A dual-span pedestrian bridge was installed over Clear Creek at the confluence with the Iowa River in early February. The bridge installation marked a key milestone in the Iowa River Trail project scheduled for completion in early summer. – Page 5
MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, MAY 31
City Offices and Library: Closed
Recreation Center and Indoor Pool: Open, hours may vary
Transit: No buses running
Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste: All routes picked up one day late all week

Who to Contact

Public Safety (Police/Fire)
Emergency..........................................................911
Animal Control.........................................................319.248.1800
Fire (non-emergency)........................................319.248.1835
Johnson Co. Joint Communications Center ..... 911
Police (non-emergency)........................................319.248.1800

Public Works & Utilities
Streets..............................................................319.248.1740
Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste..................................319.248.1740
Utility Billing.........................................................319.248.1715
Wastewater Treatment...........................................319.248.1745
Wastewater Emergency (after hours)..................319.530.6224
Water Plant..........................................................319.248.1770
Water Emergency (after hours)..........................319.530.6225

Transit & Parking
Coralville Transit..................................................319.248.1790
Parking...................................................................319.248.9390

Parks & Recreation
Aquatic Center.......................................................319.248.9330
Brown Deer Golf Club...........................................319.248.9300
Center for the Performing Arts..........................319.248.9370
Indoor Pool..........................................................319.248.1750
Parks & Maintenance............................................319.248.1780
Rain Out Hotline....................................................319.248.1763
Recreation Center................................................319.248.1750

Library
Coralville Public Library ........................................319.248.1850

City Hall / Other
Building & Zoning.................................................319.248.1720
City Clerk............................................................319.248.1700
City Hall/Administration......................................319.248.1700
CoralVision T.V.......................................................319.248.1737
Engineering.........................................................319.248.1720
Rental Housing Inspections...............................319.248.1720
Stormwater.........................................................319.248.1720
For hearing impaired..........................................711 or dial Relay Iowa..................1.800.735.2942

Elections & Voting
Johnson County Auditor.......................................319.356.6004

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youtube.com/CoralVision
Sign up at www.nextdoor.com
A social network for neighborhoods
Report a Concern www.coralville.org/letusknow

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The Coralville Connection
SPRING 2021
**What is a backflow prevention device?**

Backflow takes place when water in a distribution system flows in the opposite direction from what is normal. If your home (or business) has any component that connects to the City’s water supply and has the potential for cross-contamination—like a water-powered sump pump, lawn irrigation system, boiler, fire suppression system, or swimming pool—it must have a backflow prevention device. Often businesses like car washes, hospitals, laboratories, manufacturing facilities, restaurants, and dental offices also must have backflow prevention devices.

Properly installed and inspected backflow devices are a critical component in ensuring the safe delivery of water to the City of Coralville and in protecting the public water supply.

The City requires all backflow prevention devices to be tested each year by a certified tester, such as a certified landscaper or plumber. The certified technician must submit backflow test reports at [www.thecomplianceengine.com](http://www.thecomplianceengine.com), a web-based service that streamlines the collection of testing data in Coralville. If you need assistance locating a certified contractor, or if you are unsure if you have a backflow device that needs to be tested, please call the Coralville Water Department at 319.248.1770.

**Why can’t I hear the storm warning sirens from indoors?**

The outdoor emergency warning sirens located throughout Johnson County are designed to alert people who are outside that something dangerous is approaching. To be alerted when you are inside, a NOAA Weather Radio is recommended (they are designed to wake and alert people when a warning is issued). Sirens are tested on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am. Sirens will be sounded for:

- **Tornado warnings**: Indicated by Doppler radar or reported by trained spotters
- **Wind**: Severe thunderstorm warnings with winds of 70 mph or more (potential for trees to snap or uproot)
- **Hail**: 1.75-inch or larger (golf ball-sized; potential for windows to break)

When the sirens go off, they will run for three minutes and may be sounded multiple times. Take shelter inside and stay away from windows; in the threat of a tornado, go to a basement or the lowest floor. Tune in to local media for more information.

Residents can also sign up for Johnson County’s Emergency Notification System (JCENS)—a free alert that sends local emergency weather alerts issued by the National Weather Service—via voicemail, text, or e-mail. To register, go to [www.jecc-ema.org/jcens](http://www.jecc-ema.org/jcens).

