

# Connection



## New Look, More Services at [www.coralville.org](http://www.coralville.org)

### Coralville Launches Revamped Website

Fresh appearance? Yes.  
New features? Just a click away.  
Worth browsing? Definitely.

Coralville has a new online presence following the redesign of the City's website: in February, a brand-new website debuted with the same familiar address,

[www.coralville.org](http://www.coralville.org). The previous site was retired due to changing technology, a need for increased online services, and the desire to provide e-government resources that are more responsive to citizens' needs.

Creating a user-friendly, aesthetically-pleasing website is just one of the benefits of the newly-launched redesign. Recognizing the convenience of an electronic

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24-hour City Hall, the upgrade provides more online services for residents while improving efficiencies within the City. The new site, designed by CivicPlus, an award-winning government website design firm which serves nearly 500 municipalities, offers interactive features, a clean navigation, thoughtful page layout, up-to-date information, and ADA compliance.

## New Features

The new [www.coralville.org](http://www.coralville.org) is designed to enhance communication between citizens and the City, provide convenience services to residents, and serve as a user-friendly tool for both website visitors and City employees.



**Pay and View Utility Bills:** The new Pay Online feature, accessible from any page in the website, provides residents with the ability to look up utility invoices, check utility consumption history, and view billing account history. Residents now also have the convenience of making utility billing payments online; users will need to enter their utility billing account number and the last name as it appears on their utility bill.

**Notify Me:** The revamped website offers a multitude of ways to keep citizens connected with the City. Coralville.org's new Notify Me email subscription system allows citizens to sign up for email alerts of job postings, City news, bid opportunities, Transit notices, City Council agendas and minutes, calendar events, and much more.

**News Sent to You:** Residents can also stay abreast of City news through RSS feeds and by following the City of Coralville on Facebook and Twitter.

**Let Us Know:** The new site offers expanded opportunities for residents to give feedback to City offices, allowing the City's website to serve as a two-way communication tool: site visitors may report concerns to City departments, ask questions, share kudos, and provide website feedback through the online Let Us Know feature. Online feedback can be provided anonymously or with a login so that progress can be tracked online at any time.

**More Features:** Additional new features include an online staff directory, expanded availability of City forms and applications, an archive center to browse a suite of City documents, online job application system, search engine, maps for calendar event locations, and a database of City facilities and area resources. An overhaul of online content, which included rewriting, reorganizing, and updating all the City's website information, completes the redesign. In addition, The Beat, the City's electronic newsletter, also received a facelift and is integrated with the website overhaul.

Subscribe to  
**THE BEAT,**  
the city's e-newsletter.

Sign up at  
[www.coralville.org/notifyme](http://www.coralville.org/notifyme),  
then watch for The Beat  
every other Thursday.



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## Video Gets a Boost

Want to watch what's now playing on CoralVision Channel 5 or to view past City Council meetings? Video is now available on [www.coralville.org](http://www.coralville.org)! Live programming online and on-demand video of City Council meetings and featured programs allow anyone with internet access to tune in to CoralVision Channel 5 programming any time. Videos of previous City Council meetings are indexed and each includes a clickable agenda, which allows viewers to select specific segments of video to view.

## Behind the Scenes

City departments are also benefiting from the website makeover with a content management system to facilitate easy website updates, built-in automated features, ongoing support and resources for website administration, and the ability to create online forms and track responses. The site has also been planned to allow for future growth of content and features, limiting the need for a site overhaul in the near future.

Enjoy the convenience of City Hall – right from your computer! For website questions or feedback, please visit [www.coralville.org/letusknow](http://www.coralville.org/letusknow) or call City Hall at 319.248.1700.

A screenshot of a video player interface. The main video window shows a City Council meeting in progress, with several people seated around a large, curved wooden table. To the right of the video is a sidebar with the Coralville Iowa logo and "CoralVision Channel 5" branding. Below this, it says "Coralville City Council Meeting, Jan. 26, 2010". There is a "Search Program" input field and a "More..." dropdown menu. A "Full Agenda:" link is present, followed by a text description: "A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Coralville, Johnson County, IA held at City Hall, 1512 7th Street on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.". At the bottom of the sidebar, it says "Powered by EarthChannel". Below the video player is a scrollable list of agenda items:

- ITEM 2. APPROVE AGENDA. Time: 00:00:47 - 00:01:01
- ITEM 3. Citizen comments. Time: 00:01:01 - 00:01:24
- ITEM 4. FIRST AVENUE CLEAR CREEK BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - 2009 ~ PUBLIC HEARING. Time: 00:01:24 - 00:03:54
- ITEM 5.

## Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011 (FY 2011)

by Terry Kaeding, Finance Officer

### Proposed Property Tax Rate

Property tax is the single largest source of revenue for the General Fund and accounts for approximately 58% of the estimated FY 2011 General Fund revenues. The City of Coralville's proposed property tax rate for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 (FY 2011) is \$13.5277 per \$1,000 of valuation, which is .82% greater than the 2009-10 rate of \$13.4177.

