



## CITY OF COLO NEWSLETTER

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### OPEN SEATS ON COMMITTEES

There is 1 seat available on the Colo Planning & Zoning Commission. Only residents within the Colo city limits qualify for this position. If interested or would like more information, contact City Hall at 377-2238.

The Tourism group also has vacancies on their committee. Anyone can fill this position, you do not have to live within the city limits. For more information or if interested in serving, contact City Hall at 377-2238.

These and other city boards and commissions occasionally have vacancies and need new members. If you would be interested in any of these positions, please contact City Hall at 377-2238.



### Colo Public Library Upcoming Events

Submitted by Joannie Jamison, Librarian

K-4 Library After School Program starts February 12. The program is on Mondays from 3:45 - 4:45. Come and enjoy stories, games, crafts, speakers and snacks.

Preschool Story Hour is on Friday mornings at 10:00. It will start on Friday, February 16.

Toddler Time is 7:00 pm on January 16 and 30

and February 13 and 27. Toddlers must be accompanied by an adult. Toddler Time is a great opportunity to introduce your child to the library, books, motion and music. We don't expect toddlers to sit still - this is a very active program with lots of motion.



THANK YOU Linda Gibbs for all your hard work, time and organization and for chairing the 2006 Project Angel! Without your commitment to this project (and also from your helpers) we may not have had a project angel program.

### Colo Lions Club \$100 Winners

September  
Nancy Tucker  
Colo, IA

October  
Tom Seidel  
Dedham, IA

November  
Bruce Sesker  
Collins, IA

December  
Randy Watts  
Colo, IA

### COOKIE SALES BEGIN IN JANUARY



The Girl Scouts will begin their annual cookie sale on January 5th and will sell until January 28th.

Cookies will be \$3.50 per box with delivery sometime in March.

If you are not contacted by a Girl Scout during the selling dates be sure to call Nancy Wittman 377-2352 or Doris Otto 377-2494 to place your order.

### Holiday Trees Recycled Into Wood Chips

The City of Ames will provide FREE disposal of holiday trees at the Parks & Recreation Maintenance Shop, 1125 E 13th Street in Ames. Trees will be recycled into chips, which will be used in City of Ames parks.

Trees can be dropped off throughout the winter. The driveway will be marked with a sign. Tree stand & ALL decorations should be removed from the tree.

DO NOT put holiday trees out for Colo garbage pickup.

# JOIN THE COLO-NESCO PTA TODAY!!

Submitted by Kim Greder

PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is the largest nonprofit volunteer child advocacy organization in the country.

We know that you want to do the best for your children. The COLO-NESCO PTA can help you do that! We all know that children learn more and have better lives when parents, school staff, students and the community work together. PTA brings all these groups together to share thoughts and ideas about programs and activities that benefit children. Our PTA will provide information and resources that strengthen these relationships.

**The 6 pillars of a PTA:**

1. **Communicating** – communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful
2. **Parenting** – parenting skills are promoted and supported
3. **Student Learning** – parents play an integral role in assisting student learning
4. **Volunteering** – parents are welcome in the school and their support and assistance are sought
5. **School Decision-Making and Advocacy** – parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families
6. **Collaborating with the Community** – community resources are used to strengthen schools, families, and student learning

While the PTA's strength is its volunteers, we understand that your time is valuable. We would certainly value any time you could provide. However, even if you are unable to make a commitment of time, please consider joining the COLO-NESCO PTA.

Our first meeting will take place at the Zearing Middle School Cafeteria at 407 North Center Street in Zearing on January 25, 2007 from 7pm to 9pm.

*If you would like to join the PTA, but are unable to attend or have any questions, please contact one of the following people:*

Kristi Guy

[kristi.guy@prolliantinc.com](mailto:kristi.guy@prolliantinc.com) or at home 377-2948 after 6:00 pm

Laura Robinson

[laura\\_rob8@yahoo.com](mailto:laura_rob8@yahoo.com) or at home 377-2168

Kim Greder

[kgreder@iastate.edu](mailto:kgreder@iastate.edu) or at home 377-2267

*Volunteers don't necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.*



## Check out the city website

Need to know the phone number of a local business? How about a contact for the school or City Hall, or perhaps the post office? Help is just a click away when you go to the City's web site at [www.colorado-iowa.org](http://www.colorado-iowa.org) and look under the business link.

