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City of Colo Newsletter

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July/August 2012

Colo Lions Club



*Crossroads Festival
Scavenger Hunt*

**It's Easy! It's Fun!
\$175 in Prizes!**

*First Prize - \$100
Second Prize - \$50
Third Prize - \$25*

**Prizes will go to those
with the most correct
answers.**

**If there are ties,
winners will be drawn
out of the hat.**

The entry brochure, showing the items to be found, will be available any time after 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 25th, at Colo Telephone Company or State Bank & Trust. Get started early! You have 12 days to work. Simply locate the item in the photo, write down the address, give the information on the front and return your entry to the Colo Telephone Company or State Bank & Trust by 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 6th. Results will be announced at the beginning of the parade, Saturday, July 7th.

Public Meeting to Showcase Visioning Concept for Colo

On Monday, July 23rd, members of the Colo Visioning Committee will present to the public the final conceptual landscape plans for the community during an open house at the Colo Community Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Some of the areas that have been addressed in these concept plans include studies for trail connections to Hickory Grove, improving and phasing connectivity of walking routes in town, gateway and wayfinding signage, and site improvements for various areas around town.

Grant Thompson, Paola Sepulveda, Nate Schlorholtz with Genus Landscape Architects, and Leslie Berckes Field Coordinator with Trees Forever, will be on hand to assist the committee members in answering questions.

Residents who want more information or who are interested in participating in the visioning process should contact Scott Berka, City of Colo, 641-377-2238 and Leslie Berckes, Trees Forever, 515-681-2295. The next steps of the visioning committee include planning for implementation of projects from the conceptual design plan.

The Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning Program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation in partnership with Iowa State University Extension Landscape Architecture and Trees Forever.

Colo Cemetery News



Notice:

The Colo Cemetery Board voted in March to increase the price of cemetery burial lots effective September 1, 2012. *The last time there was an increase was July 2006.*

Current Lot Price:

Colo City/Sherman Twnshp/New Albany Twnshp Residents – \$150.00 per lot
Non-Resident – \$200.00 per lot

Effective September 1, 2012

Colo City/Sherman Twnshp/New Albany Twnshp Residents – \$200.00 per lot
Non-Resident – \$250.00 per lot

Single and double lots can be purchased in designated locations, otherwise we require lots be purchased in 4 or 8 count. You can purchase cemetery lots by contacting DeAnne Luke, Colo Cemetery Secretary at 377-2202 or at the Colo Telephone Office at 303 Main Street.

City Hall will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

NOTICE REGARDING GARBAGE PICKUP

Due to the July 4th holiday, garbage pickup on the week of July 2nd will be on Thursday July 5th.

Colo Crossroads Festival "At the Hop!"

Friday, July 6th

5:00 PM - Lions Club Scavenger Hunt completed entries due

5:00-7:00PM BBQ Dinner -Colo Community Center-Main St

5:15 PM - until gone - UMW Dessert Stand - Main Street outside library

6:00-6:45 PM Registration for Prince and Princess-outside of library

7:00 PM Crowning of Prince & Princess 2012 - Main Street & 4th

7:15 PM Outhouse Races - Main Street

9:00 PM Outdoor Family Movie "Batteries Not Included"- Colo United Methodist Church parsonage lawn. Please bring lawn chairs. Parking available in church parking lot.



Saturday July 7th

6:30-10:00 AM Special Breakfast Buffet at Niland's Café

8:00-9:00 AM Open House at Fire Station for "Past Members"

8:30-9:00 AM Registration - Photo Contest - Community Center

9:00-2:00 PM Photo Contest - Community Center/Main Street

9:00 AM Registration for Crossroads Parade - Co-op building

10:00 AM Registration for Kiddie Parade-In front of Wilson Auction

10:15 AM Kiddie Parade

10:25 AM Announcement of the Lions Club Scavenger Hunt Winners

10:30 AM Crossroads Parade

11:00 AM Activities Begin at The City Park (Food, Music, Games, etc.)

