Balancing Today’s Community with Tomorrow’s Vision page 2
What Is a Community Plan?
A community plan is more than just a document. It is a foundation for decision making and a reference for considering development proposals, capital improvements, infrastructure investments, policy changes, and more. The last Coralville Community Plan was adopted in 1992 and, although it had been amended following its adoption, the City needed a plan to reflect the Coralville of today and a vision for the future.

In late 2012, the City began the process of updating the Coralville Community Plan. One year later, a draft of the new Community Plan was unveiled for resident review and feedback and, early in 2014, the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council held public hearings on the plan. The City Council will adopt the plan by ordinance in a series of three readings that are scheduled to conclude in late March.

Key Community Issues
While the new community plan was developed in partnership with Houseal Lavigne Associates of Chicago, it reflects the voices of Coralville. The plan synthesizes a year’s worth of outreach, including information collected online, in community and business workshops, steering committee meetings, and stakeholder interviews, and it provides a concise list of key community issues. While this information has helped shape the recommendations of the Community Plan, it will also be useful in strategic and capital planning.

Revised Land Use Plan
Prior to the 2014 update, land use decisions were guided by a number of different documents and plans. The new Community Plan brings these together, with a unified legend and vocabulary for the types of land uses in the community and a single map. The land use plan serves as a guide for zoning.

Detailed Subarea Plans
The three subareas identified in the Community Plan include specific sites that have the potential for economic growth, include important destinations, are located along major corridors, and have the capacity for future development. The subareas reviewed in the plan include:

- Northwest Growth Area, which includes the University of Iowa Research Park and surrounding area, extending to the western edge of Coralville.
- 5th Street Corridor, which extends from 20th Avenue to 1st Avenue.
- Southeast Commercial Area, which includes the area north and south of Highway 6 from Clear Creek to Rocky Shore Drive.

Within the subareas, the plan looks at pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, housing, signage and branding, land usage, and streetscaping. Each subarea plan also includes a list of “catalyst” sites, where development or redevelopment could have a significant positive impact on the area.

To learn more, visit www.coralville.org/communityplan
Meet the Mayor

John Lundell, Mayor
Corvalle resident since 1980; deputy director at the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center

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Community service has been a priority John’s entire life. Prior to his City Council terms, he spent 20 years on the Coralville Public Library Board of Trustees and five years as a Coralville volunteer firefighter, in addition to serving on boards for the Iowa City Crisis Center, Iowa City-Coralville Safety Village, and the Johnson County Emergency Communications Center. These days, whether he is reflecting on the City’s many initiatives or looking ahead to Coralville’s next festival, the twinkle in John’s eyes is genuine when discussing Coralville. Much like his predecessor, he’s a mayor who wears his heart for Coralville on his sleeve.

One of John’s goals as mayor is to identify opportunities for cooperation and coordination between neighboring cities, Johnson County, and the school district. For John, a key to this is maintaining good relationships and regular communication with elected officials. As “team leader” of the City Council, John feels it is important to lead the Council in a consensus decision-making process.

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As a newly-elected City Council member, one of Laurie’s goals is to strengthen Coralville’s identity as an attractive community that embodies a small-town feel. For Laurie, this includes staying involved in the community to listen, understand, and remain fair-minded as the Council sets and carries out policies and ordinances.

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Balanced Budget: A budget with equal revenues and expenditures. In Iowa, cities are required to adopt a balanced budget.

Capital Project Funds: These funds account for resources used for major projects, buildings, and infrastructure.

Debt Service Fund: This fund accounts for payment on City debt except for Enterprise Fund (water, sewer, etc.) debt.

Enterprise Funds: These funds account for the costs of providing goods or services, like water or sewer, to the general public, and are covered primarily through user fees.

Fiscal Year: Coralville’s Fiscal Year 2015 begins July 1, 2014 and ends June 30, 2015.

Fund: Governmental funds operate like individual accounts. Some funds track a single source of revenue or type of expenditure. Other funds are for a single purpose, but have several sources of revenue and types of expenditures.

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

Rollback: The taxable percentage of a property’s assessed value; this amount is set by the State of Iowa.

Special Revenue Funds: These funds account for proceeds from specific sources that are usually required by law to be accounted for in separate funds and to be used for specific purposes, such as road use taxes, property taxes levied for retirement and benefits, tax increment financing (TIF) revenues, and most grants.

Budget Process, Goals, & Highlights
Planning for the Fiscal Year 2015 budget began last fall with departmental requests, projected revenues, and staff review. The City Council discussed the budget at public work sessions in January and February. On March 11 at the City Council meeting, the budget will be presented followed by an opportunity for public comment. The City Council will then vote on the budget. Once approved, the budget will be officially filed with the State.