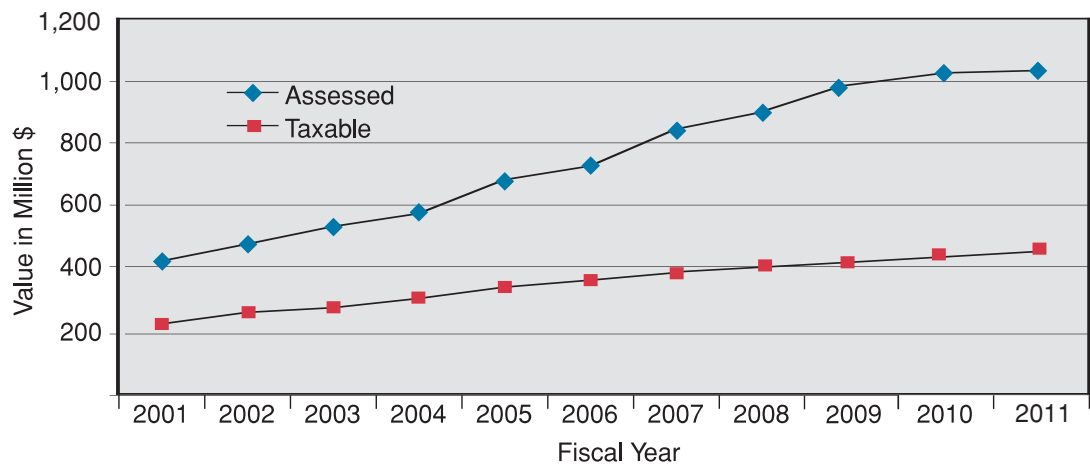
For fiscal year 2011, residential property owners will pay property tax on 46.9094% of their **assessed** value, which is an increase from 45.589% for FY 2010, and commercial property owners will continue to be taxed on 100% of their **assessed** value. Taxable value is determined by the State of Iowa which regulates the percentage of assessed value that property owners pay taxes on, which is referred to as "rollback." The factors that are used by the State in calculating the rollback percentage are:

- Growth limit of 4% imposed to limit greater growth in one class of property
- If statewide growth in any one class of property (residential, commercial, industrial, utility, or agricultural) exceeds 4%, the taxable value of that class of property is reduced to 4%
- Residential property growth cannot exceed agricultural property growth

In FY 2011, Coralville will have \$575 million of total property exempt from property tax compared to \$576 million in 2010. Coralville's total assessed valuation increased 3.43% while the total taxable valuation growth was 4.98% due to the rollback.

The following chart reflects the rollback impact on taxable valuation:

### Taxable vs. Actual Residential Property



The estimated City property tax on residential property assessed at \$100,000 would increase approximately \$22.87 based on the proposed Coralville tax rate of \$13.5277.

Property taxes paid to the City of Coralville for a home assessed at \$100,000:



### Coralville Levies

The proposed overall property tax rate of \$13.5277 is composed of the following levies:

**General: \$8.10** – The General Levy cannot exceed \$8.10 and is used to support the services of the General Fund as detailed in the General budget. Due to the \$8.10 limit the amount collected can only increase by the growth in valuation.

THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2011 WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 9 AT 7:00 PM AT CORALVILLE CITY HALL

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**General - Tort Liability: \$0.555** (increase of \$0.070) – The General-Tort Liability Levy pays for the costs of the City's liability insurance.

**Employee Benefits: \$2.7525** (decrease of \$0.0632) – The Employee Benefits Levy is a special revenue levy used to pay for certain employer costs of employee benefits including IPERS, FICA, and health insurance. The City levy amount is approximately 85% of the total employee benefit expense for the General Fund.

**Debt Service: \$2.1202** (increase of \$0.1029) – The Debt Service Levy is used to pay principal and interest on the City's general obligation indebtedness.

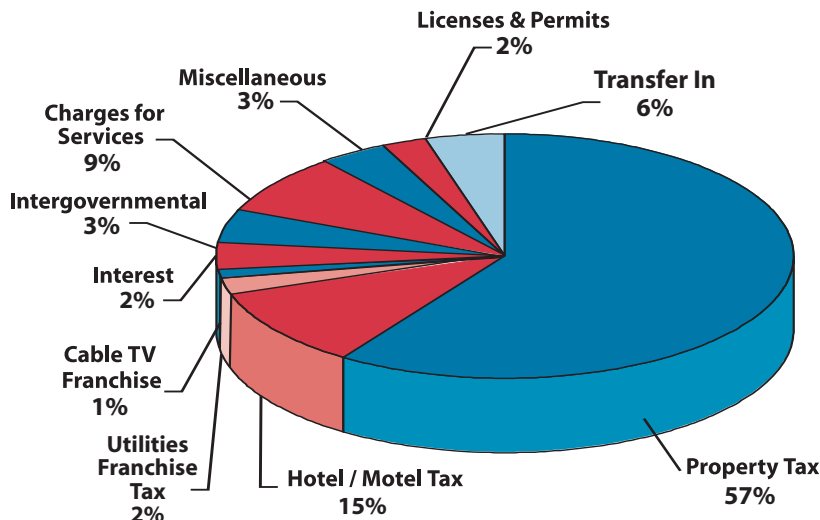
The following chart illustrates the levy changes from FY 2010 to FY 2011 and includes the tax revenue each levy is expected to generate. The total proposed levy of \$13.5277 for fiscal year 2011 is projected to generate a total of \$11,314,288.

