

MARSHALLTOWN

CITY NEWS

MAIN/CENTER STREET CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY

The City initiated a significant reconstruction project on Main Street and Center Street in the heart of downtown, aiming to modernize infrastructure, improve safety, and enhance the overall experience for residents, visitors, and businesses. Center Street (from State Street to Church Street) and Main Street (from Center Street to 3rd Avenue) will be reconstructed beginning this spring and continuing into 2026 and will include updating utilities, replacing aging pavement, and introducing new streetscape features. Improvements include new sidewalks, lighting, landscaping, and accessibility upgrades that align with the City's long-term vision for a vibrant, walkable downtown.

"This is a transformational project that will support economic development, improve infrastructure, and create a more welcoming space for everyone who comes to downtown Marshalltown," said city officials.

Work is being carefully phased to maintain pedestrian access and minimize disruption to downtown businesses. Regular updates will be shared to keep the community informed throughout the process.

Residents are encouraged to support local businesses during construction and to stay up to date with the project by signing up for 2x/week email updates here: <https://tinyurl.com/MtownMainEvent>.

The City is Hiring

The City is seeking a Civil Engineer, Police Officer, Parks and Recreation Director, Transit Operator, and various seasonal positions. Visit <https://www.marshalltown-ia.gov/jobs.aspx> to apply.

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FY2026 City Budget and Proposed Tax Levy

As the City prepares for the upcoming fiscal year, city leaders have worked diligently to develop a responsible and forward-looking budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY2026), which begins July 1, 2025. The proposed budget reflects the City's commitment to maintaining quality services, investing in infrastructure, and ensuring long-term financial sustainability—all while being mindful of the impact on local taxpayers.

The budget process began in late 2024 with a series of planning sessions involving City department heads, the Finance Director, and the City Administrator. Departments reviewed current operations, identified future needs, and submitted funding requests in line with the City Council's goals and priorities.

City staff then held multiple budget workshops with the City Council in early 2025, providing opportunities to review projected revenues, evaluate spending proposals, and consider how to balance essential services with limited resources. The public was invited to participate throughout the process.

For FY2026, the City's proposed property tax levy is \$16 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, the same as the current fiscal year. Marshalltown's levy remains competitive compared to similarly sized Iowa communities.

What's Next?

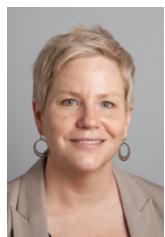
The City Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levy on April 28, 2025, followed by final adoption before the state-mandated deadline. Residents are encouraged to attend the hearing or submit comments in advance.

For more information on the FY2026 budget, including a breakdown of how property tax dollars are used, visit www.marshalltown-ia.gov/budget.

Employee Spotlight: Carol Webb, City Administrator

This month, we're shining the spotlight on Carol Webb, Marshalltown's City Administrator. Carol joined the City of Marshalltown in 2024 with a mission to help shape a local government focused on improving the quality of life for residents. She serves as the chief administrative officer, overseeing all city departments, managing the annual budget, and working with the City Council to implement policies and guide strategic initiatives.

Carol has been driving key city projects forward. She's played a central role in the budget process, helping align city resources with community priorities. We're proud to have Carol as part of our team and grateful for the energy she brings to work everyday.



City Council Meetings

The City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers at 10 West State Street, Marshalltown. The agenda for each meeting is located on the City website and the meeting is streamed on YouTube - @cityofmarshalltown4924.

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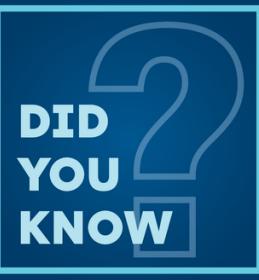
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Did you know the City of Marshalltown is one of the few Iowa communities of its size to operate its own compost facility and full-time street sweeping program?



Each spring through fall, the City's Compost Facility at 900 Woodland Street offers residents a place to drop off yard waste like leaves, grass clippings, and branches. Even better—residents can purchase screened compost and mulch (when available), helping reduce landfill waste and promoting sustainable landscaping right here at home.

The City's compost facility officially opened on March 28. Facility hours are Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, and Sunday 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this environmentally friendly way to manage yard waste and enhance landscaping. For more information on accepted materials and facility guidelines, visit the City's website.

But that's not all. The City also maintains a street sweeping program that keeps more than 300 lane miles of streets clean. This proactive effort improves stormwater quality, reduces pollutants, and enhances the appearance of neighborhoods and business districts alike. It's just one more example of the City's commitment to maintaining a clean, safe, and sustainable community.

