



City of Colo Newsletter



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

September/October 2013

Colo Library News

Wacky Wednesdays at the Colo Public Library! Starting in September, the Colo Public Library will be open Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dvd and popcorn on us Wednesday evenings. Checkout any dvds from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays evenings for FREE and you will also receive free popcorn. Dvds will be due back Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.

The Colo Public Library will be closed September 2 for Labor Day.



Celebrate the 15th anniversary of Disney's critically-acclaimed masterpiece Mulan. Movie Day October 21 at 2:00 for K-6 graders. Free popcorn!

Lego Club! Imagine, design and build! September 16, 30 and October 14 & 28 for grades K-6th. After School Library Program, crafts, games, and lots of fun for K-4 September 9, 23 and October 7. Both programs are from 3:30 to 4:45.

Story County Freedom

★ Rock & Memorial ★

Maxwell received word in June they were chosen as the site for the Story County rock and by early August the 52,000 pound rock was moved to the city park next to an existing veteran's memorial for fallen soldiers. The mural on the rock is scheduled to be completed summer 2015. Volunteers will be working hard to landscape the area, beginning spring 2014. Our goal is to have a brick walkway constructed, with the names of Story County veterans engraved on each brick, as a part of the landscape around the rock. For a limited time the price is \$30 per brick. **The deadline to get your form turned in is December 31, 2013, for the first round of bricks to be placed in the spring of 2014.** After that, bricks will be placed on an annual basis. Local businesses have order forms, or you can visit us online at www.storycountyfreedomrock.com and download a form. We would like you to share this information to all of Story County to give them the opportunity to support a veteran's brick.



ATTENTION All Colo / Colo NESCO Alumni



We have received many emails and forms with updated information for the new directory. But, if you have not submitted your changes for the 2013 Colo/Colo NESCO Alumni directory, do so now! We will be getting the new directory ready for the printer the end of September! **IF YOU HAVE HAD ANY CHANGES IN YOUR LIFE in the last 5 years, please update!**

Information listed in the directory: (send with your name & year graduated)

- Occupation: (or note if Retired or a Student)
- Spouse Name (*Note if Deceased or Divorced)
- Children's Names (First Name only – please specify if D-daughter or S-Son or SS/SD – step child)
- Home Address
- Email Address (if you would like included)

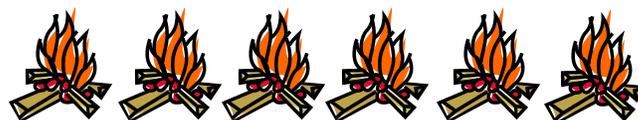
Information can be emailed to alumni@netins.net or dropped off at State Bank & Trust in Colo, Colo Public Library or Colo Telephone or Zearing Public Library or Minerva Valley Telephone in Zearing.

If you have already updated your information - "Thank you".

We will let you know in the next city newsletter when the new directories will be available to purchase.

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)



COLO CEMETERY CLEAN-UP:

A reminder that Fall cleanup will run during the third full week of October. During these times all decorations along the base of the stones will be disposed of. If you wish to save any flowers, pots, wire stands, etc., they will need to be removed prior to the 3rd week of October. They may be placed out again after the cleanup dates.

Thank you for your assistance.



-Colo Cemetery Board

ZUMBA is Back!



Wednesdays, Sept. 4th – 25th
6:30 – 7:30 pm

Colo Community Center
\$10 for the month of classes

ZUMBA is a combination of dance & aerobics. It incorporates all types of music and dance moves. It can be as easy or hard as you want it to be.

COME JOIN THE PARTY!!!

Questions – Stacie Hostetler 515-231-2203
or stacie_hoss@yahoo.com

CITY ELECTION NOVEMBER 5TH

The Colo city election will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, 2013. Voting will take place at the Colo Community Center, 209 Main St., from 12:00 Noon until 8:00 p.m.

Three city council seats will be up for election this year. Anyone interested in running for office can pick up nomination papers at City Hall. The first day to file is August 26th and the last day is September 19th at 5:00 p.m.

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.colo-iowa.org.



Festival of Trees 2013!

A sign up sheet will be available in the library in October for any Colo group, club, family, organization or individual willing to decorate a tree this year. Remember to sign up early!



The Sharing Tree!

This year our donations are already very abundant. It is open to everyone to donate gently used holiday decorations or to help themselves to the already donated items. Please look for more information in the November newsletter.



FALL/WINTER CLOTHING SHARE



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH OCTOBER 24-25, 2013



PLEASE HOLD DONATIONS UNTIL DROP OFF
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21. SEE YOU THERE!

Thank you to all who donated, volunteered, and shopped with us during the back to school event. Over 150 families received items, and we had shoppers from as far away as Des Moines! Also thank you to our new volunteers. You were wonderful!

A special thank you to the Colo Telephone Company staff for publicity. They promoted the Clothing Share online, on cable, and on that cool new sign on their building. It worked. Thanks, guys!

As always, the Closet is available by appointment for emergencies and special needs. God bless you all.

St. Mary's Closet



COLO CARES

We are still around town, but have concentrated on the various volunteer work that our members are doing. If you know of a family that needs special assistance, please let us know. Our networking maybe be able to help. bmcquire25@hotmail.com

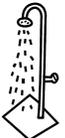
Remember that volunteering helps to knit our community together. Many of our Colo's veteran volunteers are slowing down or stopping altogether due to health reasons. They are a talented group that is leaving a void that needs to be filled. If you are interested in meeting new people, helping others, and being a part of something good, consider volunteering here in Colo. There are many opportunities, not limited to club and church work. Observe your neighborhood and see where you can lend a hand. You won't regret it!



COLO CARES MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CLOSET

We have a number of items available for loan, including shower chairs, walkers, commode, and wheelchair. If you have need of some medical equipment, please remember us. It is free for Colo residents.

Special thanks to the Colo Cub Scouts for the donation of a wheelchair and shower chair. Also for volunteering for set up for the Clothing Share. You were great!



House Addressing Project Underway

The City of Colo, with the assistance of the Story County Planning and Development Department, has surveyed our community to determine where house and building numbering may not be meeting the requirements of the City Code. More importantly, the results of this survey are being used to ensure our community and first responders have the most accurate and legible information with addresses in the event that we need to respond to an emergency call. The City Code was amended in 2007 to add provisions related to building numbering. In the provisions, property owners (of both dwelling and commercial units) are required to do several things. First, in the event of new construction, the property owner is responsible for obtaining the assigned house address (please contact the City Clerk who will give you this information.) Second, all new and existing units have to display their address number.

The City Code states:

Display Address Number. The property owner shall place or caused to be installed and maintained on the unit, the assigned number in a conspicuous place to the street or the primary entrance of the unit, in figures not less than three (3) inches in height and of contrasting color with their background.

In early October 2013, the City will notify property owners who don't have their addresses displayed as required by City Code. If you receive such letter, please contact City Hall and schedule a time for the Colo Fire Department to visit your property and install address numbering as required (at no charge to the property owner). Our emergency response personnel need to be able to quickly find your home and a missing or nearly-invisible number can result in loss of time in emergency events.

The goal is to complete the project prior to December. Please don't hesitate to contact City Hall at 377-2238 with any questions.

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City Hall will be closed Monday, September 2nd to observe Labor Day.

City Council
Meetings
Tuesday, Sept. 3 – 7:00 p.m.
at City Hall
Monday, Oct. 7 – 7:00 p.m.
at City Hall
Open to the Public



Articles for the
Nov - Dec
Newsletter are due
by
October 20th