Is There a Fire in You?

The next Fire Academy begins for new volunteer firefighters with training, commitment, and a focus on our community.

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Xtream Arena
Powered by Mediacom
Is Coming to Coralville

The arena under construction in Coralville’s Iowa River Landing has a new name: Xtream Arena powered by Mediacom, with the naming rights made possible through a 10-year marketing partnership agreement with Mediacom Communications Corporation.

Xtream Arena will be an approximately 5,100-seat multi-purpose facility located at the corner of E. 9th Street and 2nd Avenue. The Arena will contain a full-size sheet of ice to support the University of Iowa club hockey team and Iowa City/Coralville youth hockey teams, and developers are targeting a USHL or ECHL collaboration. The Arena will also be the new home for the University of Iowa women’s volleyball team.

The Fieldhouse, immediately adjacent to the Arena, will be approximately 53,000 square feet—large enough to fit five full-sized basketball or volleyball courts. The facility will have the flexibility to host a number of athletic events and tournaments—from wrestling and basketball to indoor football and soccer—and will also be capable of hosting special events such as concerts and graduation ceremonies, with accessibility to the main event level and temperature control.

In addition to Xtream Arena, there will be many other functions in the entire facility. A Staybridge Suites hotel will be attached to the west side of the building, and the Johnson County Historical Society, Hawkeye Model Railroad Club, and the Antique Car Museum of Iowa will all have new facilities in the lower level of the building, along with additional mixed-use office and retail space.

This project will be a significant addition to the riverfront recreation and entertainment in the Iowa River Landing. Construction on this new facility is expected to be complete in the fall of 2020.
Meet the Arena Staff

Meet **Brian Hixenbaugh**, General Manager of the new Xtream Arena for Spectra Venue Management. Hixenbaugh brought a wealth of experience with him to Coralville when he began with Xtream Arena in March 2018, previously serving as the General Manager of the CFE Arena on the campus of the University of Central Florida since 2011. Hixenbaugh spent two years serving as the Assistant General Manager at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia, South Carolina, and three and a half years as an event manager at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. Originally from Knoxville, Iowa, he is a graduate of Iowa State University and has been with Spectra Venue Management since 2006.

**Michael Rooney**, Fieldhouse Director for Spectra Venue Management at Xtream Arena, is no stranger to managing major events in the Coralville area. Rooney spent two and a half years at the Iowa City/Coralville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau as Manager of Sports Development. During his time at the CVB, Rooney assisted with FRYfest, granGABLE, U.S. Olympic Wrestling Trials, World Cup of Cyclo-cross, and the United World Wrestling World Cup. Rooney is a 2015 graduate of University of Iowa in the Tippie College of Business and was born and raised in Cedar Rapids.

Seat Sponsorship

**YES!** I’d like to sponsor a seat in the new Xtream Arena.

I understand recognition will be given on the concourse level wall among other sponsors.

**Name:**

**Phone:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

Name to be placed on recognition wall:

I’d like to sponsor ________ seat(s) on the club level at $1,000 per seat.  TOTAL $ __________

I’d like to sponsor ________ seat(s) on the concourse level at $500 per seat.  TOTAL $ __________

- Check made out to ArenaCo is enclosed
- I would like to be billed in 2 equal installments (one half now, one half due in 6 months)

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Return to:** Coralville City Hall, 1512 7th St., Coralville, IA 52241

**Tax ID:** 81-4968896 Your tax-deductible receipt will be received from ArenaCo.

- **www.coralville.org**
- **319.248.1700**
Data Drives Traffic Control Devices

From time to time, the City receives requests to install stop signs at certain intersections – but did you know that specific criteria must be followed when determining the need to add or change traffic control devices such as stop signs, speed limit signs, and traffic signals?

Coralville, along with state and local transportation planners and traffic engineers across the nation, uses the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). MUTCD outlines the criteria for traffic control based on traffic volumes, traffic speeds, collision history, and pedestrian volumes. When a request is made to install a stop sign—or any traffic control device—we must ensure specific conditions exist to justify it. In fact, harm can arise from installing a stop sign where it is not warranted, resulting in a greater chance of rear-end collisions, drivers rolling through stop signs, and motorists speeding up between stop-controlled intersections.

Do you have a specific traffic-related concern? Let us know by contacting Scott Larson, Assistant City Engineer, at 319.248.1720 or slarson@coralville.org. To learn more about the MUTCD, visit https://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/.

Street Sweeping for Clean Water

While street sweeping removes dirt and debris from City streets to provide a clean look, did you know that street sweeping also plays an important role in reducing water pollution?

Sweeping the City’s streets removes sediments which carry oils, heavy metals, and roadway pollutants from the streets and gutters before they can enter the storm drain system. Leftover winter salt, debris, and sand are also removed through the street sweeping process. Each spring and fall, Coralville’s street sweeper passes through all public Coralville streets, with additional street sweeping throughout the year as needed. In 2018, 110 tons of debris were removed from local roadways through our street sweeping process.