**How do I drive in a roundabout?**

1. Slow before entering.
2. Watch for pedestrians and look to your left; yield to traffic coming from the left and to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
3. When there is a gap in traffic, enter the roundabout.
   Once you are in the roundabout, you have the right of way and entering traffic must yield to you.
4. Stay to the right of the central island (traffic moves counterclockwise in a roundabout).
5. When exiting, watch for bicycles and pedestrians, and use your right turn signal.

Learn more at [www.coralville.org/roundabouts](http://www.coralville.org/roundabouts).
A Long & Successful Tenure

On March 31, 2021, City Engineer Dan Holderness will retire after over 34 years of service with the City of Coralville.

“I am looking forward to your joining our management team for the City and am sure that you will do a great job accordingly. Coralville is such a terrific community – progressive and experiencing substantial growth. I am sure you will find it an exciting and rewarding challenge…best wishes for a long and successful tenure with the City of Coralville.” — JUNE 12, 1986

These words in the job offer letter in June 1986 from the City of Coralville to Dan Holderness were the preface to a career spanning over three decades.

Dan joined the City of Coralville in July 1986 as the City Engineer, and is the city’s longest-serving current municipal employee. For more than 34 years, he has been instrumental in coordinating the street, utility, and public improvement projects to accommodate Coralville’s growth, with a population that has increased by 300% during his career. He has provided leadership for hundreds of projects throughout the years, including the implementation of 65 miles of roadway construction and reconstruction, 45 miles of utility improvement projects, 20 major flood control projects, and 40 acres of brownfield mitigation and redevelopment.

Dan’s career has included the reconstruction of Highway 6, which jumpstarted Coralville’s commercial development district and helped lead a path for the Coral Ridge Mall. He has coordinated multiple flood control projects including pump stations, removable and permanent flood control walls, stormwater system upgrades, regional detention basins, and a slew of green infrastructure projects—many of which have been funded in part through grants he has helped the City to be awarded.

After 34 years with the City, Dan still gets excited talking about innovative construction methods and materials, and never turns down an opportunity to talk about how the City came together to survive the historic flood of 2008, or the story of Coralville’s growth over the past 30 years.

While Dan will take volumes of institutional knowledge with him when he retires, he has mentored his employees to lead within their specific fields, and instilled the importance of listening to citizen concerns. His contributions have impacted nearly every resident, business, and visitor in Coralville.
Local trail users have long anticipated the completion of the Iowa River Trail along the Iowa River.

This project includes two prefabricated steel truss bridges over Clear Creek and a 10-foot-wide concrete trail from Rocky Shore Drive to connect to the Iowa River Trail on the north side of Clear Creek.

Crews started construction in October 2020 and completed structural work that allowed the two bridge spans to be installed in early February. Trail grading and paving will occur this spring, with overall project completion expected by July 1, 2021. The project was bid by the Iowa DOT in August 2020, and the low bid was Peterson Contractors, Inc., at $1,250,395.65. The project received $619,000 of DOT Surface Transportation Program funds with the balance funded by the City.

Do you plan to buy a home in Coralville, but need financial help to make it possible? The Coralville Home Buyer Assistance Program will provide financial assistance of up to $24,999 to five eligible home buyers toward the down payment, closing costs, and a property inspection.

To be eligible, you must:

✓ Purchase a home in Coralville that is outside of the 100-year flood plain; the home can be new construction or existing single family property, condominium, or manufactured home (there are additional requirements for manufactured homes).
✓ Buy a home that will be your primary place of residence for at least five years.
✓ Have an annual gross household income that does not exceed 80% of the current area median income for Johnson County.

Funds are provided by the Iowa Economic Development Authority and administered by the East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) in Cedar Rapids.

