

City of Colo Newsletter

City Hall Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - Noon
Other times by appointment

www.colo-iowa.org

January/February 2013



The Colo Lions Club will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary with an open to the public Banquet Saturday, January 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Colo-Nesco cafeteria. Anyone interested in attending should notify either Paul Schaeffer at 641-377-2682 or Joe Harper at 641-377-2449. Tickets for the banquet will be \$8.00 and your choice of either Windsor Chop or Chicken Breast will need to be reported a week in advance.

Colo Lighting Contest

Three homes were selected as the winners of the 2012 Colo Christmas Lighting Contest. The judges were impressed with the large number of impressively decorated homes making their decision very difficult.

The winners in alphabetical order were:

Fred and Dorothy Cerka
209 Maple Street

James and Brooke Chevalier
207 Clayton Circle

Rick and Lauri Dodd
204 North Street

The contest is sponsored by the Colo Lions Club. Each winner was given a cash prize they can use to add to their lighting display. Everyone is encouraged to drive around Colo to see the lighting displays of the winner, as well as the many other fine displays.

2013 Alumni Banquet Notice

Saturday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Colo-Nesco High School Cafeteria. Tickets will go on sale sometime in April at Colo Telephone, State Bank and Weirs Insurance. The banquet will be hosted by the Class of 1963.



Colo Cares

Colo Cares experienced the loss recently of one our founding members, Martha Kash. Martha's energy and gift of service touched many of us in Colo. She encouraged local families in many ways and demonstrated our motto, "Neighbor Helping Neighbor." She will be missed.

A wonderful example of neighbor helping neighbor was given over the holidays when a local family was adopted for Christmas by another local family who did that instead of exchanging gifts. It was a heartwarming thing that blessed both families. As families struggle to make ends meet, sharing with each other can make more of an impact than we can imagine.

Being a good neighbor is taking place all over our community. People are taking food and groceries to shut ins, driving people to appointments, doing yard work or shoveling sidewalks when it snows, and visiting the sick. Other suggestions include changing light bulbs, setting trash out, helping to winterize homes, simple home repairs and checking tire pressure. If you have an elderly neighbor, consider a daily signal from them, like opening a curtain or turning off a light, that tells you that person is all right. Being a good neighbor is what makes Colo special. To join our efforts, please see contact information below.

Colo Clothing Share

Thank you to all who assisted, donated and shopped at our October clothing share. We had over 130 families that received clothing and household items. As always, St. Mary's Closet is available in case of emergencies. The next Clothing Share will be in late March. See the next newsletter for more information. In the meantime, please hold any donations until the announced drop off times. We have no storage space for early donations.

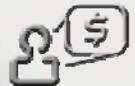
Colo Prayer Group

The Colo Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 9:30am, at the Methodist Church basement. We are a non-denominational group that prays for Colo and beyond, with a focus on prayer for local families. Prayer requests are kept confidential and names are often withheld. We are considering an evening prayer group for those that work during the day and would like suggestions for day/time. Interested? It is informal. If you are interested in joining us for either group or need prayer, please use the contact information below.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE ABOVE :

bmcguire25@hotmail.com or 515-450-8456

SIGN UP NOW FOR AUTOMATIC BANK COLLECT



Extended absences from home, increased postage, or just plain convenience makes now a great time to consider automatic bank collect for your city water, sewer and garbage bill. We send your bill on the 20th of the month, as always, so you know how much to deduct from your checking account. Then on the 1st of the month (or first business day after the first if it falls on a weekend or holiday) your bank deducts the amount of the bill. Enrollment is simple so call or stop by City Hall and sign up **today**.



Festival of Trees

"And the winners are...

Tater Tot Daycare

and the Colo Lions Club!"



We had a tie for First Place. Thank you to all the groups that participated

in the Fifth Annual Festival of Trees. The trees were really pretty this

year and we appreciate your creativity and willingness to decorate. It is

not too early to start thinking about next year!

F C & A Club

The Colo Crossroads Committee will meet at the Community Center on Tuesday January 15th at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to join in planning for the 2013 Festival.

Fitness Class

Colo Park & Rec board is offering a fitness class on Monday & Thursday from 7:15 - 8 pm. Starting January 3rd - January 31st at the Community Center.

Cost is \$5 for the 4 week program. We are trying to find a person to teach the class, so if you know of anyone that might be interested, let us know!

Otherwise we are using a variety of different DVD's for the class.

Any questions, please contact

Stacie Hostetler at

641-377-3375 or

stacie_hoss@yahoo.com.



Colo Library News

Princess Party

Colo Public Library

January 19

Come and Go from 2:00 to 4:00

Games, crafts, prizes, meet Cinderella and Snow White.

Pictures taken with a Princess!

Preschool - 6th grade are welcome to attend.



Superhero Party

Colo Public Library

January 26

Come and Go from 2:00 to 4:00

Games, crafts, prizes, meet Batman and Spiderman

Pictures taken with a Superhero!

Preschool - 3rd grade are welcome to attend.



Preschool Storytime Fridays at 10:00 starting January 11th.

After School Program on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:45 for K-6th grade, this will include Lego Club, movies, and other programs.



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City Snow Ordinance

“No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on Main Street between its intersection with West Street and 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 unless 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.” 1) No vehicle shall be parked on either side of the above described streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m. through 6:00 a.m. during such snow emergency. 2) The proclamation of a snow emergency shall be publicized by the notification of the news media, stating that a snow emergency is in effect and that the regulations set out in this Section shall be enforced. 3) A sign stating these regulations shall be posted in each block of street within the affected area. 4) Any vehicle found parked in violation of this Section shall be impounded and towed away. The towing and storage bill shall be assessed against the owner of said vehicle. 5) This Section and the posting thereof shall not be construed as suspending parking limitations or restrictions imposed by any other Section of this Code.

City Council
Meetings
Monday, Jan. 7 – 7:00 p.m.
at City Hall
Monday, Feb. 4 – 7:00 p.m.
at City Hall

Open to the Public



Articles for the
March/April
Newsletter
are due by
February 20th