Community Gardens to Open in Coralville

Community gardens will open in Coralville this spring, offering a place for citizens to plant and grow their own fresh produce, herbs, and flowers. The gardens will be located across the street from 900 10th Street, which is a new extension of 10th Street, east of 12th Avenue.

When land was purchased for the new Coralville Parks, Transit, and Water Operations Facility, which opened in July 2012, an area was set aside for community gardens. Local Boy Scout Kenneth Goins, Troop #2000, developed and conducted a community gardening survey last winter as part of his Eagle Scout project. Information from the survey, visits to other sites, and meetings with community members helped to complete the layout, policies, and structures for the space.

About the Gardens

To prepare the space, the garden area was cleared and grubbed and the soil amended last fall. Plots will be established with mulched walkways between them, the area will be fenced prior to the growing season, and a small parking area will be built this spring. Additional parking is available at the Parks, Transit, and Water Operations Facility. There are also plans for raised beds for people with mobility impairments.

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Comprehensive Plan Process Kicks Off Opportunities for Public Input

The City is beginning a year-long comprehensive planning process that will serve as the foundation for decision-making for the next generation. This Plan will review land use and development, transportation, neighborhoods, parks and open space, the environment, and community facilities. Including the opinions and visions of as many Coralville residents and business owners as possible is an important part of this process.

The first community workshop of the comprehensive planning process will provide residents with an opportunity to share their point of view. The workshop will focus on identifying concerns and issues most important to residents, discussing projects and actions the community would most like to see, and highlighting Coralville’s strengths upon which the Plan can be built. This workshop will be the first of several to be held as part of the planning process. The public is welcome to participate in this meeting on Thursday, March 7, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Coralville City Hall.

A community project plan website is accessible via www.coralville.org and serves as a central resource for the public to stay abreast of the planning process. The project website includes:

- Community and business questionnaires
- A community issues mapping tool (sMap) that allows users to create their own map of Coralville to highlight the issues and concerns most important to them
- Project news and scheduled events
- Online participation
- Downloadable materials

For more information, please contact Assistant City Administrator Ellen Habel at 319.248.1700 or ehabel@ci.coralville.ia.us.
CoralVision

CoralVision Gets Web Video Upgrade

To increase government transparency, to reach more viewers across multiple platforms, and to keep up with the rise in smartphone and tablet usage, CoralVision Channel 5 was recently upgraded.

CoralVision, which broadcasts community television programs on Mediacom cable channel 5 in Coralville (118-8 digital), recently upgraded web video services to make city government information and community television programs more accessible to the public on a wide variety of platforms.

CoralVision has aired live and rebroadcast meetings of the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission for many years. And while for the past three years the public has been able to access live and on-demand broadcasts of programs — including City Council meetings integrated with agendas — on the City’s website, until now the videos weren’t compatible with some mobile devices.

The upgrade to H.264 video means that mobile users can access CoralVision’s online programming on their iOS, Android, or Windows phone as easily as they can in their desktop browser. The upgraded infrastructure also enables downloadable audio podcasts and native display of 16:9 widescreen format on selected programs.

There is now a share tab online so that citizens can easily share videos or links directly on social media. RSS subscriptions deliver alerts when new videos are available on the City’s online media archive.

In addition, an enhanced search feature allows online viewers to find videos simply by entering a word in the program title or an item on the agenda.

To view CoralVision online, visit www.coralville.org/coralvision. For questions or feedback about CoralVision, please contact Eric Dickerson at 319.248.1731 or edickerson@ci.coralville.ia.us.

Community Gardens (cont. from page 1)

How to Reserve a Plot

Garden plot registration for the 2013 season begins on Saturday, March 2, at 9:00 am at the Coralville Recreation Center for Coralville residents. Resident registrations will be filled first; if plots remain available, non-residents may register beginning March 13.

Garden Plot Prices

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A refundable deposit equal to the cost of the plot is due at the time of reservation.

For more information about the community gardens, please contact Coralville Parks and Recreation at 319.248.1750.