**HOW TO APPLY**

To learn more and see eligibility requirements, visit [www.coralville.org](http://www.coralville.org). To apply, complete the Coralville Home Buyers Assistance application at [www.ecicog.org/housing.html](http://www.ecicog.org/housing.html). For additional information, contact Paula Mitchell at ECICOG at paula.mitchell@ecicog.org.
Choosing the Right Tree

When choosing a tree for your yard, look around your neighborhood and choose a tree species that is not overused. It’s important to have a variety of tree species in our community. Select a tree that adds to a diverse tree canopy instead of matching existing trees. Don’t see your favorite tree listed for this program? Staff have selected hardwoods that thrive in Coralville and that currently do not have a pest of concern. You may not see your favorite tree species on the list because there is a concern for a pest that has started to deteriorate that tree population. You may also not see certain species offered because it is overplanted in Coralville. We hope to increase diversity of trees.

Branching Out Order Form

Complete the form and mail or bring with payment to Coralville Parks and Recreation, Attn: Sherri Proud, 1506 8th Street, Coralville, IA 52241.

Or, order online at www.coralville.org/branchingout

Deadline to order is March 21, 2021.

Trees are not under warranty. Trees will be inspected upon delivery by parks arborist. Trees that do not meet standards will be rejected.

Branching Out

Tree purchase program helps property owners green up their yard, or donate a tree for Coralville’s parks

Trees provide shade and beauty, clean the air, and provide habitat. Coralville’s tree population has been hit hard from August’s derecho and from emerald ash borer. There’s never been a better time to plant a tree (or two or three).

BUY A TREE FOR YOUR YARD OR OUR PARKS

Residents can participate in Branching Out, the City’s tree purchase program this spring. The City has partnered with a reputable nursery to purchase a large order of hardwood trees. Coralville residents may order a tree for their own property or donate a tree to the park system through this program. Trees donated through this program will be recognized in the summer Parks and Recreation Activity Guide.

Trees will be delivered to the Parks Shop, 900 10th Street, in late April. Branching Out participants will have four days to pick up their trees. Your new tree will include planting information and a staff member will be on site at pick up to answer questions. Trees are 1.5” caliper and will be potted. The trees should be planted soon after pick up to ensure best growing conditions.

The Branching Out program is for trees in yards, lots, or park areas, and a tree planting permit is not required when buying and planting a tree through this program. Learn more about the Branching Out program at www.coralville.org/branchingout.

The Branching Out program is not for planting trees in the right of way (the public space between the sidewalk and the street curb). Trees planted in the right of way require a Right of Way Tree Planting permit and inspection. For information regarding planting a tree in the right of way, go to www.coralville.org/trees.

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Pay by:  □ Check # __________  □ Cash (pay in person at the Coralville Recreation Center)
□ Credit Card # ____________________________ Exp Date ____________ CVC __________

Donate a Tree for Parks
  □ Yes! I’d like to donate a tree to Coralville’s Parks. The Parks Department will select the best species and location for donated trees. Amount Donated: $______________

Buy a Tree
  □ Yes! I’d like to purchase a tree or two for my yard. Select your tree(s) below.

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Walkin’ the Walks

Inspections remind property owners to repair sidewalks

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 2 (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.

For more information, contact:
Coralville Engineering Department
Ph: 319.248.1720  l  www.coralville.org/sidewalks

Sidewalk Inspection Criteria

Inspectors will look for sidewalk panels that have:

Separations (Code A)
• Raised 3/4” or more from the panel next to it.
• Cracked or separated by 3/4” or more.
• 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.
Now accepting applications for police officers

The Coralville Police Department is continually looking for talented, motivated individuals who want to make a difference in our community. No prior education in law enforcement or experience is necessary.

**We invest in our people,** giving the essential training and guidance to develop, advance, and excel – all in a supportive environment. We look for ways to let our people shine! The success in all of our activities is related to the talents, dedication, and performance of the people who work here.

**Our people share a competitive drive for excellence,** in an environment of trust, teamwork, positive reinforcement, open-mindedness, and communication. Ours is a culture of mutual respect, integrity, and committed spirit. You will find a sense of family the moment you walk through our doors.

**Our emphasis on diversity and inclusion** fosters a positive work environment. We’re committed to a culture that leverages our different styles, ideas, and perspectives. Whether you’re looking to make a strategic career move or are a recent graduate looking to start your career, becoming a police officer with the City of Coralville is a great opportunity.