The chief budget goals of City staff and elected officials include:
• To pass a balanced budget,
• To maintain the property tax rate,
• To maintain sufficient fund balances;
• All while providing high quality City services and enhancing the quality of life in Coralville.

The Fiscal Year 2015 budget includes:
• An unchanged city property tax rate.
• An increase in the sewer rate.
• Capital improvement projects including road improvements, the final phases of flood mitigation, and a multi-modal transportation facility.

Capital Projects
Capital projects planned to be partially or entirely funded in Fiscal Year 2015 include:
• Coral Ridge Avenue Improvements: Reconstruct and widen Coral Ridge Avenue from Holiday Road/Heartland Drive to Oakdale Boulevard. (see Going Places, p. 8)
• Heartland Drive and Commerce Drive: Widen streets and improve intersections west of Coral Ridge Avenue.
• Coralville’s portion of a regional animal control facility.
• Intermodal Transportation Center: Construct a facility with parking and public transit services (including a park-and-ride commuter program, electric car charging stations, and bicycle parking and lockers). Located in the Iowa River Landing.
• Youth Sports Complex: Construct ADA access, trails, and shelter space.
• Clear Creek South Floodwall, Phase I: Construct permanent and removable floodwalls and an earthen embankment along the south side of Clear Creek between 1st Avenue and the CRANDIC Railroad. This project is funded by a Community Development Block Grant and local funds. (see Going Places, p. 8)
• Clear Creek South Floodwall, Phase II: The final major piece in the City’s flood protection project, this project includes the elevation of 5th Street at Biscuit Creek and permanent and removable flood walls along the south bank of Clear Creek from 1st Avenue to the Clear Creek Bridge on Highway 6. This project is funded through an agreement with the Iowa Flood Mitigation Board; a portion of the existing State sales tax revenue generated within Coralville is allocated to the project.

Funding Coralville’s Services & Resources
What are my property taxes?

- **Residential Property**: Based on the City’s unchanged tax rate and the increase in the State’s residential rollback, property tax paid to the City by residential property owners will increase by $21.42 for a home assessed at $100,000.
- **Commercial/Industrial Property**: Because of the decrease in the State’s commercial and industrial property rollback, property tax paid to the City by commercial or industrial property owners will decrease by $338.19 for a property assessed at $500,000.

**Enterprise Funds**

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

**Fiscal Year 2015 Enterprise Funds**

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<th>Fund</th>
<th>Revenues</th>
<th>Expenditures &amp; Transfers Out</th>
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<td>Water</td>
<td>$2,476,850</td>
<td>$2,110,261</td>
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<td>Wastewater/Sewer</td>
<td>2,949,785</td>
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<td>Solid Waste</td>
<td>986,742</td>
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<td>Stormwater Management</td>
<td>323,000</td>
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<td>Parking</td>
<td>776,308</td>
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<td>Transit*</td>
<td>1,282,734</td>
<td>1,936,187</td>
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<td>Brown Deer Golf Course</td>
<td>2,436,510</td>
<td>2,430,653</td>
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*Transit receives a transfer from the General Fund to support operations.

There are no rate changes proposed for water, solid waste, and stormwater management. There is a proposed wastewater rate increase of 6.7% for the first 200 cubic feet of use, and an increase of 6% for each additional 100 cubic feet of use.

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<th>Current Monthly Sewer Rate</th>
<th>Proposed Monthly Sewer Rate</th>
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<tr>
<td>First 200 cubic feet</td>
<td>$7.50</td>
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<td>Each additional 100 cubic feet</td>
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For a home that uses 400 cubic feet per month, the sewer charges would increase by $0.80 per month.

**Why is the sewer rate increasing?**

The sewer rate increase will allow the City to begin to build resources to finance a significant planned sewer treatment plant project beginning in Fiscal Year 2019. The improvements will be designed to accommodate Coralville’s growth for the coming 20 years. The chart below illustrates Coralville’s user rate in comparison to surrounding cities.

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In creating the Fiscal Year 2015 budget, the City Council and staff give careful consideration to the needs of community programs and services, in balance with available resources.

**No Change to City’s Property Tax Rate**

Property taxes are the single largest source of revenue for the City’s General Fund. The amount of property tax residents and businesses pay is based on:

**Coralville’s Property Tax Levy Rate (established by the City)**

For the fifth consecutive year, the City’s property tax levy rate will remain the same; the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 property tax levy rate is $13.5277 per $1,000 dollars of taxable valuation.