## TAX RATE - REVENUE CALCULATIONS

LEVIES	FY10		Proposed FY11	
Regular Valuation	\$ 742,329,776		\$ 753,449,201	
TIF	\$ 479,839,694		\$ 527,821,418	
<b>Total Valuation</b>	<b>\$1,222,169,470</b>		<b>\$1,281,270,619</b>	
Ag Land Valuation	\$ 1,035,579		\$ 921,004	
	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General	8.10	\$ 6,012,871	8.10	\$ 6,102,939
Tort	0.48466	\$ 359,778	0.555	\$ 418,164
T&A - Special Revenue Employee Benefits	2.8157	\$ 2,090,178	2.7525	\$ 2,073,869
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>11.40036</b>	<b>\$ 8,462,827</b>	<b>11.4075</b>	<b>\$ 8,594,972</b>
Debt Service	2.0173	\$ 2,465,482	2.1202	\$ 2,716,550
<b>Total Levy Rate</b>	<b>13.41766</b>		<b>13.5277</b>	<b>\$ 2,716,550</b>
Ag Land	3.00375	\$ 3,146	3.00375	\$ 2,766
<b>Total Taxes</b>		<b>\$10,931,455</b>		<b>\$11,314,288</b>

## Proposed General Fund

General Fund Revenues include all revenues from sources that are not required by law to be deposited elsewhere. These revenues include property taxes, hotel/motel tax, cable television franchise fee, charges for services, interest, licenses and permits, and transfers from other funds. **In addition, the FY 2011 projected revenues include projected revenues from a franchise tax on gas and electricity use.** The 1% tax on gas and electricity use is proposed to begin on July 1, 2010 and estimated to generate \$250,000 in revenues that will be credited to the General Fund.



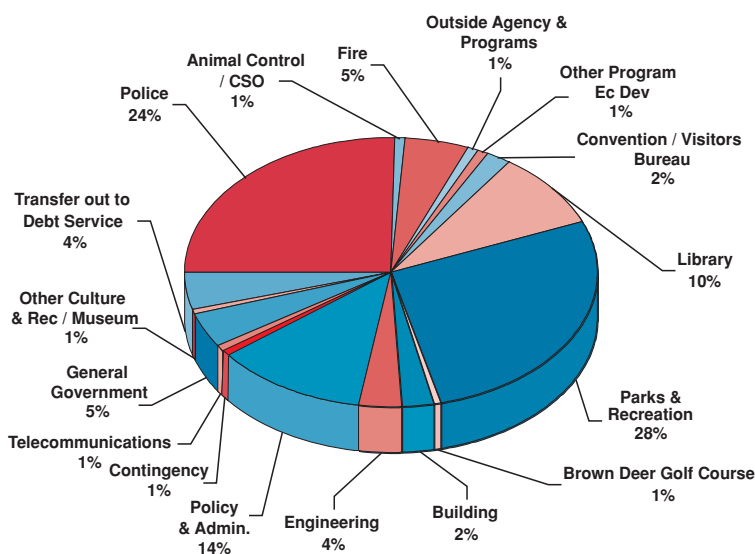
## GENERAL FUND SOURCES OF REVENUE FY 11

Property Tax	\$8,597,736
Utilities Franchise Tax	250,000
Hotel / Motel Tax	2,245,000
Cable TV Franchise	197,000
Intergovernmental	496,423
Interest	234,750
Charges for Services	1,347,185
Licens & Permits	362,290
Miscellaneous	389,202
Transfer In	869,399
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,989,485</b>

The proposed budget includes a General Fund budget of \$14,989,485 which is a 2% increase from 2010. Following is a summary of the estimated General Fund expenditures proposed for FY 2011:

## GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 11

Police	\$3,573,419
Animal Control / CSO	122,868
Fire	774,640
Outside Agencies & Programs	117,475
Economic Development	106,000
Other Culture & Rec / Museum	105,000
<i>Includes Trails &amp; 4th Fest</i>	
Convention / Visitors Bureau	290,000
Library	1,434,300
Parks & Recreation	4,234,548
Brown Deer Golf Course	80,000
Building	350,796
Engineering	502,961
Policy & Administration	1,308,390
General Government	689,101
Transit Subsidy	541,486
Contingency	113,501
Transfer out to Debt Service	645,000
<i>Hotel Motel Tax</i>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,989,485</b>



The proposed General Fund budget includes:

- Same cost of living increase for both union and non-union employees (3.25%)
- IPERS contribution rate change from 6.65% to 6.95% for regular IPERS and from 9.20% to 9.95% change for Police and Fire, as required by the State of Iowa
- One new position in the Fire Department beginning January 2011
- One new position in the Building Maintenance Department beginning October 2010
- Subsidies at the current level to outside agencies, including the Iowa City/Coralville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Johnson County Historical Museum
- Elimination of payment to Johnson County for communications as a result of the Joint Communications Center

The budget proposed for the General Fund is a balanced budget with requested expenditures equal to the estimated revenues and maintains an operating cash balance of approximately \$3.6 million, which is 25% of budgeted expenditures for FY 2011. In addition, the General Fund has \$1.8 million in reserves for equipment replacement and future capital purchases.

**In addition to the General Fund, the municipal budget also includes:**

**Special Revenue Fund:** Contains proceeds from a specific source and are used for a specific purpose. This includes Road Use Tax and property tax revenue dedicated to employee benefits.