**Starting salary non-certified officer:** $53,340

**Starting salary state of Iowa Certified Officer:** up to $67,357 based upon experience

**IPERS retirement plan**

**Family health insurance:** $35/month, $800 deductible/$1600 out-of-pocket maximum

**Opportunity for paid overtime and compensatory time**

**Continuous in-service training**

**Paid vacation, sick, and holiday leave**

**Tuition reimbursement**

**HOW TO APPLY**

- Complete an application at [www.coralville.org/policeofficer](http://www.coralville.org/policeofficer)
- Better still, call 319.248.1800 or stop by and introduce yourself to us at 1503 5th Street, Coralville, Iowa 52241.
- Testing dates occur frequently. For more information, contact Lt. Deb Summers at dsummers@coralville.org

For more information, contact:
Coralville Police Department
Ph: 319.248.1800 | [www.coralville.org/policeofficer](http://www.coralville.org/policeofficer)
The Coralville Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of highly dedicated and skilled volunteers who take pride in serving our community.

The members of the Coralville Volunteer Fire Department have served the community for over 90 years, not only responding to emergencies, but also giving back to the community through fire safety education, school visits, station tours, child seat safety education, and more.

**Firefighter Training & Certification**

The next Fire Academy class begins in April 2021, and we are looking for volunteers. As part of the Fire Academy, you will receive top-notch training with our own department instructor team on the most current technology and equipment. During the first year, you will train to earn your national certification in Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials Operations. Our training facility is unlike anything in this area and offers unlimited training opportunities.

Other benefits of volunteering include:

- Reimbursement program for Emergency Medical Technician Certification
- Iowa state income tax credit
- City wellness program benefits
- Length of service award program with mutual fund contributions

Sign up for the next Fire Academy today!

**Answer the Call**

To learn more, contact:
Assistant Chief Nic Pruter
npruter@coralville.org
Ph: 319.248.1848
www.coralville.org/firefighter

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Pancake Breakfast Postponed**

The Coralville Fire Department will be flipping flapjacks for the annual pancake breakfast later this year, rather than in the spring.

**Have you thought about how you can get involved or volunteer in your community?**
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.

CORALVILLE BIODEGRADABLE YARD WASTE BAGS
Buy packages of five for $5, or individually for $1 per bag, at:
- Coralville Hy-Vee (1914 8th St.)
- Coralville Hy-Vee (3285 Crosspark Rd.)
- Theisen’s (100 Westcor Dr.)
- 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, it is banned from the landfill. 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 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.

APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS
Picked up by request on the last consecutive Thursday and Friday of the month.
- DVD, VCR, laser printer ........... $ 5
- TV under 17” or computer monitor .................. $10
- TV over 17” ........................................ $18
- Computer, keyboard & tower... $15
- Air conditioner, dehumidifier, dishwasher, dryer, microwave, refrigerator, stove, washer, water heater, etc .................. $16

TIRES
Picked up by request on the last consecutive Thursday and Friday of the month.
- Car tires (no rim)................... $ 5
- Car tires (with rim) ........... $ 7
- Tractor tires ....................... $10

OTHER BULKY ITEMS
Picked up by request at no charge on Mondays / Wednesdays.

SPECIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION
To schedule a pickup, call 319.248.1740 or visit www.coralville.org/specialtrash. Charges will be added to your utility bill.

Buy packages of five for $5, or individually for $1 per bag, at:
- Coralville Hy-Vee (1914 8th St.)
- Coralville Hy-Vee (3285 Crosspark Rd.)
- Theisen’s (100 Westcor Dr.)
- Coralville City Hall (1512 7th St.)
About the site
Coralville’s drop-off recycling site is at 950 Hughes Street. The City manages the site, and Republic Services is contracted to supply the large containers and pick up the recycling material from the drop site. The City inspects the site daily during the week to check how full the containers are and to address any issues.

Increased demand
Since opening in January 2018, use of the drop-off recycling center has grown. However, the largest increase in recycling collected at Coralville’s drop-off recycling site began in March 2020 and has steadily climbed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with more cardboard boxes from online deliveries, more take-out containers, and more packaging waste from cooking at home.

To keep up with the demand, the City has increased the number of containers—more than doubling the capacity since it opened—and has increased how frequently the containers are emptied by the recycling contractor.

