

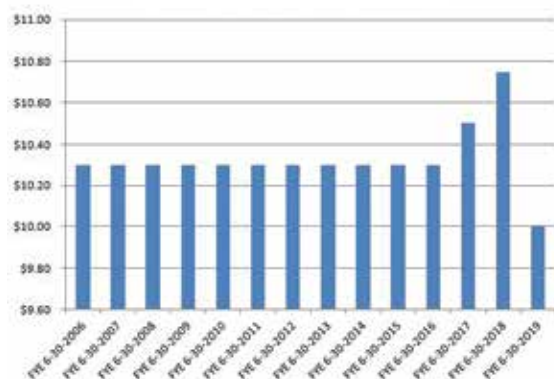
CITY OF ASBURY **home**

2018-19 Budget & Priorities

The City Council and City Department heads held weekly budget work sessions during the months of January and February. Revenues and expenditures were examined to insure city funds are spent in the most efficient and effective manner. Goals for this budget year were to maintain the quality of current city services, budget for capital improvement priorities, lower property tax rates and set charges for services at a rate that maximizes efficiency of utilities.

The budget presented accomplishes the following identified priorities of the council. The City property tax levy will be decreased from \$10.753 per \$1000 valuation to \$10.00 per \$1000 valuation. FY 2017 was \$10.50. Property tax rate from FY 2005 - FY 2016 was \$10.30. **This is the lowest tax levy in over 15 years.**

PROPERTY TAX RATE FYE 2006-2019



CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

ONGOING CAPITAL PROJECTS

- A. Cloie Creek Park Development – Splash Pad and Pavilions.
- B. Hales Mill Road – Autumn Drive to north city limits.
- C. New Water Tower.
- D. Wedgewood Pond Reconstruction Project.
- E. New pumps Forest Hills Lift Station.

TOP PRIORITY CAPITAL PROJECTS

- A. Mill and overlay streets.
- B. Pennsylvania Ave Culvert (joint project City of Dubuque)
- C. Reconstruction Asbury Park Parking Lot.

TOP PRIORITY INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS

- A. Review policy regarding ponds/detention basins and methods to repair and maintain. Develop long range plan and budget.
- B. Annexation Study.
- C. East-West Corridor Traffic Study Update.
- D. Evaluate and improve existing pedestrian and trail facilities by connecting neighborhoods with sidewalks and trails.
- E. Evaluate Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Well/Wellhouse

Sam's Well Drilling of Dodgeville, WI, recently completed drilling the new well in Cloie Creek Park. The final depth of the well is 900 feet. The well adds a fourth, reliable groundwater source for residents. Portzen Construction is also working on the Wellhouse which will house treatment and control function for the new well. Start-up of the Well and Wellhouse project was completed in mid-March.

NW Lift Station Upgrade

Connolly Construction of Peosta began construction of the nearly \$500,000 addition to the current lift station in December. The lift station addition is located north of the Forest Hills subdivision. The lift station addition will double the capacity available by duplicating the existing lift station that will continue to operate as well. The pair of lift stations, with a total of four operating pumps, will be better able to handle periods of high flow, and will assist in preventing overflows that have occurred on rare occasions immediately following heavy rains.

Wedgewood Pond Rehabilitation

McDermott Excavating has started construction of the nearly \$180,000 Wedgewood Pond Rehabilitation Project. The project will provide repairs to the pond berm, include minor dredging and re-shaping of the existing pond, and the installation of a concrete walking trail surrounding the pond. Construction is planned to be complete in September 2018.

Asbury Park Parking Lot

MSA Professional Services has completed the design of a new parking lot for Asbury Park. A portion of the existing parking lot will be demolished as part of the Water Tower Project. The new parking lot will have nearly 100 parking stalls and will be constructed using a combination of asphalt overlay of the existing lot and new asphalt pavement in the expanded footprint. The project will also include the addition of ADA compliant sidewalk for pedestrian access to many of Asbury Park's amenities. This project went to bid last month, and was awarded to McDermott Excavating in an amount just under \$300,000.00. Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2018.



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- **Don't wait until you see the tornado to act!**
- **Listen to local area radio, NOAA radio or TV stations for the latest information and updates.**
- **If you cannot quickly walk to a shelter, immediately get into a vehicle and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. Remember to buckle your seat belt. Stay away from bridge/highway overpasses.**
- **Let friends and family know you're safe. Register yourself as safe on the Safe and Well website.**

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A tornado **WARNING** means a tornado is already occurring or will occur soon. **GO TO YOUR SAFE PLACE IMMEDIATELY.**

Learn more about tornado safety at: redcross.org



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Asbury Board VACANCIES

Board of Adjustment: The Asbury Board of Adjustment has one vacancy. The Board of Adjustment reviews requests for code variances from residents and local businesses.