Because cleaning the streets is part of our pollution prevention and good housekeeping protocol, the City’s street sweeper is funded in part through stormwater fees.

Know Where to Park It

When parking in Coralville, be a good neighbor and keep the following in mind:

✔ Pay attention to the signs for street parking. For most east/west roads in Coralville, parking is not allowed on the south side of the street; for most north/south roads in Coralville, parking is not allowed on the east side.

✔ Street parking is not allowed between 2:00 am and 6:00 am.

✔ All parking must be on a paved surface of portland concrete cement or bituminous asphalt, and parking in the grass or on any unpaved surface is prohibited (Code of Ordinances, Ch. 165.35). If you have an RV, camper, or other large vehicle, remember that anything parked in your driveway or on residential streets must be under one-ton load capacity (Code of Ordinances, Ch. 69.13).

✔ Do not block driveways, mailboxes, or sidewalks, or park within five feet of a fire hydrant.

✔ Never park in a parking space designated for persons with disabilities without a disabled license plate/placard (it must be issued to you, or the person to whom it was issued must be present).

✔ Never park in the striped or crosshatched area adjacent to a parking space designated for persons with disabilities. This loading area provides room for a person with disabilities to maneuver in and out of the vehicle, and it is unlawful to block it.

✔ It is helpful to park off the street during or after a snowfall so that the snow plow isn't restricted by parked vehicles when plowing the street.

Coralville’s 2015 Elgin Whirlwind MV pure vac street sweeper with Freightliner M2 chassis
After two years of planning, 2019 marks the beginning of the Coralville Woodland Restoration Project, which will refresh Coralville’s woodlands.

The project addresses non-native invasive species and non-native tree growth in targeted areas of Coralville forests, and manages these forested stands in a way that encourages native tree populations for future generations to enjoy.

Restoration work in this multi-step project focuses on removing, treating, and limiting the regrowth of invasive species in the understory (the lower layer) in approximately 157 acres of woodlands at these sites:

- Auburn East/Meade Nature Area
- Auburn Hills open space
- Stables Basin open space
- Clear Creek west of Camp Cardinal Boulevard

Oriental bittersweet is one of the most destructive non-native invasive plants in the Midwest. This plant grows on the ground first and can eventually grow up mature 60 to 80 foot tall oaks, completely covering and strangling them.

**DIID YOU KNOW?**

**WHY THIS WORK IS IMPORTANT**

Forest areas throughout the city are long overdue for restoration efforts, as they have been overtaken by invasive species that disrupt natural ecosystem functions. Leaving these areas unmanaged is destructive to the long-term health of these woodland areas and to the potential wildlife habitat. This natural resource is so important to our community as it provides wildlife habitat, opportunities for recreation, storm water retention, carbon sequestration, and climate resilience.

**THE PROCESS**  
The first phase began in early 2019 by removing honey suckle, oriental bittersweet, multiflora rose, burning bush, wild barberry, autumn olive, and privet. A specialized mower and other methods are used to manually cut invasive species. When needed, trunks and stems are treated with an approved herbicide as recommended by the DNR; the herbicide is dyed so it is visible where the treatment has taken place. Two additional treatments will occur in the summer and fall of 2019. In following years, additional native tree species and understory plants will be planted to restore our important natural resources.

**PROJECT FUNDING**  
The seeds of the project began in 2016, when the Iowa DNR and the City of Coralville received a Healthy Forests grant through the US Forest Service which allowed almost 157 acres of City wooded open space to be evaluated and mapped for invasive species and native tree stands. The result was the development of a Forest Stewardship Plan for the evaluated areas. The City used this plan to apply for and receive a REAP grant through the Iowa DNR Resource Enhancement and Protection program to perform invasive species removal in identified project areas throughout the city.

For more information, contact:  
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abuhmeyer@coralville.org  
Ph: 319.248.1780  
www.coralville.org/woodlandrestore

www.coralville.org  319.248.1700
1st Avenue Improvements Wrap Up

6th Street to 9th Street

Major road reconstruction on 1st Avenue between 6th Street and 9th Street lasted throughout the majority of 2018, with all five lanes opening in December. The end of the project is in sight on the final section of 1st Avenue to be improved south of Interstate 80.

The final remaining improvements to be completed in spring 2019:

- Railroad crossing signals and gates at 1st Avenue & 6th Street
- Traffic signals at 1st Avenue & E. 7th Street
- Roadway lighting along east side of 1st Avenue
- Sidewalk and brick paver treatments along east side of 1st Avenue
- Northbound 1st Avenue right turn lane onto E. 7th Street
- Final landscaping, including street trees

Drivers should expect lane closures this spring, but efforts will be made to minimize traffic impact. The project is scheduled to be complete in June 2019.

