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Welcome to The Ankeny Source, a unique annual guide for the residents of Ankeny, provided independently by the publishers of your local Ankeny Living magazine and the local businesses that advertised their goods and services in these pages.

In this handy publication, you will find answers to the many questions you have as a resident in the community. More than just a standard directory, The Ankeny Source is a comprehensive resource for those who wish to know who their city council or school board representative is, what churches are in town, or what local events are planned for the next year.

We've even included a city map, local historical information on the city, as well as details on city parks, the library and other various entities, complete with "numbers to know" should you need to reach out.

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Of course, things can change a lot in a year's time, so be sure to contact the individual entities listed here for updates. We try our best to include as much information as possible, but if you notice any errors or omissions, please contact our editor, Tammy Pearson, at 515-953-4822, ext. 302, or email tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com.

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How can I make sure I get the latest updates from the City?

For links to the below services, visit www.ankenyiowa.gov/connect.

- **Email and/or text message notifications.** Create a user account and select from the various categories of information. You can update your preferences at any time.

- **eNewsletters.** The City of Ankeny produces monthly eNewsletters for Parks and Recreation, the Albaugh Family Senior Community Center and the Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library.

- **Social Media:** Follow the City of Ankeny:



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How can I make sure I get emergency notifications?

Visit www.polkcountyiowa.gov/emergency-management/be-prepared for sign-up links.

- **Emergency notifications.** Sign up via Smart911 for Polk County/Alert Iowa Alerts. In the event of an emergency or severe weather, an alert will be sent to the phone number and/or email address provided by voice, text and/or email. This is a free service provided by Polk County and the State of Iowa. Normal message fees may apply. To receive text messages to your cell phone, your cell phone must have text messaging capabilities.

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Can I pay bills online?

Yes! Visit www.ankenyiowa.gov/pay to pay utility bills, ambulance bills, pet licenses and for Parks & Recreation Programs.

How can I get information about my property or real estate taxes?

Contact the Polk County Auditor's Office at 515-286-3753, the Polk County Assessor's Office at 515-286-3140, the Polk County Treasurer's Office at 515-286-3060 or visit www.assess.co.polk.ia.us.

How do I report a crime?

In case of an emergency, dial 911. To report suspicious activity, contact the Ankeny Police Department non-emergency number at 515-286-3333. Reports can be made anonymously. Be sure to report the 5 Ws: Who did you see? What did you see? When did you see it? Where did you see it? Why is it suspicious?

How do I contact animal control?

To report an animal control issue, contact the Ankeny Police Department non-emergency number at 515-286-3333.

Where can I register to vote?

Iowa residents may register online or download a registration form at sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/voterregistration.html.

Are fireworks allowed?

Use of fireworks is limited to July 4, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., in Ankeny. Residents may only use consumer fireworks on their own personal property or on the property of a person who has consented to the use of consumer fireworks on his/her property. Use of fireworks on any public property is prohibited, including streets and parks. Explosives such as M-80s, quarter sticks and display fireworks are illegal.

Can I have a fire pit on my property?

Yes, recreational fires are allowed. Fires must be contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and occupy an area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height. Open burning is not permitted, and a permit is required from the fire

department for bonfires. For more information on this and additional FAQs about the City Code, visit www.ankenyiowa.gov/FAQ.

How do I reserve a shelter house for my event?

Make reservations online at www.AnkenyIowa.gov/register or call Parks & Recreation, 515-963-3570.

When is construction noise allowed?

Construction noise is allowed from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. To report a violation, contact the Ankeny Police Department non-emergency number, 515-286-3333, option 5.

Where can I post garage sale/real estate/political signs?

Signs must be placed at least 5 feet from the inner edge of the sidewalk and at least 5 feet from any adjoining property. Temporary signs are not allowed in the public right-of-way (grassy area between the street and sidewalk). Garage sale signs are limited to a maximum of three days in advance of each sale and a half mile from the garage sale location but not within 300 feet of a major arterial intersection. Political signs must be removed 10 days after the election for which they were applicable.

Where do I get a pet license and Dog Park pass?

Visit www.ankenyiowa.gov/pet to apply for a pet license and a Dog Park pass. Both are for the calendar year. The fee for a pet license, plus late fee, is \$27 per altered pet and \$37 per unaltered pet. A copy of current rabies vaccination is required. Dog Park passes are \$25 for residents and \$42 for nonresidents.

How do I get a library card?

