

# GILMORE GAZETTE

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## CITY HALL NEWS

City Hall and Library doors are currently closed. Payments need to be cash, check or money order for the amount, we will not be giving back change. If you need help with a bill please call ahead to get the matter resolved as we will not be taking any payments at the door. All payments need to be put in the drop box outside the front door or for credit card payments please go to our website:

[www.gilmorecityiowa.com](http://www.gilmorecityiowa.com)

If you are in need of library services please call in advance to schedule a time for a 15 minute interval session. Masks are mandatory.

If you are in need of a key for the city dump please knock on the door and we will get you one.

### Dog Tags

The City of Gilmore City as a way to show compliance with State Code will provide a required City Dog License with proof of Rabies vaccinations. City Dog Licenses are good for one calendar year beginning in January and expiring in December of each year. Licenses are \$2 per dog through the month of January and up to the last business day of February. After that a late penalty charge of an additional \$20 plus tag fee will be incurred. Dogs found without the required licensing will be turned into the City impound and will incur additional fees and fines.

### Budgets:

Residents with Budgets, please inspect your bill as the new amounts for your budget are on this months bill.

### Winter Moratorium

Winter Moratorium is the time from November 1 to April 1 in which a utility which provides the heat source for your residence, may not disrupt heat service, AS LONG AS you are on some type of heating assistance through the government

(UDMO).

Winter Moratorium only protects your heat source from being interrupted. Utilities, such as the City of Gilmore City, can disconnect Water service for non-payment of services once proper notification is made. If you are needing heat assistance please contact your county UDMO office.

### CITY SNOW ORDINANCE

No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during the hours of 3 am to 7 am from November 1 to April 1. Ordinance 135.12 & 136.03

A snow emergency parking ban may be proclaimed by the Mayor in the instance of a snow or ice storm through the duration of the storm and for the 48 hour period following such storm. During a snow emergency no person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley, or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. Also, it is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or upon the street or alley creating a hazardous condition therein.

### POST OFFICE MEMO:

ALL RESIDENTS OF GILMORE CITY BOTH CITY AND RURAL MUST HAVE THEIR MAILBOXES EASILY ACCESSIBLE DURING WINTER OR THEY CAN'T DELIVER TO YOU.

### CITY WATER WORKS:

Did you know the water tower that was taken down this fall was the original water tower for Gilmore City put up in 1911? Here is an interesting excerpt out of the Gilmore City Centennial book. If you would like to read all the great info in this book please contact the Library!

March 22, 1911, a meeting was held with the possibility of a city water works system. April 12, a water works and bond issue carried with overwhelming majority. The issue of the bonds not to exceed \$15,000 for the purpose of a water works system. This was the first time women could vote and the ladies are to be congratulated for the intelligence displayed in casting what to most, was their first voting experience. Out of the 165 votes cast, 57 votes were cast by the women. Only one ballot was marked wrong and only one vote against the measure. The contract for drilling the town well was let to Ev. McManus, on May 24, and he has his drill on the grounds and will push the work along as fast as possible. The well is located back of the town hall. Contracts for the city water works system were let July 12, and goes to C.W. Roland Co., Des Moines, at \$13,595. On Aug. 2, the first car load of mains for the water system arrived. The cement work around the well and pump house began on Sept. 6. A gang of men have begun to dig the trenches for the water mains, beginning near where the water tower will be located. The big pump was set and ready for use on Sept. 13. Nov. 15, the tower and tank arrived and by the 29th the water mains were installed. Jan. 5, 1912 the water system was completed and turned over to the city.

### BIRTHDAYS:

1. Patti Cirks, Kyle Behrendsen
  2. Justice Hass
  3. Margaret Dailey
  4. Chelsea Kritzer
  7. Harmon Atwood, Eric Nafe
  8. Cole Dickey, Nate Myer
  9. David Landolt
  12. Lilian Hoover
  13. Betty Stein
  15. Brinley Wiese
  16. John Matthews, Cody Vanderhoff, Keri Benjamin
  17. Tiffany Dean
  18. Dean Jergens
  19. Cameron Fields, Tayten Brooks
  22. Melissa Almond, Lane Ellrich
  23. Bob Allen, Draven Dickey
  25. Ron Meier, Blaine Telford
  26. JD Smith
  27. Don Claman
  29. Jacy Matthews
  30. Cherene Vote, Kathy Cavanaugh
  31. Jess Schriber
- February Birthdays
1. Richard Benjamin, Kalseigh Brown
  2. Samantha Oelberg, Brittany Peters
  5. Rhonda Ripperger, Kristi Day
  6. Paul Hendricks, Cyler Cirks, Richard Dailey
  7. Happy Anniversary Mary & Bruce Torkelson
  9. Bonnie Halligan
  13. Randy Davis, Shane Dickey, Stacy Cirks
  14. Julie Edwards

GC-B SCHOOL NEWS

The Iowa Honey Producers Association (IHPA) and GC-B are putting on a 2021 Beekeeping Conference on Saturday, February 20th 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on zoom. \$30/household. 10+ sessions to choose from to expand your beekeeping knowledge! 50% to the IHPA and 50% to the GC-B Honeybee Program. To register please email Kelsey Wigans [kwigans@gcb.k12.ia.us](mailto:kwigans@gcb.k12.ia.us) .

