

MARSHALLTOWN CITY NEWS

LINN CREEK DISTRICT PROJECTS MOVING FORWARD

The Linn Creek District in Marshalltown is undergoing a transformative revitalization, turning it into a vibrant hub for arts, recreation, and community gatherings. The district's redevelopment focuses on enhancing quality of life and fostering community pride.

Apgar Family Water Plaza - "Skipping Stones"

Inspired by the simple joy of skipping stones, this interactive water feature is designed with choreographed jets and seating areas. Iowa artist Hilde DeBruyne contributed to its unique design, making it a central gathering spot for families. Construction is underway, with completion expected by late 2025 and opening in spring/summer 2026.

Ann C. Keyser Trailhead & Emerson Bridge

This project enhances access to the Iowa River's Edge Trail with a new trailhead featuring restrooms, seating, and bike amenities, alongside a pedestrian bridge over Linn Creek. The bridge's design incorporates materials that create vibrant light patterns, reflecting the flow of Linn Creek. Construction is in progress, aiming for substantial completion by the end of 2025 or early 2026.

Martha-Ellen Tye Playhouse Renovation

The beloved community theater is undergoing renovations to meet ADA accessibility and modern performance standards while preserving its intimate setting. Construction is in progress, with completion targeted for late 2025 or early 2026.

As these projects come to fruition over the next 6-12 months, the Linn Creek District is poised to become a dynamic destination that celebrates Marshalltown's creativity, connectivity, and community spirit.

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City Council Highlights

The Marshalltown City Council convenes on the second and fourth Monday's of the month to conduct the city's business. The Council addresses important matters impacting our community. Below are some highlights from recent meetings.



- The Council granted initial approval for a redevelopment plan concerning the **Marshalltown Mall**. The proposed agreement aims to revitalize the mall area, attracting new retailers and enhancing the shopping experience for residents.
- Council approved the purchase of a **community development and business licensing software** to streamline the City's permitting process. The new software will allow applicants to apply online for permits and business licenses.
- Council appointed **Kelsie Stafford** as the new Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Marshalltown. Kelsie previously served as the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Wilton and the Recreation Supervisor for the City of Muscatine.
- Council granted approval to move forward with soliciting proposals for the development of a **youth and adult recreational sports master plan**.
- City Council adopted a **lease agreement policy** to govern the lease of city property, buildings, and other structures.

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Employee Spotlight: Alicia Hunter, City Clerk

If you have ever attended a City Council meeting, requested public records, or applied for a business license, chances are you've seen the careful, consistent work of City Clerk Alicia Hunter. As the official recordkeeper for the City, Alicia plays a critical role in maintaining transparency, accessibility, and order in government. Alicia has served Marshalltown with dedication, organization, and professionalism. Her attention to detail ensures that city records are accurate and accessible, and her calm demeanor helps keep public meetings running smoothly. Alicia makes sure the public's business is conducted transparently, which builds trust and accountability. We are proud to shine the spotlight on Alicia for her outstanding service to the Marshalltown community.



City Council Meetings

The City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers at 10 West State Street, Marshalltown. The agenda for each meeting is located on the City website and the meeting is streamed on YouTube - @cityofmarshalltown4924.

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Did you know that the **Marshalltown Public Library** was established as a free municipal library in 1898? Serving Marshalltown for over 125 years, the library provides the residents of Marshalltown with materials and services that meet their needs for recreation, information, education, and cultural awareness.



Initially housed in various locations, including the Marshall County Courthouse and above Andrew's Dry Goods store, the library found a permanent home in 1903 with the construction of a Carnegie-funded building at 36 North Center Street. This building served the community for over a century before the library relocated to its current, modern facility in 2008.

The Marshalltown Public Library offers a wide range of services and programs. Patrons can access a vast collection of books, digital resources, and online databases. The library also provides genealogy research assistance, with access to local and family history collections, including Marshall County census records and cemetery records. Additionally, the library hosts various events and programs for all age groups, such as storytimes, technology classes, and cultural presentations.

In recognition of its exceptional service to the community, the Marshalltown Public Library was awarded the National Medal for Museum and Library Service in 2013, the nation's highest honor for libraries and museums. This accolade underscores the library's dedication to fostering a vibrant, informed, and connected community. Come visit our library and enjoy all the services we have to offer! To learn more, visit <https://www.marshalltownlibrary.org/>.