**Property Tax Rollback (established by the State)**

- The State residential property rollback rate (the taxable percentage of assessed value) increased from 52.8166% to 54.4002% for residential property.
- The State commercial and industrial property rollback rate decreased from 100% to 95% of the assessed value because of property tax reform legislation passed during the 2013 legislative session.

**Did you know?**

Only a portion of your property taxes go to the City of Coralville to fund services provided by the City. Approximately 38% of your property tax bill goes to the City, and the rest goes to other units of local government.

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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 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.

The General Fund
The General Fund is the City’s chief operating fund.

General Fund Revenues
General Fund revenues are expected to increase 4.9%, primarily as a result of property tax revenues, State payments of ‘backfill’ dollars resulting from the commercial and industrial property tax reform legislation passed in 2013, and hotel/motel tax revenues.

Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Revenues

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<td>Property Tax</td>
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<td>697,650</td>
<td>5,600</td>
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<td>Uses of Money &amp; Property</td>
<td>313,675</td>
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<td>(Rent and Interest)</td>
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<td>Intergovernment</td>
<td>1,058,661</td>
<td>556,413</td>
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<td>Charges for Services</td>
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<td>Other Financing Sources</td>
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<td>$17,418,448</td>
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General Fund Expenditures
The proposed General Fund expenditures total $18,267,601. The budget proposed for the General Fund maintains a fund balance of approximately $4.1 million, which is 22% of the budgeted expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015. In addition, the General Fund has $2.3 million in unrestricted reserves for equipment replacement and future capital purchases.

Fiscal Year 2015 General Fund Expenditures

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<td>Recreation</td>
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<td>Contingency, Transfers &amp; Other</td>
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<td>Parks</td>
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<td>Fire</td>
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<td>Clerk, Finance &amp; Human Resources</td>
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The Special Revenue Funds contain proceeds from specific sources which are used for specific purposes. This includes property tax revenue dedicated to employee benefits, tax increment financing districts, and the road use tax fund.

Road use tax revenues are received from the State and are distributed to local governments based on the population of the most recent census. Coralville’s allocation of the road use tax fund for Fiscal Year 2015 is estimated to be $1,843,433. Road use tax fund expenditures include roadway maintenance, street lighting, traffic control, snow removal, engineering, and street cleaning.

Tax increment financing (TIF) revenues result from an increase in property values in a certain area and the road use tax fund.

Fiscal Year 2015 Special Revenue Fund Expenditures

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$9,769,000 for the Coralville Flood Mitigation Project, awarded by the State of Iowa Flood Mitigation Board. This grant provides funding for the elevation of 5th Street at Biscuit Creek, and permanent and removable flood walls along the south side of Clear Creek from Highway 6 to 1st Avenue.

$470,078 for Clear Creek Trail Phase VII, awarded by Johnson County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s regional Surface Transportation Program. This award funds a portion of Clear Creek Trail Phase VII, which goes from the Coralville Creekside Ballpark under Interstate-80 to the existing Tiffin trail.

$263,540 for the Clear Creek Watershed Improvement Project, awarded by the Iowa Watershed Improvement Review Board. This award funds green infrastructure elements of the Coral Ridge Avenue Improvements — Holiday Road to Oakdale Boulevard project (see Going Places, p. 8).

$180,500 for the Highway 6 Traffic Signal Coordination Project, awarded by Iowa’s Clean Air Attainment Program. The project interconnects, upgrades, and coordinates traffic signals at ten intersections on Highway 6 which will help reduce traffic delays, time spent idling at intersections, and vehicular emissions.

$145,000 for the Iowa River Landing Sculpture Walk, awarded by an Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Great Places Grant. This funding supports the creation and installation of 11 permanent outdoor sculptures by Iowa artists, each based on a work in the Iowa Writers’ Library. The works were installed in fall 2013 (learn about the sculptures at www.coralville.org/IRLsculptures).

$324,350 for the University Parkway Extension RISE Project 2013, awarded by the Iowa Department of Transportation. This RISE grant (Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy) assists in the extension of University Parkway (see Going Places, p. 8).

$12,100 for trail way-finding signage, awarded by State Transportation Program funds. This grant paid 80% of the costs for the Metro Planning Organization of Johnson County and the City of Coralville to purchase 278 way-finding signs for bicyclists.

$1,250 in support of American Sign Language interpretation, awarded by Old Capitol Sertoma Club. This award funds ASL interpretation at select performances during City Circle Acting Company of Coralville’s 2013-2014 season at the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts.

$750 in support of the Young Footlighters, a program committee of the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, awarded by the Community Foundation of Johnson County.

