



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Another benefit of your West Union Chamber Membership!

June, 2009

Dairy Day - June 6th!

The annual Dairy Day celebration is just around the corner and this year's event will be a birthday party for all of West Union. Everyone is invited to attend for a fun-filled afternoon geared toward the entire family.

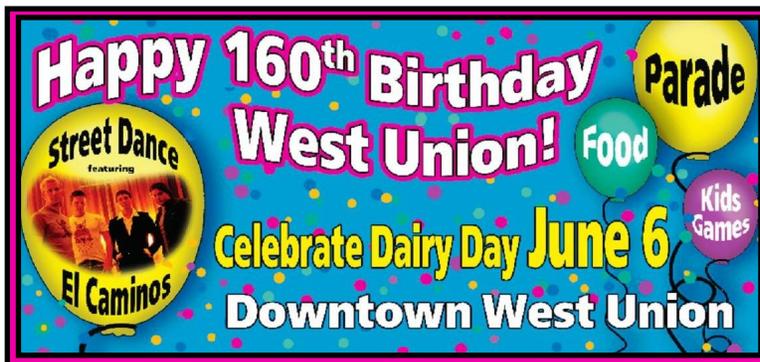
Businesses are still encouraged to submit a parade entry for the 3:00 p.m. parade through downtown. Parade entry forms are available at the Chamber office or on the website and should be returned by Wednesday, June 3rd.

Thanks to the following businesses for sponsoring this year's event:

- Bemiss Distributing
- First National Bank
- Good Samaritan Center
- Homestead Iowa Realty
- Kerndt Brothers Savings Bank
- Miss Drew's Closet
- NAPA Auto Parts
- Norby's Farm Fleet
- Palmer Lutheran Health Center
- TAP'T Out Stein & Dine
- Tri-Lumber Company
- Woodard Insurance

The schedule of events is listed to the right. Please share this with your employees, family and friends. We hope to see all of you in downtown West Union on June 6th!

In Case of Rain - Street Dance will be moved to the Fayette County Fairgrounds



Schedule of Events:

9:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m.

Tour De WU Bike Ride
Food Vendors & Beer Garden open
Pete Pape provides DJ music
PARADE

3:00 p.m.

Crowning of Miss West Union
Free Entertainment begins
Kids games begin
Bingo Stand Opens
Birthday Cake Eating Contest
FREE Birthday Cake served!

4:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

Kiddie Tractor Pull
(sanctioned pull for kids)
♥ ♥ **Adult Bean Bag Contest**
♥ **Street Dance featuring El Caminos!**

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.



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VISTA SUMMER UPDATE

Michelle Zander, AmeriCorps VISTA



It's OK if you've heard I've had my head in a barrel. It's the only way to clean the 55 gallon barrels for our second rain recycling workshop. Helping others save money by reducing water usage and building rain barrels is great fun especially with an excellent tool operator/demonstrator like my husband.

Please let me know if you're interested in joining a one day excursion I'm planning, to view public art with the Art Committee. The Art Directors from UNI, Cedar Falls, and Waterloo will be our tour guides. They will share their experiences with

streetscape projects, public art, and Iowa artists that use natural materials.

Coordinating the Paint West Union Beautiful project is also warming on the front burner. Fred Younger with Diamond Vogel Paint is consulting with participating business owners, and Ron Wymer has offered painting recommendations. West Union recently received 40 gallons of free paint from Diamond Vogel.

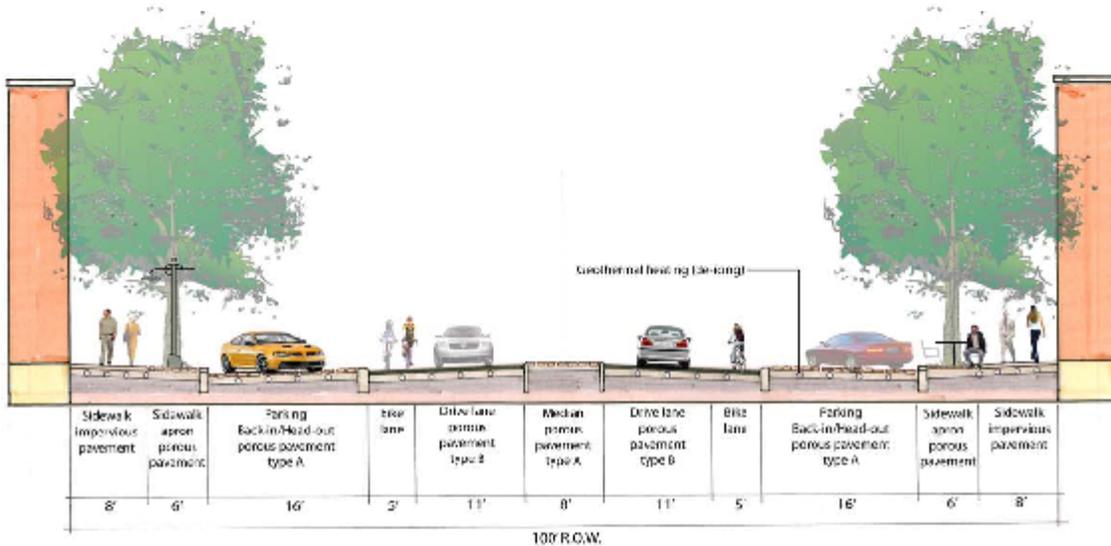
Get to the Fayette County Fairgrounds and check out the progress at West Union's Community Garden.