City Election Reminder

The City of Marshalltown will hold its next municipal election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, with several important seats on the ballot: Mayor, two At-Large City Council positions, and Council seats for the 1st and 3rd Wards.

Interested in running for office? Visit www.marshalltown-ia.gov/758/City-Elections

Whether you're running for office or planning to vote, your participation helps shape the future of Marshalltown.

The City is Hiring

The City is seeking a Civil Engineer, Police Officer, Transit Operator, and various seasonal positions. Visit <https://www.marshalltown-ia.gov/jobs.aspx> to apply.

City Solid Waste Study

Your input is needed! The City is conducting a solid waste study (trash, compost, recyclables, etc.) to evaluate best practices in solid waste management, review the current state of solid waste collection in Marshalltown, and develop possible improvements. Iowa State University is completing the study and has developed a survey to capture input from residents. Please complete the survey at <https://tinyurl.com/marshalltownwaste>. Your voice matters as the City evaluates the future of waste management in our community.



City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Leash Your Pets!

In Marshalltown, it is against the law to allow your dog to run at large. Leash laws are enforced to ensure the safety of both pets and the community. So keep Fido safe by using a leash. Your pet will thank you!



EXPLORE THE PARKS OF MARSHALLTOWN

July is National Parks and Recreation Month! Come celebrate with us by exploring one of our local parks or trails. Marshalltown is home to a vibrant and growing parks system with something for everyone - whether you're looking for a quiet place to fish, a trail to bike, a playground for kids, or courts to compete on. Here's a guide to some of our most popular parks in Marshalltown and what they have to offer.

Riverview Park, located at 402 Woodland Street and close to 100 acres in size, is a wonderful public space offering a range of recreational amenities. The park features playgrounds, a dog park, an 18-hole disc golf course, and courts for basketball, pickleball, and tennis. Visitors can also enjoy picnic areas and three enclosed buildings available for rent from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. The park includes a campground with various sites and facilities, operating seasonally from mid-April through the end of October. Additionally, Riverview Park provides access to the Linn Creek Recreational Trail, connecting visitors to other local attractions.

West End Park, located at 222 N 13th Street features a modern 25-by-30-foot pavilion that functions both as a daily shade shelter and as an amphitheater for larger events, accommodating over 150 people and providing space for food truck parking. The park boasts three state-of-the-art, lighted outdoor futsal courts. West End Park offers a welcoming space for both recreation and community gatherings. Future plans for the park include the addition of a new parking lot and a public restroom, further enhancing its facilities.



The Linn Creek Recreational Trail is a scenic, hard-surfaced path that offers nearly 8 miles of outdoor enjoyment, connecting Riverview Park on the city's east side to Grimes Farm Nature Center on the west. Constructed primarily atop a levee along Linn Creek and the Iowa River, the trail provides a unique blend of natural beauty and urban accessibility. This multi-use trail accommodates walkers, runners, cyclists, and inline skaters. The trail also passes through several parks and recreational areas, such as Riverview Park and the Marshalltown Family Aquatic Center. Whether you're seeking a peaceful walk, an invigorating run, or a leisurely bike ride, the Linn Creek Recreational Trail offers a welcoming environment to enjoy the outdoors in Marshalltown.

FUN FACTS: Marshalltown City Services



A Legacy of Public Transit

Marshalltown Municipal Transit (MMT) boasts a rich history dating back to 1878 when horsecars first traversed the city. Today, MMT operates fixed and seasonal routes, connecting various parts of the city. Notably, during the 2020 election, MMT provided free rides to polling places, ensuring residents could exercise their voting rights without transportation barriers.

Off Leash but On Guard

The City operates a fenced dog park at **Riverview Park** so your pup can play safely off-leash. Bonus: It's maintained by the Parks Department with community input and occasional volunteer clean-up days.

Commitment to Green Spaces

The city has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, highlighting its dedication to urban forestry. With 24 parks and nearly 9 miles of recreational trails, Marshalltown offers ample opportunities for outdoor activities, from disc golf to skateboarding.

Marshalltown's dedication to providing top-notch services underscores its commitment to fostering a vibrant, safe, and inclusive community. Whether you're a resident or a visitor, these initiatives contribute to the city's unique charm and livability.