$2,250 in support of the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts’ presentation of Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia’s The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Other Eric Carle Favourites, awarded by the Community Foundation of Johnson County and the Coralville Community Fund. This supports two performances for schools and one public performance.

$37,175 from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau, awarded to the Coralville Police Department for overtime traffic enforcement, training, materials, and equipment for October 2012-September 2013; $18,270 has been awarded for October 2013-September 2014.

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GOING PLACES

**Coral Ridge Avenue Improvements – Holiday Road to Oakdale Boulevard**

**WHAT / WHERE:** Reconstruct and widen Coral Ridge Avenue (formerly Highway 965) from Holiday Road / Heartland Drive to Oakdale Boulevard.

**DETAILS:** Widen road to four lanes with raised median. Install new traffic signals at Oakdale Boulevard, a ten foot wide trail on the west side of Coral Ridge Avenue, a trail underpass north of Holiday Road, storm sewer, landscaping, and lighting improvements.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:** The unique stormwater project included in this reconstruction is the first roadway project in Iowa to be designed with water quality and quantity practices. This project will help protect water quality in the Clear Creek Watershed, reduce flash flooding, and provide green infrastructure educational opportunities.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:** One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained during construction.

**TIMELINE:** Spring 2014–late summer 2014

**AWARDED TO:** Metro Pavers, Inc., of Iowa City; $4,537,287.50.

**FUNDED BY:** Iowa DOT Surface Transportation Program funds, $3,062,000 (Iowa Watershed Improvement Review Board funding), and local funds.

**University Parkway Extension RISE Project**

**WHAT / WHERE:** Extend University Parkway and utilities from the University Parkway / Court roundabout south to Oakdale Boulevard within the University of Iowa Research Park.

**DETAILS:** This joint project between the City and the University of Iowa provides street access and utilities to the Kirkwood Community College Regional Center currently under construction.

**TIMELINE:** Grading will begin when ground conditions allow; paving and utilities will be bid in spring for a fall 2014 completion.

**AWARDED TO:** DeLong Construction of Washington, Iowa; grading package $151,001.50.

**FUNDED BY:** $324,350 (Iowa DOT Revitalize Iowa’s Sound Economy (RISE) Local Development grant) and the University of Iowa.

**CRANDIC Flood Mitigation Improvements**

**WHAT / WHERE:** Flood mitigation improvements along the Iowa River from west of Rocky Shore Drive to the north end of the Iowa River Power Company Restaurant parking lot.

**DETAILS:** Raise the CRANDIC Railroad embankment, raise and lengthen the CRANDIC Railroad Bridge over Clear Creek, construct earthen berms and concrete flood walls along the west bank of the Iowa River, and construct removable flood walls along the Iowa River Power Restaurant property.

**TIMELINE:** Summer 2014 completion

**AWARDED TO:** PCI in July 2012

**FUNDED BY:** $7,158,520 (Economic Development Administration funds), $2,500,000 (Community Development Block Grant), and local funds.

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**Com rce Drive / Commercial Park Roundabout Improvements**

**WHAT / WHERE:** A new roundabout at the intersection of Commerce Drive and Commercial Park.

**DETAILS:** This is the final phase of several improvements on Heartland Drive and Commerce Drive to accommodate future traffic volumes when the area is fully developed. This joint project between the City and a local developer includes additional landscaping on Heartland Drive.

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:** This intersection will be closed to through traffic during construction. Access will be maintained to all businesses at all times.

**TIMELINE:** Spring 2014–late summer 2014

**AWARDED TO:** PCI; $634,960.10

**FUNDED BY:** Community Development Block Grant and local funds

**Clear Creek South Floodwall (Phase 1)**

**WHAT / WHERE:** Construct permanent and removable floodwalls and an earthen embankment along the south side of Clear Creek between 1st Avenue and the CRANDIC Railroad.

**TIMELINE:** April 2014 completion

**AWARDED TO:** PCI; $634,960.10

**FUNDED BY:** Community Development Block Grant and local funds

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**SPRING 2014**
WALKS
Sidewalk inspections remind property owners to repair walkways

Each year, Coralville Engineering Department staff inspects public sidewalks within one of five zones to identify sidewalks that do not meet City standards – which means that if you own a property in Coralville, you can expect your sidewalks to be checked out every five years.

Property owners are required to maintain sidewalks adjoining their properties, which includes repairing or replacing sidewalks as needed. Damaged sidewalks can be tripping hazards, while missing sidewalks pose both a safety issue and an inconvenience. This spring, staff will inspect sidewalks abutting public rights-of-way within sidewalk repair zone 5 (see map). If repairs are needed or a missing sidewalk has been identified, staff will leave a door hanger at the property so that residents know the inspection has taken place. Following this initial inspection:

• Property owners will be notified by certified mail and given 45 days to get a sidewalk permit from the City, perform the work, and have the work inspected.

