

City of COLO Newsletter

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COLO To Receive Project Mainstreet Grant

KCCI Television, Casey's General Stores, Dr. Pepper, Community State Bank and Iowa Telecom are proud to announce that Colo is one of the five winners of Project Mainstreet community improvement grants.



The City of Colo will receive \$4,000 for additional playground equipment in Central Park.

KCCI "News Channel 8 This Morning" co-anchor Caitlin Coyner will visit Colo in May or June to award the grant on KCCI newscasts. Coyner will then revisit Colo in the Fall to show viewers the completed projects.

PARKS OPEN May 1st:

Colo Central Park and Carmody Park shelter houses open May 1st. You can reserve the shelter house at either park by calling City Hall, 377-2238. There is a \$25 Rental Fee.

The Colo Community Center is also available (year round) to rent for your event. The cost is \$25 and can be reserved by calling Colo City Hall.

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Iowa School Board Recognition Week 2007

On behalf of the City of Colo, Mayor John Foley hereby declares our appreciation to the members of the Colo Nesco School Board and proclaim May 13-19, 2007, to be Iowa School Board Recognition Week.

Mayor Foley urges all citizens to join him in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members in recognizing that school board members are local leaders working to help students succeed.

COLO CITY HALL will be CLOSED Monday, May 28th

In observance of Memorial Day

City Council Meetings:

May 7 @ 7:00 pm

June 4 @ 7:00 pm



Colo City Hall
Open to the Public

CLEAN UP KITS AVAILABLE

The Red Cross has clean up kits, which contain broom, mop, bucket and other cleaning supplies. Anyone who would like to receive a kit can call the Red Cross office and they will have one delivered. Call (515)232-5104, if no one is in the office, leave a message and they will return your call as soon as possible.



PETS IN THE COMMUNITY

Part of being a responsible pet owner is understanding that it's up to YOU to ensure that your pet is well behaved and manageable, both in public environments such as the park or at home.



It is an offense of the City Code if your dog or cat is not confined to your yard and leaves the property. You are also liable if your dog attacks a person or another dog, damages property or causes a traffic accident outside your property.

BARKING DOGS – Barking dogs are a nuisance and are not conducive to good neighborly relations. Constant barking usually means the dog is bored, lonely or frustrated.

The City of Colo has a leash ordinance. **ALL PETS** should be kept on a leash while outside your property.



DOG FECES – Dog feces are unsightly and unpleasant, particularly in environments such as the park and even more so when you step in them. When dogs are exercising in a public place, their owners are required to always clean up after them.

TRAINING – A dog that has been taught a few simple rules will become a well-adjusted and well-behaved family pet. Puppies should be taught basic manners and rules of the household as soon as they arrive in a new home.

METERS for utility services such as gas, electricity or water **MUST** be safely accessible to meter readers. Do not allow your pet to be chained or pinned in the area of the meter.

“TOWN HALL” MEETING TO BE HELD IN COLO

Submitted by Story County Sheriff's Office

Parents with children of all ages should make plans to attend a town hall meeting on **May 17th at the Colo-Nesco High School commons starting at 7:00 pm.**

The focus of the meeting will be teens and substance abuse in Story County.

The panel discussion hosted by Youth and Shelter Services will include experts with various backgrounds along

with members from the Story County drug Taskforce. The meeting is expected to last approximately 90 minutes.

*Teens & Substance Abuse
May 17th @ 7:00 pm
Colo Nesco High School*

**Congratulations
2007 Colo Nesco Graduates**



Baccalaureate
May 16 @ 7:30 High School
Graduation
May 20 @ 2:00 High School

Colo-Colo Nesco Alumni Banquet May 26

Submitted by Don Wilson

The Colo-Colo Nesco Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2007 at the Colo Nesco High School beginning at 6:30 PM.

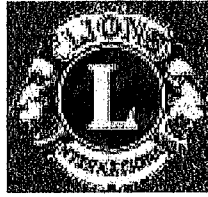
The meal, prepared by the Colo United Methodist Women, will be followed by a short business meeting, entertainment and introduction of honored classes. The cost for each person will be \$10.