Don’t leave a mess
Despite adding more containers, increasing how often the containers are emptied, and having on-site inspections, problems arise for everyone using the site when a few people don’t follow the rules. Items left on the ground can blow into nearby properties, containers can fill up quickly if cardboard boxes are not collapsed, and recycling can get contaminated when non-recyclables are placed in the containers.

That’s where we need your help. To keep Coralville’s drop-off recycling site green, please leave it clean and follow the rules:

|x| Never leave trash. Your trash belongs in your garbage. Take large volumes of trash to the landfill, contact a private hauler, or schedule a special pick up.
|x| Do not leave glass. Glass is not accepted.
|✓| Always collapse corrugated cardboard.
|✓| Put recyclables inside the bins, and not on the ground.
|✓| Use the correct bins: Put cardboard in the cardboard containers. Put paper, aluminum/tin, and plastics #1-5 and #7 in the mixed materials containers.

BY THE NUMBERS

Emptied 4 days/week*
Four 8-yard containers for paper, plastic, and aluminum/tin

Emptied 6 days/week
Four 8-yard containers for cardboard

Emptied 2 days/week*
Two 20-yard containers for cardboard

Approximately 18,000 cubic yards of recycling was collected at the drop-off recycling site in 2020.

*emptied more frequently as needed
TIME FOR A SPRING CLEANING?

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 1
WHEN: 8:00 am to noon
WHERE: Throughout Coralville
COST: $20 to list your sale (call Coralville Parks and Recreation at 319.248.1750; deadline April 21)
ABOUT: Sell your stuff or browse for treasures! Start at 8:00 am at the Coralville Recreation Center and get a map with sale addresses and directions. Sale descriptions will be listed in The Gazette. Co-sponsored by The Gazette.

RECYCLE SWAP DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 8
WHEN: 8:00 am to noon
WHERE: 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 8
WHEN: 9:00 am to 11:00 am
WHERE: 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.

SET OUT YOUR TRASH CART ONE EXTRA TIME MAY 7 & 10
WHEN: Friday, May 7: Extra garbage collection for Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday routes.
ABOUT: City of Coralville trash customers get one free extra trash collection in mid-May.
DETAILS: Place any trash or smaller items in your cart. This collection is in addition to the regular collection for that week. Tag extra bags of trash that don’t fit in the cart as usual.

MAYOR’S SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK
MAY 10-14
Set items at the curb that are no longer usable and too large to fit in your garbage cart for free garbage pickup. Some restrictions apply. Available to Coralville residents with city trash and recycling services.

How to Get Items Picked Up
1. During Mayor’s Clean Up Week, set out items at the curb up to 24 hours before or by 7:00 am on your trash collection day.
2. Items left at your curb after pick up are considered unacceptable. Remove them from the curb within 24 hours after your trash day.
3. Metal is picked up by a separate truck and may not occur on collection day.

Mayor’s Clean Up Week is for items that need to be thrown away. Do not send usable items to the landfill. For all other items, donate or reuse.

What We Will (& Won’t) Pick Up
Accepted: Items too large for your garbage cart, such as furniture, carpet, and bathroom fixtures.

Not Accepted: • Appliances* • Concrete brick or block
• Electronics* • Hazardous waste**
• Hot tubs • Wooden swing sets
• Pallets • Tires*
• Railroad ties & landscaping timbers • Construction materials (drywall, shingles, insulation, etc.)

*Picked up by appointment; fee is added to your utility bill
**Dispose of hazardous waste at the Hazardous Materials Collection Facility

Mayor’s Clean Up Week Rules
Weight: Must be able to be reasonably lifted by two people.
Size: Must fit in the back of the garbage truck. Dismantle large items.

Why are there restrictions? Some items are hazardous to our trucks or personnel. For example, large railroad ties can puncture our trucks’ hopper and hydraulics. If you’re unsure if your items are acceptable, call 319.248.1740.

Cardboard: For large amounts of cardboard to recycle, 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.