Coral Ridge Avenue Construction Nears the End

Oakdale Boulevard to Forevergreen Road

2018 marked many months of total reconstruction of Coral Ridge Avenue from Oakdale Boulevard to Forevergreen Road. After a nearly six-month detour, traffic moved onto the new pavement in late 2018.

Major work items to be completed in winter 2018-2019 (as conditions allow):

- New traffic signals at the Forevergreen Road and Wheaton Road intersections. Both are expected to be complete by late February, but Wheaton Road will remain closed until additional paving is completed this spring.
- Ongoing roadway lighting installation.

Major work items to be completed in spring 2019:

- Roadway lighting installation
- Remaining intersection paving at University Parkway, Wheaton Road, and Forevergreen Road
- Streetscaping at all intersections
- Sidewalk and trail connections, including through the new pedestrian underpass north of Oakdale Boulevard
- Stormwater bio-retention cells along both sides of Coral Ridge Avenue to help remove pollutants from street runoff
- Final landscaping, including street trees

Drivers should expect lane closures this spring, but efforts will be made to minimize traffic impact. The project is scheduled to be complete in June 2019.

CLEAR CREEK TRAIL

The Clear Creek Trail, which currently runs south of Highway 6 along Clear Creek for 4.3 miles, will be extended from east of Deer Creek Road to Creekside Ballpark, and then under bridges on both Interstate 80 and Interstate 380 to connect with Tiffin’s Clear Creek Trail west of Interstate 380. The 1.9 mile, 10-foot wide paved trail also includes two bridge crossings over Clear Creek. Construction began in 2018.

In spring 2019, crews expect to:

- Complete the railing installation on the two new pedestrian bridges.
- Pave the trail from east of Deer Creek Road to Coralville Creekside Ballpark at the west end of 340th Street. This connection should be open to the public by late May 2019.
- Pave the trail segment between I-80 and I-380, but the trail connections under both interstates will not be paved for at least two more years due to the I-80/I-380 interchange project that will reconstruct multiple interstate bridges over the trail connections.

Drivers should expect lane closures this spring, but efforts will be made to minimize traffic impact. The project is scheduled to be complete in June 2019.
Iowa River Landing Public Improvements 2019

This project will construct the final improvements on E. 9th Street in the Iowa River Landing from 1st Avenue to Quarry Road, and reconstruct E. 2nd Avenue between E. 7th Street and E. 9th Street ahead of the Xtream Arena powered by Mediacom completion in 2020.

Specific highlights of the E. 9th Street improvements include:

✓ Completion of the roundabout at E. 9th Street & E. 2nd Avenue. The existing north leg of the intersection was constructed to allow for the conversion of the intersection to a four-leg, single lane roundabout.
✓ Installation of landscaped center medians and curb bump-outs to better define both lane usage and parallel parking stalls (only allowed east of E. 2nd Avenue).
✓ New crosswalks to connect the developed Iowa River Landing north of E. 9th Street to the redevelopment occurring south of E. 9th Street.
✓ Completion of the full-width pedestrian streetscape along the south side of E. 9th Street.

One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on E. 9th Street at all times. The project is scheduled for a spring 2019 letting with E. 9th Street to be completed by mid-August 2019. Utility work on E. 2nd Avenue is scheduled for fall 2019, with final paving and streetscaping on E. 2nd Avenue in spring 2020.
Do you have the commitment, the dedication, and the drive to do something great?

Have you always wanted to do more for your community?

The Coralville Fire Department is continuously seeking dedicated men and women to serve as volunteer firefighters. Our fire department is staffed with over 30 volunteers and five paid members, and our volunteer firefighters truly make a difference in our community.

The fire department provides fire, medical, hazardous materials, and water rescue services. Our firefighters also give back to the community through fire safety education and local projects—from school visits and station tours to National Night Out visits, child seat safety checks, fire extinguisher training for local businesses, medical standby support at major community events, an adopt-a-hydrant program, Coralville’s 4th of July fireworks display, Fire Prevention Week educational events, the department’s annual pancake breakfast and chili supper, and more.

Firefighter Training & Certification

The next fire academy begins in late spring 2019. As part of the Fire Academy, each member participates in classes that meet one evening a week. Firefighters receive training and continuing education on the most current technology and equipment as they advance through their volunteer experience. Firefighters train at the state-of-the-art Coralville Fire Rescue Training Facility, which provides comprehensive and coordinated regional fire training opportunities.

The initial training program consists of national certification in Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials Operations within the first year, with all costs paid for by the Fire Department. There is an opportunity for reimbursement for obtaining certification as an Emergency Medical Technician. Additional training opportunities are unlimited.

In addition, Coralville offers a firefighter residency program option; resident firefighters can serve on the Coralville Fire Department and live at the station in a private dorm room with weekly shift requirements and minimal rent; the dorm rooms include a mini-kitchen, private bathroom, utilities, and furniture.

