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Capital Improvement Report

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Capital Improvement Report

Cloie Creek Trail - This project recently was awarded to Midwest Concrete from Peosta, Iowa. The trail will connect the east side of Forest Hills Subdivision to the Hales Mill Lift Station site near Cloie Creek Park to Maple Hills Park. The project has started and will be completed by summer.

During construction, there will likely be periods of time when limited or no access is available to some of the Maple Hills Park Facilities and amenities, and the neighboring mountain bike trails near Cloie Creek Park and the Hales Mill Lift Station. For persons living near or visiting the project corridor, please use caution when near the construction zone, as there will be debris, equipment and personnel working at various times of the day.

Springgreen Drive and Sunset Drive Reconstruction Project- Springgreen Drive and Sunset Drive Reconstruction Project was awarded to Eastern Iowa Concrete and Paving. This project will include full removal and reconstruction of Sunset Drive from Sun Valley Drive to Autumn Drive. The newly constructed 31 feet wide Sunset Drive will include concrete pavement and gutter. It also includes full removal and reconstruction of Springgreen Drive from Asbury Road to a point between Parkside Drive and Green Crest Court. The newly constructed Springgreen Drive will be 37' wide with concrete pavement as well as curb and gutter. Other items for both streets include storm water structures, water service installations, sanitary manhole replacement, street lighting and driveway restoration.

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Budget 2023 Highlights

Debt service is based on current debt principal and interest payments. City debt limit for Fiscal Year 2023 is \$30,393,094. This is \$5,563,854 higher than the prior year. In Fiscal Year 2022 the debt limit was \$24,829,240. The City will retain approximately 77% of its general obligation debt capacity for future projects.

In October 2021 the City Council approved refunding the 2012A and 2015 Seippel Road bonds. This saves the City approximately \$183,084 in interest saving over the life of bonds. FY 23 GO debt is \$644,382 and will be paid from the following sources: Tax Increment Financing (TIF) \$78,400; Property Taxes - \$351,282 and Option Taxes \$214,700.

This is a reduction of \$1,097,472 from the prior fiscal year. This is due to the prepayment of the 2017 Water TIF Note for \$1,102,000 and the reduction of interest payment due to the 2021 Debt Refunding.

The chart below shows the total debt by fiscal year from FY 15-FY 22. Amount of total debt has been decreasing since FY 15. For future years, debt will be retired and reissued each year for projects as designated on the City's Capital Improvement Plan which estimates debt outstanding will remain consistent in the \$6 million range.

FY 2023 Budget includes rate increase for solid waste.

The FY 23 budget includes a rate increase of \$.75 monthly. The new monthly solid waste fee will be \$11.50. The proposed monthly fee for Dittmer in FY 23 is \$13.35 per account per month. The City will utilize fund reserves to fund the deficit. It is projected that monthly solid waste fee will increase approximately \$.75 per month annually for the next five years. The largest expense in this fund is the contract for services with Dittmer Recycling. Rates for water, sanitary sewer, storm water will stay the same.



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SPRING HAS SPRUNG

May 6 - Annual Garage Sales. This year the city will partner with Fidelity Bank and Trust to list your garage sale. If you would like to register your garage sale, please complete the form on the City of Asbury's website. All garage sale listings need to be submitted by April 22, 2022. A full listing of the garage sales will be posted on our website the week before the sales.

If you do not have access to a computer or internet, the Asbury Branch of the Dubuque County Library does have internet access and computers to use for free. No maps or printed listings will be given out. *Thank you to Fidelity Bank and Trust for partnering with us!*

Saturday - May 14

Spring Clean-Up. Residents who have extra refuse from spring cleaning and leftovers from garage sales may place items curbside for this special pick up. Regular/small items will be picked up at no charge. A large item tag is needed for the following: water heater, refrigerator, freezer, stove, washer, dryer, dishwasher, air conditioner, dehumidifier, microwave, and gas grill (no propane tanks), lawnmowers, bicycle, weight benches & treadmills, furniture, humidifiers or mattresses. Large Item tags are \$15 per piece and sold at Asbury City Hall during normal business hours. Set out all items curbside by 6 a.m.

E-Recycling. This will be held in Asbury Park from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Residents may drive up and drop off electronics to be recycled. Televisions and monitors will have a flat fee of \$25 cash ONLY per item. Please bring exact money to keep the line flowing.

Free Shredding. The City will have Dittmer Recycling's shred truck in Asbury Park on May 14 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Asbury Park. Residents may bring their items to shred and Dittmer Recycling will shred documents on site.

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Yard Waste Pick Up

The yard waste collection season will run from April 7, 2022 until November 17, 2022. Yard waste is picked up weekly on Thursdays. Please have your yard waste set by the curb by 6 a.m. An annual tag can be purchased for one container to be set out weekly for \$50. Residents should place their yard waste in a biodegradable bag or container with your tag attached and facing the street. The container, bag or bundle cannot exceed 40 lbs. Tree branches must be no longer than four feet in length, and the diameter of the bundle cannot exceed two feet. Tags may be purchased at Casey's General Store and Asbury City Hall for \$2.50.



Trivia Night!

Help support Music in the Park at this year's annual Trivia Night! Mulligans, game perks, 50/50 raffle and lots of fun! Up to 10 people per table.

