Indianola Downtown Business Incentive Program

This Incentive Program is designed to help building owners revitalize and refresh the appearance of their businesses and improve the perception of Indianola as a progressive and attractive city to visitors and citizens in the central business district. The Indianola City Council voted to extend this program and allocated additional funds for 2012.

The Incentive Program addresses the issues of renovation and repairing the existing commercial building structures and facades of property that is properly zoned and located within Block 7 - 8 - 9 - 12 - 13 - 16 - 17 - 18 of the Original Town Plat, Indianola, Iowa. You can find out more information by going to www.indianolaiowa.gov or by contacting Community Development at (515) 961-9430.

Weekly Trivia

What is the traditional gift for a 25th wedding anniversary? (answer on back)

Video of televised meetings is now available on the city website.

Warm Up With A Good Book

The Month of January

It's that time of year - the cold time. Give yourself an excuse to stay inside and forget about the outside by participating in this special Winter Reading program just for adults.

eReader Tryout

Tuesday, January 17th • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Received an eReader for Christmas? Considering purchasing one to see what all the buzz is about? Visit the Library to “test drive” an iPad, Kindle, and Nook. Our local experts will be there to help you figure out how to download books from WILBOR.

Teddy Bear Sleep Over

Thursday Night, February 16th
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what goes on at the Library once the doors are locked? Bring your teddy bear to the Library for a special evening of fun, tuck your special friend into bed, and say goodnight. Special cameras will record the mischief that goes on once everyone leaves! Registration is required.
Indianola Amphitheater: An Iowa Great Places Project

**Phase 1**

The Indianola Amphitheater is a first class outdoor facility nestled in the hillsides at Memorial Park. During Phase 1 of construction of the new facility, a new drainage system was installed. The all-concrete amphitheater includes a 40 ft diameter round stage and 11′x40′ back stage room, as well as concrete entrance & steps, access drive, walkways, handicap wheels chair seating area and handicap access ramp to the stage. The stage is equipped with a shade canopy and primary electric service (stage outlets). The amphitheater will seat 300-400 persons in its sloped turf areas.

Many partners were involved with Phase 1 funding and construction for which we are very grateful.

Phase 1 partners include:
- Indianola Rotary Club – 126 volunteer hours, $4,029 donation
- Warren County Philanthropic Partnership – $10,000 Grant
- Prairie Meadows – $10,000 grant
- Great Places – state of Iowa - $91,000 grant
- CDA (Civil Design Advantage) donated color rendering
- IMU – electric service into park - $12,470
- City of Indianola - $83,500
- City of Indianola Street Dept – Demolition

**Phase 2**

Fundraising is currently taking place for Phase 2 which will include:

Electrical boxes, outlets, and light provisions, steps and walkways to back of amphitheater stage, concrete steps & handrail (north, center, south), seed & sod, landscape bed & rain garden area, concrete seat walls (5), irrigation, area lighting, over story and ornamental trees and signage.

Cost estimate for Phase 2 is estimated at $280,000 and the goal is to get the fundraising completed and construction started in 2012.

The amphitheater will be a high quality venue which will have all the needed amenities for local, county and regional events and use. It will also be a facility that will attract outside live music and drama performances to Indianola.

McCord Play Equipment

Neighborhood families selected the type of equipment which is being installed and raised $6,600 towards this $87,000 project. There will be separate play equipment for ages 2-5 and ages 6-12. The equipment is being placed between shade trees just west of the park shelter and restroom. The equipment installation should be complete in spring of 2012. A rendering of the play equipment is provided below.

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