

# MARSHALLTOWN CITY NEWS

## 2025: A Year of Visible Progress in Marshalltown

As 2025 comes to a close, Marshalltown has much to celebrate. Across the city, long-planned improvements have broken ground, major parks and trail projects are nearing completion, and infrastructure upgrades are setting the foundation for continued growth.

One of the most exciting milestones is the Riverview Park renovation. Construction reached substantial completion this year, with a new playground, pedestrian bridge, sport courts, lighting, and waterway dredging now open to the public. A ribbon-cutting was held on July 31st to celebrate these new amenities.



The Apgar Family Water Plaza and the new Ann C. Keyser Trailhead and Emerson Bridge made major strides. The water plaza's underground infrastructure, deck pours, lighting, and site features were installed with signage and landscaping to follow in the spring. The new pedestrian bridge is installed, with the artistic railing elements expected to be installed in early 2026.

Downtown, Phase 1 of the Center/East Main Street Reconstruction has reopened with new pavement, lighting, and improved sidewalks to businesses. Phase 2 is now underway on East Main Street; it will reopen for the winter and continue into 2026 with Phase 3 anticipated to start and finish in 2026. These improvements are transforming the look and feel of the city's core streets.

The community continues to invest in long-term infrastructure. The Center Street Viaduct is now fully designed and has been placed on the January 2026 Iowa DOT letting schedule, for construction during the upcoming 2026 season. 2025 also brought movement on Highway 14. The City and Iowa DOT advanced a joint design agreement that includes the future 4-to-3 lane conversion on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, with construction targeted for 2027 or 2028 to improve safety and support corridor reinvestment.

From park amenities to stronger streets, this year's accomplishments reflect an ongoing commitment to community quality and strategic reinvestment. As we look ahead to 2026, Marshalltown is well-positioned for another year of exciting progress.



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# FROM CITY HALL

As we wrap up another busy and productive year in Marshalltown, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress we've made together. From major construction milestones downtown and along Linn Creek, to upgrades that strengthen our infrastructure and quality of life, 2025 has been a year of visible momentum.

We're seeing long-planned dreams turn into concrete improvements — literally. Downtown streets are opening with fresh pavement and better access to businesses. Our parks and trails are transforming into vibrant destinations for play, gathering, and recreation. And behind the scenes, the City continues to invest in essential systems like wastewater and stormwater — the kinds of improvements that ensure our community remains strong for decades to come.

What makes this progress possible is the tremendous partnership across our city — residents, local businesses, community organizations, elected officials, and dedicated City staff. We know that construction can be disruptive. Thank you for your patience, your feedback, and your support as we deliver these long-term benefits.

Looking ahead to 2026, that momentum continues. Several big projects will move from construction to completion — including the Apgar Family Water Plaza — while others will break ground to enhance our streets, expand recreation options, and keep Marshalltown moving forward.

We remain focused on delivering excellent city services, improving communication and transparency, and building on the strengths that make Marshalltown a great place to call home. There is much to be proud of — and still much to look forward to.

On behalf of all of us at City Hall, thank you for your partnership and support. Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a hopeful, healthy start to the new year.

— Carol Webb, City Administrator

## City Website Tips

### Click-Tap-Done!

Skip the errands and take care of City business online. From paying your bill to finding park program registrations, our website has tools that help you save time. Head to [marshalltown-ia.gov](https://www.marshalltown-ia.gov) and explore - you might discover a service you didn't even know we offered!

### Stay Informed This Winter

Snow route updates, closure notices, and emergency alerts are posted on our website. Check [marshalltown-ia.gov](https://www.marshalltown-ia.gov) before you head out to stay in the know all winter long!

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## The City is Hiring

The City is seeking a Civil Engineer, Police Officer, Park Maintenance Worker, Building Supervisor, and various seasonal positions.

Visit

<https://www.marshalltown-ia.gov/jobs.aspx> to apply.

# Coming in 2026

With a strong year of progress behind us, the momentum continues into 2026. Several major projects will move from construction to completion, while others will break ground to support growth, recreation, and long-term infrastructure needs. Here's a look at what residents can expect in the year ahead:

## Main Street Moves Forward

Phase 2 of the Center & East Main Street reconstruction will continue and Phase 3 begin, with improved sidewalks, upgraded utilities, safer crosswalks, an event space, and refreshed streetscape elements arriving block by block.

## Water Plaza Grand Opening

The Apgar Family Water Plaza will finish its final touches for a full community opening in summer.

## Ann C. Keyser Trailhead & Emerson Bridge Ribbon Cutting

The colorful bridge fins and trailhead improvements will finish being installed as weather allows, connecting neighborhoods and parks with new recreation opportunities. Please join us May 16, 2026 for a ribbon cutting and celebration.

