

September 2021



CITY OF CUMMING SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Meetings

Out of an abundance of caution all meetings are being held electronically, via Zoom. The links will be posted in the weekly emails available on Facebook and our website. If you need technical support, please reach out to City Hall directly at 515-981-9214

Like us on Facebook!
@cityofcummingiowa

Hometown Pride

Every month the Hometown Price Committee chooses a Yard of the Month! Photos will be posted in the newsletter. If you, or someone you know, has an outstanding yard let us know by nominating them today!



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Upcoming Events

Warrior


GIVING WEDNESDAY

Laundry Supplies

*laundry detergent *dryer sheets
*quarters *stain remover

Drive through drop off
Norwalk Christian Church
701 Main St

**September 8
3:30-5:30pm**



September Meetings

Tuesday, September 7th
Park and Rec Meeting at 7pm

Monday September 13th -
City Council Meeting at 7pm

Tuesday September 28th -
Planning and Zoning at 7pm

All meetings are being held via zoom only

Norwalk Music Fest

September 5th 12:00pm - 10:30pm
Norwalk City Park - 907 North Ave

The Great Iowa Fall Ride

October 10th
Ragbrai is coming to the City of Cumming for the Great Iowa Fall Ride!

Fall Fest

October 23rd
More information will be available soon

Middlebrook Farm

Middlebrook Farm has Friday's at the Farm every Friday night from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm. While there you can enjoy live music along with food, drinks, produce and more. They also have a produce stand that is open daily with an assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables. On the property they have a nice chicken coop where you can see the chickens run around. You can buy the farm fresh eggs at the produce stand. Currently they accept cash and Venmo as payment options.





Tom Becker Park

The grand opening of the new park should be occurring soon. Around the perimeter of the park there are fruit trees and bushes for residents to enjoy. Friendly reminder that children need to be supervised at all times.

Located at 300 N Brier Lane.

West Des Moines Public Library

The City of Cumming signed an agreement with the West Des Moines Public Library, the library offers great amenities! You can still use the Norwalk Public Library if preferred. When you have a library card you can borrow physical books, eBooks, audiobooks, movies and more! To see activities and services they offer go to wdmlibrary.org



Great Western Crossing
has more new homes
going up!

Movie Nights

Proceeds from t-shirts, pub glasses, and water bottles will go towards equipment for movies in the park.

Stop by City Hall or go on our website (www.cumming.iowa.gov/productsdonations.html) to purchase and support this project!



City Hall News

Notice

Attention: We will soon be phasing out physical copies of the newsletter. However, they will still be available digitally. They will be posted on our City Website and Facebook page. If you would like a physical copy every month please reach out to City Hall.



Landscape Blocks for sale, \$1.00 each!
Contact City Hall for more information.

City Hall will be Closed on
Labor Day, September 6,
2021.

How to join a Zoom Meeting:

1. Open the Zoom desktop client.
2. Join a meeting using one of these methods:
 - Click Join a Meeting if you want to join without signing in.
 - Sign in to Zoom then click Join.
3. Enter the meeting ID number and your display name. (This will be posted at City Hall, Cumming Tap and the Post Office)
 - If you're not signed in, enter a display name.
4. Select if you would like to connect audio and/or video and click Join.

When you join through our link you won't have to enter a Meeting ID, it will take you directly to the meeting. We send the link in our monthly email, which we also post on our City Facebook page.

We have a new resource page on our website, along with an updated merchandise page.
cumming.iowa.gov



City Hall has a lot of merchandise available to buy! The money will be going towards the equipment needed to start having movie nights.





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR

CUMMING CLEAN UP DAY!

Saturday, September 25
9 am - 11 am
Meet at City Park/Water Tower

Cumming Hometown Pride invites volunteers to help us pick up trash from the highway and bike trail areas. Please bring gloves and meet at the city park/water tower.

Get silver cord hours for those in high school!

Help Us Beautify Cumming - Adopt a Utility Pole Banner!

Cumming Hometown Pride has partnered with local artist Hilde DeBruyne to design a series of metal pole “banners” – 2’x4’ metal art pieces that will be attached to utility poles on the streets in

Cumming. These banners will help beautify Cumming and build our community character!

We are inviting Cumming residents and businesses to “adopt” a banner, at a cost of \$500 per banner. Your contribution covers the cost of the banner and a hanging bracket. Those who donate \$500 (or more) will have the option to have a sponsor plate with your name on it mounted with your adopted banner.

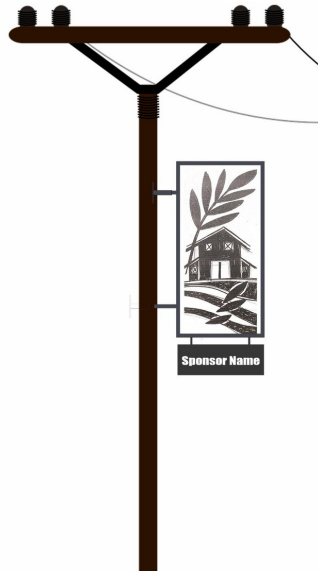
These banners are designed to last – they will be made from powder-coated steel – and we expect them to beautify our community for many years.