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Reminders & Notes

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YARD WASTE Pickup

You asked- we listened! Yard waste pick up dates have been extended for 2018! The season will run from April 5th until November 29th (no pick up on Thanksgiving). Yard waste is picked up weekly on Thursdays. Please have your yard waste set by the curb by 6 a.m. An annual tag can be purchased for one container to be set out weekly for \$50. Residents should place their yard waste in a biodegradable bag or container with your tag attached and facing the street. The container or bag cannot exceed 40 lbs. **The tags may be purchased at Casey's General Store, Blaine's Farm and Fleet and Asbury City Hall for \$2.50.** Tree branches must be no longer than four feet in length and the diameter of the bundle cannot exceed two feet.

Spring Clean-Up Day

Spring clean up day will be held Saturday, May 12th.

Residents who have extra refuse from spring cleaning and leftovers from garage sales may place items curbside for this special pick up. Regular items will be picked up at no charge. A large item tag is needed for the following: water heater, refrigerator, freezer, stove, washer, dryer, dishwasher, air conditioner, dehumidifier, microwave and gas grill (no propane tanks), lawnmowers, bicycle, weight benches & treadmills. No sticker is required for furniture, humidifiers, mattresses, computer towers or printers.

RESTRICTIONS:

- > Carpet and lumber must be cut into 4 ft sections and tied in manageable bundles.
- > None of the following items will be picked up: yard waste, batteries, tires, oil, paint cans (unless dried or filled with cat litter), televisions, computer monitors, or laptops.

GARAGE SALES

The Asbury Annual Garage Sales will start Thursday, May 3 and continue through the weekend. This year the City will again offer a directory of sales that will be available online on the city's website. If you would like to register your garage sale, please email your sale information to info@cityofasbury.com. All garage sale listings need to be submitted by Friday, April 27, 2018.

Please include your address, date and time of sale, and a listing of your major sale items. Each garage sale listing is limited. The City will only accept garage sale listings via email. If you do not have access to a computer or internet, the Asbury Branch of the Dubuque County Library does have internet access and computers to use for free!

The Garage Sale Directory is available from the City's website only. A basic map of the streets of Asbury is located on the City's website at www.cityofasbury.com.

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SPRING REMINDERS

- Storage of materials on roadways is not allowed.
- Boats, trailers, campers and recreational vehicles are not allowed to be stored on a public right of way, driveway, or front yard for more than 48 hours.
- Recreational fires are permitted if supervised by a competent person at least 18 years of age. Rubber tires, garbage, construction materials, etc. shall not be burned in a recreational fire.
- Pets are allowed only on the Forest Hills Trail. Pets are not permitted on any other trail or park in the City.
- Please be mindful of those around you. It is unlawful for the owner of a dog to permit a dog to cause serious annoyance or disturbance to any person by frequent howling or barking. It is also unlawful for any owner or caretaker to allow their animal to defecate on any property they do not own without immediately cleaning up after the animal and disposing of the waste properly. Violations of this ordinance may be subject to a fine.
- Blowing grass clippings in the street is considered a nuisance and therefore prohibited.

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MUSIC in the Park Festival

This year will be the 22nd Annual Music in the Park Festival! The Asbury Area Civic & Recreation Foundation (AACRF) is currently in the planning stages of this year's event, which will be held July 14th, 2018.

VOLUNTEERS: The AACRF is seeking volunteers to work in all areas of the Music in the Park before, during and after the event and to serve on the AACRF Board. You may contact Peggy Thill at Asbury City Hall (563-556-7106), or e-mail at pthill@cityofasbury.com, if you are interested. The AACRF meets monthly to plan and prepare for the Festival. We are always seeking people with new ideas and energy.

Music in the Park Photo Contest

We need your help! We're looking for a photo to grace the cover of our next newsletter. Send us your best Music in the Park picture and yours could be chosen! Subject matter can be anything that represents Music in the Park: people, scenery, food, entertainment, etc. Submit a recent picture or send us a fun throwback photo.

Limit 3 submissions per resident. Drop off your photo(s) at City Hall or email to Kayla at kmorrison@cityofasbury.com. Please include your name so we can credit you as the photographer. Pictures must be submitted by June 6, 2018 for consideration.

Participation in this contest grants permission for the City of Asbury to use photos/images on City of Asbury website, social media, and publications.



YOUTH Recreation Programs

The City of Asbury Summer Recreation Programs will run June 11th until July 20th (no programs on July 4th or 5th). The City of Asbury will be offering: Fun in the Sun, Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball, Junior Golf Academy, and our Counselor in Training program. New this year, we will be offering a two-week Children's Theater Workshop (July 23rd-August 3rd). Brochures with additional information are available online or at City Hall. Registration begins April 16th at City Hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Register between April 16th and April 27th to receive a 10% discount.

View a full listing of programs and their descriptions at Cityofasbury.com (under Parks and Recreation).

Interested in a fun, fast paced job this summer? Consider joining our summer camp staff. We are currently hiring for the following part-time seasonal positions: Camp Counselors (Fun in the Sun), Lead Counselor, Tennis Instructors, Basketball Instructors, and Volleyball Instructors. Call Kayla at City Hall for more information, or fill out an application (available at City Hall or on our website) to be considered.

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