Information about plot size, price, and rules for the garden can be found at www.coralville.org/communitygardens.
Upcoming Road Projects for 2013

Four significant road projects get underway in 2013, with completion anticipated by the end of the year.

12th Avenue Bridge over Interstate 80
The Iowa Department of Transportation will begin repair work on the bridge deck in early June after the spring semester has ended. The first phase will close the bridge for approximately 15 days. The bridge will reopen for approximately 30 days and then the final phase will close the bridge again for seven days to complete the resurfacing. The work is scheduled to be completed before the fall semester begins. The adjacent pedestrian bridge will remain open during construction.
Start: June 2013. Finish: August 2013

Heartland Dr. & Commerce Dr. Improvements
This project will provide road capacity, safety, and aesthetic enhancements, including new traffic signals at the Heartland Place intersection, a new roundabout on Heartland Drive, turn lane improvements at the Heartland Drive and Commercial Park intersection, a new roundabout at the Commercial Park and Commerce Drive intersection, and new roadway lighting.
Start: June 2013. Finish: December 2013

Street Improvements
These improvements include reconstruction of 12th Avenue from 6th Street to 7th Street, repairs on 12th Avenue from 7th Street to 8th Street, and reconstruction of 20th Avenue from 9th Street Place to 10th Street. A new water main will also be installed along each street segment.
Start: June 2013. Finish: September 2013

Questions about any of the projects can be sent to Assistant City Engineer Scott Larson at slarson@ci.coralville.ia.us or 319.248.1720.
The Coralville Fire Department will start construction on an addition to Fire Station #1 on 5th Street, the department’s main fire station, in early March with completion expected in mid-September.

The two-story addition on the north side will add approximately 4,300 square feet to the rear of the existing fire station. There will be offices for the administrative staff, a conference room, and a fitness room on the first floor. The second floor will include three dorm rooms for firefighters who participate in the department’s residential program plus three additional sleeping rooms for volunteer firefighters to spend the night.

The fire department will continue to operate from the station throughout construction.

This is the first addition and major improvement to Fire Station #1 since it opened in 1985. Fire Station #2, located on Holiday Court, opened in 2009.

You don’t have to be a golfer to appreciate the excellent food, service, and views at Divots! Bar and Grill. Located in the lower level at The Clubhouse at Brown Deer, this restaurant has great sandwiches, salads, and dinner entrees. Just interested in drinks and appetizers? Divots! has that too. With televisions in each corner you can catch your sporting event of choice, or bring your putter and sink a few while dining on the outdoor patio. Polish off your meal with The Schammy – an ice cream treat that serves the whole family!

**Opening dates for the 2013 season**
Beginning March 16: Open daily for lunch 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.
Beginning April 13: Open daily 11:00 am – 9:00 pm.

**Divots! Bar & Grill**
1900 Country Club Dr., Coralville, IA

**Buy one entrée and get second entrée half price.**
Good from 5:00-8:00 pm only.
Divots! Bar & Grill, 1900 Country Club Dr., Coralville, IA
Upcoming Events

The Coralville Center for the Performing Arts calendar is constantly updated as new events are added. For the most up-to-date information, please visit www.coralvillearts.org or call 319.248.9370.

Regina Junior/Senior High School presents 
Grease
February 28 – March 3

Breakfast at Tiffany’s with pre-movie music by Mutiny in the Parlor
March 9

Coralville Central Elementary Music Concert
March 11

Nolte Academy presents Cinderella
March 29 & 30

Coralville Central Elementary Music Concert
April 1

Van Allen Elementary Music Concert
April 4

Iowa Children’s Museum Fundraiser: American Girl Fashion Show
April 5 & 6

Orchestra Iowa Chamber Players
April 7

Hancher presents Christopher O’Riley & Matt Haimovitz: Shuffle. Play. Listen
March 28

Regina Junior/Senior High School presents 
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February 28 – March 3