Within the Special Revenue Fund is the Road Use department which is supported totally by Road Use Tax dollars. Based on Coralville's population of 17,269, the per capita estimates for 2011 are \$92.50 which results in estimated Road Use Tax revenues of \$1,597,383 and is used in addition to \$24,000 received from the state for transfer of jurisdiction with the total supporting the following departments:

Engineering .....	\$72,563	Roadway Maintenance....	\$957,080
Snow Removal .....	\$229,156	Street Cleaning.....	\$14,000
Street Lighting.....	\$163,000	Traffic Control.....	\$133,500
Transfers Out.....	\$45,000		

# Budget

**Debt Service Fund:** Dedicated for the payment of principal and interest on long term debt. The main source of revenue is property tax.

**Capital Projects Fund:** Used to account for the resources in the construction of large capital projects.

**Permanent Fund:** Used to account for resources that are legally restricted such as perpetual care for cemeteries.

**Business-Type Activities:** Operate similar to a business, such as utilities, and a rate or charge is established to sustain the current and long-term operation of the utility.

## Business-Type Activities Summary

**Water:** No proposed changes to rates. The Water Fund is expected to generate \$440,000 toward the future water treatment improvements as scheduled in the Facility Update Plan.

**Sewer:** No proposed changes to rates. The Wastewater Fund is expected to generate \$400,000 toward the projects identified in the Facility Update Plan. In the spring of 2010 the \$3.2 Million Biosolids Reduction project is scheduled to begin. This project is funded with bonds from the Wastewater State Revolving Fund (SRF).

**Solid Waste:** No proposed changes to rates.

**Storm Water Management:** No proposed changes to rates. Included in the budget are miscellaneous storm sewer repair projects estimated to cost approximately \$100,000. These repairs are funded with the revenues from the current fee structure.

**Transit:** No proposed changes to rates or routes.

**Parking Fund:** No proposed changes to rates charged at the parking ramp or lot at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. The Parking Department also services and maintains the Town Center Parking Ramp at the Coralville Library.

**Brown Deer Golf Course:** This Enterprise Fund is supported by fees charged for golf and revenues from food and beverage sales at Divots! restaurant and Brown Deer banquet facilities. Food and beverage is managed by the Marriott and the projected revenue from the food and catering is estimated at \$95,000. The proposed budget includes an \$80,000 transfer from the General Fund which is the same level of General Fund support as the previous four years.

**Hotel and Conference Center:** This Enterprise Fund includes the revenue from the net operating income from the operations of the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. The City of Coralville owns the hotel and Marriott manages the hotel as per a Qualified Management Agreement with the City. The net operating revenues are used to pay the principal and interest payments for the debt issued.

### Summary of Enterprise Funds proposed budgets

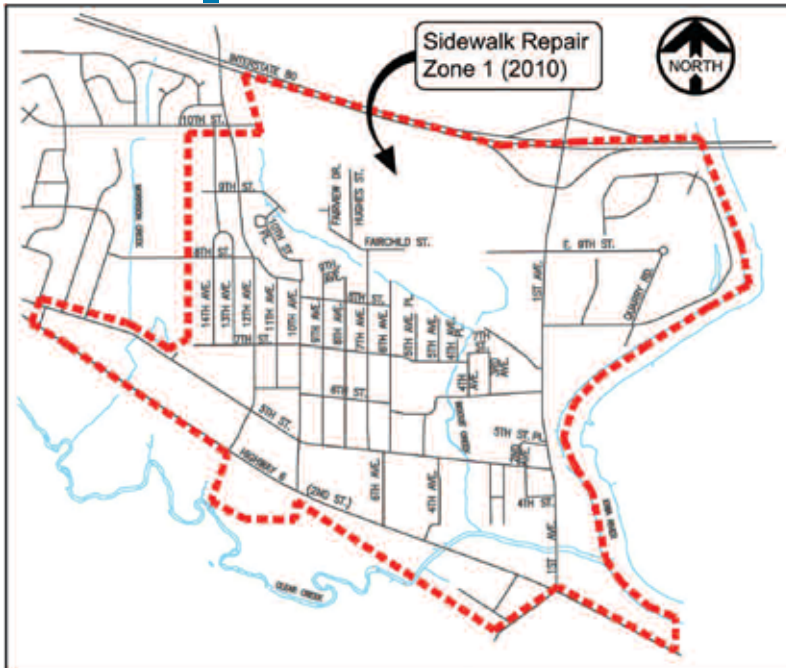
Water.....	\$1,659,779	Sewer .....	\$2,297,163
Solid Waste .....	\$ 856,683	Storm Water Management ..	\$ 282,300
Transit .....	\$1,597,469	Parking.....	\$ 558,380
Brown Deer Golf Course.....	\$1,216,440		

Detailed budget information is broadcast on CoralVision Channel 5 and available at [www.coralville.org](http://www.coralville.org). The entire proposed budget is available for review at the Coralville Public Library and City Hall.



## Sidewalk Repair Project 2010

Coralville's sidewalks are used daily for recreation and travel. Because broken or damaged sidewalks pose a safety hazard, the Engineering Department staff annually inspects the sidewalks in one of five areas in



the City to identify sidewalks not meeting City standards, including specific criteria for cracks or separations, sections raised or depressed from grade, loose pieces, sloped sidewalks, and surface deterioration. Property owners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalk adjacent to their property.