## Colo Cares

If anyone would like to join any of the Colo Cares efforts or have ideas for new projects, please come the *second Thursday of the month at the Colo Community Center at 7:00 pm*. All meetings last about an hour and are open to the public or call Brenda McGuire at 377-2422.

<http://colocares.org-index.htm>

## On the Lighter Side Can you solve this SUDOKU Puzzle?

To complete a Sudoku, put all the digits 1 to 9 in every row, column and box.

Answer on Page 3

	8			7		6	
4		5				9	1
	3	9				2	7
			5	7			
3		7		8		6	4
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	4			6		9	

*Colo Cemetery Plots can be purchased by contacting DeAnne Luke 377-2202 daytime or 377-6611 (if emergency)*  
Residents:  
 \$150.00 per burial site  
Non-Residents:  
 \$200.00 per burial site

# Carbon Monoxide Safety

Article from "The Resource" Consumer Energy

Carbon monoxide (CO) has been estimated to claim the lives of 10,000 Americans each year. It is an odorless, tasteless gas, which is very toxic. Everyone is at risk. Carbon monoxide poisoning can happen to anyone at anytime.

The following precautions can help minimize the risk of CO exposure:

- Have furnaces inspected, cleaned and tuned up annually
- Be sure fireplace dampers are open before lighting a fire and leave the damper open until the ashes cool (smoldering ashes can actually produce more CO than a fully-burning fire)
- Choose properly designed and sized wood stoves that are certified as meeting EPA's emissions standards
- Make sure all gas appliances are properly vented
- Make sure gas flames and pilot lights are blue. Yellow or orange tipped flames indicate that the gas is not burning properly and the equipment may need to be

adjusted by a qualified professional

- Do not start or idle automobiles with the garage door closed
- Ventilate areas where people smoke to avoid CO buildup and minimize the risk of exposure to children
- Install CO detectors in key areas throughout the home- rooms near a garage, rooms with space heaters and hallways, living and sleeping areas. CO detectors should NOT be installed in garages, kitchens or furnace areas, as the initial combustion of starting a car, or turning on a stove or furnace may trigger the alarm needlessly

### IF A CO DETECTOR ALARMS:

Turn off appliance or other sources at once

Immediately get fresh air into the premises by opening windows & doors

If anyone is experiencing symptoms of CO poisoning: headaches, dizziness, vomiting - CALL 911 and leave the premises to find fresh air!

# City Snow Ordinance

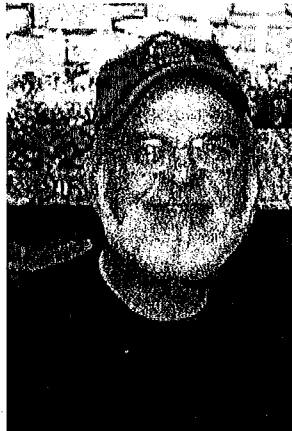
City of Colo Snow Ordinance is as follows:

"No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on Main Street between its intersection with Second Street and on Fourth Street from one hundred fifty feet (150'). North of Main Street to one hundred fifty feet (150') . South of Main Street during any snow emergency proclaimed by the Mayor un-

less the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. A snow emergency parking ban shall continue from its proclamation through the duration of the snow or ice storm and the forty-eight (48) hour period after cessation of such storm except as provided above upon streets which have been fully opened."

# Happy 65th Birthday Mayor Foley

The Mayor of Colo is celebrating his 65th birthday in 2007. If you see him on January 24th - be sure to wish him a happy one!



Happy Birthday John!

SUDOKU puzzle from page 2:

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**City Council Meetings**

The Colo City Council meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at Colo City Hall. All council meetings are open to the public.

Postal Patron

Colo, Iowa 50056

**Call Before You Dig!**  
**It's the LAW**

**Remember to call before you do any digging on your property.**

**Iowa One Call**  
**1-800-292-8989**  
**Or you can dial**  
**811**  
**from any Colo land line**



**City of Colo**  
**Open Burning**

**Any Saturday**  
**7:00 am – 12:00 Noon**

Yard and garden waste may be burned by the property owner on the property from which it originates during the above hours  
If you have any questions, call City Hall at 377-2238