Breakfast at Tiffany’s with pre-movie music by Mutiny in the Parlor
March 9

Coralville Central Elementary Music Concert
March 11

Hancher presents Kindur: The Adventurous Life of Icelandic Sheep
April 9

Kirkwood Elementary School Music Concert
April 11

Way Off Broadway presents Cabaret
April 12 & 13

Oscar and Ella Listen to Jazz: A Kid’s Musical Introduction by Dan Knight
April 13

AFFECT Dance Company Showcase
April 14

Iowa City Girls Choir
April 15

The Corridor Sings Broadway: A Benefit for the Center and City Circle Acting Company
April 19 & 20

Dan Knight: The Kandinsky Suite and MURAL
April 21

Dr. Zubo and The Bird Purples (music composed for the Center)
April 26

Iowa Dance 2013
April 27

City Circle presents A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
May 10-19

Northwest Junior High Choirs
May 20

Ticket Information

Tickets for most Coralville Center for the Performing Arts events are available:

- By phone at 319.248.9370
- Online at www.coralvillearts.org
- In person at the Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St.
- In person at the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts Box Office, 1301 5th St.
  - Wednesday – Friday: 11 am - 1 pm and 4 - 6 pm; Saturday: Noon - 4 pm
  - One hour prior to ticketed events
Support the Arts

Center Stage Society
Members of the Center Stage Society support Coralville Center for the Performing Arts operations, allowing the Center to maintain affordable rental options for local artists and organizations and offer Coralville schools free use of the facility. Membership starts at $50.

Seat Sponsorships
Show your support of the arts with a tax-deductible seat sponsorship! Seat sponsors are permanently recognized on lobby signs and in the Center’s playbill. Main floor sponsorships are $750; balcony seat sponsorships are $500.

For more information about supporting the Center, visit www.coralvillearts.org/supportus or call 319.248.9371.

MUSIC

Celebrate the Music of Broadway!
The Coralville Center for the Performing Arts and resident theater company City Circle Acting Company of Coralville join forces for a celebration of Broadway music, featuring some of the greatest talent in Iowa’s Creative Corridor, beloved Broadway showstoppers and hidden gems, a silent auction, and a raffle for a Chicago theater weekend! Proceeds benefit the Center and City Circle.

Performances
Friday, April 19 & Saturday, April 20 at 7:30 pm

Tickets $10-$25

Oscar & Ella Listen to Jazz
Composer and pianist Dan Knight will present a fun, interactive, and educational introduction to jazz music for kids — with the help of his dogs Oscar and Ella! Children will work with Dan to create a new piece of jazz music!

Performance
Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 pm

Tickets $7
The Library’s mystery novel discussion group meets the second Wednesday of every month. This year we’re traveling around the world as we read books set in different countries. Come join us — no passport necessary!

**The Samaritan’s Secret** (Palestine)
by Matt Rees
Wednesday, March 13, 10:00 am

The Samaritan in question is Ishaq, an old man who controlled millions of dollars of government money. Now he is dead, the money is gone, and history teacher Omar Yussef is drawn into the mystery.

**Death of the Mantis** (Botswana)
by Michael Stanley
Wednesday, April 10, 10:00 am

Three Bushmen stand around a dead body in the desert. Are they the killers? Detective David “Kubu” Bengu must decide.

**The Cloud Pavilion** (Japan)
by Laura Joh Rowland
Wednesday, May 8, 10:00 am

Detective-turned-Chamberlain Sano investigates a rape case in 18th century Japan involving the daughter of an estranged relative.
E-Media at the Coralville Public Library

Overdrive
While use of the Library’s print materials remains steady, use of e-materials is increasing. The Library offers Overdrive, a downloadable e-audio and e-book service. The Overdrive collection includes books for all ages and tastes for reading or listening to on many different devices (including Nooks, Kindles, iPads, iPods, and many others).

Materials are checked out for 7, 14, or 21 days and are returned to the collection automatically — no overdue fines ever! Library staff can get patrons started with their e-device and Overdrive by phone at 319.248.1850, at the Reference Desk, or by appointment.