11:00 AM-4 PM Food Vendors - Petting Zoo - Games - Entertainment

11:00 AM-4 PM Inflatables for the Kids (\$5 all day pass)

11:00-3:00 Tractor Show-City Park on 6th Street

11:00-3:00 Car Show Voorhies Street between 4th & 6th

11:00 AM-1:00 PM RJB Trio Singing 50-60's music in City Park

12 noon - Start of Colo's Amazing Race - City Park

1:00 Start of Sand Volleyball Tournament on 5th Street

1:15 PM Recognition of Past Firefighters - City Park

1:15 PM Kids Pedal Tractor Pull - City Park

1:30 PM Poodle Skirt Dance Routine - City Park

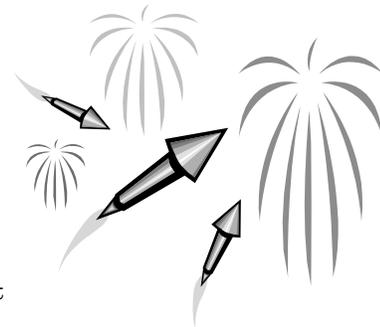
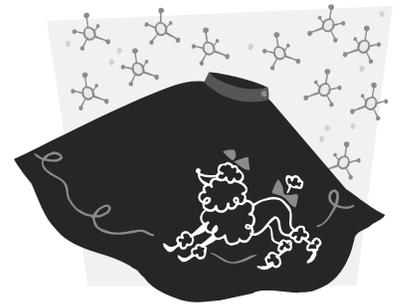
2:00-3:00 PM Bingo in the City Park by the Lions Club

3:00 PM Photo Contest Winners announced in the Park

3:00 PM Amazing Race Winners Announced in the park

6:00 PM - 10:30 PM Colo Truck Pull - Collins Street

6:00 PM - BBQ Dinner and 4H/FFA Food & Drink - Collins Street



Sunday, July 8th

10:00 AM "Higher Power" performing at Community Church Service in City Park. Please bring lawn chairs.



The Colo Clothing Share volunteers are mourning the loss of Liz Meller, who died unexpectedly June 17th. Liz was a tireless worker for our shoppers and one of our organizers. Her sweet nature and dedication will be missed. With that in mind, the next Colo Clothing Share has been put on hold for the moment. Please watch for posters and notices for the next date. At that time, more volunteers will be needed, so please consider whether you can spend a few hours with us. It will probably be in late July or early August. At that time, we will need children's clothing, especially sizes 5-14, both boys and girls. There will be a meeting of all interested volunteers for the Clothing Share Tuesday, June 26th at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. We will be discussing changes and setting a date for the next Clothing Share. New faces welcome!

Please check telephone email for more information. See you then!

***Colo Crossroads Festival, "At the Hop,"
July 6, 7 & 8, 2012***

Coordinators for events are listed below. Event forms can be found at Colo Telephone Company, Niland's Café, State Bank & Trust in Colo or at www.color-iowa.org

- Prince & Princess Contest - Colo Library 377-2900
- Lion's Club Scavenger Hunt - Joe Harper 377-2449
- Outhouse Races - Kim & Keith Wilson 377-2459
- Photo Contest - Linda Peakin 377-2960 or peakinlp@netins.net
- Parades - Lisa Whitaker 377-2643 or lwhitaker@storymedical.org
- Tractor Show - Paul Schaeffer 377-2682 & Larry Johnson 515-231-4219
- Sand volleyball - Colo Park and Rec - Rick Halverson 515-290-1764
- Car Show - Rick Halverson 515-290-1764 or rickhalverson21@yahoo.com
- Amazing Race - Julie or DeAnne at 377-2202.
- Kids Pedal Tractor Pull and Petting Zoo - FFA & 4H
- Truck Pull - Gene Schnur 377-2363
- Family night movie - Colo United Methodist Church Outreach Committee-377-2534
- Community Church Service - Colo United Methodist Church Worship Committee-377-2534

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 these 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 of no less than 15 feet above streets 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. 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.

A "Special Thanks" goes out to everyone involved in planning, organizing and participating in the Crossroads Festival. It wouldn't happen without you!

"Golden Tickets" worth \$5 are available for Colo residents over the age of 80 to go towards the purchase of food during the festival. In order to have enough tickets, pre-registration is needed. To preregister please contact Irene Coughenour at 377-2559. If you know of a Colo citizen who will be at least 80 in 2012 please urge them to contact Irene so they can have a free meal during the festival. Home delivery of a meal can be arranged, too!

Beautiful Crossroads t-shirts are available for purchase at State Bank and Trust in Colo, Niland's Café and Colo Telephone for \$10.

