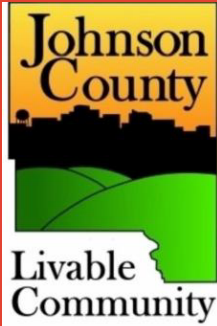


JCLC June 2023 Newsletter



Johnson County Livable Community Information for Successful Aging

> the primary information resource for Seniors <

www.livablecommunity.org

New Iowa Homestead Exemption for Owners 65 years of age and older



On May 4, 2023, Governor Reynolds signed House File 718, establishing a homestead tax exemption for claimants 65 years of age or older.

In addition to the homestead tax credit, eligible claimants who own the home they live in and are 65 years of age or older on or before January 1 of the assessment year are now eligible for a homestead tax exemption. For the assessment year beginning on January 1, 2023, the exemption is for \$3,250 of taxable value. For assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, the exemption is for \$6,500 of taxable value. An exemption is a reduction in the taxable value of the property rather than a direct reduction in the amount of property tax you pay.

Please come to our office at 913 S Dubuque St, Iowa City, to apply for the new exemption. Applications are due July 1. If the exemption is granted, the exemption will be allowed for future years without future filing as long as the claimant continues to qualify.

Iowa City residents can find a form at <https://iowacity.iowaassessors.com/> under important news , and everyone else in Johnson County can find the form on the Beacon site A blank form is also available at the Department of Revenue's website.

Johnson County Residents may email completed forms to cellery@johnsoncountyiowa.gov (Johnson County, Outside of Iowa City, City Limits.) Please call us with questions at 319-356-6078.

Iowa City residents inside the city limits of Iowa city may email completed forms to cityassr@johnsoncountyiowa.gov

Both offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

TRAIL hosts June 15 Johnson County Senior Fair

TRAIL of Johnson County, the local aging-in-place nonprofit, is hosting a Senior Housing and Services Fair on Thursday, June 15, 2023, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Kirkwood Regional Center, 2301 Oakdale Blvd., in Coralville. The event is free and open to the public.

According to TRAIL Executive Director Bob Untiedt, the fair is in response to the growth in senior housing options in Johnson County, as well as the increased need for at-home services, including medical and non-medical care.

“TRAIL members, their friends and families are curious about these new senior living communities and their amenities,” Untiedt says. “This event allows attendees to sample the features of many local facilities all in one place. Fair visitors also will learn more about the many at-home service agencies, including TRAIL, that help older adults continue living in their own homes as they age.”

Fair attendees also will be able to take home a free copy of TRAIL’s new 2023 Johnson County Senior Housing and Services Guide (while supplies last), a 60-page booklet that includes descriptions of more than 30 senior living facilities (independent living, assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing), 17 at-home medical and non-medical care providers and more.

Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program

The Senior Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program is sponsored through the US Department of Agriculture and administered through the Heritage Area Agency on Aging.

Qualified seniors will receive \$50 worth of checks to use at participating area farmers’ markets vendors per year.

Eligibility Requirements:

- *At least 60 years of age
- *Live in Johnson County or the service area of the Heritage Area Agency on Aging
- *For Single Person:
Annual income of less than \$26,973



Distribution will be available in:

Room 202 of the Health and Human Services Building, 855 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA 52240

At the following dates and times:

***Friday, June 16th 1-1:30PM**

***Thursday, June 22nd 10-10:30AM**

If unable to attend either of these times or

*For Married Couple:
Annual income of less
than \$36,482

if you have questions contact Jeff Kellbach
at 319-688-5842 or by email at
jkellbach@johnsoncountyiowa.gov

Farmer's Markets

Iowa City Farmer's Market

Coralville Farmer's Market

Solon Farmer's Market

Field to Family Online Farmer's Market

University Heights Farmer's Markets



Juneteenth

The 12th annual Johnson County Iowa Juneteenth Commemoration events will be held June 9th- June 20th, 2023. All events are free and open to the public.