Benefits

Paid and volunteer firefighters are eligible for benefits including:

- Fire, medical, rescue, and hazardous materials training
- Tuition discounts at Columbia Southern University and Waldorf University
- State income tax deduction
- Wellness program benefits
- Length of service award programs through mutual fund contributions

To learn more, contact:
Lt. Bill Erb
berb@coralville.org
Ph. 319.248.1845
www.coralville.org/firefighter
Sidewalk Inspections

Each year, Coralville Engineering Department staff inspects public sidewalks within one of five zones to help property owners identify sidewalks that do not meet City standards. This means that if you own a property in Coralville, you can expect the City to check your sidewalks every five years to see if any of the slabs need to be repaired or replaced.

Property owners are required to maintain sidewalks adjoining their properties, which includes repairing or replacing sidewalks as needed. Damaged sidewalks are trip hazards, and missing sidewalks are both a safety issue and an inconvenience.

This spring, staff will inspect sidewalks along public streets within sidewalk repair zone 5 (see map). If repairs are needed or a sidewalk is missing, staff will mark the sidewalk panels with a pink “X.”

Following this inspection:

>> Property owners who need to make repairs will be notified by certified mail with the deadline for the repairs to be completed.

>> If the repair or missing sidewalk is not completed by the deadline, the work will be completed by the City’s contractor the following spring at the property owner’s expense. Property owners will have the opportunity to pay for the work before it is applied to their property taxes.

Residents in last year’s inspection zone may notice panels being replaced this spring by the City’s contractor.

Sidewalk Inspection Criteria

Inspectors will look for sidewalk panels that are:

Separations (Code A)
- Raised 3/4” or more from the panel next to it.
- Cracked or separated by 3/4” or more wide.
- Separated by 3/4” or more from the pavement next to it.

Vertical Change (Code B)
- Above or below grade by 2” or more within ten feet or less of sidewalk

Broken Slab (Code C)
- Cracked into more than three pieces, with at least one loose piece.

Ponding Water (Code D)
- Sloped or tilted, ponding water that covers at least half of the sidewalk width.

Deterioration (Code E)
- Deteriorated, covering 50% of the surface and has ½” depressions.
CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE | SATURDAY, MAY 4

WHEN & WHERE: 8:00 am to noon, throughout Coralville
COST: $20 to list your sale (call Coralville Parks and Recreation at 319.248.1750; deadline April 24)
ABOUT: Sell your stuff or browse for treasures! Start at 8:00 am at the Coralville Recreation Center, get a map with sale addresses and directions, and get fueled with donuts and juice (first come, first served). Sale descriptions will be listed in The Gazette. Co-sponsored by The Gazette.

RECYCLE SWAP DAY | SATURDAY, MAY 11

WHEN & WHERE: 8:00 am to noon, City Hall Parking Lot, 1512 7th St.
COST: Free
ABOUT: Keep items out of the landfill! Donate clean, usable items (furniture, appliances, household items, books, clothes, toys, or canned food for the Coralville Community Food Pantry) or take items donated by others. Leftover items are donated to non-profit organizations. To volunteer, contact Dawn Baker at 319.248.1720.

COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT
SATURDAY, MAY 11

WHEN & WHERE: 10:00 am to noon, Aquatic Center Parking Lot, 1513 7th St.
COST: Free
ABOUT: The Coralville Police Department and Heartland Shredding are teaming up to help prevent identity theft. Bring up to two boxes of personal papers to be shredded on site.

MAYOR’S SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK | MAY 6-10

WHERE: Curbside
COST: Free (tag garbage and yard waste as usual)
ABOUT: Get rid of furniture and big, broken items. Put items curbside up to 24 hours before or by 7:00 am on your regular trash day. If any items are not picked up, remove them from the curb within 24 hours after your trash day.
METAL: Metal is picked up by a separate truck; pickup day may vary.
CARDBOARD: If you have a large amount of cardboard to recycle, due to the extra pick-ups during Mayor’s Clean Up Week, set it out the week before or after Mayor’s Clean Up Week, or take it to the Coralville Drop-Off Recycling Center (950 Hughes Street) or any recycling drop-off location in Johnson County.
NOT ACCEPTED: Appliances, construction materials, electronics, or hazardous materials. For more information, call 319.248.1740.
YARD WASTE

Yard waste is picked up at the curb from late March until late November, weather permitting, on regular trash/recycling days for single family and duplex housing. Full yard waste bags and containers cannot weigh over 40 pounds. Put yard waste bags/containers at the curb by 7:00 am on your pick up day. Learn more: www.coralville.org/yardwaste.

**BIODEGRADABLE YARD WASTE BAGS**  
Buy packages of five for $5, or individually for $1 per bag at:  
- Coralville Hy-Vee (1914 8th St.)  
- Theisen’s (100 Westcor Dr.)  
- Coralville Hy-Vee (3285 Crosspark Rd.)  
- Coralville City Hall (1512 7th St.)

