file written objections or comments and may be heard orally with respect to the subject matters of the hearing.
 Angie Ritchie
 City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF CUMMING

Vacation of a Sanitary Sewer Easement

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cumming, Iowa, will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, January 10, 2022, 7:00 P.M. electronically via the Zoom app:**

Meeting ID: 838 2710 0094 and Passcode: 088212
 to receive comments on the following:

Vacation of a portion of the Sanitary Sewer Easement in parcel number 43000070880 in the City of Cumming, Iowa.

Anyone wishing to comment on this request should attend this hearing or submit written comments at any time prior to the hearing. Send comments to City of Cumming, PO Box 100, Cumming, IA 50061 or email to info@cumming.iowa.gov no later than 2:00 pm on the day of the hearing. For a link to the public hearing please visit our website at www.cumming.iowa.gov. Additional information regarding this request may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk at 515-981-9214.