A Juneteenth concert and celebration for the entire county will take place in Downtown Iowa City during the evening of June 16, 2023.

The event will feature a wide assortment of attractions for all ages:
4 pm A resource fair at Blackhawk Mini Park



5 pm Free soul food provided while supplies last
5:30 pm A fashion show on the Pedestrian Mall main stage
6:30 pm Live music from Isaac Jordan on the main stage of the
8 pm Live music from Aniba and the Sol Starz on the main stage

Other attractions include the Iowa City Public Library's Bookmobile, activities provided by the North Liberty Public Library, and more!

Isaac Jordan, who performed at last year's Iowa City Pride celebration, will kick off the evening's music at 6:30 p.m. Next up, Chicago's favorite soul band Aniba and the Sol Starz will headline the concert beginning at 9 pm.

This year's Juneteenth celebration is a collaboration between many community organizations: Johnson County Government, Think Iowa City, the City of Iowa City, the Summer of the Arts, Iowa City Pride, Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County, Dream City, the Iowa City Downtown District, the Wright School of Fashion, the Community Foundation of Johnson County, Royceann's Soul Food, and the Black Voices Project.

Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865, two-and-a-half years after the Emancipation Proclamation, Union soldiers sailed into Galveston, Texas, and read aloud the order, freeing a quarter of a million slaves who were residing in the state.

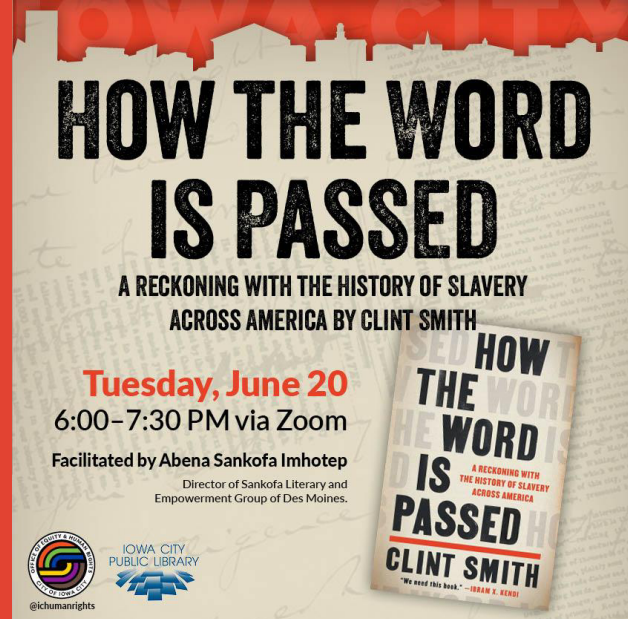
Juneteenth events will be held throughout Johnson County around the holiday. Check www.icjuneteenth.com to see the full list of events and the many ways you can celebrate!



**Juneteenth
Virtual Book
Discussion-
How the Word
is Passed" by
Clint Smith**

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 6:00PM
to 7:30PM

In honor of Juneteenth, the City of Iowa City Office of Equity and Human Rights and the Iowa City Public Library are hosting a virtual book discussion of *How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America* by Clint Smith. The virtual discussion will be facilitated by Abena Sankofa Imhotep, Director of Sankofa Literary and Empowerment Group of Des Moines.



The event will take place via Zoom, register at https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUrdO-grTkpH9Ew-WhyuxGDAnvpOg5WjG_h

For those without Zoom access, join Adult Services Librarian, Jason, in Meeting Room D of the Iowa City Public Library, 123 South Linn Street, Iowa City, IA 52240.

The Iowa City Public Library has copies of the book available for checkout in various formats and will have a limited number of paperback copies for giveaways as well. Call 319-356-5200 or chat/email via <https://icpl.org/ask> with any questions.

The Office of Equity and Human Rights is offering a limited number of complimentary copies of the book to persons who reside in Iowa City and who would not financially otherwise be able to participate in the book discussion. To request a copy, please email humanrights@iowa-city.org or call 319-356-5022.

