

The City of Cumming: A Program for the Future

A public workshop was held the evening of Tuesday, March 1st at the American Legion. Participants provided great feedback on the future of the community including preferred housing types and support for proposed growth policies plus what they see as opportunities and challenges moving forward. Residents can still provide input via the online survey available at <https://bit.ly/CummingCompPlan> or using the QR code below. Printed versions are available at City Hall. The survey will remain open through the month of April.

Be on the lookout for our volunteers who will be going door-to-door over the next few weeks to further promote the public engagement effort and solicit further feedback from residents. We'll also have volunteers handing out information about the survey at the upcoming East Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9th.

For more details on upcoming activities, go to the City of Cumming's Facebook page for more details.



Scan to take the survey



<https://www.facebook.com/cityofcummingiowa>

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Upcoming Events



April 1 - April Fools

April 17 - Easter



April 18 - Tax Day

April 22 - Earth Day



West Des Moines Public Library

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

April 4th 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Financial Literacy

April 8th - all day
Take Home Craft - Paper Eggs

April 12th - 1:30 - 2:30 pm
Adult Coloring Club

April 20th - 3:45 - 4:30
Lego Club

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

April Meetings

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

April 5th

Park and Rec 7 pm

April 11th

City Council 7 pm

April 20th

Hometown Pride 6 pm

April 26th

Planning & Zoning 7 pm

Spring Cleanup

May 13th & 14th

Go to our city website for more information on what will and wont be picked up!





Des Moines Water Works is raising their rates.

There will be a small increase on water bills beginning April 1st.

Rates per 1000 gallons will change from \$8.87 to \$9.14 which is a \$.27 increase.

There will also be an additional \$.25 per month fee increase on administrative fees.

2022 Iowa Spring Turkey Seasons (Gun/Bow)

- Youth-only: April 8-10 (Iowa residents only)
- Season 1: April 11-14
- Season 2: April 15-19
- Season 3: April 20-26
- Season 4: April 27-May 15
- Resident archery-only season: April 11-May 15

Licenses and Fees needed (not including landowners/tenants)

- Hunting license (age 16 and older)
- Habitat fee
- Wild turkey license

Warrior GIVING WEDNESDAY

Household Paper

*toilet paper *tissues

*paper towels *napkins

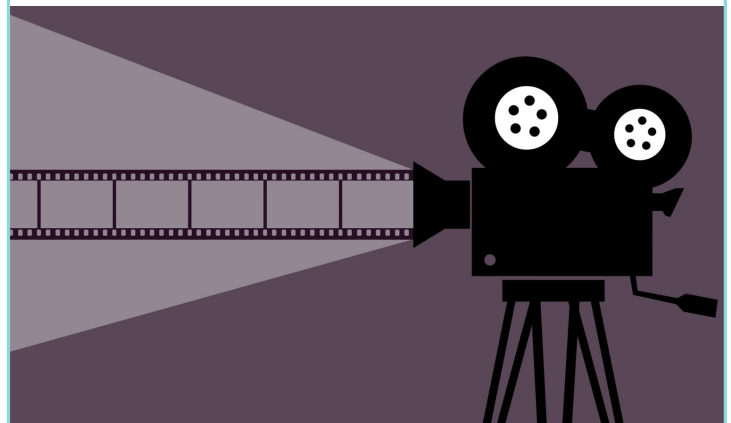
Venmo: @norwalk-ministerial

Drive through drop off
Norwalk Christian Church
701 Main St

April 13
3:30-5:30pm



Movie Nights will be here soon! They will be taking place at Middlebrook on the last Friday of the month, starting May 27th. The movies will begin after Fridays at the Farm.



Note from the Mayor:

To the Community of Cumming,

We are anticipating a very busy year in 2022 with many exciting projects in the works and on the horizon. Below is an update on what we are currently working on:

City Council, staff and I have been working on the City's annual budget. Your council members have done a terrific job. They have been able to maintain the budget without having to raise taxes for several years now and it will hold true again this year. Visit the city's website, cumming.iowa.gov, to review the annual budget. We are working with a financial firm in regards to our long-range plan for the city's finances. This will include new tax growth and new expenditures.

The Steering Committee has been meeting regularly, and held an open house for public comment, in order to update the Comprehensive Plan. What is a Comprehensive Plan? It is a way for the city to plan for population growth and creates a vision for the city's future. City staff is working hard to make sure our community is prepared. You can contribute to this endeavor by filling out the city survey, which will help us better understand the community's thoughts on our future growth. There is a link to the survey on the front page of the newsletter.

Work has begun onsite to build the gas station, Fast & Fresh and Smokey Row. This portion of the project is anticipated to be completed by next spring. The widening of G14 will be beginning in May, and is anticipated to be completed by the end of October. The street will widen starting at I-35 through 50th Street. A turn lane will be added, as well as, work on the shoulders. This will reduce any backup on the highway due to truck traffic going into the Hy-Vee campus. This project is not being funded with tax dollars. It is being paid for with a RISE grant and any remaining costs will be paid for by Hy-Vee.

For many years there have been talks about removing the septic tanks from "Old Town". I am happy to say that this process has begun. We are in the planning and design phase of doing just that: removing septic tanks, expanding the sewer and putting in curb and gutter. It will not happen overnight but you can stay updated on this, and all of our projects, by attending council meetings and/or reviewing agendas.

Our annual Spring Cleanup is scheduled for May 14th and 15th this year. Streets will be swept pursuant to weather. We will post notices online and via email when we have a date so that you have time to remove vehicles off of the streets.

On the horizon: the Middlebrook Mercantile will be paving their parking lot before opening which should lead to a June opening. The townhomes are expected to begin construction this Spring in Great Western Crossing. We have current businesses like Iowa Distilling Company and Ted Lare's Design and Garden that are expanding and new businesses that are putting out "feelers". As previously stated, it is an exciting time to live here in Cumming. You can stay up-to-date on developments by attending our meetings, visiting our website and Facebook Page or by giving City Hall a call.

Sincerely,

Brent Highfill, Mayor



EASTER

Egg Hunt

Saturday April 9th

Hunt starts at 10 am • Bring your own basket
Pictures with the Easter bunny
Cumming City Park • 649 N. 44th St



Cumming City Hall

649 N 44th St. PO Box 100
Cumming, IA 50061

Hours: 10AM - 2PM

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Want to help the community? Volunteers needed.

Board of Adjustments

The Board of Adjustments is a five member board who decides upon variance applications in regards to zoning. There is one open seat on this board. Meetings are on an as needed basis, typically once or twice a year.

Park and Recreation

The Park and Recreation is a seven member board. Members work together to create events for the community. They also maintain the beauty and safety of our parks! There are two open seats. Meetings are held once a month.

Hometown Pride Committee

Hometown Pride meets once a month to discuss ways to keep our community looking great! Currently they are working on putting up banners in old town.