Date: Friday, April 22, 2022

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Asbury Eagles Club, 5900 Saratoga Rd, Asbury

Cost: \$15.00 in advance; \$20.00 at the door

Call City Hall at 556-7106 for more information.

Recreation Programs

The City of Asbury is partnering with the City of Dubuque to host summer recreation programs in Asbury Park. Programs offered are:

Fun in the Sun - June 13, 2022 through July 22, 2022 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. M/W/F, no program July 4th!

Tennis, volleyball and basketball will also be offered through Dubuque's programming.

NEW this year is Just Sports Camp for children ages 7-10 years old. This program will be held on Wednesdays, June 29 and July 6 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Asbury Park. Kids will participate in an afternoon of just sports! This activity-oriented camp will explore several different sports practicing movement skills, sport skills, and team building activities in fun and engaging games/sports/activities. **Please bring water and bottle each day.**

Check out the City of Dubuque Leisure Services Facebook page for updates or www.cityofdubuque.org/471/Recreation-Division. You may also view the programs via a link on the City of Asbury webpage www.cityofasbury.com/departments/parks_and_recreation/summer_recreation_programs.

Pet Reminder

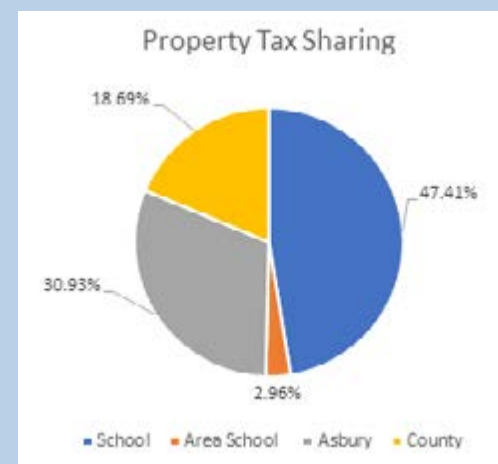
Please be mindful of those around you. It is unlawful for the owner of a dog to permit a dog to cause serious annoyance or disturbance to any person by frequent howling or barking. Violators of this ordinance may be subject to a fine.



Property Taxes- Where do They Go?

The City's share of your property tax bill is approximately 30%. If you pay \$4,000 in property taxes, approximately \$1,200 goes to the city and the remaining \$2,800 goes to schools, the county and other entities.

There are three factors that weigh into the calculation of property taxes. The first is property valuation which is set by the Dubuque County Assessor. The second is rollback which is set by the state. The third is the property tax rate which is set by the local authority. The state sets a maximum of \$8.10 limit on general fund property taxes. All of these factors are equally important in determining if specific properties will experience an increase or decrease in property taxes from year to year.



The rollback for residential property has decreased from 56.4094% to 54.1302%; multi residential property rollback has decreased from 67.5% to 63.75%; commercial property rollback remains unchanged at 90%. When the rollback decreases the amount of the taxable valuation decreases. The 10% commercial rollback backfill from the state of Iowa is being phased out over the next five years. The loss of the backfill results in approximately \$9,000 less from the state over the next five years. Rental properties that were once taxed at 100% of assessed value continue to be rolled back and not backfilled. This has saved landlords approximately \$19,000 in city property taxes over the last four years. Multi residential will continue to be rollback until it is equal to the residential rollback.

Property taxable valuations for regular property taxes for FY 23 is \$300,896,884. This is an increase of \$35,693,780 from the prior year. Overall property values rose 22% for a combination of increased valuations and new construction.

The Fiscal Year 2023 budget is being prepared with a proposed property tax rate of \$9.00 which is \$0.50 less than the prior year. This results in an additional \$162,482 in total property tax collections and an overall property tax growth rate of 5.97%. The FY 23 Budget is prepared with a proposed 10.9% increase in General Fund Property tax receipts or \$235,802 AND a decrease in the Employee Benefit Levy \$6,365 and Debt Service Levy in the amount of \$73,319 for a net increase in taxes of \$162,483. The proposed property tax growth rate for the General Fund will be 10.9% and exceed the state mandate of a maximum 2% growth of property tax collection. The passage of the maximum tax levy resolution will require a super majority vote.

Prior year tax rate history:

Fiscal Year	Tax Rate
FY 2023	\$ 9.00
FY 2022	\$ 9.50
FY 2021	\$ 9.57
FY 2020	\$10.00
FY 2019	\$10.00
FY 2018	\$10.75
FY 2017	\$10.50

Miscellaneous Reminders

- The storage of materials on roadways is not allowed (i.e., gravel, mulch, sod, etc.).
- Boats, trailers, campers, and recreational vehicles are to be stored on a driveway for no more than 48 hours. Street parking maximum is 24 hours.
- Recreational fires are permitted if supervised by a competent person at least 18 years of age. Rubber tires, garbage, construction materials, etc. shall not be burned in a recreational fire.
- Blowing grass clippings in the street is considered a nuisance, prohibited and punishable by fine.
- Dumping grass clippings/yard waste on City property is prohibited and punishable by fine.



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Pedestrian Crossing Light



Have you noticed flashing lights in town at certain intersections?

These lights are installed for pedestrian safety. Per Iowa traffic laws you are required to stop at the intersection when the lights are flashing and pedestrians are present. The light is a caution signal as you do not have to stop if there is not a pedestrian present. Lights are present to help pedestrians cross at the heavily traveled intersections.

City Hall Closures

Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day
Monday, July 4 for Independence Day

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