Call 319.248.1740 or see www.coralville.org/cleanup
FEBRUARY
26-28  First Date: A Musical Comedy (Streaming)
       Presented by City Circle Theatre Company

MARCH
2, 9,  
23, 30  Face to Face with Broadway! (Zoom)
       Young Footliters Virtual Workshop
12-14  Storytelling: A Pandemic Play (Live on Zoom)
       Presented by Young Footliters Youth Theatre

APRIL
5, 12, 19  Improv Games! (Zoom)
           Young Footliters Virtual Workshop
9-11   Acting Out While Staying In: An Evening of Virtual Comedy (Streaming)
       Presented by City Circle Theatre Company
23   Joseph Hall: Elvis Rock N Remember (Live On Stage)
28   Beatles vs. Stones – A Musical Showdown (Live On Stage)

MAY
3, 10, 17  Ready! Set! Action! (Zoom)
           Young Footliters Virtual Workshop
21-22  The Show Must Go Online! (Streaming)
       Presented by Young Footliters Youth Theatre

CORALVILLE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
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What Should I Read Next?
Personalized recommendations! Let us help you choose.
✓ Children's Librarians can create a Book Bundle of titles based on a topic or help you pick “just-right” books for children. Call 319-248-1850 and ask for the Children's Desk or email children@coralville.org to make your request.
✓ Teens can get a Surprise Stack of personalized recommendations by filling out a form at www.coralvillepubliclibrary.org/teens.
✓ Adults can call, email reference@coralville.org, fill out a form online, or chat with a librarian for recommendations.

Library Launches Anti-Racism Advisory Committee
In keeping with the Coralville Public Library’s core values of justice and equity, the Library Board of Trustees is creating an Anti-Racism Advisory Committee to review the Coralville Public Library’s programs, policies, and practices within a racial justice framework.

If you are interested in serving on this new committee, please contact Library Director Alison Ames Galstad at agalstad@coralville.org for more information.

Crafts to Go
Are you craving some craft time? Let us come up with the idea and provide the materials. Reserve craft kits ahead of time online or at 319.248.1850; watch www.coralvillepubliclibrary.org for details. Limited supplies are available.

TEENS: During the second week of the month, teens can pick up their reserved Teen Craft Kit.

FAMILIES: During the third week of the month, join us online for ABC - A Book and a Craft. We’ll share a book and show a craft you can make together. Pick up your reserved craft materials curbside.

ADULTS: During the fourth week of the month, adults can reserve and pick up a Craft to Go. Crafts aren’t just for kids!

Tax Time
Tax season is in full swing, and while we cannot do your taxes for you, we have resources to help! Librarians are happy to assist in finding and printing tax forms as well as photocopying. Reserve a slot to use our computer lab, or checkout a laptop or hotspot.

We are also partnering with the University of Iowa Tippie College of Business and Johnson County Social Services as a drop-off site for their VITA free tax help. Visit tippie.uiowa.edu/vita for more information.
Find access to state and federal tax forms at www.coralvillepubliclibrary.org/elibrary/tax-information.
ADULT PROGRAMS

VIRTUAL DISCUSSION GROUPS

Multiple copies of each book are available for checkout and are, when possible, available in large print, audio, and ebook editions. Join just the discussions that intrigue you, or connect for them all.

**Virtual Discussion Groups on Zoom!**

This book discussion group on Zoom, hosted by librarian Mike Jorgensen, includes a mix of recent works of fiction and nonfiction, along with classic novels.

**March 18** | **The Hobbit, or There and Back Again** by J. R. R. Tolkien
Follow the adventures of a hobbit who would rather stay home and have tea, as he helps a band of dwarves regain their ancestral home and treasure currently under the control of the dragon, Smaug.

**April 15** | **Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Bronte
First published in 1847, Jane Eyre is considered a classic by many. It was unique for its time: it gave a more realistic portrayal of the life of a woman, her inner struggles, and her social condition.

**May 20** | **Transcendent Kingdom** by Yaa Gyasi
This novel follows a PhD student in neuroscience, who is dealing with issues of faith, science, family, addiction, and the African immigrant experience. Gyasi is the author of the critically acclaimed 2016 novel *Homegoing*.

**It's a Mystery on Zoom!**

This mystery book discussion group has met for over twenty years and now meets on Zoom. All are welcome!