• If the repair or missing sidewalk is not completed within 45 days, the property will be placed on an assessment project list and the work will be completed by the City’s contractor. If the work is done by assessment, property owners will have the opportunity to pay for the work before it is applied to their property taxes.

For more information, contact:
Ryan Foley, Coralville Engineering Department
rfoley@ci.coralville.ia.us
Ph: 319.248.1720
www.coralville.org/sidewalks

Are you planning to aerate or fertilize your yard?

If spring is a time when you aerate and fertilize your yard, consider deep tine aeration and composting, which may be eligible for reimbursement through Coralville’s Stormwater Cost Share Program.

While standard aeration is great for breaking up compacted soil, deep tine aeration creates macro-pores in your soil using tines that are longer than four inches, which provide deep drainage, break through soil layers, and allow your grass to form deeper roots.

To further improve your lawn’s health, consider “top dressing” by spreading a layer of compost over the top of your aerated lawn. This soil quality restoration process allows your yard to soak up more rain water while the compost feeds the micro communities in your soil, resulting in a green and sustainable lawn.

If you are a Coralville resident or business property owner, the City will contribute half the cost, up to $2,000, to help incorporate water quality practices like these into your landscaping and lawn care. The Stormwater Cost Share Program can also help address situations such as missing topsoil or poor drainage.

You must enroll in this program before completing the work. Please contact Amy Foster, Stormwater Coordinator, at 319.248.1720 or afoster@ci.coralville.ia.us. Or, visit the City’s booth at the 2014 Greater Iowa City Homebuilder’s Home Show at the Coralville Marriott on March 7, 8, and 9.
Electronic gadgets are everywhere, and Coralville Public Library patrons are now able to check out and use an iPad within the Library.

**iPads for Youth:** Two iPads are available at the Children’s Services Desk. These iPads, with internet disabled, come loaded with educational apps and games and are available for checkout only to children.

**iPads for Adults:** Five iPads are available at the Reference Desk. These iPads feature the built-in wireless internet access plus OverDrive and Zinio, the Library’s emedia apps.

To check out an iPad for use in the Library, patrons must be in good standing with the Library and must fill out a user agreement. For details, visit the children’s or reference desks. The iPads were purchased through the generous support of the Friends of the Coralville Public Library.

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**Stage on the Page**

Copies of the plays are available for checkout at the Library

**Last Thursday of the month | 10:00 am**

**Thursday, March 27**
**Marion Bridge**
by Daniel MacIvor
Three estranged sisters return to their childhood home to care for their dying mother. Back with family, each daughter begins to find out who she really is. Guests from Riverside Theatre’s production will join the discussion!

**Thursday, April 24**
**Becky’s New Car**
by Steven Dietz
Becky is caught in middle age, middle management, and in a middling marriage when a grief-stricken millionaire stumbles into the car dealership where she works. Guests from Dreamwell Theatre’s production will join the discussion!

**Thursday, May 29**
**Agamemnon**
by Aeschylus
The classic Greek tragedy by Aeschylus and the first of the Oresteia trilogy explores human action, the lust for power, and violence.

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**It’s a Mystery**

Lively mystery book discussion with coffee and treats from Caffe Crema!

**Second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am | All are welcome**

**March 12**
**The Last Kind Word**
by David Housewright
A millionaire uncensed P.I. is the perfect person to track a cache of stolen weapons and infiltrate a crime ring.

**April 9**
**Kind of Cruel**
by Sophie Hannah
A chronic insomniac visits a hypnotherapist and wakes up to find she’s been accused of murder.

**Mary 14**
**Blood Orange**
by Karen Keskinen
A P.I. gets drawn into the case of a local girl’s murder and must delicately balance race and class fault lines.

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**Free, book-based movies for adults! Fresh popcorn is provided!**

**Moneyball**
**Wednesday, April 16, 6:00 pm**
Oakland A’s general manager puts together a baseball club on a budget by employing computer-generated analysis to draft his players. Based on Moneyball: the Art of Winning an Unfair Game, by Michael Lewis.

**Argo**
**Thursday, May 15, 6:00 pm**
FINE AMNESTY & AUTHORS FAIR
National Library Week runs from April 13 through April 19. It’s a time to celebrate and recognize the libraries in our communities!

**Fine Amnesty • April 13-19**
When overdue materials are returned from April 13 through April 19, associated fines will be waived!