Please send reservations along with the \$10 payment to Don Wilson; PO Box 2; Colo, IA 50056. His phone number is (641)377-2358.

Reservations are due in by May 23. Early reservations will facilitate the committee to finalize plans for the event. *Tickets may also be purchased at Weirs Ins, State Bank, Colo Telephone.* Hope to see many of you at the 2007 Colo-Colo Nesco Alumni Banquet.

BINGO Night

Submitted by Colo Lions Club



The Colo Lions Club will be sponsoring BINGO Night in May, July and September. BINGO is open to the public and the Lions Club would like to have anyone attend that would like to.

BINGO is held at the Twin Anchors Campground Rec Room on Highway 30.

Sunday, May 27th @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, July 1st @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 2nd @ 7:00 pm

Also, the February, March and April

\$100 Winners were:

February – Tammy Lohner, Collins

March – Jolene Van Waus, Colo

April – Ethan Crane, State Center

Tickets for 2007-2008 drawings are being sold now. Be sure to find a Lions Club member and buy your ticket. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

There is one drawing for \$100.00 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for 12 consecutive months. The first drawing for the new tickets will be in May. Good Luck!!

Happenings at the Colo Public Library

Submitted by Joanie Jamison, Librarian

The Colo Public Library will be CLOSED Monday, May 28th to observe Memorial Day. DVD and Video Specials will be Friday, May 25th and Saturday, May 26th.

NO Toddler Time during the month of May. Toddler Time will be June 12 and June 26 at 7:00 PM at the Library. Your toddler must be accompanied by an adult.

JUNE 11 – JULY 30: “GET A CLUE” @ YOUR LIBRARY is the theme for the Summer Reading Program!! **K-4 program** will be on Mondays at

10:00 am. Children will enjoy speakers from the Blank Park Zoo and Story County Conservation. Games, stories, snacks and much more – come and join the fun.

JUNE 15 – AUGUST 3: Preschool Story Hour will be Fridays at 10:00 am at the Library. Come join the fun with fingerplays, stories, games and songs.

JUNE 11 – AUGUST 3: Middle School Program will be on Mondays at 2:00 pm. Field trips, speakers, games and more!



COLO CROSSROADS FESTIVAL

Submitted by Bob Jamison, Chairman

If you would like to volunteer for the 2007 Colo Crossroads Festival or your organization would like to participate, please contact Bob Jamison at (641)377-2627 or Stacie Hostetler at (641)377-3375. The festival will be held July 13, 14 and 15 this year. Mark your calendars! Watch for a full schedule of events in the July/August city newsletter.

POSTAGE RATES TO INCREASE

The USPS Rates are changing effective **May 14, 2007**. First Class mail (1 oz) postage will increase from 39 cents to **41 cents**.

The Postal Service is issuing the Forever Stamp, intended to reduce the inconvenience that consumers experience with having to acquire new-rate postage, prior to implementation of new prices. The Forever Stamp will initially be sold at the new First-Class Mail single rate - 41 cents. The value of the Forever Stamp will always be the First-Class Mail single-piece 1-ounce letter rate that is in effect on the day of use (mailing), unaffected by any subsequent changes in the future.

City Hall Office Hours:
 Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon
 www.colo-iowa.org

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BURNING ORDINANCE

Reminder:

Burning on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons will end MAY 15th! You can continue to burn on Saturdays from 7 am - Noon.

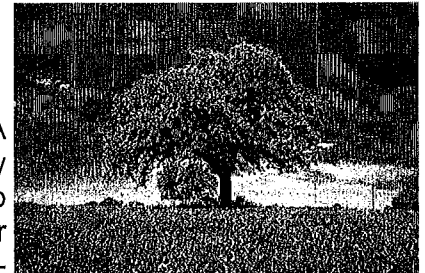
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COLO NAMED "TREE CITY USA"

Colo has been named a Tree City USA community by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the first year Colo has received this national recognition.



The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Colo has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

"Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives," said John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation. "Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest."

"Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits," Arbor Day Foundation President Rosenow added. "A community, and its citizens, that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks."