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# City of Colo Newsletter

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September/October 2009

## Colo Cemetery Clean Up In October

Fall clean up at the Colo Cemetery is the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October. **Please remove ALL flowers, and other items from the gravesites before October 18<sup>th</sup>!** Any items left at the gravesite could be thrown away during clean up October 19-24. It will make it easier to trim around the stones one last time before winter if everything is removed. You can put your Fall decorations and other items out any time after October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your cooperation. It is our goal to keep the appearance of the Colo Cemetery nice.

-Colo Cemetery Board

## Colo Library News

The Colo Public Library is closed Labor Day, Monday September 7. Dvd Special September 4 & 5 and three new releases for \$2.00.

K-4 After School Program is Mondays 3:45 – 4:45 from September 14 – October 26.

No Toddler Time during the month of September but it will resume in October every Tuesday evening at 6:30. This is a very active program with lots of music in motion. All toddlers must be accompanied by an adult.

Preschool Story Time is Friday mornings at 10:00 from September 18 – November 13.

**Thank you to everyone who donated pop cans for the Library Middle School Adventureland trip. Because of the generous support from the community enough money was raised so all seventeen middle school students could attend free of charge. Thanks again.**



## City Election November 3rd

**Polls open**

**12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**First day to file is August 24th**

**and last day to file is**

**September 17th at 5:00 p.m.**

**Three City Council seats are up this year. Contact City Hall for more details.**



## Open Burning Window Expands

The Fall Open Burning season will soon be here. During the time period of October 1st through November 15th, residents may burn yard and garden waste generated on their own property on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m.

The Saturday burn times of 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon are in effect all year. If fires are still burning at the designated end time, they must be extinguished. **To report an illegal burn, contact the Story County Sheriff's Office at 911 (Emergency) or 515-382-6566 (Non-Emergency)**



## Pride of the Month

John and Deb Buffington have been named Pride of the Month in Colo for the month of June. John and Deb live at 518 6th Street in Colo.

John and Donna Cerka have been named Pride of the Month in Colo for the month of July. Their well maintained and attractive yard shows a great deal of work. Especially noticeable is the landscaping of the property using a variety of shrubs, flowers and landscaping blocks. Their lovely home and yard is set off with a background of fence. The Cerkas live at 302 Maple Street in Colo.

Kyle and Kelly Kriegel have been named Pride of the Month in Colo for the month of August. They live at 224 2nd Street in Colo.

Pride of the Month recognition is awarded each of the three summer months by the Colo Lions Club.



The Cerkas



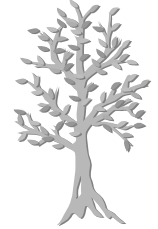
The Colo Recreation Board would like to let everyone know to watch for the Wrestling and Basketball registration forms coming out in October. Registration forms will be sent home with children from school and will also be available on the City of Colo website and the Colo-NESCO School website.

Wrestling will be for Kindergarten through 6th grade and Basketball will be for 4th through 6th graders. We will also be needing basketball coaches. If there are any questions please call Andrew Short at 641-377-2487.



## It's Time to Trim Low Hanging Tree Limbs

Almost everyone agrees that mature trees add value to our property and provide welcome shade during those hot summer months. However, that tree does occasionally require some TLC. City Hall receives several calls each year regarding low tree limbs overhanging streets, alleys and sidewalks. Even though the tree may be located within the city street right-of-way, the Colo City Code requires the owner of the property abutting the street or alley to trim the tree. Tree branches are required to be trimmed to a height no less than 15 feet above street and alleys and 8 feet above sidewalks.



The code gives the City the authority to trim trees and assess the cost against the adjoining property owner or to issue a citation for a municipal infraction if trees are not trimmed after notification. Adjoining property owners are also responsible for the removal of trees located in the street, which may be diseased or trees which constitute a danger to the public, or which may otherwise be declared a nuisance.

The code also prohibits the planting of any new trees or shrubs in any street right-of-way.

To get more information on tree planting restrictions or many other City Code requirements, visit the FAQ's section on the City's web site at [www.color-iowa.org](http://www.color-iowa.org)

## Colo Cares

### Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Colo Cares is planning a series of free adult education classes designed to help you save money. The first class is scheduled for 7pm-9pm, Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at the Colo Community Center. If you have an idea for a class, or wish to attend this one, please contact the Library at 377-2900.