Zinio
The Library also recently subscribed to Zinio, a digital magazine service. Magazines in the Zinio collection can be checked out and downloaded to your e-device.

Library Offers Display Space
Display spaces at the Coralville Public Library are available without charge to local nonprofit organizations and individuals.

Displays are usually on exhibit for a one month period and are offered to highlight current issues or events of public interest; to display high-quality original art, crafts, photographs, or writings created by Iowa artists or contained in traveling exhibits; to explain the activities of local organizations engaged in educational, recreational, cultural, intellectual, or charitable activities; or to increase awareness of some topic related to the State of Iowa.

To inquire about reserving a space, call 319.248.1850 or email kdale@coralville.lib.ia.us.

Choose Privacy Week
May 5-11
Patron privacy is a core library value that we work hard to protect. During the second week of May, stop by the Library to learn how we work to protect your privacy and what you can do to ensure your privacy in the larger world.

LitFlicks is a free, book-based movie series held at the Library. Refreshments, including fresh popcorn, are provided.

Upcoming Showings
The Natural
Thursday, April 11, 6:00 pm
This 1984 film adaptation of Bernard Malamud’s 1952 baseball novel recounts the experiences of Roy Hobbs, a great “natural” baseball talent, spanning decades of Roy’s successes and hardships. The film was nominated for four Academy Awards.

Notorious
Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 pm
One of Hitchcock’s best and most popular films, this classic post-war psychological thriller stars Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, and Claude Rains, based on the two-part story, The Song of the Dragon.

Upcoming Discussions
Trestle at Pope Lick Creek
by Naomi Wallace
Thursday, February 28, 10:00 am

A Dream Play
by Caryl Churchill, based on the play by August Strindberg
Thursday, March 28, 10:00 am

She Stoops to Conquer
by Oliver Goldsmith
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Stay Connected With City Council Meetings

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Coralville City Hall, 1512 7th Street, unless otherwise noted. City Council work sessions, open to the public, immediately follow most Council meetings. Please check www.coralville.org for any changes to the schedule.

CoralVision Mediacom Channel 5 (118-8 digital) airs live cablecasts of City Council meetings, and rebroadcasts on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 1:00 pm, and various other times during the week (check program schedule for details). The program schedule, live broadcast, and on-demand web video are available any time at www.coralville.org/coralvision.

Audio recordings are available from City Hall.

Agendas, packets, and work session notes are available at www.coralville.org.

Coralville Welcomes Tony Roetlin as Director of Finance

Tony Roetlin joined the City of Coralville staff in December as the Director of Finance, replacing Finance Officer Terry Kaeding who retired after nearly 30 years with the City.

The Director of Finance is responsible for the direction, planning, and management of all financial operations of the City. Roetlin oversees personnel responsible for treasury, accounts payable/receivable, utility billing, financial reporting, payroll, debt management, and procurement.

Roetlin has nearly twenty years of experience in finance. Most recently, he managed the Securities and Derivatives Valuation Group at Aegon Asset Management in Cedar Rapids. Previously, he was a consultant for Springsted, Inc., in Des Moines, advising cities, counties, and school districts across Iowa on the issuance of governmental bonds.

Roetlin is a Coralville resident with a BA in Finance from the University of Iowa Tippie College of Business and an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Connecting Citizens to the City’s Finance Information

A great deal of information has always been available in the various documents posted on the City’s website, such as the Coralville’s annual audits and budgets.

To help our citizens stay informed, expanded City finance information has been added online. The public is welcome to review the City’s annual financial report, audit, budget, budget calendar, tax increment financing information, and debt information any time at www.coralville.org/finance.
Proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year 2014

In creating the budget, the City Council and staff give careful consideration to the needs of community programs and services in balance with available resources.

Budget Process
Planning for the Fiscal Year 2014 budget (effective July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) began last fall. Each year, departments submit budget requests, revenues are projected for the upcoming fiscal year, and each proposed budget is reviewed and revised by the City Administrator and Director of Finance. Once refined, the City Council discusses the budget during work sessions open to the public.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget was presented at the City Council meeting on February 12. A public hearing for the budget will be held at the City Council meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, February 26, at 7:00 pm.