## Highway 14 Improvements

Design coordination continues with Iowa DOT for a safer, better-connected corridor — including a 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue 4-to-3 lane conversion — with construction expected to begin in 2027 or 2028.

## Iowa River's Edge Trail Expansion

Construction of trail bridges 2-5 is underway and will continue in 2026, extending the Iowa River's Edge Trail northward and enhancing outdoor recreation choices.

## Center Street Viaduct Rehabilitation

The viaduct project is scheduled to be let in January, with work beginning later in the year to provide smoother expansion joint crossings and rehabilitate concrete and railings. ensure a stronger, safer crossing over the rail yard.

## More Trees Across Town

Phase 2 of the CDBG-DR Tree Planting Project will add an additional 150 new trees in spring — continuing the community's focus on rebuilding the tree canopy.

# Marshalltown by the Numbers

A snapshot of our community's services and activity across 2025:

1,913 residents visited the Compost Facility in August — the busiest month of this year.

Our two Public Works mechanics kept our city moving, completing 127 work orders in May — the highest month for completed orders.

In June, the Water Pollution Control Facility treated 156 million gallons of wastewater, keeping our discharge within regulatory water quality standards.

Our sewer and electrical teams responded to 1,329 one-call locates in April, supporting safe construction and utility projects.

Police responded to more than 4,100 calls for service in March and August, helping keep our community safe around the clock.

Fire & EMS teams were busy too — 273 EMS calls in September was the peak for the year.

City inspectors kept neighborhoods looking their best, with 166 grass & weed cases opened in May.

Development continues to grow — 62 building permits were issued in August, fueling investment and revitalization.

## City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed December 24, 25, and January 1 in observance of Christmas and the New Year.

## Snow Reminders

- Parking restrictions apply automatically anytime the City declares a snow emergency.
- Watch the City website, social media, and local media for announcements.
- Priority snow routes — main streets, emergency routes, and high-travel corridors — are plowed first. Residential streets follow once priority routes are cleared and safe.

Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after snowfall ends.



# Stay Safe This Winter: Tips from the City of Marshalltown

Winter weather in Iowa can be beautiful — and unpredictable. As the temperatures drop and snow arrives, a little preparation goes a long way in keeping our neighborhoods safe, connected, and running smoothly. Here are some simple reminders to help you and your neighbors stay safe this season:



## **Snow & Ice Safety**

Clear sidewalks within 24 hours of snow or ice accumulation to help everyone — especially children, seniors, and mail carriers — move around safely. Use sand or surface appropriate deicing materials to reduce slips and falls. Keep fire hydrants clear and visible so first responders can act quickly in an emergency.

## **Winter Driving Preparedness**

Give snow plows plenty of space — staying 50+ feet behind helps crews do their work effectively. Avoid parking on designated snow routes when snow emergency alerts are issued to ensure streets can be cleared quickly. Stock your car with essentials: blankets, flashlight, phone charger, scraper, and a small shovel.

## **Home Heating Safety**

Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from anything flammable and plug them directly into a wall outlet. Have furnaces and fireplaces inspected before heavy use. Install carbon monoxide detectors and test batteries regularly — CO is deadly and odorless.

## **Look Out for Your Neighbors**

Check on elderly or homebound neighbors during extreme cold or heavy storms. Offer a hand with snow removal if someone is unable to do it safely. Keep an eye out for pets outdoors — if it's too cold for you, it's too cold for them.

## **Be In-the-Know**

Sign up for city notifications to receive snow emergency alerts, and other winter reminders. Follow the City's Facebook page or website for the latest on closures and tips throughout the season.

By working together, we can keep our community safe, moving, and looking out for one another. Let's make this a warm and welcoming winter in Marshalltown — even when the weather isn't!

## **Holiday Recycling Guide: Make the Season Merry & Green**

The holidays bring joy — and lots of packaging! Waste can pile up quickly this time of year. Here are some easy ways to enjoy the season while keeping recyclable materials out of the landfill:

### **Cardboard & Paper**

Recycle shipping boxes (flatten them first!), plain wrapping paper, tissue paper (if clean), holiday cards (without glitter or foil).

### **Gift Bags, Decorations & Packaging**

Reuse gift bags, bows, and tissue paper for next year — it saves money and reduces waste. Bubble wrap and plastic air pillows go in the trash unless you can reuse them for storage or shipping.

### **Christmas Trees & Greens**

If you use a real tree, remove all ornaments, lights, and stands before disposal. The City allows residents to drop off “previously live” Christmas trees at the Marshalltown Compost Facility at no charge. Look for the sign and drop-off area outside the gate @ 900 Woodland Street, Marshalltown - IA.

### **Small Changes = Big Impact**

Reuse more, recycle right, and keep the wrong items out of the bin. Together, we can enjoy the holidays — and keep Marshalltown beautiful!