Welcome to the City of Davenport’s quarterly newsletter! By doing this, we hope to open more lines of communication with all of our residents. In each edition of the newsletter we will provide information about city events, projects and information from specific departments we believe helpful to our residents. We hope you find this letter useful.

Incase you missed it ........

4th of July Celebration

The City of Davenport hosted its annual Independence Day celebration on July 4th. This family friendly event brought families together at the Lewis Matthews Sports Complex from 3-10pm. Guests enjoyed food trucks, bounce houses, games, a live band and more family friendly fun. At sundown visitors were treated to a spectacular fireworks show.

A big thanks to our wonderful sponsors, commissioners and staff who helped make this event possible.

If you missed out on attending this year’s wonderful celebration, don’t make that mistake next year. Please be sure to treat yourself to an unforgettable celebration with your loved ones!
Watch the Weather, Wait to Water

During the summer months of June, July, August and September, yards need no more than ½ to ¾ inch of water every two to three days. If your lawn has received enough water from rainfall, turn off the irrigation system and turn it back on when needed.

The simplest way to determine if your yard needs water is to look for these visual clues:

- Grass blades are folded in half lengthwise on at least one-third of your yard.
- Grass blades appear blue-gray.
- Grass blades do not spring back, leaving footprints on the lawn for several minutes after walking on it.

Follow these tips when you “watch the weather, wait to water”:

- If your yard is showing signs that it needs water, check your local forecast to see if rain is on the way.
- Use a rain gauge to determine how much rain your yard has received.
- If you have a rain sensor, make sure that it is working properly.
- Take full advantage of the rain. Make sure gutter downspouts are directed into landscaped areas or lawn.
- Install a rain barrel to capture excess rainwater.

For additional information, visit WaterMatters.org/WatchTheWeather.

Fire Substation Ground Breaking

A ground breaking ceremony took place on Saturday, June 15th to commence the construction of the new fire sub station. The station will be located at 1461 North Boulevard and will house up to 6 firefighters. The station will help mitigate long response time due to the recent and continuous rapid growth the city is experiencing. Along with the increased rail traffic from CSX and Amtrak. The projected completion of the station is scheduled for December 2019.

Water Line Replacement Project

The City of Davenport is upgrading the water lines in Davenport between South Boulevard and North Boulevard and Between East Boulevard and West Boulevard. This project will begin in the month of August and last for 365 days. During the construction roads and sidewalks will be periodically closed (with notice) and could be impacted by the construction activities. The contractor will be responsible for returning the Right of Way to the original condition or better. The City of Davenport has instructed the potential contractors to avoid demolition of streets, sidewalks and trees where possible, however there will some instances where that is not possible due to conflicts with other utilities or rules governing separation of water and wastewater lines. In these cases the City will work with the contractor to minimize the impact of the construction on the infrastructure and trees. If you have any questions concerning the project please contact Mike Stripling at mstripling@mydavenport.org or by phone at (863)419-3300 ext. 143.

CITY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

The City Commission usually holds meetings on the first and third Monday of most months at 7 p.m. Please note that from time to time, a meeting may be cancelled for various reasons. For more information about any other City board and/or committee meetings, please reference the City Calendar and/or contact the Office of the City Clerk at 863-419-3300 or by email at rcastillo@mydavenport.org.

In The Know…..

Davenport continues to be one of the fastest growing communities in Polk County. The City issued 151 single family dwelling permits for the second quarter and we expect this to be the norm for the near future. The City has 5 new residential developments under construction with 3 more subdivisions finalizing development plans.

Suggestions or comments, contact Maricela Arteaga, Executive Assistant to the City Manager’s office, at marteaga@mydavenport.org

Have a safe and fun summer!