The images will be formed by creating cut-outs in the metal.

The more “adoptions” we have, the more banners we can create. The more banners we can create, the more unique beauty we will add to our community! Please consider adopting a banner. We also appreciate contributions of ANY amount toward the project. Every bit helps! We plan to recruit contributions throughout this fall/winter, and hang the banners in 2022.

We want to thank Cumming artist Hilde DeBruyne (www.hildedebryne.com) for donating the beautiful design work, and the City of Cumming for working with us and granting permission!

Contact Cumming Hometown Pride if you are interested in adopting a banner or have questions. You can reach us on our Facebook page @CummingHometownPride or by emailing Lorin@warrencountyhometown.com.



Pictured: Draft designs for metal pole banners, by artist Hilde DeBruyne. (These are a first draft and are subject to change.)

Hunting Education

Iowa DNR offers Hunting Education Courses and Learn to Hunt Workshops.

Upcoming Courses near Cumming, IA:

September 2, 2021:

Virtual Learn to Hunt Waterfowl Q & A

Held via Zoom 6pm - 8pm

September 25, 2021:

Hunter Education Classroom Course

September 26, 2021:

Saint Charles, IA 8am - 4pm

Hunters Education Field Day Course

Clive, IA 9am - 12pm

To see all of the courses they offer:

Iowa DNR License - Events Home
(gooutdoorsiowa.com)

Positions Available with the City:

- Park and Recreation Board Member
- Hometown Pride Committee Member

What is Expected?

- Attend monthly meetings
- Volunteer some time
- Give ideas to help improve the city
- Plan and execute events that will beautify the City or for the children to enjoy.

We always appreciate people volunteering to help around the City, with activities such as watering plants at the parks and helping at events.

Yard Waste:

Going into fall we will have leaves falling into yards and streets. Having leaves and grass in the street can be dangerous for motorcyclists and bicyclists. To keep them safe and our town clean, we encourage you to bag leaves and grass.

To do so, put yard waste into a brown paper bag and attach a yardwaste sticker, available to buy for \$1.50 at City Hall or through Waste Connections

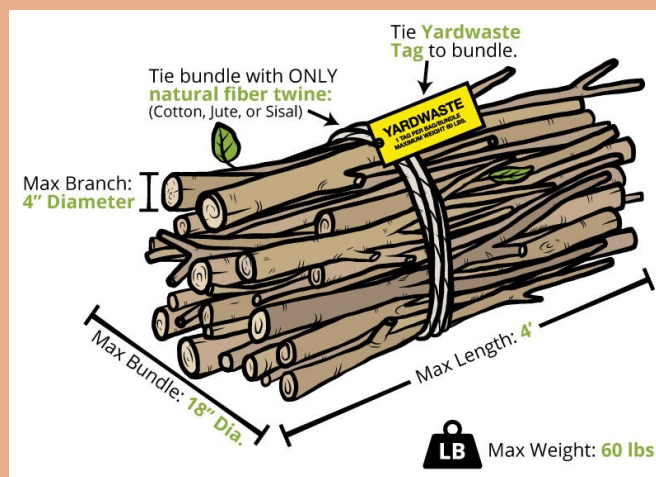
Branches can be bagged the same way or bundled as shown below.

The following are the guidelines from Waste Connections of Iowa website:

Acceptable Yard Waste (Bagged)

- Grass Clippings
- Leaves
- Weeds
- Soft Plant Material

All items must be bagged with a Waste Connections Yard Waste Tag attached. They cannot weigh more than 60 pounds.



Cumming City Hall

649 N 44th St. PO Box 100

We are encouraging appointments only. Please call to schedule.

Hours: 10AM - 2PM

Phone: 515-981-9214

City Clerk: Angie Ritchie
aritchie@cumming.iowa.gov

Deputy Clerk: Jessica Arthur
jarthur@cumming.iowa.gov

Upcoming City/School Election is Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm

Deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is Monday, October 18, 2021. You may request an absentee ballot online

City seats that are up for election/re-election on November 2, 2021

**Mayor
2 Council Seats**

November 2, 2021 City/School Election Information

September 16th - Nomination Filings end at 5:00PM

October 13th - 1st day to vote in the Auditor's Office IF ballots have been received from printer

October 18th - Pre-registration Deadline & Absentee Ballot Request Deadline New registrations AFTER this date will have to be presented with proof of residency and Identity according to Secretary of State guidelines.

Absentee ballots can no longer be mailed out of our office AFTER this date. However, early voting in person will continue at the Auditor's Office until Monday, November 1st until 5:00PM



Hi my name is Jessica, I am very happy to be the new Deputy Clerk. I am excited to continue meeting everyone who lives here! I hope you enjoy our monthly newsletter. If you have any information or photos you would like put into the monthly newsletter, please reach out. Send any questions, comments or pictures to - jarthur@cumming.iowa.gov