Budget Highlights
- Property tax rate is unchanged at $13.5277 per $1,000 of taxable value.
- City bus fare increases by $0.25
- Budget goals:
  - To pass a balanced budget
  - To maintain the property tax rate
  - To maintain sufficient fund balances

Property Taxes
Property tax is the single largest source of revenue for the City’s General Fund. The amount of property tax residents and businesses pay is based on the property tax levy rate set by the City, as well as the State-regulated rollback rate.

As a positive indicator of Coralville’s continued growth, for Fiscal Year 2014 the total assessed value for property in Coralville is approximately $2.0 billion, an increase of $83.5 million (4.3%) over FY13’s assessed value. The total taxable value for property in Coralville is $1.44 billion, an increase of $89.2 million (6.6%).

Coralville’s Property Tax Levy Rate
The proposed FY14 property tax levy rate is $13.5277 per $1,000 dollars of taxable valuation. This represents the fourth consecutive year that the City’s property tax levy rate has remained the same.

Property Tax Rollback Set By the State
The State sets the residential rollback rate (the taxable percentage of assessed value), which increased from 50.718% to 52.8166% for residential property. Commercial property continues to be taxed on 100% of the assessed value.

What Are My Property Taxes?
With the increase in the State’s rollback, property tax paid to the City by residential property owners will increase by $28.39 for a home in Coralville that is assessed at $100,000.

Of the 23 cities in Iowa with a population equal to or greater than Coralville’s, the average property tax rate in FY13 was $14.80 per $1,000 of taxable value (9.4% higher than Coralville’s rate of $13.5277 per $1,000).
General Fund: Proposed Balanced Budget of $17,418,448

The hospitality industry is important to Coralville and the surrounding area: hotel/motel tax makes up 14% of the City’s General Fund revenues. Coralville has the 5th highest hotel/motel tax revenues in the State. Most cities in Iowa, including Coralville, assess hotel/motel tax at the maximum allowable rate of 7%. Coralville has the highest hotel/motel tax revenues for a city of its size in Iowa, which indicates the value the hotel/motel industry adds to our community.

General Fund Revenues

The General Fund is the City’s chief operating fund, and includes revenues from sources that are not required by law to be deposited elsewhere.

Property tax makes up 55% of total General Fund revenues. The remaining revenues come from hotel / motel tax, cable television franchise fees, utility franchise fees, charges for services, interest, licenses and permits, and transfers from other funds.

The General Fund revenues are expected to increase 3.7% primarily as a result of increases in the revenues from property tax (2.9%) through valuation growth and the increase in the state-regulated rollback, and hotel/motel tax (4.2%).

General Fund Expenditures

The proposed General Fund expenditures total $17,418,448. The budget proposed for the General Fund maintains a fund balance of approximately $4.1 million, which is 24% of the budgeted expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014. In addition, the General Fund has $2.1 million in unrestricted reserves for equipment replacement and future capital purchases.
Finance

Special Revenue Fund
The Special Revenue Fund contains proceeds from a specific source which are used for a specific purpose. This includes property tax revenue dedicated to employee benefits, and the Road Use Tax Fund, which is received from the State and is distributed to local governments based on the population of the most recent census. Road Use Tax Fund expenditures are comprised of roadway maintenance, street lighting, traffic control, snow removal, engineering, street cleaning, and transfers out. Coralville’s allocation of the Road Use Tax Fund for Fiscal Year 2014 is estimated to be $1,824,526.

Enterprise Funds
Enterprise Funds are business-type activities. Each fund establishes user rates or charges to sustain current and long-term operations.

There are no rate changes proposed for Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, Storm Water Management, and Parking.

Enterprise Fund highlights for Fiscal Year 2014 include:

- Transit
The Transit enterprise is comprised of fixed route bus service and ADA compliant para transit service.