If you will need disability-related accommodations in order to participate in this event, please contact Equity Director Stefanie Bowers at 319-356-5022 or stefanie-bowers@iowa-city.org. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

[Click here for more information](#)

Johnson County Summer Events



Click below for the Iowa City Downtown District Summer Calendar.



Visit the Summer of the



Iowa City
Downtown District
Calendar

Arts website for more
details on summer
events.

The Johnson County
Fair

Summer of the
Arts Calendar

The Johnson
County Fair 2023
Schedule

Iowa City Pride Festival

June 17th, 2023

STRONGER TOGETHER

from noon until 10 pm in downtown Iowa City.



[Click here for more information on Iowa City Pride Festival](#)



North Liberty Blues & BBQ

When: Saturday July 8th

Where: Centennial Park in
North Liberty

No tickets are needed, free
event

[Click here for more information on North Liberty Blues & BBQ](#)

Solon Beef Days

When: July 21st & 22nd

Where: Solon, Iowa



[Click here for more details for Solon Beef Days](#)



Coralville 4th Fest

When: July 1st-4th

Where: Coralville, Iowa

Most events are free

[Click here for more details on Coralville's 4th Fest](#)

Stanley Museum of Art Events

by Amanda Lensing, Senior Living Communities Program Coordinator, Stanley Museum of Art

ARTZPhilly, Dementia Unplugged: ARTful Insights with the Stanley Museum of Art

Monday, June 26, 2023 at Noon on Zoom (register [here](#))

A partnership with the Dementia Society of America

Amanda Lensing, Senior Living Communities Program Coordinator at the Stanley Museum of Art, will lead a discussion and close looking of objects in the Stanley's collection and on display now as part of the inaugural exhibition *Homecoming*, which reintroduces the Stanley collection to the public.

Stanley Sage with Alicia Velasquez

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 10:30AM in Stanley Museum of Art Lobby

Stanley Sage is a program with older adults in mind. We've invited a local older adult to tell their art story and connect it to the Stanley collection.

Alicia Velasquez is a local artist and the first Indigenous woman to open a boutique in Iowa City. [The House of DOTŁ'IZHI](#) features art and jewelry inspired by Velasquez's Apache culture.

2023 Older Americans Month Wrap-Up

Volunteers from the Johnson County Livable Community Policy Board and from the Housing Action Team accepted Proclamations at all of the municipalities within Johnson County during the month of May.



5/1- Lone Tree City Council
(Pictured Bottom Middle)

5/2- Iowa City City Council

5/2- Tiffin City Council

5/3- Solon City Council

(Pictured Top Right)

5/8- Hills City Council

5/8- Swisher City Council (Pictured Bottom Left)

5/9- Shueyville City Council

5/9- North Liberty City Council (Pictured Middle Left)

5/9- Coralville City Council (Pictured Bottom Right)

5/9- Oxford City Council (Pictured Center)

5/9- University Heights City Council

5/18- Johnson County Board of Supervisors Meeting (Pictured Top Left)



Aging Services Caregiver Support Group

Sponsored by Pathways

Meets the
3rd Thursday
of the month beginning in June

1:30 - 2:30 PM

At
Pathways Adult Day Health Center
817 Pepperwood Lane
Iowa City, IA 52240

**Please contact Carrie or Hannah for
further details!**

(319) 339-6162



UnityPoint Health
AbbeHealth Services

Ask about care provided for
your loved one during the
support group meetings!

Local Programming & News

<u>Senior Connections Lunch</u>	<u>AARP Iowa Events</u>	<u>Alzheimer's Association Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Solon Senior News Newsletter</u>

<u>Silver Linings Older Iowans</u>	<u>Hancher Auditorium Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Iowa City Senior Center Iowa City- May/ June Activity Guide</u>	
<u>Stanley Museum of Art Calendar</u>	<u>Trail of Johnson County Calendar</u>	<u>UI Center of Human Rights Events</u>	



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