**Second Annual Small Press & Self-Published Authors Fair • April 19**
Area writers who have published works either independently or through small publishing houses will share their work and expertise through a series of readings, panel discussions, and workshops.

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**Spring Break Activities for Youth**

*Monday, March 17, 1:00-3:00 pm*
Celebrate St. Patrick’s day with a drop-in craft in the Storytime Room.

*Wednesday, March 19, 1:30 pm*
Thaw out with a screening of Frozen (PG). Bring the family and snacks!

*Thursday, March 20, 7:00 pm | Just for Teens*
See a movie and enjoy popcorn, drinks, and more!

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**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

It’s not too early to think about summer! The 2014 summer reading program, “Fizz, Boom, Read,” will kick off on Wednesday, May 28. Learn more at www.coralvillepubliclibrary.org.

*Wednesday, May 28, 5:00-6:30 pm | Just for Teens*
Teens can kick off an action-packed summer reading program!

**CAFFE CREMA OPENS AT THE LIBRARY**

After a swift remodeling of the coffee shop space, Caffe Crema opened in early 2014!

Caffe Crema
415 5th Street
11:00 am - 9:00 pm

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**Take a Book, RETURN a BOOK at a Little Free Library**

The Little Free Library movement came from a basic idea that has been adopted in growing numbers nationwide: Build an outdoor mini book house, fill it with books, and let anyone take and replace a book under the honor system.

Little Free Libraries spread a love of reading and build a sense of community, and they are popping up throughout neighborhoods in the area. Coralville’s newest Little Free Library, the first to be coordinated with the City, was installed in Central Park in January 2014. The library is one of a dozen crafted and donated to area organizations by long-time Boy Scout volunteer John Gross.

One of the unique qualities of Little Free Libraries is how they vary in their architecture and theme; each library created by John, including the one located in Central Park, is dedicated to one of the twelve points of the Scout law. The Central Park Little Free Library will soon be registered and mapped as an official Little Free Library, and staff from the Coralville Public Library will check it regularly and stock it as needed. For more about Little Free Libraries or to view a map, visit www.littlefreelibrary.org.

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**Programs for Youth & Families**

*Preschool Storytime (3-5 years old)*
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00 am

*Wee Read (children under age 3)*
Thursdays, repeated at 10:15 and 11:15 am

*Kids’ Club (grades K-6)*
First Thursday of the month, 2:30-3:30 pm

*Sign up online or at the Children’s Desk starting two weeks before Kids’ Club.*

*Family Night (all ages)*
Second Tuesday of the month, 6:30-7:30 pm

*Family Storytime (all ages)*
Saturdays, 10:30-11:00 am

*R.E.A.D. (Kindergarten and up)*
March 16 and May 18, 1:00-3:00 pm

*Improve reading skills by reading aloud to a licensed therapy dog from the Therapy Dogs of Johnson County. 15-minute time slots; advance registration starts the previous Sunday at 319.248.1850 or at the Children’s Desk.*

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**PUTT FOR THE LIBRARY**

$5 per person; 5 & under free if with a paying adult. Raffle prizes include an iPad mini, gift basket from the Iowa Children’s Museum, and a deluxe Lego set from the Iowa City Area Association of Realtors.

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**Fine Amnesty**

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**Little Free Library**

Coralville’s newest Little Free Library looks like a tent, complete with guy lines and stakes attached to the roof.
MARCH

7 & 8 American Girl Fashion Show
Iowa Children’s Museum Fundraiser

13 & 17 Coralville Central Elementary
School Concerts

28 The Elixir of Love
Opera Iowa

APRIL

4–13 Jesus Christ Superstar
Presented by City Circle Acting Company

17 Eastern Iowa Brass Band

18 AFFECT Dance Company
Showcase

19 Nolte Academy
A Collection of Classical Ballet Repertoire

21 Suzanne Westerhoefer
Presented by Iowa City Pride

25 Joseph Hall:
Elvis Rock ‘n’ Remember

26 Jim McDonough and His Orchestra
Iowa’s Own Pianist, 2014 Spring Tour

27 Orchestra Iowa Chamber Players
April in Paris

MAY

2 Orchestra Iowa Slavic Classics

3 Iowa Dance 2014

9–11 Hansel and Gretel
Presented by Young Footlighters

14 Regina High School Band

15 Music in the Village

19 Northwest Junior High School
Mass-casualty violence has become an all-too-familiar topic in the news. Statistics show that the vast majority of these incidents end within 12 minutes, and that civilians are twice as likely to stop one of these events — rather than law enforcement intervention — because civilians are already there. Police departments across the nation, including the Coralville Police Department, are working to ensure that citizens have the training they need to increase their chances of survival.

