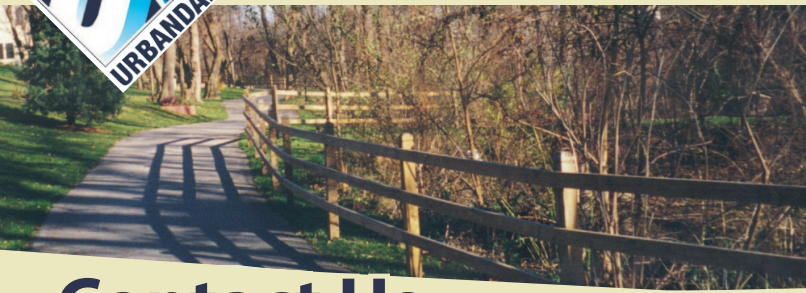




# URBANDALE CITIZEN'S BRIEF

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## Swimming Lessons

We at Urbandale strongly believe that knowing to swim is not only great fun and exercise, but also critical for your safety. That is why the Urbandale Swimming Pool offers the newly updated American Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety programs. These new programs offer an even stronger emphasis on drowning prevention and water safety.



Swim classes are designed to help swimmers of varying ages and abilities develop their water safety, survival and swim skills. Courses are age-appropriate and fun! We help swimmers stay motivated and achieve success on a regular basis. As swimmers progress through the levels of training they increase their comfort level in and around the water.

The Urbandale Swimming Pool is proud to offer its summer swimming lessons schedule for swimmers of all ages and ability. We offer parent and child lessons for those ages 6 months to 4 years, and special preschool lessons for ages 3-6 years of age. Learn to swim lessons offer 5 levels of instruction to both match and develop swimming skills.

You can sign up for any American Red Cross swimming lesson online at [www.urbandale.org](http://www.urbandale.org) by using the online registration system, or by calling Parks & Recreation at (515) 278-3963, or in person at 3600 86th Street.

## Walker Johnston Bridge Update

The spring storms of 2010 washed out the bridge over North Walnut Creek at Walker Johnston Park. The City realizes this bridge is a critical link in the community's trail system. An engineering consultant has been hired to design the new bridge. In addition, a site location is being reviewed to best align the bridge to Walker Johnston Park, but the bridge will continue to be in the same general area. Once the plans and specifications are finalized they must be approved by state and federal authorities due to work being done in the North Walnut Creek. If all work follows the timeline established it is anticipated that the bridge would be finished in the fall of 2011. We thank you all for your patience as we replace the destroyed bridge.

## Concerts in the Park

The City is honored to again provide free concerts at Lions Park Gazebo. Concerts in the Park begin on June 6th and are each Monday in June. All concerts are free and make sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. and last around an hour. On a special note a Thursday, June 16th concert will feature an unveiling of the new public art piece to be displayed in Lions Park. Special games and activities will take place that night to mark the unveiling.

- Monday, June 6th – Urbandale Concert Band @ 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 13th – Urbandale Swing Band @ 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 16th – Urbandale Concert Band @ 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 20th – Urbandale Concert Band @ 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 27th – Urbandale Swing Band @ 7:00 p.m.



## Calendar

The following meetings are held at City Hall (3600 - 86th Street) unless noted.

*Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings*  
 May 9th – 6:00 p.m.  
 May 23rd – 6:00 p.m.  
 June 6th – 6:00 p.m.

*Board of Adjustment Meetings*  
 May 4th – 6:00 p.m.  
 June 1st – 6:00 p.m.

*City Council Meetings*  
 May 3rd – 7:00 p.m.  
 May 10th – 11:45 a.m.  
 May 18th – 7:00 p.m.  
 May 31st – 7:00 p.m.

*Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings*  
 May 18th – 5:30 p.m.

*Public Art Committee*  
 May 10th – 4:00 p.m.

*Library Board of Trustees Meeting*  
 May 23rd – 6:00 p.m. (@ Library)

**Visit our website for complete calendar listings and more!**  
[www.urbandale.org](http://www.urbandale.org)



## What is UCAN?

The Urbandale Community Action Network is a 501(c)3 organization with the mission to provide leadership and ongoing support for comprehensive community based action to improve the quality of life in Urbandale. UCAN is a citizen committee driven group that serves as the umbrella organization for the Urbandale Caring Corps, Urbandale Food Pantry, Leadership Urbandale, Urbandale Friends of the Park and Character Counts in Urbandale.

UCAN is the next generation of the Urbandale Action Council. The Action Council formed in the late 1990's as an outcome of a number of Imagine Urbandale citizen visioning meetings identifying community priorities. The Action Council provided oversight for subcommittees that were formed to address the identified priorities. Those priorities included Caring Corps, Character Counts, Community Center, Leadership Urbandale, City beautification, neighborhood strengthening and special events.

UCAN committees have formed around five areas: Strengthening Neighborhoods, Infrastructure, Communications, Human Services and Events and Activities. UCAN will act as a catalyst for positive community action and spirit; helping to shape how Urbandale will look by 2017, our community's 100th anniversary. To volunteer or find out more about UCAN visit them online at [www.urbandalenetwork.org](http://www.urbandalenetwork.org) or contact the office (M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) at (515) 278-3936.