Visit the library in person with photo identification and proof of current address. Children ages 12-17 need a photo ID or a legal guardian can fill out the application, and ages 0-11 must have a legal guardian apply. You may also apply online at www.AnkenyIowa.gov/library.

What is the snow ordinance?

A snow ordinance may be issued based on several factors including snow, sleet, freezing rain and blowing snow. When a snow ordinance is in effect, no parking is allowed on any public streets, alleys and on-street parking until the city officially lifts the ordinance. Know when a snow ordinance is in effect by signing up for text or email alerts online at www.AnkenyIowa.gov/subscribe. As a property owner, it is your responsibility to clear snow from all sidewalks on or adjacent to your property within 24 hours after snow has stopped falling.

Is there a city ordinance for maintaining my yard?

Grass, weeds or other vegetation on your property should not exceed a height in excess of 12 inches.

When do I need to get a building permit?

New driveways, sheds, fences, pools, ramps and more require a permit. Visit AnkenyIowa.gov/Build to learn more.

How do I register my child for sports?

Register online at www.AnkenyIowa.gov/register.

How do I report a broken streetlight or power outage?

MidAmerican Energy customers should call 888-427-5632 or visit www.MidAmericanEnergy.com. Consumers Energy customers should call 800-696-6552 or visit www.consumersenergy.coop.

How do I find out if the pool is closed or if a city sponsored event has been canceled due to weather?

Call the Weather Cancellation Hotline, 515-963-3575, for Parks & Recreation programs. Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library programs typically follow the Ankeny Community School District's weather cancellation announcements.

Where can I find more information about Ankeny's laws and ordinances?

A searchable version of the Ankeny City Code is available at www.ankenyiowa.gov/code. ■

HISTORY OF ANKENY



John and Sarah Ankeny acquired the 80-acre tract of land on which the town of Ankeny was originally developed on July 11, 1874. They recorded the plat of the city that bears their last name on April 22, 1875.

The Ankenys built the first store and post office on the corner of S.W. Third and S.W. Cherry. A combination hotel and boarding house was later built. John Ankeny was a promoter and stockholder of the Minnesota Narrow Gauge Railroad, which was later built through the town of Ankeny. That track is now the High Trestle Trail.

The original development of Ankeny is known as “Uptown.” Going “downtown” meant you were going to Des Moines.

On Feb. 28, 1903, Ankeny was incorporated as a town, with a total incorporated area of 1 square mile. Seven years after its incorporation, the United States census indicated the city had a population of 445.

Telephone service quickly followed incorporation, and electricity was made available for the first time in 1907. Extensive electrical service was not generally available



AHERN WINS MEDALLION CONTEST

— Ankeny Councilman Ed Shepherd looks over the winning centennial medallion design by Skip Ahern, a student at Ankeny High School. Ahern's drawing was one of seven entered before a group of judges. Skip won \$100 and a set of Medallions when they are made. — *Ankeny Press Citizen*, April 11, 1974



to residents until 1919 when the Central Light and Power Company was granted a franchise to operate a power plant in Ankeny.

In 1907, Ankeny's first fire department was organized on a volunteer basis. The firefighting equipment at the time consisted of three ladders and 24 galvanized pails.



INSTALLATION WORK AT THE NEW NORTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICE — Western Electric Company servicemen are installing equipment in the new building. The maze of cable pictured represents 124,333 conductor feet in the main equipment room. The work is expected to be completed in July, introducing Ankeny residents to touch-tone service and automatic number identification on direct-dialed calls. This is part of a \$2,500,000 two-year service improvement to the area. Bob Cardwell, left, with Northwestern Bell since 1962 in plant maintenance and engineering, is foreman in charge of the installation. Larry D. Cairns, Ankeny manager, at right, has invited inquiries by local groups for tours through the building during the installation period. — *Ankeny Press Citizen*, April 12, 1970

Between 1932 and 1940, Ankeny experienced four major fires that almost destroyed the uptown business area. Most of the businesses rebuilt.

By 1942, the federal government had established an ordnance plant for the manufacture of ammunition on the site now occupied by John Deere Des Moines Works,

Des Moines Area Community College and Prairie Trail.

Ankeny's population experienced a rapid increase that continued after John Deere purchased the plant in October 1947. Production of corn pickers began in February 1948 with 570 employees.

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HISTORY OF ANKENY

citizens, and, by 1958, the first home mail delivery began. Ankeny was officially declared a city in 1961, and the number of residents living in Ankeny was 2,964 — more than double the 1950 total.