Gilmore City Farmers' Market (GCGM) Vendor Information Meeting will be Wednesday, February 24th at 5:30 p.m. on zoom. Learn details about the 2021 market, and the three Direct Sales Company Vendor Shows (June 8, July 13, and August 10) that will happen concurrently with the GCFM. To register please email Kelsey Wigans [kwigans@gcb.k12.ia.us](mailto:kwigans@gcb.k12.ia.us) .

Hometown Pride January 2021

Yes, 2020 is in our back pockets and while most are in front of the fire browsing Seed catalogs, we're busy looking forward to picking back up where we left off in Sunset Park. There are still grants to apply for and research needed for what comes next, but as soon as weather permits, the next phase of concrete pouring will start. How exciting to have a beautiful paved 6' sidewalk to lead around the Rain Garden up to the mouth of the Walking Trail!

If you remember, up on the top left corner of the Park is where our Outdoor Arena is going and that's where the research is coming into play right now. The anticipation of generations to come enjoying the outdoors in a clean, safe environment is something we all can be proud of. There's a lot of thought and planning going into the project and every phase gets us closer to our final destination. This has been a culmination of so many corporate sponsors, private citizen donations, grants, and volunteerism, all of which we're so grateful for. Some little towns seem to just dry up and blow away, but in Gilmore City there's a sense of "I've got your back" from neighbor to neighbor. Let's keep that feeling going and continue to work together.

One of our grant opportunities coming up in February is the Paint Iowa Beautiful grant. Are any of our local citizens interested in painting another mural for us? Just contact one of the regular committee members: Angie Peters, Judy Merchant, Lavonne Hoover, Russ Naeve or me to discuss it. You can email us @ [gcprojectsfund@gmail.com](mailto:gcprojectsfund@gmail.com) or leave a message at City Hall with Missy or Lorna to have one of us contact you.

We appreciate all of your donations. Your contributions are tax deductible and can be given in memory or honor of a loved one, if you like. Or, please know that we will welcome you with open arms to come help whenever possible. We meet once a month so it's not a huge, time consuming commitment. Thank you for your support as we start the new year off fresh. ~Submitted by Angie Kritzer



GC SPOTLIGHT

This month's Spotlight is on one of our very own long time Gilmore City couples who have contributed to our community in many ways through the years – Marlys and Maynard Wiemers.

Maynard was born at Manson, Iowa, attended Country School in Lake Township, Pocahontas County, & graduated from Gilmore City High School, and Marlys (Gerdes) was a Palmer native. They were married in 1952 after Maynard spent 4 years in the U. S. Navy. They have 2 children – Steven and Barbara, who have also contributed much to our community through the years. For many years they lived south of Gilmore City where their son, Steve & his wife Deni, now reside, before moving into Gilmore City.

Marlys and Maynard purchased the previously owned Russell Boore property where there had been a stock yards for many years on the East

edge of town. They worked hard to convert it to a greenhouse – Oaks Nursery – and opened for business in the spring of 1978. In 1980 a new store front, retail area, and coolers were added. Then in 1981 a new service shop and storage building was built. They were involved with landscaping, tree moving, and selling locally grown nursery stock, including bedding plants, produce, and all products related to lawn and garden care. They also sold and serviced lawn mowers and garden tractors and employed many local Gilmore City citizens. This business was sold to the Schall Family in 2010 after 32 years of operation!

Both Marlys and Maynard have been involved in many community projects through the years. Maynard has been a member of the Gilmore City Legion for over 40+ years and Marlys has belonged to the Legion Auxiliary. Maynard

was presented a Quilt of Valor at the Gilmore City-Bradgate School in 2018. They have been Parade Marshals for Gilmore City Fun Days in the past. Maynard is a walking history book concerning our community and the past happenings and people. Maynard was the President of the Gilmore City Lions Club in 1983, helped build the Gilmore City Café that opened in 1984, and also the City Hall/Public Library/Community Center building in the late 1980's. If you need to know anything about our community, Maynard is the guy to ask, and he will be glad to share. Thanks for all both Marlys and Maynard have done for our Gilmore City Community all these years! They are to be commended.

**RESIDENTS:** WE ARE HAVING A LOT OF ISSUES WITH SEWER'S GETTING PLUGGED WITH FLUSHABLE WIPES AND RAGS. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PUTTING ANYTHING FOREIGN DOWN YOUR DRAINS AND TOILETS UNLESS IT IS TOILET PAPER OR SEPTIC APPROVED ! THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION! ~CITY HALL