  A city bus cash fare increase (from $0.75 to $1.00) is proposed to begin July 1, 2013. Changes to pass rates are proposed as well. This will be the first fare increase since 1997 and will bring Coralville’s bus fares into alignment with those of Iowa City.

  Coralville Transit was recognized in 2012 by the Federal Transit Administration for the highest percentage increase in passenger ridership and highest percentage decrease in cost per ride among urban transit providers in Iowa from 2010 to 2011.

- Water Improvement Projects
Water system improvements have begun with debt payments supported by the current rate structure. Two filters and two new Silurian wells are being added at a cost of $4.3 million to meet the needs of the growing community.

- Parking
The City operates the following four parking facilities:
  - Town Center Ramp, adjacent to the Coralville Public Library and Coralville Center for the Performing Arts
  - The proposed budget reflects the projected cost of operating the new West Parking Ramp adjacent to the University of Iowa Health Care–Iowa River Landing facility. Also included is the estimated revenue from the University of Iowa for their portion of the ramp. The revenues and expenditures from operating the University of Iowa Health Care’s portion of the ramp are offsetting, representing no net cost to the City.

Debt Service
The proposed Debt Service Levy of $2.1202 remains the same for the fourth consecutive year and is expected to generate $3.052 million of tax revenue to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds. Within this levy is the issuance of a new $1.4 million General Obligation Bond for improvements to Fire Station #1, the purchase of a fire truck, real estate purchase, road and street improvements and repairs, and economic development grants.

Capital Projects
Capital projects planned to be partially or entirely funded in FY14 include:

- Fire Station #1 Addition - $1,490,000: See article on page 5, Fire Station #1 to Build Addition.
- Oakdale Boulevard Extension - $1,634,000: This project will extend Oakdale Boulevard eastward to Dubuque Street. Coralville is participating in this project with Johnson County and Iowa City.
- Downtown Street Improvements - $521,000: See article on page 4, Street Improvements.
- Coral Ridge Avenue / IA 965 - $4,815,000: Improvements and widening from the intersection with Holiday Road northward to Oakdale Boulevard.

Additional Information
Budget information for Fiscal Year 2014 is broadcast on CoralVision Mediacom cable channel 5 (118-8 digital) and is available at www.coralville.org. The entire proposed budget is also available for review at the Coralville Public Library and City Hall.
Golf Program Highlights Solid Game Fundamentals

The Brown Deer Junior Golf Program is an excellent way to help junior golfers age ten to eighteen learn and play the game.

Brown Deer golf pros Sean McCarty and Brian Wernimont provide clinic instruction and individual interactions each time the junior comes to the course, teach proper scoring and golf etiquette, and assess each junior golfer’s equipment for a proper fit. Golf staff also offer tips on the driving range, tees, and greens during special golf opportunities. Over 10 hours of free instruction and weekly free competitions highlight the program, as well as unlimited golf throughout the season for one fee.

The program fee of $300 for the 2013 golf season includes golf during non-peak hours, orientation clinic, golf e-newsletters, tips clinics, and other great learning opportunities.

Interested families are asked to meet with Golf Professional Brian Wernimont for additional program information prior to signing up. Reservations can be made at 319.248.9300 or by emailing brian@browndeergolf.org.

Program details are available at www.browndeergolf.org or at the Brown Deer Pro Shop.

Tennis Courts Grand Opening
Saturday, May 11, 10:15 am

The Coralville Parks and Recreation Department invites tennis enthusiasts to officially open the new tennis courts on the west side of the Recreation Center at a grand opening celebration on Saturday, May 11, at 10:15 am.

Representatives from the United States Tennis Association will present a check at the celebration for the construction of these courts, followed by tennis lessons and the opportunity for citizens to play on the new, top quality courts.
Community

Signs Build Awareness About Water Supply Protection Areas

Last fall, the Coralville Water Department posted “Water Supply Protection Area” signs on 12th Avenue, Holiday Road, and 10th Street. The signs are intended to increase awareness of the location of the City’s water supply and to prevent pollution in these areas.