These unique services reflect Marshalltown's focus on efficient operations, environmental stewardship, and community pride—delivering big-city benefits with hometown care.

City Election Set for November 4, 2025

The City of Marshalltown will hold its next municipal election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, with several important seats on the ballot: Mayor, two At-Large City Council positions, and Council seats for the 1st and 3rd Wards.

Interested in running for office? Here's what you need to know:

To qualify, a candidate must:

- Be a U.S. citizen, an Iowa resident, and at least 18 years old
- Live in Marshalltown (and in the ward, if seeking a ward seat)
- Be eligible to register and vote
- Not be a convicted felon without restored rights, not be judged incompetent to vote, and not claim voting rights elsewhere

Filing Period

The filing window opens on August 25, 2025, and closes at 5:00 PM on September 18, 2025. All paperwork must be submitted to the Marshall County Election Office, located at 1 E Main Street.

Candidates must file:

- An Affidavit of Candidacy
- Nomination Petitions with a minimum of 75 valid signatures
- Signatures must come from within the City of Marshalltown for Mayoral and At-Large candidates, or within the respective ward for Ward candidates.

Collecting extra signatures is encouraged in case some are found invalid.

Get Started

Nomination materials are available:

- In the vestibule of City Hall, 24 N Center Street
- Online at www.marshalltown-ia.gov/758/City-Elections

Whether you're running for office or planning to vote, your participation helps shape the future of Marshalltown.

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. City Council will be held Tuesday, May 27th at 5:30 p.m..

Pet Poop FAQs

Picking up your pet waste is not only the polite thing to do, it is required by City Code 90.022 and it helps protect water quality. Pet waste can transmit parasites. When it rains, it can run into the stormsewer and into local waterways.



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT: STREETS

When you think of the City of Marshalltown's Streets Department, you might picture snow plows clearing the streets after a winter storm. But that's just one part of what this hardworking team does year-round to keep our community safe, clean, and connected.

So, what does the Streets Department do?

A lot more than you might think! The department is responsible for maintaining over 300 lane miles of streets, 40 miles of alleys, and 19 bridges, installation and maintenance of street signs, street line painting, and street sweeping. Their work touches every part of daily life in Marshalltown!

Here are just a few highlights of their responsibilities:

- Street Maintenance: Filling potholes, paving roads, and repairing curb and gutter. *Note: Residents can report potholes by calling 641-844-1888.*
- Snow & Ice Control: Operating a full fleet of plows and spreading material to keep roads safe during Iowa's winters.
- Street Sweeping: Removing debris to improve water quality and enhance neighborhood appearance.
- Traffic Operations: Installing and maintaining traffic signs and pavement markings to keep traffic flowing smoothly.
- Compost Facility: Managing the seasonal yard waste drop-off site and offering compost for sale to residents.

The department also plays a critical role during emergency responses, working closely with police, fire, and utilities during major storms or infrastructure failures.

Behind the Scenes, All Year Long

The Streets Department operates behind the scenes, often outside in difficult conditions, to ensure Marshalltown runs smoothly. Whether it's patching a pothole in the heat of summer or plowing a snow-packed road before sunrise, the crew is always working with the community in mind. Next time you see a bright orange safety vest or hear the rumble of a city truck, give a wave to the team that's keeping Marshalltown on track—one project, one street, and one traffic sign at a time.

Get Ready for Summer Fun with Marshalltown Parks and Recreation!

Summer is just around the corner, and the City of Marshalltown's Parks and Recreation Department is ready to help residents of all ages make the most of it! From youth sports to outdoor adventures, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Kids can stay active and make new friends through a wide range of summer programs, including swim lessons, basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball, taekwondo, Downtown Tot Town, Daddy Daughter Date Night, Mother Son Date Night, Winter Blast, Spring Blast, Summer Blast Day Camps, and more.



The Marshalltown Family Aquatic Center is a favorite summer destination, offering water slides, diving boards, and a zero-depth entry pool perfect for all ages. Season passes and swim lesson registration are now open—don't wait, spots fill quickly!

Adult Recreation

It's not just for kids—adults can stay active too! For a full schedule of programs and to register online, visit www.marshalltown-ia.gov/parks or call the Parks & Recreation Office at (641) 754-5715.

Make this summer one to remember—right here in Marshalltown!