



The Village News

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Dear Residents of West Liberty,

March, 2024

As the promise of spring beckons, we're excited to share some significant updates and opportunities that lie ahead for our village and Logan County. Our focus this season is on deepening community engagement and planning for the future with innovative strategies inspired by the Harwood Institute. I recently attended a two day workshop with many community church/business leaders, elected officials, and caring individuals that will be working together to move our larger community forward in an intentional, collaborative manner (more to follow).

Embracing Harwood Institute's Approach

We're adopting the Harwood Institute's community-centric strategies to foster participation and drive positive change. This approach is about leveraging the collective power and aspirations of our community members to make West Liberty an even better place for all.

We Need Your Insights

To ensure our initiatives align with your expectations and aspirations, we invite you to reflect on the following questions:

- 1) What kind of community do you want to live in?
- 2) Why is that important to you?
- 3) How is that different from how you see things now?
- 4) What are some of the things that need to happen to create that kind of change?

Your input is invaluable as we navigate the path forward together. Please send your responses numbered 1 through 4 to the Village Office with your utility bill or email: mayor.hudson@mywestliberty.com or stop me anytime you see me around town.

Important Dates and Reminders

Moonshade Festival (April 5-8): With the festival expected to draw a large number of visitors, we encourage residents to plan accordingly. Consider stocking up on essentials ahead of time to avoid the last-minute rush.

Andy Detwiler Tribute (April 6 12:00-12:30 PM): Join in honoring the legacy of Andy Detwiler with the unveiling of a statue in his honor. This event is a testament to our strong community spirit and the impactful individuals in West Liberty.



Survey Reminder

Don't forget to complete the February survey by March 8th at noon to have your voice heard and to be eligible for the drawing of five \$20 Liberty Bucks gift cards. The drawing will take place during our Council meeting on March 11, 2024. Your input is invaluable when considering solutions for some recent concerns like curbside recycling and other issues.

Let's Shape Our Future Together

Your engagement and feedback are essential as we work towards creating a more vibrant, inclusive, and forward-thinking West Liberty. We look forward to your contributions and to making our village an even better place to live, work, and play.

Warm Regards,
Brad Hudson, Mayor of West Liberty

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH 15-16: WEST LIBERTY'S ANNUAL SPRING OPEN HOUSES

Friday & Saturday, March 15-16. There will be open houses in the shops in town, and many of the shops will have spring specials. Food trucks will also be invited downtown.

Download the Feel @ Home WL app if you have not already done so. Stay up to date with all that's going on in West Liberty !

For more information about upcoming events go to mywestliberty.com

W. Liberty Business Anniversaries

3-01 Logan Lawn & Landscapint



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Clerk's Corner

We are still collecting **automatic payment withdraw information**, for water billing payments. For those interested in this **option**: We will need a canceled check or a voided deposit slip or a letter from your bank, and whether it is a checking or savings account, and sign an authorization form. Please note, this is **NOT** mandatory. You are not required to sign up for this billing option. We are still working on this, we are still hoping the first auto withdrawals will take place in March. You can opt into this feature at any time. Contact us with **any** questions you may have.

The 2024 bridge calendars are still available at local businesses and the Clerk's Office, (limited quantities) cost is by donation. Get yours today ! They are loaded with all the important dates of upcoming events happening in West Liberty.

Stop in the Clerks Office to order your West Liberty Moonshade Festival apparel. (quick turn around time) Adult and youth sizes. Hoodies, t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts.

Solar Eclipse Glasses: We have solar eclipse glasses for purchase at the City Building, \$2.00 per pair.



It's not too early.....

To get that shelter house reserved for your spring or summer eventCost is \$50 per day. Reservations fill quickly, especailly if you want a specific shelter house. Splash Pad private party's can be booked on Tuesday evenings only, 6-8 PM. Cost is \$140.00. Have a birthday or anniversary announcement to put on the electronic sign at the City Building? Call the Clerk's office ! Cost is \$10 per day. Building a fence or a deck? Stop in at the Clerk's off and fill out a building permit.

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For more informationand many more details about the upcoming Solar Eclipse go to mywestliberty.com



**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024, 5:30PM:
STAR CROSSED LOVE AND THE BRIDGE DANCE COMPETITION**

Doors open at 5:30 pm in the **Opera House in West Liberty**. Competition starts at 6 pm. Light refreshments will be served. \$10 tickets may be purchased at West Liberty's Town Hall in advance. Tickets will be \$15 at the door. (A limited number of tickets will be sold.) Proceeds go to the Columbus Street Bridge. Come vote for your favorite dancers. Votes are \$1 each.

Don't be kept in the dark...

West Liberty is in the area of totality for the Total Solar Eclipse that will happen on April 8, 2024 at approximately 3:10 pm. This historic event has not happened since 1806 and will not happen again for our area until 2444. The village will be hosting a Moonshade Festival to celebrate this event.

Starting in March residents of the village may pick up a pair of official solar eclipse glasses for free in the Village Office during business hours. Residents of the Green Hills campus will be picking up their glasses at Green Hills (Rebecca Marker-Smith has 300 pairs for Green Hill residents). Extra pairs of glasses may be purchased in the Village Office for \$2.00 while supplies last.

We also have t-shirts (long and short sleeve) and hoodies for sale from either the Village Office or our mywestliberty.com website to place an order. These come in sizes for adults and children and glow in the dark ink.

The following businesses have limited edition thermal color changing cups for sale: Marie's Candies, Sweetie Pie's, Stoner's Ice Cream Parlor.

Schedule of Events

All Weekend

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Solar Perspectives at Historical Piatt Castle Mac-A-Cheek
Hours Vary Shop Downtown West Liberty
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Daily Trolley Rides from Parking Areas and Parks to the Downtown

Friday, April 5, 2024

8:30 PM Fireworks at Lions Park



Saturday, April 6, 2024

12:00 - 12:30 PM Dedication of the Andy Detwiler Statue
1:00 - 3:30 PM Showing the inspirational stories of Andy Detwiler (In the Opera House)
8:30 - 9:30 PM Stargazing at Lions Park

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Start at 5:30 PM Star Crossed Love and the Bridge Dance competition
(Procedes to benefit the Columbus Street Bridge)

For the full list of events and descriptions visit mywestliberty.com

Pass Options

Moonshade Festival Single Pass \$15
Moonshade Festival Family Pass 6 persons or less \$50
Lions Park Camping with Moonshade Family Pass \$150



**To buy Passes,
Solar Eclipse Glasses,
Apparel and more, visit our
EventBrite page !**



The pass includes: Space to View the Total Solar Eclipse on Monday. Access to all "Moonshade Festival" events and Fireworks . Discounts at participating West Liberty local businesses . Schedule of Events with Map (which will have attractions, shopping and food)