Sandii Huemann-Kelly can be contacted at 377-3663 or nilandcafe@gmail.com

Sandii will post a full listing of the festival times and events on facebook. Information is also available on the city website - www.color-iowa.org and on posters around town.

Food and craft vendors need to register prior to June 29th. If you would like to be a vendor please contact Katie Harrington at 377-2502 or KatieNHarrington@yahoo.com Note: the email includes Katie's middle initial "N"

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to our "Golden" shut-ins. If you can help contact Nancy Tucker 377-3737 or natucker@mac.com.

If you would be interested in helping during the festival or if you have any questions please contact Pat Peakin at 377-2960 or peakinlp@netins.net.



2011 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR THE City of Colo

The City of Colo strives to provide you with a safe, dependable supply of drinking water that is in compliance with the guidelines established by the Environmental Protection Agency. This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The City of Colo currently purchases its water through a bulk connection with Central Iowa Water Association. The Newton Waterworks supplies the water which is pumped from 21 wells located in the Alluvial and Cambrian-Ordovician aquifers of the Skunk River. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

City of Colo

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	DETECTED LEVEL	DATE SAMPLED	RANGE OF DETECTION	VIOLATION	SOURCE
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS							
*Lead (ppb) (90 th percentile)	0	AL=15	3	6/1/2007 through 9/30/2009	0-5	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
*Lead (ppb) (95 th percentile)	0	AL=15	5	6/1/2007 through 9/30/2009	0-5	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppm) (90 th percentile)	1.3	AL=1.3	0	06/01/2007 through 09/30/2009	ND-0.73	NO	Corrosion of plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
VOLATILE ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS							
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	N/A	80	43	8/09/2010	N/A	NO	By-products of drinking water disinfection.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	N/A	60	6.0	8/09/2010	N/A	NO	By-products of drinking water disinfection.
OTHER							
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG =4.0	MRDL=4.0	1.1 (RAA)	04/01/2010 through 12/31/2011	0-1.3	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.
Newton Source Water							
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS							
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG =4.0	MRDL=4.0	1.0 (RAA)	04/01/2010 through 12/31/2011	0.35-1.37	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.
**Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	5.2	01/01/2011 through 12/31/2011	3.8-5.2	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
OTHER							
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	8.6	04/04/2011	N/A	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process.

NOTE: The EPA requires monitoring of over 80 drinking water contaminants. Those listed above are the only contaminants detected in your drinking water. For a complete list contact the City of Colo.

*If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Colo is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

***Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

GENERAL INFORMATION

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Your water supply is monitored on a regular basis to assure the water is a safe, dependable supply.

FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health. Any bottled water that is labeled “drinking water” has to meet the EPA’s drinking water regulations. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk.

The most common drinking water treatment is disinfection. Disinfection is considered to be the primary mechanism to kill bacteria and other germs to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases. Chlorine is the most widely used disinfectant. Disinfectants combine with organic and inorganic matter present in water to form chemicals called disinfectant by-products. EPA sets standards for controlling the levels of disinfectants and disinfectant by-products in drinking water.

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Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The Newton Waterworks obtains its water supply from the Alluvial and Cambrian-Ordovician aquifers. The Alluvial aquifer was determined to be highly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifers and overlying materials allow contaminants to move through the aquifers fairly quickly. The Cambrian-Ordovician aquifer was determined to be not susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials prevent easy access of contaminants to the aquifer. The wells will be susceptible to activities such as leaking underground storage tanks, underground storage tanks, and hazardous waste generators. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the IDNR, and is available from Central Iowa Water Association at (641) 792-7011.

OTHER INFORMATION

The City of Colo is making every effort to protect the water system from potential security threats. You, as customers, can also help. If you see any suspicious activity near any part of the water system, please contact us at (641) 377-2238 or the local police/sheriff department. We appreciate your assistance in protecting the water system.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information, please contact Scott Berka, City Clerk/Water Operator at (641) 377-2238. Decisions regarding the water system are made at the Colo City Council meetings held on the first Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Colo City Hall; 209 Main Street; Colo, Iowa and are open to the public.

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City Council Meetings

**Monday, July 2
7:00 p.m. at City Hall**

**Monday, August 6
7:00 p.m. at City Hall**

Open To The Public



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