In early April, Engineering Department staff will inspect sidewalks abutting public right-of-ways within Sidewalk Repair Zone 1 (see map) and will mark sidewalks requiring repair. If sidewalk repair is needed, property owners will be notified by certified mail and will be given 45 days to obtain a permit from the City, perform the work, and have the repair inspected. If the repair is not completed within this timeframe, the property will be placed on an assessment project list to be repaired by a contractor hired by the City. If the repair is done by assessment, the property owner will have the opportunity to pay for the repair before it is applied to the property taxes. For more information, contact Brian Steenblock at the Coralville Engineering Department at 319.248.1720 or via email at [bsteenblock@ci.coralville.ia.us](mailto:bsteenblock@ci.coralville.ia.us).

## Flood Mitigation Projects Update

Significant progress has been made over the winter on the designs for the various flood mitigation projects that will be constructed in 2010.

The 1st Avenue Clear Creek Bridge Reconstruction was bid in February with construction beginning in March 2010. Two through traffic lanes will be maintained at all times. The goal is to have all five traffic lanes open to traffic in December 2010.

The Flood Recovery and Protection and Iowa River Landing Wetlands Park Improvements Project will be bid in early March and construction will start in late March. This project will provide flood mitigation berms, walls, and storm water pump stations as well as walkway and trail improvements in the Iowa River Landing area east of the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. The majority of this work will be completed in 2010.

The Flood Recovery and Protection of the 1st Avenue Corridor Project will be bid in April with construction starting in May. This project will provide flood mitigation berms, walls, and storm water pump stations along the Iowa River from I-80 to 6th Street. This project is anticipated to be completed in January 2011.

The 1st Avenue Reconstruction Project – Clear Creek to 6th Street will be bid in May with construction starting in June. This project will widen 1st Avenue to five traffic lanes with 10 foot wide sidewalks on both sides. The goal is to have all five traffic lanes open by December 2010.

The CRANDIC Flood Mitigation Project will be bid in the summer of 2010 with construction starting in the summer of 2010 and completion anticipated in the summer 2011.

## The 2010 Census: Every Person Counts

Questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to households in March for the 2010 Census, which is a count of everyone living in the United States — both citizens and non-citizens — and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The 2010 Census questionnaire will be one of the shortest in history and consists of 10 questions, taking about 10 minutes to complete.

It is vitally important that every household fill out the questionnaire on behalf of each person living in the residence, including relatives and non-relatives. The City of Coralville receives funds from the U.S. government based on the Census count of the

population; Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states and to distribute more than \$400 billion annually of government funding for critical community services.

Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on Census Day, April 1, 2010. Because every person matters, in late April through July, Census takers will visit Coralville households that did not return a questionnaire by mail. Strict laws protect the confidentiality of respondents and the information they provide. For more information, visit [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov).



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## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

### Recycle Swap Day

Saturday, May 8, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm  
City Hall Parking Lot



Coralville's sixth annual Recycle Swap Day presents a great opportunity to clean out the garage, basement, or attic without filling up the landfill. Residents can give their unwanted goods a new home, pick up a treasure, and benefit the environment by donating or trading usable items as a form of recycling.

Participants should bring items that are in good condition and can choose from the items donated by other residents. The event is free and treasure hunters are welcome, regardless of donations. Items will be sorted for reuse into the following categories:

- Books
- Canned food for the Crisis Center
- Clothing
- Furniture and large appliances
- Recyclable paper
- Small appliances, household items, and toys

Items left at the end of the day will be donated to non-profit organizations. To volunteer or learn more, contact Dawn Stoddard at 319.248.1720.

### City Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, May 1, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm  
\$14 to list your sale

Whether you are looking for a bargain or hoping to clear some clutter, don't miss this chance to team up with others during Coralville's community garage sale! To be included in the *Community News Advertiser* city-wide sale listing, garage sales should register with the Coralville Parks and Recreation Department by April 21.

Shoppers can start their day at 8:00 am on May 1 at the Coralville Recreation Center, pick up a map with addresses and directions to participating garage sales, and get fueled with a limited first come, first served continental breakfast. For more information or to register your sale, call 319.248.1750.

### Mayor's Spring Clean Up Week

May 10 through May 14

Mayor's Clean Up Week is a great time to dispose of bulky items. Large items, such as furniture, can be placed on the curb up to 24 hours before your regular trash collection day. Items not taken in the pickup should be removed from the curb within 24 hours after collection day. As with regular trash collection, be sure items are at the curb by 7:00 am. All garbage and yard waste must be tagged as usual. Construction materials, appliances, electronics, or hazardous materials will not be picked up. Metal will be picked up by a separate truck and may not occur on your regular day. For more information, call 319.248.1740.



[www.coralville.org](http://www.coralville.org)

## Adult Programs

### Stage on the Page Drama Discussion Group

Bring the written word to life through reading and discussion of drama's place in literature and culture and examine specific aspects of the theatre that make it a truly unique and exhilarating art form. Meetings take place at 10:00 am on the last Thursday of every month (except December, July, and August) at the Coralville Public Library. Everyone is welcome!

#### Upcoming Discussions:

**March 25:** *The Foreigner* by Larry Shue  
Meet Charlie, a shy and proper Englishman who has a fear of speaking to strangers. He is brought by his friend, Froggy, to a fishing lodge in rural Georgia, where Froggy tells everyone that Charlie is a foreigner who doesn't understand a word of English. Soon, everyone is confiding in Charlie, including Betty, the lodge caretaker; Catherine, a beautiful debutante; Ellard, her sweet but slow brother; and David, the minister to whom Catherine is betrothed.