**ANNUAL YARD WASTE STICKERS**  
Buy for $25 each at Coralville City Hall (1512 7th St.) and place on a 33-gallon container. Valid during yard waste season.

RECYCLING

Recycling is picked up at the curb on regular trash collection days for single family and duplex housing. Learn more: www.coralville.org/recycling.

**RECYCLE YOUR CORRUGATED CARDBOARD**

Corrugated cardboard is recyclable and is not allowed in your trash—in fact, corrugated cardboard is banned from the entire landfill service area, which includes Coralville. The cardboard ban diverts about 4,000 tons of cardboard from the landfill each year.

**What if I put corrugated cardboard in the trash?**
Coralville customers who place recyclable corrugated cardboard in their garbage will receive a notice and their trash cart will not be emptied.

**What about pizza boxes?**
- Cardboard that has food on it cannot be recycled and goes in the trash.  
- Recycle pizza boxes that are clean and do not have food residue.  
- If pizza boxes are messy, tear off the top of the box to recycle the clean part. Then throw the greasy part of the pizza box in the trash.

**How to Recycle Corrugated Cardboard**
- Flatten into sections no larger than 2’ x 3’ and place them under your curbside recycling bin.  
- Flatten cardboard and take it to the Coralville Drop-Off Recycling Center (950 Hughes St.) or any recycling drop-off location in Johnson County.

**What if I live in an apartment or condo?**
Contact your property manager or home owners/condo owners association about recycling services. If you do not have on-site recycling collection, take corrugated cardboard to the Coralville Drop-Off Recycling Center or any recycling drop-off location in Johnson County.

DROP-OFF RECYCLING

**CORALVILLE DROP-OFF RECYCLING CENTER**  
(Open to all Johnson County residents)  
950 Hughes St. | www.coralville.org/recycling

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
Acceptable: paper, plastics #1-5 and 7, aluminum/tin, and cardboard
Children and Family Programs

**Age 3-5**  |  Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00 am
Listen to stories, sing, and participate in a range of activities planned just for preschoolers.

**Children under Age 3 & Caregivers**  |  Wee Read
Thursdays, 10:15 & 11:15 am
(Program is repeated; choose either time)
Young children and their caregivers can enjoy rhymes, songs, finger plays, and books.
Approximately 25 minutes.

**Grades K-6**  |  Kids Create
First Thursday of the month, 2:30-3:30 pm
This afterschool program features a different activity each month, like crafts or Legos.
Signup starts a week in advance online, at 319.248.1850, or at the Children's Desk.

**All Ages**  |  Family Night at the Library
Second Monday of the month, 6:30-7:30 pm
Family nights are for all ages and might involve crafts, games, stories, music—or any combination.

**All Ages**  |  Family Storytime
Saturdays, 10:30-11:00 am
Children and their families engage in stories, music, and poems planned for a broad age range.

For more details about programs for children and families, see [www.coralvillepubliclibrary.org/children](http://www.coralvillepubliclibrary.org/children).

Crafternoon

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19  |  1:30-2:30 PM**
School-aged children are invited to get crafty at the library!
See [www.coralvillepubliclibrary.org](http://www.coralvillepubliclibrary.org) in March for details.

FAMILY MOVIE:
**THE INCREDIBLES 2**
**THURSDAY, MARCH 21  1:30-3:30 PM**
Bring the whole family for a super afternoon movie.
We'll pop the popcorn! (PG)

Summer Reading Program for Children & Teens

It’s not too early to think about summer! The 2019 Summer Reading Program will kick off on **Wednesday, May 29**. See [www.coralvillepubliclibrary.org](http://www.coralvillepubliclibrary.org) in May for details.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY BOOK SALES

**May 2 & 3**
**Friday, May 2  |  1:30-5:30 pm**
$2 hardcovers, $1 paperbacks, $0.50 DVDs, and $0.25 children’s books

**Saturday, May 3  |  9:00 am-3:00 pm**
Half price hardcovers and paperbacks
Hosted by Friends of the Coralville Public Library
ADULT PROGRAMS

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUPS

A book-based film series for adults. Refreshments, including fresh popcorn, are provided. | 6:00 pm

It’s a Mystery

Second Wednesday of the month | 10:00 am
Gather for a lively and informal discussion of crime fiction—from hard-boiled detective novels, cozy mysteries, or thrillers to genre hybrids.

March 13 | The Fact of a Body: A Murder and a Memoir by Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich
A lawyer who thinks her ideas of justice are fixed confronts a case of a murderer that shakes her previously held convictions.

April 10 | The Disappeared by CJ Box
Joe Pickett is faced with the case of a woman missing from a dude ranch, and the Feds told a group of falconers they can no longer hunt with eagles. Someone doesn’t want him investigating either case. Are they related?

