



City of Nevada

News Along the Highway

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Library News

The Summer Story Time theme is "**One World, Many Stories**"

Join us for our reading travels this summer. Call the library at 382-2628 to sign up for one of the following story times:

- **The Joeys**, infants, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- **The Squealers**, 1, 2, and 3 year olds, either Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. or Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- **The Rhymers**, 4, 5, and 6 year olds, either Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. or Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- **The Totems**, 7 through 10 year olds, Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

We will also be having our popular Wednesday afternoon specials again this year, June 8 through July 20. Join us on June 8 at 2:00 p.m. for a **Special Story Time with Dan Wardell**, host of the IPTV children's programs!

The Nevada Public Library will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. The Library Staff wishes you a safe holiday.

The **Knitting Club** will be meeting on May 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the library meeting room. The group includes all ages and experience levels. Get help with a project, learn a new technique or help someone else with a project. Call Beth at 515-382-2628 if want more information.

The **Reading Group** will be meeting on May 26 at 1:30 p.m. The book for this month is Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler. The books are available for checkout at the Nevada Public Library. All are welcome to read the book and join the discussion.

The **Teen Advisory Group** gives young people in middle school through grade 12 a voice in selecting materials for the Nevada Public Library and will meet on May 25. If you are interested in the Teen Advisory Group, call Mary at the library (382-2628) or email her at mary@nevada.lib.ia.us.

Hydrant Flushing – Starts May 2

During the month of May you might notice Water Department crews working at fire hydrants and see water running down the street. Your first thought may be that we are ignoring our own philosophy of conserving water. Normally in the spring and fall, we flush water lines through the use of fire hydrants, which is an important preventive maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, the process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system allowing us to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers. This also is an important effort toward ensuring hydrant effectiveness for fire control purposes.

As a result of the line flushing process, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water or lower water pressure. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and does not affect the safety of the water. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your home by running all water faucets for a few minutes. The same philosophy of water line preventive maintenance is one that you should use in your own home to ensure the quality of water inside your home. Your home's water heater should be drained and flushed on a regular basis, according to manufacturers' recommendations, to keep it working effectively and efficiently. If you have any questions please contact us at 382-2074 and we will be glad to answer any of your questions.

Meeting Schedule.

- **Council: May 9 and 23, City Hall Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.**
- **Library: May 16, Library Meeting Room 4:30 p.m.**
- **Parks and Recreation Board: May 18, Gates Hall 5:15 p.m.**
- **Planning and Zoning Commission: May 2, City Hall Council Chambers 6:15 p.m.**

Fitness Instructors Wanted

The City of Nevada Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for the following adult fitness classes:

- Kickboxing Instructor AM
- Kickboxing Instructor PM
- TRX Instructor AM
- Zumba Instructor AM
- Zumba Instructor PM

If you have experience in teaching adult fitness in any of these or other areas please contact Nevada Parks and Recreation at 382-4352 for an application. Applications will be accepted until Friday, May 13 or until filled.

Cemetery News

All decorations will be removed from the cemetery two weeks following Memorial Day unless in a permanent vase installed on the stone or foundation, in saddles on the stones, or on Shepherd's hooks placed next to the foundation.

The City of Nevada is spraying for weeds at all city owned property during the month.

OPEN BURNING ENDS MAY15

Sanitary Sewer Cleaning

The City of Nevada Public Works will be performing routine maintenance on the sanitary sewer system beginning this spring through summer. The work will consist of jetting with high pressure water and vacuuming debris from the sanitary sewer system.

These activities may cause the water in basement floor drains to be drawn out. If you observe the cleaning activities in your neighborhood or smell sewer gas, pour water into the drain to refill the trap.

If you have any questions, call City Hall at 382-5466.

Mosquito Control

The mosquito control program will be run by the city staff again this summer. There are now 8 employees that have applicator's licenses. Look at the City of Nevada's sign at the corner of Lincoln Highway and 6th Street for an approximate time frame of spraying. If you want specific notification again this summer, please sign up again.

