

SEPTEMBER 2023

ALTOONA, IOWA



CORNival Fall Family Festival

Altoona's summer of CORNival caps off with the Fall Family Festival on Saturday, Sept. 23. Held at Intrinsic Ag (102 1st Ave N) from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., this event takes the celebrations right into the corn fields where history was made 100 years ago with a custom corn maze. Most activities are free, including the maze, an inflatable, pumpkin painting (while supplies last), and the CORNival CORNvoy.

The event will also feature food for purchase and a farmers' market. All events celebrate the end of CORNival, the celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the planting of the first acre of commercial hybrid corn which happened right here in Altoona. More details are available on the [City's Facebook page](#), or online at Altoona-iowa.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23
CORNIVAL FALL FAMILY
FESTIVAL AT INTRINSIC
AG (102 1ST AVE N)

SATURDAY, OCT. 7
BRUSH DROP OFF

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25,
5-7 P.M.
ALTOONA CHAMBER'S
BUSINESS TRICK OR
TREAT

MONDAY, OCT. 30, 6-8
P.M.:
BEGGARS' NIGHT

Final Brush Drop-Off

The final brush drop-off for Altoona residents will happen from 8 a.m. – Noon on Saturday, Oct. 7. To access the brush drop-off site, enter the Utilities Department service road from 8th Street SW. Continue south on the road, past the Utilities Department buildings and continue up the hill, brush drop-off will be on your left.

Please have information identifying you as a City of Altoona resident ready when you drop off brush. No leaves or bushes.



Fall yard work reminders

The City of Altoona appreciates your cooperation in keeping Altoona beautiful and maintaining the storm drains by raking and mulching your leaves on your own property. If you have a huge amount of leaves or you choose not to mulch, please remember not to blow the leaves into the street where they can clog the storm sewers (City Ordinance 135.05). Also, burning leaves is not allowed with city limits (City Ordinance 105.05).

Yard waste can be placed in Compost it! bags or store-brand bags with a green Compost It! sticker attached. Or, throw everything in your 96-gallon Compost It! cart and take it to the curb on your regular collection day. Cart service for yard waste is renewed annually. Learn more about Metro Waste's Compost It! program and what's accepted by visiting www.WhereItShouldGo.com/YardWaste, or by calling 515.244.0021.

Park bathrooms closing soon

The permanent bathrooms located at Haines, Lion's, and Village parks and Sam Wise Youth Complex are closing on approximately October 15 for the season. Portable bathrooms located throughout the city parks will also be removed around that date. These closures help the city to protect the pipes from freezing. Although, we may have some beautiful, warm, fall days, freezing temperatures are common in late fall overnights. Bathrooms will open, and be replaced, at parks for the spring, around April 15, weather permitting. Rentals of the outdoor park shelters also end for the season on October 15th.

SAVE THE DATE FOR HALLOWEEN FUN

There are several opportunities for ghosts, ghouls and goblins to scare up some fun this Halloween. The Altoona Chambers' annual Business Trick or Treat event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 5-7 p.m. More information is available at altoonachamber.org. Citywide trick or treating in Altoona will happen on Beggars' Night, Monday, October 30 from 6-8 p.m. For any new residents, local tradition includes children sharing a joke or riddle with homeowners who are handing out candy. Happy Haunting!