May 8 | Sunburn by Laura Lippman
Adam and Polly start an affair that turns into something more sinister when someone dies.

*Part of a series of events for the University of Iowa’s theme semester on the American dream.

Winter Adult Reading Month

W.A.R.M.

Winter Adult Reading Month challenges you to read three books during the month of February. Sign up, complete the challenge, and get a fine waiver coupon—plus a chance to win a tablet and gift certificates!

W.A.R.M. Trivia Night

Tuesday, February 26 | 6:00 pm
Put on your thinking caps for a trivia night with prizes and refreshments. No need for a team; we will create those at the start of the evening.

Friends of the Coralville Public Library Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 25 | 7:00 pm
Celebrate and share what the Friends have accomplished in the last year with awards, volunteer recognition, a bit of fun, and light refreshments. Free and open to the public. Discover what the Friends are all about! www.coralvillepubliclibrary.org/friends
UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY
15–17 The Who’s Tommy: In Concert  
Presented by City Circle Theatre Company
18 LEAP!  
Presented by Combined Efforts
20 Wickham’s Got Talent  
Presented by Wickham Elementary
21 APPLESEED!  
Presented by Eulenspiegel Puppets

MARCH
1–3 Disney’s The Little Mermaid  
Presented by Regina High School
8–10 Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland  
Presented by Young Footlighters Youth Theatre
15 String Theory  
Presented by Orchestra Iowa

APRIL
12–14 Little Women  
Presented by University of Iowa School of Music

MAY
3–5 & 10–12 The Scarlet Pimpernel  
Presented by City Circle Theatre Company
14 Anne of Green Gables  
Presented by ArtsPower

CORALVILLE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
1301 5th Street, Coralville, Iowa  319.248.9370  
WWW.CORALVILLEARTS.ORG

TICKETS FOR MOST EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT
- 319.248.9370  
- www.coralvillearts.org  
- Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th St.  
- Coralville Center for the Performing Arts Box Office, 1301 5th St.  
  Tuesday-Friday: 12 pm - 4 pm  
  One hour prior to ticketed events

SPRING 2019

www.coralvillearts.org/onstage  
www.facebook.com/coralvillearts  
@CoralvilleIAArt
Rent a plot at the Coralville Community Gardens (900 10th Street) and plant, grow, and harvest your own fresh produce, herbs, and annual flowers.

### A PLACE TO WET YOUR PLANTS

**DATES** | Garden plots are available beginning approximately April 8, weather permitting, and are the responsibility of the gardener through the second week of October.

**GARDEN SIZE** | 2019 PRICE
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10’ x 15’ plot | $20 res./$25 non-res.
10’ x 30’ plot | $35 res./$43.75 non-res.
8’ x 4’ Accessible raised bed | $10 res./$12.50 non-res.

**AMENITIES** | The gardens include water spigots, mulch, and a garden waste disposal area, and a community tool shed with donated tools and gardening equipment for community gardeners to use.

**REGISTER FOR 2019**
- **Returning gardeners**: Gardeners who rented plots in 2018 will be mailed a renewal application; the application deadline for returning gardeners is February 17, 2019.
- **New gardeners and non-residents**: Coralville residents who did not rent a plot in 2018 may register beginning February 25, 2019. Non-residents may register beginning March 4 if any plots are available.

Application, payment, and a refundable clean-up deposit equal to the rental fee are due at the time of registration at the Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th Street. Information and garden rental applications are available at [www.coralville.org/communitygardens](http://www.coralville.org/communitygardens)

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**UPCOMING Holiday Schedule**

**PRESIDENTS’ DAY | MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18**
- City Offices and Library: Closed
- Recreation Center and Indoor Pool: Open
- Transit: Regular service
- Trash/Recycling: All routes picked up one day late all week

**MEMORIAL DAY | MONDAY, MAY 27**
- City Offices and Library: Closed
- Recreation Center and Indoor Pool: Open, hours may vary
- Transit: No buses running
- Trash/Recycling: All routes picked up one day late all week

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**UPCOMING Event:**

**BASKET AUCTION**
- **SABATURDAY, APRIL 13**
  - 4:30 pm **Browse**
  - 5:30 pm **Auction**

**Live & Silent Auction**
Bid on specialty items, unique treasures, savory treats, outings, and more.

**Brown Deer Golf Club**
1900 Country Club Dr.
Proceeds support Coralville’s 4thFest
[www.coralville.org/4thFest](http://www.coralville.org/4thFest)  
[www.facebook.com/Coralville4thFest](http://www.facebook.com/Coralville4thFest)

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The City of Coralville budget is a blueprint for how the City spends money, and how much revenue is raised to pay for services. The scope of the budget includes all of the City’s operating funds, estimated at about $88.5 million for FY2020.