On June 18, 1974, a 20-minute storm rocked Ankeny, destroying homes, schools and a shopping center and killing two residents as they slept.

The 2000 census reported 27,117 residents. A special census taken in 2005 showed Ankeny's population at 36,161 and a land size of 26.45 square miles. Ankeny has seen tremendous growth in its size and population. The 2010 census counted 45,582 residents and a land area of 29.14 square miles. The 2021 population of Ankeny was

more than 70,000 residents.

The Ankeny Area Historical Society invites you to visit the website www.ankenyhistorical.org to read more about the history of Ankeny, to become a member and to sign up to be a volunteer at the museum.

There's so much history ... and we are all part of it! ■

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Council meetings are held the first and third Mondays of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, second floor of Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library, 1250 S.W. District Drive. Additional public meetings may be held. To view agendas and minutes and for more information, visit www.ankenyiowa.gov/456/Mayor-City-Council.



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Community Development..... (515) 963-3550
Parks & Recreation..... (515) 963-3570
Public Works..... (515) 963-3520
Municipal Utilities..... (515) 963-3520
Street and Water Maintenance Facility..... (515) 965-6489

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Albaugh Family Senior Community Center..... (515) 965-6449
Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library..... (515) 965-6460
Otter Creek Golf Course..... (515) 965-6464

OTHERS

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Ankeny Community School District, www.AnkenySchools.org..... (515) 965-9600
Iowa One Call, www.IowaOneCall.com, check before you dig.....811
U.S. Post Office..... (515) 963-8387
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Community Services/Resources.....211

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JUNE

SUMMER CAMPS FOR K-12 STUDENTS

June and July

Ankeny Art Center, 1520 S.W. Ordinance Road

For details and to register, visit www.ankenyardcenter.org/2024summerartcamps.

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Fridays, June, starting at dusk

Bandshell at Wagner Park, 410 W. First St.

June 28: "Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie"

BEATS AND EATS

Thursdays through July (except July 6)

Ankeny Market & Pavilion, 715 W. First St.

Food trucks, games, family activities, music, beer truck and live entertainment.

Visit www.ankenyiowa.gov/461/Beats-Eats for updates and details.

JULY

SUMMER CAMPS FOR K-12 STUDENTS

June and July

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Food trucks, games, family activities, music, beer truck and live entertainment.

2023 schedule TBA. Visit www.ankenyiowa.gov/461/Beats-Eats for updates.

JULY

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Sunday, July 7 and July 21, 4-6 p.m.

Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Fridays, July 19 and 26, starting at dusk

Bandshell at Wagner Park, 410 W. First St.

July 19: "Trolls Band Together"

July 26: "Dr. Seuss' the Lorax"

SPLASH WITH A PRINCESS

Sunday, June 30, 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center

AUGUST

ALL-CITY PLAY DAY

Thursday, Aug. 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Hawkeye and Wagner parks next to City Hall, 410 W. First St.

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MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Friday, Aug. 2, starting at dusk

Bandshell at Wagner Park, 410 W. First St.

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Tuesday, Aug. 6, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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AUGUST

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MINORITY OWNED BUSINESS SUMMIT

Thursday, Aug. 29, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER

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Saturday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m. to noon

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Oct. 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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WITCHES NIGHT OUT SHOPPING AND NETWORKING EVENT

Thursday, Oct. 24, 4-8 p.m.

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LEAF COLLECTION DAYS

Oct. 26-Nov. 24

Prairie Ridge Family Aquatic Center

1220 N.W. Prairie Ridge Drive

BEGGAR'S NIGHT

Oct. 30, 6-8 p.m.

NOVEMBER



DISCOVER ANKENY

Thursday, Nov. 7, 4:30-7 p.m.

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Where do I vote?

On Election Day, you must vote in the precinct where you live. Locate your precinct or polling place online through the Iowa Secretary of State's website. sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation. You may also contact the Polk County Auditor at **515-286-3247** to find out where the polling place for your precinct will be and when the list of precinct polling places and sample ballots will be printed.

Do I need an ID to vote?

Yes! Iowa voters are required to show an Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID, U.S. passport, U.S. military ID or veteran's ID, tribal ID/document or Iowa voter ID card at the polls before they vote. A voter without one of the listed forms of ID may have the voter's identity attested to by another registered voter in the precinct or may prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents. Voters without the necessary ID or an attester will be offered a provisional ballot and can provide ID up until the time of the county canvass of votes (Monday after election day for Primary and General Elections).