### It's a Mystery Springs into Action!

Location, location, location! Join us this spring for a little armchair travel. We'll read and discuss mysteries taking place in varied settings. Discussions take place at 10:00 am on the indicated dates, and everyone is welcome.

#### Upcoming Discussions:

**March 10:** *Paper Towns* by John Green  
Florida is the setting of the 2010 youth title!  
"Quentin — or 'Q.' as everyone calls him — has known his neighbor, the fabulous Margo Roth Spiegelman, since they were two. Or has he? Q. can't help but wonder when, a month before high-school graduation, she vanishes. At first he worries that she might have committed suicide, but then he begins discovering clues that seem to have been left for him, which might reveal Margo's whereabouts. Yet the more he and his pals learn, the more Q. realizes he doesn't know and the more he comes to understand that the real mystery is not Margo's fate but Margo herself." ~Michael Cart, *Booklist*, starred review

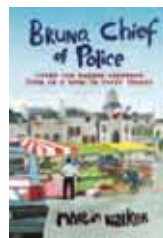


Charlie quickly discovers that all is not as it seems, and must somehow save the day without revealing his cover.

**April 29:** *The Rover* by Aphra Behn  
One of the earliest English women to earn a living as a writer, much of Aphra Behn's life remains a mystery. She penned many plays, novels, poems, and pamphlets, yet still found time to work as a spy for Charles II. *The Rover* is Behn's most famous Restoration comedy.

**May 27:** *The Threepenny Opera* by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill  
*The Threepenny Opera*, with music by Kurt Weill, is one of Bertolt Brecht's most famous and successful works. Based on John Gay's *Beggar's Opera*, this social and political satire is loved for both its distinctive music ("Mack the Knife") and its dark, engaging characters.

**April 14:** *Bruno, Chief of Police* by Martin Walker



And now, we're off to France!  
"Highly enjoyable . . . Martin Walker plots with the same finesse with which Bruno can whip up a truffle omelette, and both have a clear appreciation for a life tied to the land." ~*The Christian Science Monitor*

**May 12:** *Nobody Move* by Denis Johnson  
In May, we're back to the U.S. for a little California noir.



"Set in the margins of California's Central Valley, a milieu that in some ways recalls *Already Dead* (1997), this pinballing tale concerns Jimmy Luntz, a compulsive gambler who owes money; Gambol, Juarez, and the Tall Man, the loan sharks who want to collect; and Anita Desilvera, an alcoholic knockout plotting to steal the money she's been framed for embezzling. Revenge-minded lowlifes clawing for cash constitute a classic crime trope but, as with the most satisfying crime fiction, plot is tertiary to character and setting." ~Keir Graff, *Booklist*

# Coralville Public Library

## Youth Programs

Check out the slate of regularly scheduled programs for wee ones through teens at the Coralville Public Library!

### Marvelous Monday

A program full of fun for the whole family, held the second Monday of every month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

### Saturday Storytime

Join us every Saturday at 10:30 am for storytime -- fun for kids of all ages!

### 5th and 6th Graders

Special programs just for 5th and 6th graders are held on the first Thursday of each month from 2:30 to 3:30 pm.

### Wee Read!

Wee Read is for children younger than age 3 and held at 10:15 and 11:15 am (program is repeated) on Thursdays (September to early December, January to April, June and July).

### Spring Break Programming

The Library is a great place to spend time during spring break! Game Time for Kids will be held for youth in kindergarten through 6th grade on Thursday, March 18 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Bring your own board game and some friends, or join a game in progress!

## Putt Fore the Library!

### Mini Golf Fundraising Event for the Coralville Public Library – Sunday, March 7

If you're ready to swing back into spring, consider attending Putt Fore the Library. In 2009, we put an 18 hole mini-golf course inside the library and invited the community to get an early start on putting practice. The response was so positive that you'll again discover the library stacks transformed into "caddy stacks." No need for a tee time here, just drop in between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm and putt away.

The fee to play is \$5.00 per person and free for children age five and under. All proceeds will support the mission and programs of your Coralville Public Library.

Can't attend? There's still a chance to participate in a raffle for fantastic prizes. Purchase tickets at the Circulation Desk a week before Sunday's prize drawing. You do not need to be present at Putt Fore the Library to win.

Putt Fore the Library is sponsored by the Coralville Library Foundation Board, local area businesses, and community groups. For sponsorship opportunities, contact the library at 319.248.1850. There may be spots available for this year's event.

This family-friendly event is sure to "putt" a spring in your step and help support a great community asset.



Don't let a few fines keep you from checking out the library! The Coralville Public Library is celebrating National Library Week by charging no fines on any overdue materials returned the week of April 11 to 17.

## Events and Attractions

### Jane Austen Springs Forth:

#### Contemporary Adaptations of Jane Austen's Novels

Bridget Draxler, Facilitator

Friday, March 26 2:00 to 3:00 pm

### Celebrate National Library Week

The week of April 11 to 17 is National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians, and library workers in schools, campuses, and communities nationwide — and the perfect time to discover our newly expanded facility in Coralville! This year's theme is Communities Thrive @ Your Library.

### Downloadable Books Now Available

The Coralville Public Library now offers digital media for download to personal computers and portable devices. Patrons can download digital audiobooks and e-books right from [www.CoralvillePublicLibrary.org](http://www.CoralvillePublicLibrary.org). A recent cooperative agreement with the Iowa City Public Library and OverDrive Digital Media service allows the library to offer this service to residents of Coralville, rural Johnson County, and University Heights. OverDrive titles are currently compatible with the Sony eReader, the Barnes and Noble Nook, and a variety of mp3 devices. For more details or to get help with downloading, call the library at 319.248.1850.

[www.CoralvillePublicLibrary.org](http://www.CoralvillePublicLibrary.org)

## Coralville Youth Sports Park

**Investment:**  
\$5.4 million

**Design:** Confluence

**Architecture:**  
Martin Design

**Construction:**  
McAninch Corporation,  
City Construction  
Group

**Soccer Fields:**  
3 full size adult fields  
which convert to 9  
youth soccer fields

**Ballfields:**  
Five 250 foot fenced  
fields with skinned  
infields

**More:**  
Restrooms, conces-  
sions, maintenance  
facility, parking,  
playground, and  
bating cages



## Coralville Youth Sports Park Opens this Spring

Youth in Coralville will soon have a new place to play ball! New soccer fields at the Coralville Youth Sports Park will accommodate all ages of soccer, and multi-purpose ball fields will accommodate baseball play for children up to 12 years of age and softball play through high school.

“The quality and quantity of fields in one location is a big bonus for our department,” said Sherri Proud, Director of Parks and Recreation. “Our current system has fields spread out over several locations. From a maintenance standpoint, it will be easier to maintain these fields and I think families will enjoy coming to one consistent location.”

Along with high quality fields and amenities including red brick clay ball fields, field irrigation, level walkways, fencing, and scoreboards, fans will enjoy the Kattchee Pavilion – a 4,300 square foot shade structure with restrooms, concessions, and seating area. When not on the field, players can also use the batting cages or the playground next to the Pavilion.

Phase I of the project will be completed in mid-May. Use the first season will depend on the weather and turf growth this spring. “We will be watching how the spring progresses and that will determine how much play we will allow the first season. The last thing we want is to overuse it this year and have to repair in future years. Signs will be posted at the park as to whether fields are open or not and I hope the community understands the importance of this first year of growth,” said Proud. First priority use will go to department-sponsored teams and events, with additional availability for other user groups through an application process. Details on rentals and use will be available by March 8 at [www.coralville.org/youthsportspark](http://www.coralville.org/youthsportspark).

**SPRING  
2010**

**Coralville Youth Sports Park**  
*Grand Opening*  
**Thursday, May 13 5:30 to 8:00 pm**  
**Ribbon Cutting at 6:00 pm**  
**2480 Dempster Drive**



## Brown Deer Tees Up Youth Golf Program

Brown Deer Golf Club announces the kick-off of a Youth Golf Program this spring. The Brown Deer Youth Program will focus on learning and playing the game of golf, proper scoring, golf etiquette, golf equipment, and other nuances of the game.

Eligible golfers must be ten to eighteen years of age and make a commitment to follow the guidelines of the program. Details regarding the program will be available after March 7 at [www.browndeergolf.org](http://www.browndeergolf.org) or at the Brown Deer Pro Shop.

Brown Deer Golf Professionals Sean

McCarty and Derek Birt will provide a well-rounded and supported golf experience. Workshops and clinics will be offered as part of the program in the summer as well as access to the course during certain hours as part of the package fee.

Program fee is \$300 for the summer. This fee includes tee times during non-peak hours, orientation and tips clinics, bi-weekly communication regarding the game of golf, and other great learning opportunities.

For more information, call the Brown Deer Golf Professionals at 319.248.9300.

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## Season Kick Off Night

Monday, March 29  
6:00 to 8:00 pm  
Brown Deer Golf Club

Program at 7:00 pm  
featuring course highlights  
and new equipment

Mixed Grill outing buffet  
6:00 to 7:00 pm

Cost: \$12

Register at 319.248.9300 or  
[smccarty@ci.coralville.ia.us](mailto:smccarty@ci.coralville.ia.us)

More details at  
[www.browndeergolf.org](http://www.browndeergolf.org)

Save the date!

## Coralville Fire Station #2 Open House and Dedication

Friday, April 30  
4:00 pm

Station tours, speakers,  
and refreshments  
2525 Holiday Court



## Coralville Fire Department Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 18  
7:00 am to 12:00 pm

Pancakes, sausage,  
eggs, juice, and coffee  
Free will donation at the door  
Fire Station #1  
1501 5th Street



[www.coralville.org](http://www.coralville.org)

# Coralville Center for the Performing Arts

## Seat Sponsorships Still Available

Construction has begun on the new Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, a 490-seat theater for community use in the heart of Coralville, at the corner of 5th Street and 12th Avenue. This facility, scheduled for completion in spring 2011, will offer full theater amenities, including an orchestra pit, fly space, balcony, trap room, sound board and light booth, catwalks, and multiple dressing rooms. Prospective users include dance companies, businesses, public and private schools, civic and service groups, and university affiliates. City Circle Acting Company of Coralville will make this space their performance home.