Taking steps as a community to protect these areas from fertilizers and chemicals helps to protect the water supply. Although the City’s water is tested daily and meets all Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources recommends the posting of these signs, designed to increase awareness about the impact of human actions on the environment.

The EPA provides these tips for reducing polluted runoff:

- Many common household chemicals are toxic. Select water-based products, less-toxic alternatives, and non-toxic substitutes wherever possible.
- When landscaping, select plants that have low requirements for water, fertilizers, and pesticides.
- Buy chemicals only in the amount needed, and apply them only as directed.
- Take unwanted household chemicals and pesticides to hazardous waste collection centers; don’t pour them down the drain.
- Never pour unwanted chemicals on the ground. Soil cannot purify most chemicals, which could contaminate runoff.
- Don’t indiscriminately spray pesticides where a pest problem has not been identified.
- If using a professional lawn care service, consider a company that follows practices designed to minimize the use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Compost yard trimmings. Compost is a valuable soil conditioner that gradually releases nutrients to the lawn and garden and decreases the amount of fertilizer needed. Compost also retains moisture in the soil and helps to conserve water.
- For more tips, visit http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/dosdont.cfm

Planning an Improvement Project on Your Lot?

Take time to check these steps before your next improvement project on your property. Proper planning can avoid costly “redo’s” in the future.

1. Review your lot boundaries at http://gis.johnson-county.com/PIV. Use the search feature to see your lot shape and ownership of neighboring lots, outlots, or open space.
2. Determine your property boundaries by locating the property pins for your lot. Property pins are steel pins (often with yellow caps) at the lot corners.
3. Did you recently build your home? Ask your contractor to locate the property pins. Contractors should leave these pins at ground level or just below so they are easy to locate. If they bury the pins, ask them to be re-established.
4. Can’t find your pins? Contact a local survey company to have them located. If your lot adjoins City of Coralville open space or park space, contact the Parks Division at 319.248.1780 for assistance.
5. Contact the City of Coralville Building Department at 319.248.1720 to determine if a permit is required for your project.
Upcoming Events

Coralville Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, April 21, 7:00 am to noon
Where: 5th Street Fire Station
Cost: Goodwill donation at the door
About: All you can eat pancakes, sausage, and eggs, plus juice and coffee.

City Wide Garage Sale
Saturday, May 4, 8:00 am to noon
Where: Throughout Coralville
Cost: $16 to list your sale
About: Clean out and sell your stuff, or browse for treasures. Shoppers can start their day at 8:00 am at the Coralville Recreation Center, pick up a map with garage sale addresses and directions, and get fueled with a first come, first served continental breakfast.

To be included in the Penny Saver Select city sale listing, register with Coralville Parks and Recreation by April 22. For more information, call 319.248.1750.

Recycle Swap Day
Saturday, May 4, 8:00 am to noon
Where: City Hall Parking Lot
Cost: Free
Keep items out of the landfill. Donate clean, usable items (books, canned food for the Crisis Center, clothing, furniture, appliances, household items, and toys) or pick up items donated by others. Leftover items will be donated to non-profit organizations. To volunteer, contact Dawn Stoddard at 319.248.1720.

Mayor’s Spring Clean Up Week
May 6 through May 10
Where: Curbside
Cost: Free (garbage and yard waste must be tagged as usual)
About: Dispose of bulky items, such as furniture, that have reached the end of their useful life. Place items curbside up to 24 hours before or by 7:00 am on your regular trash collection day. Items not picked up should be removed from the curb within 24 hours after collection day. Metal will be picked up by a separate truck and may not occur on your regular collection day.

Not accepted: Appliances, construction materials, electronics, or hazardous materials.
For more information, call 319.248.1740.

Big Day of Play
Saturday, May 11, beginning at 9:00 am
Where: S.T. Morrison Park
Cost: Free
About: Turn off the TV and join us for a big day of play with family fun, activities, and games. Enjoy a spring Saturday morning getting active!