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Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m.

Programs

Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library offers programs and events for every member of the family — children, teens and adults.

Visit www.AnkenyIowa.gov/library for complete details.

Access the Online Catalog

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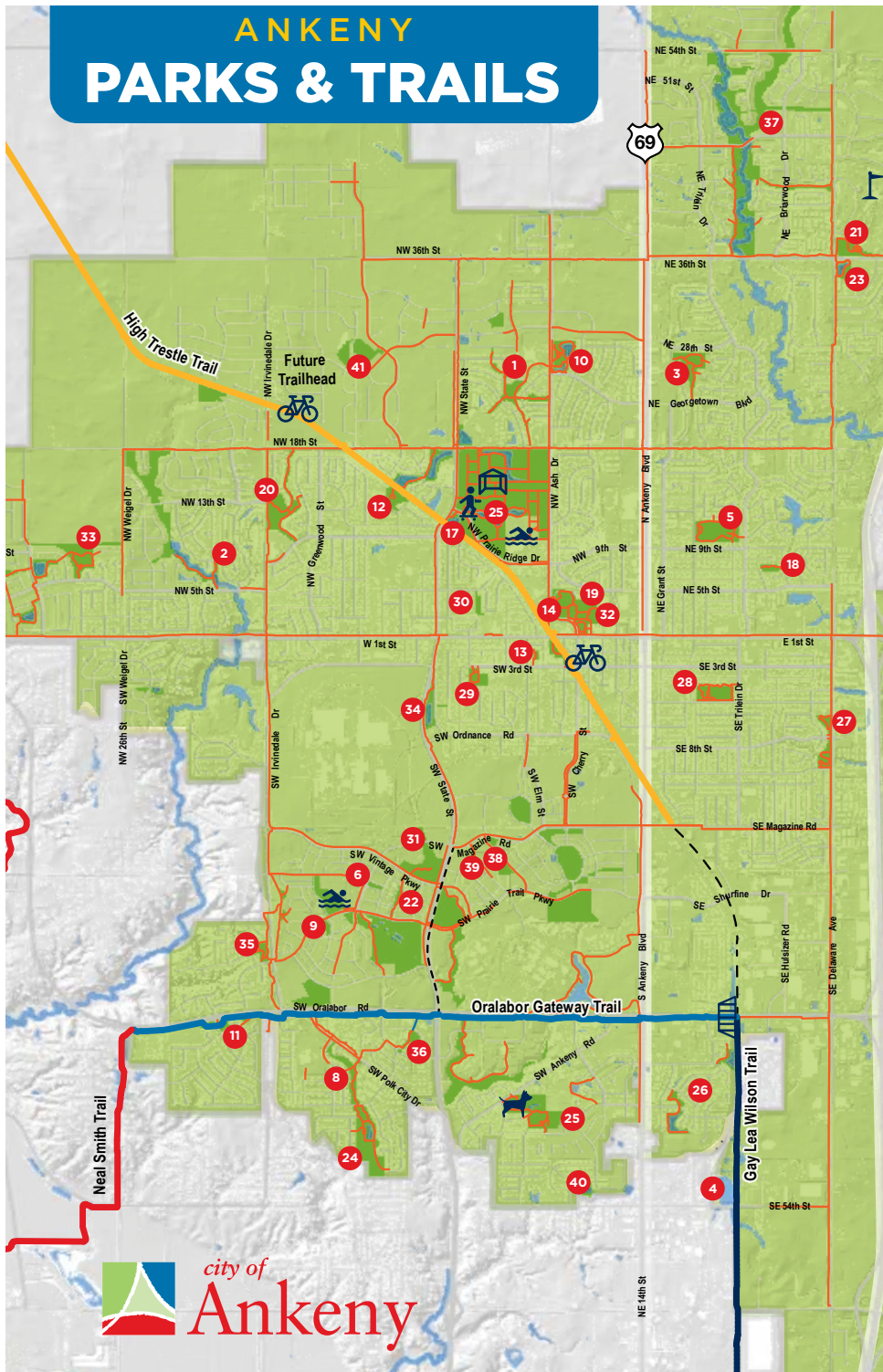
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-  **High Trestle Trail**
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Accepted Items:

- Plastic containers — “necked” containers and yogurt/margarine tubs
- Newspapers — including inserts
- Mixed paper
- Cardboard — must be broken down and cut to fit into cart