**Second Wednesday of the month | 10:00 am**
To register, email mjorgensen@coralville.org

**March 10** | **A Will to Kill** by RV Raman
“In this kickoff to a new series, Raman brilliantly evokes Agatha Christie’s classic country estate mysteries for modern-day India. It’s an ingenious plot, and Raman takes obvious delight in teasing out the suspense to great effect” --CrimeReads.

**April 14** | **One by One** by Ruth Ware
A company retreat to promote collaboration at a rustic mountain resort goes awry when an avalanche hits, trapping the group and cutting them off from the outside world in this locked-door mystery.

**May 12** | **The Woman in White** by Wilkie Collins
Originally published in 1860, Collins’s novel is considered to be among the first mystery novels and helped inspire many “sensation” novels, as well as plays, television, musicals, and a comic-strip. *The Woman in White* has never been out of print.

**April Library Happenings**

**National Library Week April 4-10**
Libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building. During the pandemic, libraries have expanded their resources to meet needs. Whether you visit in person or virtually, explore our library’s technology, multimedia content, and educational programs.

**Teens’ Top Ten**
Which Young Adult books will make the 2021 Teens’ Top Ten Nominee List? The list of 25 teen-nominated books published in 2020 will be announced on April 8. These are always some great reads!

**April Is National Poetry Month**
Were you inspired by Amanda Gorman, who read her original poem at the President’s Inauguration? We were! Check our website in April to see how you can celebrate National Poetry Month with us and find collections at the library to read.
At a Glance

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- Fund necessary infrastructure
- Provide high quality city services and enhance the quality of life in Coralville

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A Look at the City Budget

At a Glance

- 38 miles of trails & sidepaths
- 1,100 acres of parks and open space
- 180 trees planted a year
- 37,163 Police service calls in 2019
- 1,149 Fire Department responses in 2019

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**Budget Highlights**

**THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 INCLUDES:**

- **Property Taxes 101**
  - **What are my property taxes?**
    - >> **Residential Property**: Based on the City’s proposed tax rate and the residential rollback set by the State, property tax paid to the City by residential property owners will increase by $19.11 annually for each $100,000 of residential assessed valuation.
    - >> **Commercial/Industrial Property**: Based on the City’s proposed tax rate and the State’s commercial and industrial property rollback, property tax paid to the City by commercial or industrial property owners will increase by $0.00 annually for each $500,000 of commercial/industrial assessed valuation.
  - **What can cause my property taxes to change?**
    There are three possible reasons:
    1. The City, county, school district, or other taxing entities change their tax rate.
    2. Your property changes in value, either due to a regular assessment update by the county or as a 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.
  - **Where do my property taxes go?**
    Approximately 39% of your property taxes go to the City of Coralville to fund services provided by the City.

- **Public Transit**: Replace a paratransit bus.
- **Fire**: Fire protection equipment and station furnishings.
- **Streets**: Equipment for street repair, patching, and sealing; replace a 12-year-old snow plow truck.
- **Solid Waste**: Replace a 21-year-old garbage truck.
- **Library**: Audio-visual viewing station upgrades in children’s and adult areas; additional public laptop computers.

- **4,004** tons of trash collected curbside in 2020
- **178,041** library materials available
- **1.217 billion** gallons of wastewater treated in 2019
- **2 million** gallons of drinking water treated per day, every day
- **1,300+** fire hydrants to maintain

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- **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**
    >> $14.3123 per $1,000 of taxable valuation.
    Coralville’s property tax levy rate is established by the City. Prior to last year, it remained unchanged for 10 consecutive years. During the FY2021 budget process the City Council determined to raise this rate by $0.7846. This year the Council is not proposing a change to the tax rate.
  - **THE STATE’S PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACK**
    >> The State residential property rollback rate (the taxable percentage of assessed value) increased from 55.0743% to 56.4094% for residential property.
    >> The State commercial and industrial property rollback rate remained at 90% of the assessed value.
    >> Multi-residential has a rollback for FY22 of 67.50%, down from its FY21 level of 71.25%.
The General Fund | The City’s chief operating fund.

**GENERAL FUND REVENUES**

General Fund revenues are expected to decrease 4.7% compared to the FY21 budget.

**FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL FUND REVENUES**

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<td>46%</td>
<td>$12,787,944</td>
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<td>Other Financing Sources</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>$5,545,298</td>
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<td>Charges for Services</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>$3,396,546</td>
<td>$3,583,251</td>
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<td>Hotel/Motel Tax</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>$1,982,753</td>
<td>$3,065,358</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>7%</td>
<td>$1,933,955</td>
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<td>Intergovernmental</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>$1,166,100</td>
<td>$1,245,558</td>
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<td>Licenses &amp; Permits</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>$877,607</td>
<td>$767,370</td>
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<td>Uses of Money &amp; Property (Rent &amp; Interest)</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>$271,210</td>
<td>$350,110</td>
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<td>29%</td>
<td>$7,923,714</td>
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<td>Police, Fire &amp; Animal Control</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>$6,802,058</td>
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<td>Contingency, Transfers &amp; Other</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>$4,607,833</td>
<td>$4,941,022</td>
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<td>Library, Museum &amp; Other Culture</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>$3,099,175</td>
<td>$3,269,380</td>
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<td>Administration, Finance, Legal, Etc.</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>$2,713,205</td>
<td>$3,054,240</td>
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<td>Engineering &amp; Community Development</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>$1,210,128</td>
<td>$1,340,435</td>
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<td>Building Maintenance</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>$881,708</td>
<td>$928,621</td>
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<td>Community &amp; Economic Development</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>$423,075</td>
<td>$320,525</td>
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<td>Other Health &amp; Social Services</td>
<td>0.5%</td>
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<td>Telecommunications</td>
<td>0.5%</td>
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**DEFINITIONS**

**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.

**Fiscal Year**: Coralville’s Fiscal Year 2022 begins July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2022.

**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 2022 ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

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<td>Water</td>
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<td>Wastewater</td>
<td>$5,469,000</td>
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<td>Solid Waste</td>
<td>$1,115,200</td>
<td>$1,114,539</td>
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<td>Stormwater Management</td>
<td>$695,000</td>
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<td>Transit</td>
<td>$2,308,934</td>
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<td>Marriott Hotel &amp; Conference Center Operations</td>
<td>$12,226,727</td>
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**RATE CHANGES**
There are no proposed user rate changes for FY22.

**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 2022 are approximately $4.5 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 2022 is $2.4 million, which will be used 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. To learn more about TIF and how it is used in Coralville, visit [www.coralville.org/finance](http://www.coralville.org/finance).

**City Debt**
For the twelfth consecutive year, the City’s property tax levy rate for debt repayment will remain unchanged in Fiscal Year 2022 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](http://www.coralville.org/finance).

**Public Input**
On **Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 pm at City Hall**, the City Council meeting included a public hearing for the operating fund property tax levy.

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**Learn More**
Budget information for Fiscal Year 2022 will be broadcast on CoralVision Mediacom cable 118-8 and available at [www.coralville.org/budget](http://www.coralville.org/budget).

The proposed budget will also be available at the Coralville Public Library and City Hall.

**Welcome**
The hospitality industry is important to Coralville: hotel/motel tax typically makes up approximately 10% of the City’s General Fund revenues. Coralville has the highest hotel/motel tax revenues for a city of its size in Iowa. However, the COVID pandemic has had a negative impact on the travel and hospitality industry. This has reduced the City’s hotel/motel tax revenues in FY2021 and the expectation is that it will have an impact in FY2022 as well.
A PLACE TO WET YOUR PLANTS

DATES | Garden plots will be available approximately April 5, weather permitting.

GARDEN SIZE | 2021 PRICE
--- | ---
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 | Water spigots, garden waste disposal area, and a community garden tool shed with donated tools and gardening equipment.

REGISTER
- Returning gardeners will be mailed a renewal application; deadline for returning gardeners is February 22.
- New gardener registration begins February 23.
- Non-residents registration begins March 22, if plots are available.

Application, payment, and deposit are due at registration. Register at the Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8th Street. Information and garden rental applications are available at www.coralville.org/communitygardens

SHOW YOUR LOVE

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Local businesses are the heart of our community, and they need us now more than ever. When you eat, shop, stay, and do business in Coralville, you support local jobs and local businesses!

The owners and employees at local businesses are our friends and neighbors. Show your love by shopping local!

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