Enter the fairgrounds from Franklin Street (the south entrance) and look east. You'll find an area sectioned off with caution tape as it was recently tilled and is ready for planting. Plots sized 12' by 15' are available for \$15 this year so encourage your friends and neighbors without fertile soil for garden planting to take advantage of the produce plots.

Stop by the Chamber/Main Street office, email vista@fayettecountyia.com or call 563-422-3070 to talk about any of the upcoming projects or to share your ideas.

STREETSCAPE COST ESTIMATES AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The first cost estimates for the proposed streetscape project will be shared with the West Union City Council on Tuesday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. The regular city council meeting was rescheduled to allow the design team from Conservation Design Forum to be present to share the information with the council, business owners, and residents. The meeting will be held in the basement of Kerndt Brothers Savings Bank. Officials from CDF and TeKippe Engineering will update the council on the work done so far and share the first draft of cost estimates. Information about possible grant funding sources will also be shared. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.



THANKS FOR GIVING BACK-IN PARKING A TRY

During the month of May, several parking spots on North Vine Street were repainted to give residents a chance to try back-in parking. We appreciate those residents who actually gave this "concept" a try before offering their opinion. We heard many comments both positive and negative and have passed those on to the design team. We do encourage you to share your thoughts and concerns with members of the city council as they will be the ones making the decisions regarding the streetscape project.

GREEN PILOT PROJECT UPDATE



WEBSITE: Check out all the updates to the site including city code information under the city section. If you can't find information that you think should be included, please give us a call.

ENERGY GRANT FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE: If your business is located within the downtown Main Street district you have a great opportunity to save some green this summer! With all the utility providers announcing rate increases, now is the time to make some changes to help reduce your energy costs. You can get a rebate for installing new windows, doors, or energy efficient lighting. You can also access all the information and an application on the website under the Green Pilot tab. And if you have further questions, give the office call at 422-3070. \$35,000 in grant funds are available on a first come, first serve basis.

STREETSCAPE UPDATE: Make plans to attend the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 2 to hear information about the first preliminary cost estimate on the proposed streetscape project. Additional design meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, June 3rd at Kerndt Brothers and June 16 & 17. All meetings are open to the general public.

GRANT WRITER HIRED: The West Union City Council, at their May 18th meeting, approved the hiring of Plan-scape Partners to submit grant applications for the city. \$20,000 in funding for grant writer services is being provided by the Iowa Department of Economic Development to assist with securing funding for the Green Streets Project.

What's Happening in WU:



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Plots are now available at the new West Union Community Garden located at the fairgrounds. If you are interested in a plot, please contact ISA volunteer Michelle Zander at

FIREWORKS PLANNED FOR JULY 4TH

The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the annual fireworks show for the final time this year on Saturday, July 4th at the West Union Rec Center. This is the final year of a 3-year contract that the Chamber has with J&M Displays and due to the low donations received to help cover the cost of the show, the board has decided not to continue the event. Each year's show as it is currently planned costs \$4300 to shoot. As of this date, \$2400 has been donated for the 2009 show. The Chamber Board felt they could no longer fund the show if it was losing money. We are still accepting donations to help fund this year's show. You may mail them to the Chamber office and include "fireworks" in the memo. Thank you.



KCRG TV 9 IS COMING TO WU!

KCRG TV 9 will be in West Union on Tuesday, June 9 from 8:30 a.m. to noon to tape for their "Our Town Road Trip" show scheduled to air in July on the local station. The show will highlight interesting places to visit in Northeast Iowa this summer. Stops are currently planned for Volga River Recreation Area, Echo Valley Speedway, the Barrel Drive-In, as well as a visit with city officials about the Green Pilot Project planned for West Union. Watch for the tour bus around town and stop by to join in the fun! You just might end up on TV!



The 2nd Annual West Union Triathlon will be held at the West Union Rec Center on Sunday, June 28th. Register online at:

www.wuparkandrec.com

WU-LIGHT SPECIAL!
 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. June 18th
 McJ's Embroidery Accents
 Haven Electronics

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JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 2 City Council Meeting
Tourism Meeting, Clermont | 17 Barn Quilts Bake Sale
Streetscape Workshop |
| 3 Streetscape Workshop | 18 WU Light Special at Haven Elec-
tronics and McJ's Embroidery |
| 4 Business Consultant at Chamber
Office | 19 WUIDC Board Meeting |
| 5 Field of Dreams Dairy Sale | 20 Classic Tractors of NE Iowa
Ride |
| 6 Dairy Day Celebration | 21 Happy Father's Day! |
| 7 Community Fundraising Concert at
United Methodist Church | 22 Fayette County Community
Foundation Board Meeting |
| 9 KCRG TV9 in WU
Chamber Board Meeting
MSWU Board Meeting | 27 Rolan Steinlage Benefit at
Fairgrounds |
| 10 Planning & Zoning Meeting at City
Hall | 28 West Union Triathlon |
| 11 FCED Board Meeting in Fayette
Market Analysis Workshop | 30 Art Committee Trip |
| 12 Market Analysis Workshop | |
| 15 City Council meeting | |
| 16 Barn Quilts of Fayette County
MSWU Design Committee
Streetscape Public Meeting | |



Happy Father's Day
Sunday, June 21st