At a Glance

Coralville’s Fiscal Year 2020 begins on July 1, 2019 and ends on June 30, 2020. The budget for all operating funds for FY2020 is $88.5 million, which includes the general fund, enterprise funds, debt service, tax increment finance, and capital projects.

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. The budget goals also dovetail with the City Council’s bi-annual goal setting sessions.

The chief budget goals of City staff and elected officials include:

>>> To pass a balanced budget and maintain sufficient fund balances

>>> To maintain the property tax levy rate

>>> To fund necessary infrastructure

>>> All while providing high quality City services and enhancing the quality of life in Coralville

The Fiscal Year 2020 budget includes:

>>> A balanced budget

>>> An unchanged city property tax rate

>>> A proposed increase in the sewer user rate

>>> Capital improvement projects
Department Highlights

THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 INCLUDES:

>> Public Transit: Replacement of a full size, fixed route bus and a para-transit vehicle.
>> Police & Animal Control: A new K9 officer to be trained for explosive detection and public education.
>> Fire: Rescue tools and equipment.
>> Aquatic Center: Repairs and maintenance to outdoor pool and locker room areas.
>> Library: An additional full-time position will support patron services and assist in the maintenance of the Library's technological offerings.

Property Taxes 101

What are my property taxes?

>> Residential Property: Based on the City’s unchanged tax rate and the change in the residential rollback set by the State, property tax paid to the City by residential property owners will increase by $17.55 for each $100,000 of residential assessed valuation.

>> Commercial/Industrial Property: Because there is no change in the State’s commercial and industrial property rollback, property tax paid to the City by commercial or industrial property owners will be unchanged, at $6,087.47 for each $500,000 of commercial assessed valuation.

Property Taxes

HOW YOUR PROPERTY TAXES ARE DETERMINED

The amount of property tax that residents and businesses pay is based on the City’s property tax rate and the State property tax rollback.

CORALVILLE’S PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE

No increase to City’s property tax rate:

>> $13.5277 per $1,000 of taxable valuation
>> Unchanged for 10 years

Coralville’s property tax levy rate is established by the City. For the tenth consecutive year, Coralville's proposed property tax levy rate will remain the same. Holding the City’s property tax levy rate at the same level, while providing valued services and undertaking the projects necessitated by community growth, is a significant accomplishment, especially given the commercial property tax reform bill that the state legislature passed in 2013.

STATE’S PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACK

>> The State residential property rollback rate remained at 90% of the assessed value with the full implementation of the rollback changes included in the property tax reform legislation passed during the 2013 legislative session.

>> Multi-residential, a relatively new classification of property, has a rollback for FY20 of 75%, down from its FY19 level of 78.75%.

Where do your property taxes go?

Only a portion of your property taxes go to the City of Coralville to fund services provided by the City. Approximately one third of your property tax bill goes to the City, and the rest goes to other units of local government, such as Johnson County and the Iowa City or Clear Creek Amana Community School District.

How could my property taxes go up if the City hasn’t raised them?

There are three possible reasons: 1. Another taxing entity (such as the school district or county) raised their tax rate.
2. Your property has increased in value, either due to a regular assessment update by the county or as the result of a home improvement. Assessments determine the value of a property, and property taxes are based on this value.
3. A change to the State Property Tax Rollback, which represents the percentage of the assessed valuation to which the tax rate is applied.
The General Fund

The City’s chief operating fund.

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

General Fund revenues are expected to increase 2%.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL FUND REVENUES

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<th>% of Budget</th>
<th>FY20 Budget</th>
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<tr>
<td>Property Taxes &amp; Excise Taxes</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>$12,716,169</td>
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<td>Other Financing Sources</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>4,436,879</td>
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<td>Charges for Services</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>3,553,425</td>
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<td>Hotel/Motel Tax</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>3,065,358</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>1,969,558</td>
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<td>Intergovernmental</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>1,200,982</td>
<td>1,141,834</td>
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<td>Licenses &amp; Permits</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>760,415</td>
<td>860,745</td>
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<td>Uses of Money &amp; Property (Rent &amp; Interest)</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>327,866</td>
<td>333,471</td>
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<td>$28,030,652</td>
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FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

The proposed General Fund expenditures total $28,030,652.

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<td>Parks &amp; Recreation</td>
<td>29%</td>
<td>$8,139,336</td>
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<td>Police, Fire &amp; Animal Control</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>6,420,681</td>
<td>6,162,593</td>
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<td>Contingency, Transfers &amp; Other</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>4,533,971</td>
<td>4,834,350</td>
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<td>Library, Museum &amp; Other Culture</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>3,222,805</td>
<td>3,067,245</td>
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<td>Administration, Finance, Legal, Etc.</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>2,970,525</td>
<td>2,824,818</td>
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<td>Engineering &amp; Building Inspection</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>1,263,235</td>
<td>1,147,036</td>
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<td>Building Maintenance</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>877,569</td>
<td>861,568</td>
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<td>Community &amp; Economic Development</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>320,075</td>
<td>319,475</td>
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<td>Other Health &amp; Social Services</td>
<td>0.5%</td>
<td>146,995</td>
<td>156,995</td>
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<td>Telecommunications</td>
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<td>135,460</td>
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BALANCED BUDGET: A budget with revenues that equal or exceed expenditures.