**About ALICE**
The Coralville Police Department provides violent-intruder response training using the ALICE method: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. Rather than a one-size-fits-all approach, ALICE provides individuals with tools to make decisions for their specific circumstances.

ALICE, which has been adopted by more than 900 organizations nationwide representing more than one million people, was adopted by the Iowa City Community School District; the Coralville Police Department was proud to assist in the implementation.

**Training Available**
The Coralville Police Department has four officers who are trained ALICE instructors and can work with area businesses, daycare centers, churches, nonprofit groups, and other organizations to train their staff in ALICE. During the training, officers will discuss each component of ALICE and how it affects that specific organization.

For more information, contact: Officer Ben Hayden, Coralville Police Department bhayden@ci.coralville.ia.us Ph: 319.248.1800

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**Storm Warning Sirens**

Storm warning sirens are an outdoor warning system, designed to alert those who are outside that something dangerous is approaching.

**Who is in charge of the sirens?**
The storm warning system is operated by the Johnson County Joint Emergency Communications Center; the outdoor storm warning sirens located throughout Coralville are maintained by the Coralville Fire Department. Most of Coralville’s storm warning sirens operate on solar charged batteries which allow the system to function in the event of a power failure.

**What do they sound like?**
The storm warning is a high-pitched, constant tone that lasts for three minutes. Sirens may be sounded multiple times to convey a continued or new threat.

**When are the sirens tested?**
Sirens are tested for one minute on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 10:00 am.

**When do the sirens go off?**
Under the Johnson County outdoor warning system guidelines, sirens are sounded for:

- **Tornado Warnings:** Either Doppler radar-indicated or reported by a trained spotter.
- **Wind:** Severe thunderstorm warnings with winds of 70 mph or greater (potential for whole trees to snap or uproot).
- **Hail:** 1.75 inch (golf ball-sized) or larger (potential for windows to break).

**What should I do when a siren sounds?**

- Seek immediate shelter indoors, away from windows.
- In the threat of a tornado, seek indoor shelter in a basement.
- Respond to the storm warnings provided by the National Weather Service.
Memorial & Tribute Trees
A memorial or tribute tree can be purchased and planted on City property to honor a loved one or commemorate a special occasion. Trees, which can be planted in parks, open spaces, and at Brown Deer Golf Club, provide shade and habitat for many years. Memorial trees are recognized with an engraved inscription on a stone at the base of the tree. Parks staff will help to select an appropriate species of tree and an appropriate location, and they will plant, water, and maintain the tree.

Prices range based on the type and size of tree; $250-$750

Theater Seat
A gift in celebration of the performing arts in Coralville can be made through a theater seat gift at the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts. Seat sponsors are recognized on a recognition plaque in the main and upper lobbies.

Balcony seats $500, main floor seats $750

Park Bench
Park benches are placed in parks, at City facilities, and along trail corridors. Each bench has a place for an inscription. The City has selected a standard park bench style for most locations, but other options may be available for a special area. $750

Scholarship Funds
Every child deserves the opportunity to learn how to swim, play softball or baseball, kick a soccer ball with teammates, or attend a craft class. Scholarships provide funding for children to attend classes that teach lifelong leisure skills. These gifts of recreation provide peace of mind to a family that their child will be able to participate even when the family may be struggling financially. Recognition is given annually in the Leisure Line and at the Coralville Recreation Center lobby area for those who contribute to making a difference through recreation scholarships.

$25 and greater

Site-Specific Gifts
Larger gifts such as bleachers, shelters, trail kiosks, or other opportunities may be available. These gifts may have naming opportunities associated with the project. Please contact Sherri Proud, Director of Parks and Recreation, to visit about site-specific gifts.

For more information, please contact Sherri Proud at 319.248.1750 or sproud@ci.coralville.ia.us.

D/VOTS!
Bar & Grill

Beginning April 11:
Open daily for lunch and dinner, 11:00 am-9:00 pm
You don’t have to be a golfer to appreciate the excellent food, service, and views at Divots!

LUNCH • DINNER • DRINKS • APPETIZERS • DESSERTS

1900 Country Club Dr., Coralville, IA 319.248.9303 www.browndeer.org

SPRING 2014
Fire Department Pancake Breakfast & Open House
Sunday, April 13, 7:00 am to noon
Where: Fire Station #1 (1501 5th Street)
Cost: Goodwill donation at the door
About: The fire department is flipping flapjacks! Indulge in all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausages, and eggs.
Open House: Tour the newest addition to Fire Station #1, including sleeping quarters, residential space for live-in firefighters, a fitness room, administrative offices, and a conference room.