Notifications will be sent out via email or text message through Code Red. You can call Parks and Rec. at 382-4352 or get form on the City of Nevada's website to fill out and send to Parks & Rec. It is important to know your cell phone provider when you sign up.

Calendar of Events

May 7, 7 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast Spring Fundraiser for the Nevada Cub Scouts Pack 128 at St. Patrick's Church - \$5.00 per admission

May 7, 10 a.m. - Jaycees Nevada's Annual Bike Ride (NABR) - Bike ride around Story County. Participants can choose a 14 mile, 32 mile, or 43 mile loop on paved county highways. This ride starts and ends in Nevada. The ride is appropriate for all levels of riders. Ride begins at 10:00 a.m., for more information e-mail ridenabr@yahoo.com

May 14, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - 4th of July Fireworks Fundraiser—Fill the hat
Money will be collected on the street corner of 6th Street and Lincoln Hwy

May 21, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Jaycees Sandbox Fill
Call Stefani at 515-291-1449 by May 18
Sand will be dropped off at your house.

June 4 - Krysilis Biathlon - 15 Mile Bike, 5K Run - Contact Jill Bonet at 382-5520 ext. 202 for more information.

June 10 & 11 - Nevada's City Wide Garage Sale
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. both days
\$10 registration fee, register by May 31
To add your address to the list of sales contact the Nevada Chamber of Commerce at 382-6538 or chamber@midiaowa.net

Fawcett Family Aquatic Center

- Pool Opens June 4 and closes August 23
- Early Bird Lap Swim; 6:00-7:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; entrance fee \$2.00
- Open swim; 12:00-7:00 p.m. daily; entrance fee \$4.00
- Adult Lap Swim; 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. daily; entrance fee \$2.00
- Semi-private Group Parties; 5:30-7:00 pm; Groups can have any amount of people attend for \$100.00 and groups may bring in food for their event – great for birthdays
- Private Pool Parties; 7:20-8:50 p.m.; Call Park and Recreation for rental fees
- Little Tyke Swim Dates; 10:20-11:50 a.m.; June 11, 25; July 2, 16, 30; August 13; entrance fee \$2.00 per person

It Starts in Parks Family Fun Night on May 18

Citizens are invited to attend this free and fun, family event. It Starts in Parks is a program adopted by the Nevada Parks and Recreation Department to get citizens of Nevada out to enjoy the wonderful outdoor facilities that are a vital part of our community.

Current Activities/Events:

- \$10.00 off the purchase of a family aquatic center season pass (Nevada Residents Only)
- Sandwiches and chips provided
- Baseball and Softball Scrimmage Games

Sidewalk Program – Zone 3

Pursuant to City and Iowa Code, property owners are responsible for maintaining the public sidewalks abutting their property. Likewise, cities are responsible for inspecting these public ways to make sure property owners are fulfilling their responsibility and taking corrective action if sidewalks are not properly maintained.

The City has established a sidewalk program to improve the quality of sidewalks in the City of Nevada. This program provides a means of reviewing the condition of existing sidewalks throughout the City. This program will be available strictly for those served sidewalk repair notices by the City, and is first-come, first-serve for these persons. No more funds can be allocated after the year's budget has been exhausted.

The 2011 inspection will concentrate on Zone 3. Zone 3 is from 10th Street to 7th Street between Lincoln Highway and E Avenue. Inspections have occurred this spring. The affected area has been reviewed by staff using sidewalk defect figures adopted by the City Council. Notices will then be sent to the property owner of record. The program allows affected property owners 90 days to make repairs and also provides an opportunity to cost-share with the City.

If you are in Zone 3 and would like more information, you may obtain a packet at the Library or City Hall. You can also log on to the City's website and click City Departments, Planning and Zoning, and Sidewalk Program to get all of the details of the program. Those without Internet access may go to the library to use the Internet or may call City Hall at 382-5466, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. to contact the Planning & Zoning Department.