### ***Basic Clothing Repair - Save money by extending the life of your clothing!***

*Learn basic mending skills and more from an experienced seamstress, Lucy Schaper. Topics include fasteners (buttons, snaps, elastic, velcro), seams, hems, holes, tears, rips, and zippers. Participants are asked to bring up to 5 items in need of repair. Sewing machines will be provided on site. No prior sewing experience is required.*

*This class is free, but please call or sign up at the Colo Public Library so we will know how many machines to provide.*

The next Colo Cares meeting will be 7pm, Monday, September 14, 2009, at the Colo Community Center. We will be finalizing plans for adult education classes this fall and discussing new initiatives. We welcome new faces and new ideas. Please join us. Meetings last about an hour.

Colo Cares supports Project Bundle, Colo Food Pantry, Colo Clothing Share, Medical Equipment loan program, and other activities to support local families.

### **Colo Clothing Share News**

*Thank you to all who shopped, donated, and volunteered at our recent Clothing Share, especially to our fantastic set up team. Special thanks to the clean up crew. You were few but mighty. The July Clothing Share provided items for about 100 families.*

*The next Clothing Share is scheduled for the week of October 26, with shopping Thursday-Friday, October 29 and 30, only. Future events depend upon shoppers and volunteers, so mark your calendars and join us! God bless you all.*

*St. Mary's Closet*

## FLU CLINIC OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

There will be a Flu Clinic on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 10:30 am at the Colo Community Center. This clinic is **open to everyone**, no appointment is necessary. For more information you can contact Homeward at (515)239-6730 or 1-800-529-4610.

NOTE: You **MUST** present your Medicare Card to receive your shots at No Charge. Otherwise the cost is \$25 for Flu and \$30 for Pneumonia.



### ***JOIN THE CELEBRATION!***



On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Colo United Methodist Church will be having "Steppin' Up Sunday." Sunday School starts at 9:15 a.m. for ages 4 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There is also an Adult class. The children are also recognized at the church service which starts at 10:30 a.m. There will be a potluck after the church service with hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

If you have questions, call the church office at 641-377-2534.

Come join us for a wonderful celebration made for EVERYONE!

#### **City Council Meetings**

**Tuesday, Sept. 8 - 7:00 p.m. at City Hall**  
**Monday, Oct. 5 —7:00 p.m. at City Hall**  
*Open To The Public*

*City Hall will be closed*  
*Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>*  
*to observe Labor Day.*



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# RESOURCE RECOVERY PLANT FREE DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 RAIN OR SHINE!!

8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

110 CENTER AVENUE, AMES

QUESTIONS? CALL 515-239-5137 or Toll Free 1-877-639-5661

The City of Ames will be sponsoring a Free Day at the Resource Recovery Plant Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Residents of Story County are eligible to use the Plant on this day to dispose of **regular household waste**. **Furniture, carpet, and lawn mowers** will be accepted but not processed in the Plant; these items will be landfilled/recycled. Separating these items from other regular household waste before bringing them to the Plant will prevent delays in service. Please access the plant from the west on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, not from Lincoln Way. Expect a wait, so please be patient!

**There will be a limit of two (2 in total) televisions or computers from each household. NO TV's OR COMPUTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM BUSINESSES.**

Regular charges will still be in effect for these items:

**Tires** will be disposed of for a fee: 16" tires \$ 2.25, 16 - 24" \$ 4.25, 24+" \$ 6.25, Tractor \$35.00, Tires on rims \$ 5.00

**All appliances** will be disposed of for a fee of \$20 each.

**Construction/demolition debris** will NOT be accepted; this includes wood scraps, bricks, concrete, and other debris. These materials must be disposed of at the Ames-Story Environmental Landfill at 2101 Watt St. (phone 232-5864). **Wood waste will be considered construction/demolition material and will not be accepted at the Resource Recovery Plant.**

**Waste oil** will be disposed of free up to five gallons; for each gallon over five, \$.25 will be charged.

**Car batteries** (lead acid batteries) will be disposed of free.

**Paint cans** will be accepted only if they are empty or dried out; leave the lid off so that it can be checked. If you have cans of latex paint to dispose of that are not quite empty, leave the lid off for a few days to dry out the paint, or pour the paint into a box filled with shredded newspapers, let the box dry out, and we'll dispose of all of it for you, **AS LONG AS THE PAINT IS DRY.**

**Yard waste** such as lawn clippings, branches, shrubs or trees will not be accepted; these items must be disposed of at All Seasons Contracting Services, 407 Freel Drive. **November 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2009 are Yard Waste free days, only November 7 includes brush.** All Seasons' phone number is 233-8508.

**PLEASE POST OR DUPLICATE AS NEEDED**