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS: These funds account for resources used for major projects, buildings, and infrastructure.

DEBT SERVICE FUND: Used for the payment on City debt except for Enterprise Fund debt.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS: Pay the costs of providing goods or services covered primarily through user fees, like water or sewer, to the general public.


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, which 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: 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.
Enterprise Funds

This fund type is supported through specific business-type activities. Each fund establishes user rates to sustain current and long-term operations.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 ENTERPRISE FUNDS

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<th>Fund</th>
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<th>Expenditures &amp; Transfers Out</th>
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<tr>
<td>Water</td>
<td>$2,650,803</td>
<td>$2,644,865</td>
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<td>Wastewater*</td>
<td>21,116,000</td>
<td>19,389,095</td>
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<td>Solid Waste</td>
<td>1,096,265</td>
<td>1,095,449</td>
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<td>Stormwater Management</td>
<td>720,000</td>
<td>719,605</td>
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<td>Parking**</td>
<td>3,258,853</td>
<td>3,417,786</td>
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<td>Transit**</td>
<td>2,517,042</td>
<td>2,658,567</td>
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<td>Marriott Hotel &amp; Conference Center Operations**</td>
<td>14,985,000</td>
<td>14,978,500</td>
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*The City is in the process of a reconstruction and improvement project for the wastewater treatment plant.

**Differences due to expenditures funded by grants and reserves.

Rate Changes

There is a proposed sewer rate increase for both the first 200 cubic feet of use and for each additional 100 cubic feet of use.

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<th>Fund</th>
<th>Current Monthly Rate</th>
<th>Proposed Monthly Rate</th>
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<td>Sewer (first 200 cubic feet)</td>
<td>$12.50</td>
<td>$13.75</td>
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<td>Sewer (each additional 100 cubic feet)</td>
<td>$4.00</td>
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The sewer rate increase will provide resources for the City to finance a significant sewer treatment plant project that is currently underway. This project will be permanently financed in Fiscal Year 2021. The improvements are designed to accommodate Coralville’s growth for the coming 20 years.

Special Revenue Funds

Contain proceeds from specific sources which are used for specific purposes.

>> The Employee Benefits Special Revenue Fund is established to pay for employee benefits. The funds expected to flow through this fund during Fiscal Year 2020 total nearly $3.4 million.

>> Road use tax revenues are distributed by the State to local governments based on population. Coralville’s estimated share of the road use tax fund for Fiscal Year 2020 is $2.3 million, which will be utilized for roadway maintenance, street lighting, traffic control, snow removal, engineering, and street cleaning.

>> Tax increment financing (TIF) is an important economic development and urban revitalization tool for cities in Iowa. TIF revenues result from an increase in property values in a designated area, and are segregated into a special revenue fund because of the restrictions on their use. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2019 after several portions of the mall TIF district expired, property taxes on the base property value as well as the incremental property value became available to all taxing bodies in Johnson County. To learn more about TIF and how it is used in Coralville, visit www.coralville.org/finance.

Public Input

On Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 pm at City Hall, the City Council meeting will include a public budget hearing.

Welcome

The hospitality industry is important to Coralville: hotel/motel tax makes up 11% of the City’s General Fund revenues. Coralville has the highest hotel/motel tax revenues for a city of its size in Iowa.

City Debt

For the tenth consecutive year, the City’s property tax levy rate for debt service will remain unchanged in Fiscal Year 2020 at $2.1202 per $1,000 of taxable property valuation. Only a portion of City debt is repaid through property tax revenues; other sources include tax increment financing and the revenues generated by various enterprise funds. More information regarding City debt is available at www.coralville.org/finance.

Additional Information

Budget information for Fiscal Year 2020 will be broadcast on CoralVision Mediacom cable 118-8 and available at www.coralville.org/budget. The proposed budget will also be available at the Coralville Public Library and City Hall.
The Coralville Water Department flushes fire hydrants each year—typically in the spring and the fall.

Because of hydrant flushing, residents in the vicinity may notice water running down the street, or a temporary discoloration of their water, which does not affect the water safety. If you notice discolored water after nearby hydrants are flushed, run cold water from a faucet until the water clears.

Hydrant flushing is an annual water system maintenance practice that moves water through the pipelines fast enough to remove sediment and allows the City to service fire hydrants and check water pressure.

To learn more, contact the Coralville Water Department at 319.248.1770 or the Utility Billing Department at 319.248.1715.