Rx Take Back Event
Saturday, April 26, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Where: Hy-Vee and both Coralville Walgreens locations
Cost: Free
About: Drop off old or unused prescription or over-the-counter medications for free, safe disposal. Sponsored by the Coralville Police Department and the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration. To learn more, contact Officer Hayden at the Coralville Police Department, 319.248.1800.

Community Shred Event
Saturday, May 3, 10:00 am to noon
Where: Coralville Community Aquatic Center Parking Lot
Cost: Free
About: The Coralville Police Department and Heartland Shredding are teaming up to help prevent identity theft. Community members can bring up to two boxes of personal papers to be shredded on site.

Recycle Swap Day
Saturday, May 3, 8:00 am to noon
Where: City Hall Parking Lot
Cost: Free
About: 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.

City Wide Garage Sale
Saturday, May 3, 8:00 am to noon
Where: Throughout Coralville
Cost: $17 to list your sale
About: Sell your stuff or browse for treasures. Start 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 register your sale, call Coralville Parks and Recreation at 319.248.1750. Deadline is April 23.

Mayor’s Spring Clean Up Week
May 5 through May 9
Where: Curbside
Cost: Free (tag garbage and yard waste as usual)
About: Dispose of bulky items, such as furniture, that may 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.

Coralville Play, Every Summer Day Kickoff
Sunday, May 18, 3:00 to 5:00 pm
Where: Recreation Center and S.T. Morrison Park
Cost: Free
About: Enjoy fun family activities and pick up information to keep families active all summer long! For more information, call 319.248.1750.

Memorial Day Holiday Schedule
Monday, May 26
City Offices and Library: Closed; Recreation Center open noon to 5:00 p.m.
Transit: No buses running
Garbage/Recycling: No pickup on Monday; the week of May 26, all routes will be collected one day later than usual.

Declining Market for Recycled Glass Leads to Program Change
The City’s curbside and drop-off recycling program discontinued glass recycling in early 2014 because of a decreased market for glass collected through the program. Paper, chipboard, aluminum, tin, foil, plastic, and cardboard continue to be recycled through Coralville’s recycling program.
The program is supported by solid waste fees and by revenue from the sale of recycled items; materials collected that are not marketable increase program costs. In addition to the impact on Coralville’s recycling program costs, glass collection puts employees at risk and causes more wear on equipment.

In 2013, glass accounted for only 2 percent, by weight, of Coralville’s collected recyclables, and a small portion of the glass collected was beverage containers redeemable under Iowa’s bottle deposit program.

Coralville is not alone in its move to discontinue glass recycling. Over ten years ago, the City of Iowa City discontinued curbside glass collection, and the City of Dubuque cut curbside glass recycling in 2011. This trend extends beyond Iowa, as cities debate the value of glass recycling within the decreased resale market.

Where to Recycle Glass
Citizens are encouraged to recycle when and where possible. To recycle glass, residents may:
• Redeem Iowa five-cent beverage containers at local retailers.
• Donate Iowa five-cent beverage containers to the “Can Do” program at the Coralville Recycling Center, 110 E. 7th Street.
• Recycle glass containers at the East Side Recycling Center, North Dodge Hy-Vee, and the Iowa City Landfill and Recycle Center (all three are funded by the Iowa City Landfill, which serves all of Johnson County), or City Carton Recycling
To learn more about Coralville’s recycling program, visit www.coralville.org/recycling or call 319.248.1740.

Goodbye, Glass
Yard Waste Collection

Curbside pick-up of yard waste (grass, leaves, and garden residue) begins each spring after snowmelt or the third week in March, weather permitting. Yard waste is picked up on regular garbage collection days.

Residents may use a biodegradable Coralville yard waste bag, or place an annual yard waste sticker on a 33-gallon container. Full yard waste bags and containers cannot weigh over 40 pounds.

Biodegradable Yard Waste Bags

Purchase bags in packages of five for $5, or individually for $1 per bag, at:
- Coralville City Hall, 1512 7th St.
- Coralville Hy-Vee, 1914 8th St.
- Lenoch and Cilek Ace Hardware, 1701 2nd St.
- Theisen’s, 100 Westcor Dr.

Annual Yard Waste Stickers

Annual yard waste stickers, valid during yard waste collection season, are $25 each and can be purchased at City Hall. To purchase by mail, send a check* for $25.50 to:

City Hall
1512 7th St.
Coralville, IA 52241

*Include your name and address, and write “annual yard waste sticker” in the check memo. The sticker will be mailed to you.

For more information, contact the City of Coralville at 319.248.1740.