City Of Hazleton Quarterly Newsletter

July, August, September 2025

Happy 4th of July

We would like to inform citizens of the recent change to Iowa law.
Iowa enacted a new state law (SF303) effective July 1st that requires cities and counties to permit the use of consumer fireworks on three specific dates:
July 3rd 9:00 am-10:00 pm
July 4th 9:00 am-11:00 pm
December 31st -12:30 am January 1st
The use of fireworks MUST occur on private property. Fireworks remain prohibited on any city property.

Attention!

Beginning July 1, 2025, City Hall will have REDUCED hours until further notice. Please mail, use the payment drop box, or pay utility bills online. There will be someone checking messages and emails, but they will not always be in the office. We appreciate your patience during this time. Please call the number below for immediate assistance. The office will be closed on July 4th.
Thank you.
Public Works – 319-238-2360

Calendar of Events

July

7/3	Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm
7/4	Happy 4th of July
7/10	Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm
7/14-7/16	Vacation Bible School with United Neighbors at the City Park, 5:30-7:30 pm
7/16	Council Meeting at 6:00 pm at City Hall
7/17	Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm
7/24	Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm
7/27	Back to School Bash with United Neighbors at the City Park, 5-7:00 pm
7/31	Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm

August

8/7	Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm
8/14	Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm
8/20	Council Meeting at 6:00 pm at City Hall
8/21	Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm
8/28	Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm

September

9/4	Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm
9/11	Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm
9/17	Council Meeting at 6:00 pm at City Hall
9/18	Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm
9/25	Bingo at the Legion Hall, doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm

What's been happening in Hazleton?

There have been some noticeable improvements around the city. The parking barriers by City Hall have been removed. The grass by the Park Shelter has been replaced with new rock for better parking. The gravel alleys have been graded, and new gravel has been added. The walking trail from the South end of the City to the Fontana Trail has been cleaned up, with multiple rogue trees and bushes removed. United Neighbors generously donated time to picking up trash in this area. Multiple patchwork has been done after water main repairs. The West end of 1st Street North has been widened, and Monroe Street South was completely resurfaced. The oven at the Legion has also been replaced. Thank you to Cy and Charley's for the great price and Ken's Electric for the needed gas line repairs.

Hazleton Night at the Ballpark

Mayor Hayzlett threw out the first pitch for Hazleton Night at the Waterloo Bucks on June 24th.

What changes would you like to see?

The Hazleton City Council is seeking input from citizens on what they would like to see changed or improved around the city.

To budget for future projects or improvements, the city needs your input in advance. We invite everyone to attend council meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. The meeting agendas are posted in advance at the bank, post office, and City Hall. Everyone has a chance to voice concerns or make suggestions during Citizen Comments. As always you can call or email the clerk at 319-636-2559 or cityclerk@hazletonia.com.

Identifying Different Utility Covers

Curb Stop Box

This is usually located outside in the front yard on the border between public and private property (front lawn or driveway). This provides access to shut off the water to a home or business in case of an emergency.

Valve Box

This provides access to valves which control the flow of water in the large water services to a building from the water main and within branches of the City's water mains. Many times, they will follow along or under the road.

Manhole

This is an opening in the street or right-of-way that allows utility workers access to underground sewer. The manhole covers can be used in conjunction with sanitary sewers or storm sewers, and many times "SEWER" is on the cover.

Catch Basin/Storm Drain

This is installed in a curb to receive and direct the flow of storm water into City sewer mains. A clogged catch basin or missing or damaged grate can lead to flooding or property damage.

Each cover listed is important for the city. For example, a manhole cover provides safety by preventing anything or anyone from falling into the storm/sanitary sewer. If you see a missing utility cover, please contact Public Works at 319-238-2360.

When it Rains, It Pours

Stormwater is the water that runs off the land surface when it rains or snow melts. It enters the City's storm sewer system and flows directly to local lakes, streams, and wetlands. Not all of the rain or snow will soak into the ground. Water will pick up whatever it comes in contact with. Stormwater can contain oil and grease from roads and parking lots, pesticides and fertilizers from lawns, dirt and sand from construction sites, plastic, wrappers, and more. When it reaches the waterways it can kill fish and wildlife, harm vegetation, and contaminate water supplies. Please do your part in picking up litter and preventing leaks and spills in your yard.

Community Events and News

United Neighbors

United Neighbors will host **Vacation Bible School** from July 14-16 at the City Park Shelter, running each night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. They will provide meals and lessons, along with games and crafts. Children in kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome to attend.

United Neighbors would like to thank everyone who attended their breakfast during Haze Daze, as well as the Fire Department and the City. They had a successful turnout, serving around 120 people.

On July 27th, United Neighbors will host the annual **Back to School Bash** at the City Park Shelter from 5-7:00 pm. A meal and school supplies will be provided. Ages K-12th grade are invited!

