National Balloon Museum’s
Christmas in the Air
Saturday, December 13th
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Join us at the National Balloon Museum for FREE admission, refreshments, & great deals in our gift shop!

Weekly Trivia
Groucho Marx played the role of Prime Minister Rufus T. Firefly in which 1933 comedy with an animal title?
(answer on back)

Interesting Christmas Facts
Japanese people traditionally eat at KFC for Christmas dinner, thanks to a successful marketing campaign 40 years ago. KFC is so popular that customers must place their Christmas orders 2 months in advance.

We frequently abbreviate Christmas as X-mas because of ancient tradition. X is the Greek letter “chi” which is an abbreviation for the word “Christ” in Greek.

An artificial Christmas tree would have to be reused for more than 20 years to be “greener” than buying a fresh-cut tree annually.

The US playing card company ‘Bicycle’ had manufactured a playing card in WW2. That, when the card was soaked, it would reveal an escape route for POWs. These cards were Christmas presents for all POWs in Germany.

In 1867, a Boston industrialist heard Charles Dickens read A Christmas Carol and was so moved he closed his factory on Christmas Day and gave every one of his employees a turkey.

Paul McCartney earns $400,000 a year off his Christmas song, which is widely regarded as the worst song he ever recorded.

During the Christmas of 1914 (World War 1), a truce was held between Germany and the UK. They decorated their shelters, exchanged gifts across no man’s land and played a game of football between themselves.

Downton Abbey Revisited
Tuesday, December 30th • 6:00 p.m.
The downstairs version - no frills! Catch up on all your favorites in time for the beginning of Season 5.

Children’s Book Clubs

Toddler Time
Tuesdays • 10:30 - 10:50 a.m.
Ages 12 - 36 months

Junie B. Kindergartner
1st Wednesday • 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.
Kids in Kindergarten

Junie B. First Grader
2nd Wednesday • 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Kids in 1st Grade

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961-9418 or www.indianola.lib.ia.us
Battery Recycling Drop-Off

The City of Indianola, Metro Waste Authority and Call2Recycle® have partnered to make convenient battery recycling available to residents. This free collection program helps communities recycle rechargeable, household batteries and cell phones.

Three City Drop-Off Locations
City Hall, 110 North First Street
Public Library, 207 North B Street
YMCA, 306 E Scenic Valley

Please Clear Snow From Around Your Fire Hydrant:

If you have a fire hydrant located at or near your property, the Indianola Fire Department is asking that you clear snow away from it. When responding to a fire emergency, every second counts.

Buried or inaccessible hydrants may result in a delay at the scene of the emergency. Your assistance in keeping hydrants clear is greatly appreciated!

PUBLIC NOTICE

City Ordinance 69.10 prohibits parking on any public street or alley during a snow emergency parking ban.

Such ban is in effect when two or more inches of snow or ice has fallen or is predicted by the National Weather Service. Ban shall continue for the duration of the storm and for forty-eight hours past the end of the storm unless streets are fully opened after plowing. If your vehicle is in violation of the snow emergency parking ban, you will be subject to a $35.00 parking ticket and/or your vehicle may be towed at your expense. Snow emergency parking ban will be posted on cable channel 86, the city website www.indianolaiowa.gov or can be confirmed by contacting the Police Dept. at 961-9400. Please take special note of this ordinance and plan accordingly.

Thank you for your cooperation.