

May 2022  
Newsletter

# Spring Cleanup

## May 13th & 14th

Click the photo below for more information on what will and won't be picked up!



# Street Sweeping

Speck will be sweeping the streets soon. Possibly the first week of May, cars will need to be off the streets while they are sweeping. Watch our Facebook page for updates on dates.

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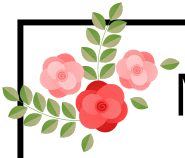
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# Upcoming Events

Cinco de Mayo - May 5



Mothers Day- May 8



Memorial Day - May 30



## May Meetings

All meetings are held in person at City Hall and via Zoom

**May 3rd**

Park and Rec 7 pm

**May 9th**

City Council 7 pm

**May 18th**

Hometown Pride 6 pm

**May 23rd**

City Council 7pm

**May 24th**

Planning & Zoning 7 pm



## West Des Moines Public Library

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

May 6th - All day  
Friday Take Home Craft

May 19th - 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Adult Craft Night

May 24th - 6:45 - 8:00 pm  
Author Event - Sara Ennis

For more information and to register for any classes go to [www.wdmlibrary.org](http://www.wdmlibrary.org)

## Park Pavilion Rentals

Both park pavilions can be rented out for events. We have applications on our website, it is \$25 for residents, \$35 for non-residents.

## Yard of the Month

Submit nominations to the Cumming Hometown Pride Facebook Page.



## Mayor Tom Becker Park Update

The park is almost fully complete! Benches and tables are going in and we plan to have restrooms open soon.



## Hy-Vee Campus Update

The City was recently notified by Hy-Vee that they are going to pause the project, primarily due to supply chain issues as well as increase in material costs. They hope to bid out the G-14 road improvements around February 2023 and start putting up the buildings in late spring.

## Playing Soon!

When: **May 27th at 8:00 pm**

Where: **Middlebrook Farm,  
4300 Cumming Ave**

Our first Movie in the Park event! We would like to thank Middlebrook for hosting us this year. Come early and listen to live music, do some shopping or grab some food before the vendors leave!





# *Mother's Day Event*

Saturday, May 7th  
10:30 a.m.  
Cumming City Park

Come plant a  
flower to give  
your mom!



# FRONT PORCH CUMMING

**JUNE 8**  
**JULY 13**  
**AUGUST 10**  
**6-8 PM**

**Let's meet our neighbors!**

**Host or attend a "front porch"  
night in your neighborhood.**

Sign-up to host, or find a location  
near you on our facebook page:  
[@CummingHometownPride](#)



Cumming Hometown Pride invites residents to host small neighborhood gatherings for this summer's "front porch" nights. It's easy! Let your neighbors know you're hosting, grab a chair or a beverage, and gather together on your front porch, lawn or driveway. All in the name of promoting neighborliness and fun!

Contact us [@CummingHometownPride](#) on facebook to add your name to the list of hosts and we'll help spread the word. We'll share the list of locations on our page so people can find a gathering to attend (or if you prefer to host without being on the public list, just let us know. It's all up to you.)

We've synced up to do this on the same nights as "Front Porch Norwalk" (by Norwalk Hometown Pride) which is now starting its 5th year of neighborly fun!

There are lots of ways to invite your neighbors - make a flyer and take it door to door (we can give you a template!), use social media (some neighborhoods have facebook groups or text chains already), or put out yard signs - whatever works for you. One neighborhood puts a pink flamingo in the yard of whoever is hosting that night, and now everybody knows to look for the signal. Have fun with it and enjoy getting to know your neighbors!

## Cumming City Hall

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Kofu, Japan  
Pristina, Kosovo  
Saint-Etienne, France  
Shijiazhuang, China  
Stavropol, Russia - Suspended

Did you know that the City of Cumming has an agreement with the City of Des Moines to have a seat on the The Greater Des Moines Sister Cities Commission? We do! What does our involvement entail? We work with other commissioners and committee members to further economic cooperation and cultural exchanges on the basis of mutual friendship between our Sister Cities. We currently have three active cities Japan, China, and Kosovo and are in search of new sister cities in France and Italy. The Great Des Moines Sister Cities Commission is an extension of Sister Cities International. In the month of May we join Kofu, Japan in celebrating Golden Week. This is a cluster of national holidays: April 29 - Showa Day, May 3 - Constitution Day, May 4 - Greenery Day and May 5 - Children's Day. In honor of Greenery Day on Wednesday, May 4, the Women's Bridge of Achievement in downtown Des Moines will be turned Green in celebration of our relationship with Kofu, Japan. Greenery Day is a honor for Emperor Hirohito and named as such due to his appreciation for nature.