Hazleton Commercial Club

The Hazleton Commercial Club would like to thank the Hazleton Fire Department, Buchanan County Law Enforcement, Buchanan County Emergency Management, Mike Kout, and the City of Hazleton for helping make **Haze Daze** successful. We would also like to thank the local businesses that contributed monetary or in-kind donations: Maynard Savings Bank, Dancore, Pronto, Fat Boy's, Hy-Vee, Leroy's, ABE Automotive, Pizza Ranch, Cabinets-n-Counters, and Horkheimer Real Estate.

The Hazleton Commercial Club will host its annual **Halloween Party** on October 25th at the Fire Station. There will be a small concession stand, cake walk, ticket games with prizes, and a Halloween candy bag give-away. Time is to be determined. Any donations for the cake walk are always welcome! Check out our Facebook page for more information as the date approaches.

Congratulations to the following students who received Hazleton Commercial Club Scholarships!

Emily Taylor
Conall Sauser
Dylan Hamilton
Brady Burkhart

HCC hosts bingo every Thursday night at the Legion.
Doors open at 4:30 pm, early birds start at 6:30 pm.

Former Hazleton resident Tashina Steggall completed her first year coaching the Girls Varsity Track team at North Liberty, and several of her students went on to compete at the State Level. Tashina herself is a 14-time All-American hurdler and relay team member who attended Wartburg and was recently inducted into their 2024 Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to local Hazleton athletes Ashlyn Sauser, a sophomore, and Conall Sauser, a senior, who both had a successful track season this Spring. Ashlyn placed 7th in the 3000-meter, 5th in the 1500-meter, and 16th in the 800-meter. Conall placed 2nd in the 3200-meter and 4th in the 1600-meter.

School Bus Safety

Although it feels like summer has just started, the next school year begins on August 25 for the Oelwein Community School District. Please be aware of children walking to the bus stops. If following a bus, allow enough distance to slow down. Slow down when approaching a school bus stop. ALWAYS stop for a school bus with flashing lights. It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus.

From 2014 to 2023, there were 971 fatal school-bus-related crashes (1,079 total fatalities), an average of 108 deaths per year.

School buses are statistically the safest mode of transportation for children. The majority of fatalities occur when a driver illegally passes a stopped school bus.

Source *NHTSA*

City Ordinance Chapter 65
Stop or Yield Required

SCHOOL STOPS. When a vehicle approaches an authorized school stop, the driver shall bring the vehicle to a full stop at a point 10 feet from the approach side of the crosswalk marked by an authorized school stop sign and thereafter proceed in a careful and prudent manner until the driver shall have passed such school site. *(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.249)*

Garbage and Recycling Services

Garbage is collected every Wednesday, and recycling is collected every other week. Calendars can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from https://www.kluesnersanitation.com/. Click on the City Services picture, then select Hazleton from the City Services page. See the pictures below to help guide you to the correct area.

City Ordinance Chapter 105

Solid Waste Control

105.09 WASTE STORAGE CONTAINERS.

Storage of Containers. Residential solid waste containers shall be stored upon the residential premises. Commercial solid waste containers shall be stored upon private property, unless the owner has been granted written permission from the City to use public property for such purposes. The storage site shall be well-drained and fully accessible to collection equipment, public health personnel, and fire inspection personnel. All owners of residential and commercial premises shall be responsible for adoscattered around neighboring yards and streets.

Location of Containers for Collection. Containers for the storage of solid waste awaiting collection shall be placed at the curb or alley line by the owner or occupant of the premises served. Containers or other solid waste placed at the curb line shall not be so placed more than 24 hours in advance of the regularly scheduled collection day and shall be promptly removed from the curb line following collection.

Reminders

- On recycling days, leave at least 2-3 feet of space between containers to allow for easy pickup

- Remove garbage/recycling containers from the curb after pickup

- Do not overstuff containers

Fiber Optic Services Coming to Hazleton from County Line Fiber

County Line Fiber (powered by East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative) will be bringing fiber optic service to Hazleton residents in July! It's important to note that the first customers should be receiving service around the September timeframe after construction and fiber splicing is completed. Fiber optic cable provides ultra-fast, reliable Internet and voice services.

The very first step is for each homeowner and business to discuss with County Line Fiber the best location for fiber to enter your home and grant permission for them to cross your private property. This is also called a "site survey". If a site survey is not done, fiber will NOT be brought to your home/business, so it's imperative that every homeowner have a site survey completed. According to a recent realtor survey, fiber increases your home's value by between 5-10% when compared to non-fiber homes.

There is no cost to bring fiber up to the side of your home/business, and all fiber cables are buried. If a resident refuses to have fiber brought to their home, but later changes their mind after the construction crews have left the area, the resident would then need to pay the full cost of bringing fiber to their home (Est. $2,000 - $4,000). By bringing fiber to your home or business now, it's free – gives you a better option for service in the future – and trouble calls decrease by over 90% when fiber is installed. Contact County Line Fiber ASAP to have your site survey completed if you've not already done so. Phone 319-283-1188.

County Line Fiber and East Buchanan Tele Coop are headquartered nearby in Winthrop, IA, and serve the towns of Stanley, Aurora, Winthrop, Quasqueton, and Walker. More information can be found at www.countylinefiber.com.