• Shredded paper — needs to be contained in a paper product such as a cereal or cardboard box or a paper sack

- Tin and aluminum cans
- Paper food cartons — milk (including soy, chocolate and cream), juice, protein drinks, wine, egg substitutes, soup and broth

Items NOT Accepted

- Garbage or yard debris
- Food-contaminated material (e.g., frozen dinner containers)
- Plastic bags or containers with motor oil or other hazardous materials

Cart Placement Guidelines

Curb It! is an automated collection program designed to make it easier for you to recycle. When participating in automated collection programs, there are a few cart placement guidelines to follow. Your help is appreciated in making it easier for carts to be collected.

Your cart should be within 18 inches of the curb with the short metal bar facing the street. To avoid damage to public and private property, place the cart at least three feet away from mailboxes, lamp posts and other permanent structures.

Place your cart on as level of a surface as possible but away from low-hanging tree branches.

Yard waste bags, garbage carts, Curb It! carts and other large items should be spaced three feet apart.

Close lids prior to pick-up — lids must be closed on your Curb It! carts in order for the recyclables to be collected.

Large Scale Recycling Centers and Recycling Drop-Offs

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City Recycling Events

The City of Ankeny and the Public Works department host a variety of recycling and clean-up events throughout the year. View Recycling Events at www.ankenyiowa.gov/316/Recycling-Events.

Garbage Collection

Ankeny offers subscription garbage collection. Each resident contracts individually with a private garbage hauler. The following companies provide residential services in Ankeny:


- Ankeny Sanitation, 515-964-5229
- Aspen Waste Systems, Inc., 515-974-1400
- Garbage Guys, 515-707-3866
- Walters Sanitary Service, 515-432-2866
- Waste Connections of Iowa, Inc., 515-265-7374
- Waste Management of Iowa, 515-265-5267

Residents should contact the above companies for information on:

- Start and stop service
- Garbage collection rates
- Pickup days and times
- Yard waste collection and fees
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Ankeny Dog Park

1155 S.W. Ankeny Road

The Ankeny Dog Park is a 7.5-acre space that allows dogs of all sizes to run freely in an entirely fenced-in area. The park features a half-acre pond, separate small and large dog areas, and an open green space for dogs to run and play. Dogs are required to have a pet license and a Dog Park pass to use this facility.

Ankeny Market & Pavilion

715 W. First St.

The Ankeny Market & Pavilion (AMP) is located in the heart of Uptown Ankeny. AMP is a trailhead for the popular High Trestle Trail, home of the Ankeny Uptown Farmers Market and host to a variety of unique and exciting community events. The 3.1-acre park includes two pavilions, a restroom building, 108 parking spaces, bicycle trailheads and plenty of open space. This facility is available to rent for special events.

Ankeny Miracle Park

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Community Ice Rink

Sunrise Park, 506 S.E. Peterson Drive

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OUTDOOR FUN

The rink is free for public use and will be open as the weather permits. A green sign will be posted at the gate to indicate when the rink is open. All skaters must bring their own skates and are advised they are skating at their own risk.

Sledding

Snow sledding hills are available at Northcreek Park, located at N.W. 13th Street and N.W. Irvinedale Drive, and Summerbrook Park, located at 1009 S.E. Eighth St.

Fishing

Fishing, including ice fishing, is allowed on all public ponds. A fishing license is required for anyone fishing age 16 and older. Visit www.AnkenyIowa.gov/fishing for a map of fishing holes.



Tennis Courts

Tennis courts are available at three city parks:

- Hawkeye Park, 400 N.W. Lakeshore Drive, six lighted courts.
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For more information

Parks & Recreation: 515-963-3570

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You can email Ankeny School Board members collectively at schoolboard@ankenyschools.org. The school board's secretary is Jennifer Jamison, and she also serves as Ankeny Community School District chief financial officer. You can email the board secretary at jennifer.jamison@ankenyschools.org.

Ankeny School Board meetings are generally held at 6 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month, unless otherwise noted. Public board meetings are held in the Ankeny Community School District office at Neveln, 406 S.W. School St. Board meetings are live streamed on the district's YouTube Channel, www.youtube.com/c/AnkenySchoolsACSD. ■

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www.ankenycommunitytheatre.com

1932 S.W. Third St.

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www.ankenysthistorical.org

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Ankeny Community Chorus

ankenystcommunitychorus.com

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