This partnership project is under construction by McComas Lacina Company and will be operated by the City of Coralville Parks and Recreation Department. The project also includes a privately owned, six-story commercial and residential facility that will share the lobby and elevators with the theater. The facility is conveniently located in Town



Center and on the Civic Campus, within walking distance of grocery stores, coffee shops, the Coralville Public Library, Recreation Center, City Hall, financial institutions, and more.

You can be a part of this excitement with a seat sponsorship, which will be permanently recognized in the lobby spaces of the Center. Main level sponsorships are available at \$750 and balcony level sponsorships are available at \$500. Contributions are tax deductible and a thoughtful way to demonstrate your support for the arts.

*Yes! I'd like to sponsor a seat in the new Coralville Center for the Performing Arts. I understand recognition will be given in the lobby among other seat sponsors.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name to be placed on recognition wall:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the main floor at \$750 per seat. Total \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the balcony floor at \$500 per seat. Total \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check made out to the Coralville Community Fund is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be billed in 3 equal installments: one third now, one third due January 2011, and one third due January 2012.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to:** Coralville City Hall, 1512 7th Street, Coralville, IA 52241

Your tax-deductible receipt will be received from the Coralville Community Fund

Tax ID 42-1508117



*Dolores Slade of the Coralville Community Fund Board of Trustees presents a check to John Myers and Joe Sadewasser for Coralville Scout Reach.*

## Community Fund Awards 2009 Grants

The Coralville Community Fund has awarded 2009 community benefit grants totaling \$5,394. The Fund was able to make the grants from earnings on its Endowment Gift Fund. Grants to the seven Coralville-based recipients listed below were distributed at an awards luncheon on January 8:

- Coralville Central Elementary - \$1,000 toward after-school reading and math program
- Coralville Ecumenical Food Pantry - \$1,000 toward computer equipment
- Coralville Public Library - \$1,000 toward a historical collection of political and topographical maps
- Coralville Scout Reach - \$375 to support 15 youth in Kirkwood KICKS Program in partnership with Coralville Parks and Recreation
- Free Medical/Dental Clinics - \$250 toward infrastructure upgrade
- Iowa Children's Museum - \$1,000 toward a photo exhibit of the alphabet as seen in nature

- Kirkwood Family Resource Center - \$769 for transportation of 80 people to parent-teacher conferences, Kicks Field Trips, and school events for families

In its first three years, the Fund has provided nearly \$25,000 to a wide variety of charitable organizations that benefit the Coralville community. As the Endowment Gift Fund grows, more and larger grants to support charitable needs in Coralville will be possible.

Contributions to the Endowment Gift Fund in 2010 are fully deductible for Federal income tax purposes. The contributions are now eligible for a 25 percent Iowa income tax credit under the Endow Iowa Program; for example, a \$10,000 contribution is eligible for a \$2,500 tax credit.

Contributions to the Coralville Community Fund should be sent to Coralville Community Fund, c/o Community Foundation of Johnson County, 325 East Washington Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52240. For more information, please call 319.337.0483 or write to Mike Stoffregen, Executive Director.

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Brown Deer Golf Club	248-9300
Building Dept.	248-1720
City Hall	248-1700
FAX	248-1894
City Information	248-1799
Engineering Dept.	248-1720
Fire Dept. Johnson Co.	
Sheriff's Office Emergency Alarm	911
Fire Station	248-1835
Park & Maint. Building	248-1780
Police	248-1800
Emergency	911
Public Library	248-1850
FAX	248-1890
TDD (Deaf Only)	248-1870
Catalog Computer Dial In	248-1892
Recreation Center/Indoor Pool	248-1750
FAX	248-1899
Rental Housing	
Inspections	248-1720
Streets & Sanitation	248-1740
Transit	248-1790
Utility Billing Dept.	248-1715
Water Plant	248-1770
Emergency After Hours	530-6225
Wastewater Treatment	248-1745
Emergency After Hours	530-6224



Imagine an organization that can purify drinking water, teach people how to build a rain garden, respond to emergency situations, televise community events, notarize documents, solve traffic pattern issues, rent a banquet facility, pick up your recycling and solid waste, inspect a child safety seat, and provide transportation to three different communities and the University. Would you imagine that all this -- and more -- is available through the City of Coralville? The wide variety of services offered by the City benefits residents in many ways — but just how does it all happen?

The City of Coralville is offering an exciting opportunity to go behind the scenes and gain unique insight into the workings of Coralville through a series of interactive, informative classes. The 2010 Inside Coralville series features one-time and multi-week classes beginning later this spring through the fall, led by representatives from City departments. Sign up for one class or as many as you like! Topics cover city government and finance, public safety, public works, public transportation, library, parks and recreation, telecommunications, building and zoning, engineering, and Coralville history. Many classes incorporate hands-on activities and include tours highlighting areas such as City Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water Plant, and Streets Department. Sessions for the 2010 Inside Coralville series are FREE. Class sizes are limited to 25 participants.

For more information, contact Jenn Coleman at the City of Coralville, 319.248.1700, [jcoleman@ci.coralville.ia.us](mailto:jcoleman@ci.coralville.ia.us), or register online at [www.coralville.org/InsideCoralville](http://www.coralville.org/InsideCoralville).

### Holiday Solid Waste & Transit Schedule

#### Memorial Day Monday, May 31

Monday and Tuesday garbage collected on Tuesday

No transit service

