



Citizen's Brief Newsletter

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BEGGAR'S NIGHT

Beggar's Night is Sunday, October 30 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Residents are reminded to take special care during this time when driving.



Fall Tour de Trail Event

Join us as we celebrate the start of fall on one of Urbandale's beautiful trails. This Tour de Trail walk will begin at 156th Street and showcases the Walnut Creek Regional Park Trail to Prairie Avenue. This walk is approximately 2.5 miles round trip. The Mayor's Walk will begin at 1:00 p.m. Parking will be located at the Walnut Hills Elementary School, located at 4240 156th Street. For more information contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (515) 278-3963 or online at www.UrbandaleParksAndRec.org.

Solar Powered Trash Container and Recycling Unit



Urbandale installed its first solar powered trash compactor and recycling unit in August 2011. The unit automatically compresses the trash bin when it senses the container is full by using only solar power. By compressing its contents, the unit gains capacity, so it doesn't have to be emptied as often. Fewer collections mean cost-savings for labor, fuel and maintenance, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Powered by the sun, the eco-friendly compactor works in every kind of weather – snow, rain or shine. Urbandale partnered the solar powered trash compactor with a companion recycling kiosk to promote recycling.

Urbandale's first unit was placed in the Downtown Urbandale neighborhood on Douglas Avenue just east of 70th Street. "This high use urban area was ideal for this unit," noted Scott Hock, Assistant Director for Parks. The unit also was installed with a remote sensor system, which will email Urbandale's Park staff when the unit is full. This added feature will help keep the area clean and prevent overflowing trash from littering the street.

This unit was funded in part by a grant from the Metro Waste Authority. Additional funding was provided by Waste Management.

New Veteran's Memorial Slated at Charles Gabus Memorial Tree Park and Gardens

The Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN) in cooperation with the Friends of the Park has designed a new veteran's memorial. The memorial will be located at the south end of the Charles Gabus Memorial Tree Park and Gardens. Veterans from any branch of the service will be honored within the memorial. Paving bricks honoring those who served our country will provide a personal touch to the memorial.

Any veteran or their family can purchase a brick. Bricks will recognize the veteran's name, branch of service and the war in which they served (if during war time). To purchase a brick or to donate to the memorial, contact UCAN at (515) 278-3936, PO Box 7615, Urbandale, Iowa 50323 or by email at info@urbandalenetwork.org.

