

NOVEMBER 2023

ALTOONA, IOWA



Holiday Closings

City Offices will not be open on:

- **THANKSGIVING:** 11/23 and 11/24
- **CHRISTMAS:** 12/22 and 12/25
- **NEW YEAR'S:** 1/1

The Altoona Public Library will not be open on:

- **THANKSGIVING:** 11/23 and 11/24
- **CHRISTMAS:** 12/24 and 12/25
- **NEW YEAR'S:** 12/31 and 1/1

*Shortened hours on additional days surrounding the holidays will be posted via social media and website updates.

Snow Ordinance

The snow removal parking ban is in effect from October through May or anytime snow and/or ice removal efforts are required. When the weather forecast predicts weather conditions that will require enforcement of the parking ban, a notice will be published on the City of Altoona's and/or Altoona Police Department's Facebook and X pages.

DATES TO REMEMBER

**MONDAY, NOV. 20 &
TUESDAY, NOV. 21**
**FINAL DAY OF CURB-IT
YARD WASTE
COLLECTION**

**THURSDAY, NOV. 23 &
FRIDAY, NOV. 24**
**ALTOONA CITY HALL
AND LIBRARY CLOSED
FOR THANKSGIVING**

SATURDAY, NOV. 25
**CHRISTMAS IN OLDE
TOWN**

TUESDAY, DEC. 5
**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL
RUN-OFF ELECTION**

Homeowner Snow Removal Responsibilities

All sidewalks adjacent to your property are your responsibility and you must remove snow within 24 hours after a snow weather event. All complaint calls will be referred to the Building Department for follow-up and code enforcement. If possible, please wait until after plows travel through before removing snow, as snow that ends up on sidewalks or driveways from city plows is the property owner's responsibility to remove. Please do not move snow from your driveway into the street. City snowplows will not clear private driveways except under emergency conditions and with the approval of their supervisor.

Streets may be temporarily closed if they become impassable due to accidents or stranded vehicles. City roads will be cleared only if City equipment can safely push the snow without hitting vehicles parked in the street. Cul-de-sacs will not be cleared if garbage and recycling carts are placed in the City street. The roads will be cleared when the obstructions are removed either by the owners, or towed at the owner's expense.

Please clean around fire hydrants in your yard so the Fire Department has easy access in case of a fire in your neighborhood. Please try and keep your driveway and approach to your house clear in case emergency personnel need to respond to your home. Postal workers and others delivering packages to your home will also appreciate a safe route to your front door.

Clean around mailboxes and be sure they are properly installed behind the curb line to withstand the City's snow clearing efforts. **The City assumes NO responsibility for mailboxes damaged during snow removal.** Thank you for your help keeping Altoona safe and accessible!

City Trails in Winter

The City of Altoona does clear the snow off its trails during winter, but does not treat trails with salt or sand. Trails are the last thing cleared following the city facilities' sidewalks and parking lots. Please enjoy the trails but be cautious of the weather conditions.



ALTOONA TREE LIGHTING

The official tree lighting will take place as part of the Christmas in Olde Town Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 25. Festivities will take place in the Olde Town neighborhood of Altoona and begin at 2 p.m. For more information, follow the Altoona Historical Society on Facebook, or visit www.altoonahistory.org.