Common Questions about Fiber Optics

What is Fiber-to-the-Home?

Fiber-to-the-Home aka FTTH refers to a technology that can be used to provide services to your home or business. Fiber replaces older copper wires and allows us to provide voice, high-speed Broadband Internet over a fiber optic (glass) cable which is as thin as human hair.

What are the benefits of FTTH?

Unlike copper and wireless Internet, fiber has a higher bandwidth capacity and can carry data for great distances without signal loss or interference with plenty of capacity left over for future services. Plus, fiber is more durable and less susceptible to inclement weather, but if damaged it is significantly more expensive than copper wire. Additionally, the services offer greater speed and crystal-clear connections.

What equipment is needed in my home to be connected to the FTTH network?

We will install a network interface device (NID-gray box) on the side of your home and a new optical network terminal (ONT) device inside your home where the fiber terminates. The device will need to be placed near an electrical outlet, which will act as its power source. The amount of electricity used by the ONT device is extremely small and not noticeable. From the ONT, we connect your phone line (if needed) and a CAT 5 cable to a County Line Fiber Wi-Fi solution router. The free Wi-Fi router will be installed to give your home the best possible signal.

Will the process of burying fiber disturb my yard?

We'll do everything we can to make sure any disturbance is minimized, and the original condition of your property is returned as promptly as possible. We will either plow in the yard which resembles a mole tunnel when finished or bore under the ground and only have an entrance and exit point. Every property is different, and we'll do the best job possible with the least amount of disturbance. Our contractor will also seed any major disturbance with appropriate grass seed as weather permits.

Reminders for pet owners

City Ordinance Chapter 55
Animal Control

55.06 AT LARGE PROHIBITED. It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City

55.07 DAMAGE OR INTERFERENCE. It is unlawful for the owner of an animal to allow or permit such animal to pass upon the premises of another thereby causing damage to, or interference with, the premises.

55.08 ANNOYANCE OR DISTURBANCE. It is unlawful for the owner of a dog to allow or permit such dog to cause serious annoyance or disturbance to any person by frequent and habitual howling, yelping, barking, or otherwise, or by running after or chasing persons, bicycles, automobiles, or other vehicles

55.11 RABIES VACCINATION. Every owner of a dog shall obtain a rabies vaccination for such animal. It is unlawful for any person to own or have a dog in said person's possession, six months of age or over, which is not been vaccinated against rabies.

Summer Safety Tips for pets

Please note that it is becoming increasingly <u>difficult to transport animals to local shelters.</u> Most are already full and will not accept new animals. Law enforcement may not be able to assist with any animals found at large due to this situation.

The City kindly requests that you refrain from feeding stray animals or leaving food outside for them. Please be responsible and spay and neuter all your pets.

55.10 SANITATION. It is the duty of every person owning or having custody or control of an animal to clean up, remove and dispose of the feces deposited by such animal upon public property, park property, public right-of-way or the property of another person.

The city has received multiple calls and complaints regarding pet owners failing to clean up after their animals. Please ensure that you clean up after your pets and are respectful of others' property.

Tree and Street Maintenance for Homeowners

Chapter 135 Street Use and Maintenance

135.10 PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE. The abutting property owner shall maintain all property outside the lot and property lines and inside the curb lines upon public streets and shall keep such area in a safe condition, free from nuisances, obstructions, and hazards. In the absence of a curb, such property shall extend from the property line to that portion of the public street used or improved for vehicular purposes. The abutting property owner shall not be required to remove diseased trees or dead wood on the publicly owned property or right-of-way. Maintenance includes, but is not limited to, timely mowing, trimming trees and shrubs, and picking up litter and debris. The abutting property owner may be liable for damages caused by failure to maintain the publicly owned property or right-of-way.†
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2c])

135.11 FAILURE TO MAINTAIN. If the abutting property owner does not perform an action required under the above section within a reasonable time, the City may perform the required action and assess the cost against the abutting property for collection in the same manner as a property tax.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2e])

Chapter 150 Trees

150.03 DUTY TO TRIM TREES. The owner or agent of the abutting property shall keep the trees on, or overhanging the street, trimmed so that all branches will be at least 15 feet above the surface of the street and eight feet above the sidewalks. If the abutting property owner fails to trim the trees, the City may serve notice on the abutting property owner requiring that such action be taken within five days. If such action is not taken within that time, the City may perform the required action and assess the costs against the abutting property for collection in the same manner as a property tax.
(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2c and e])

We would like to remind everyone using the tree dump to place yard waste as close to the middle of the pile as possible. The circular driveway around the dumping area must remain clear. **No garbage is allowed.** The pile will be burned as soon as possible, so please be patient. We appreciate your help, which enables us to continue providing this service.

When do I need a building permit?

House	yes
Sidewalk	yes
Fence	yes
Roof	no
Siding	no
Accessory building	yes

Always check with City Hall to follow guidelines from the Zoning Ordinance.