

City of Atkins

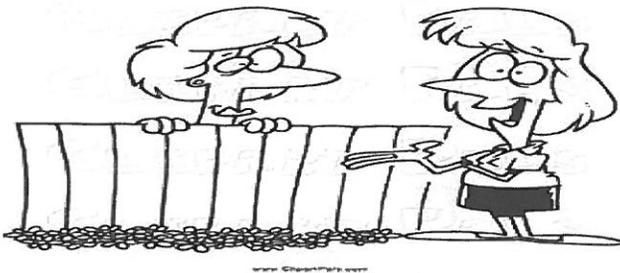
March/April 2016 Newsletter

Attention Atkins Residents:

Effective May 2016 our newsletter will become part of the Hometown Marketplace Newspaper (delivered on Wednesdays). Look for our newsletter insert the first week of EVERY month!

Did you know that you can find all the updated City Information on the website?

www.CityofAtkins.org



- City Council Agenda & Minutes
- Local Events
- Important Contacts & Numbers
- Permits, Forms, & Much more



ADULT COLORING GROUP

Call the library at 446.7676 for more information

NEW AUTHORS:

Jenn McKinlay, Kate Morton, Jenny Milchman, and Jeffrey Archer.

If you are interested in being more involved at the library we are looking for teens for an advisory board contact Cathy for more information

MISSING several books by author Maya Banks if you have these please call the library or return them promptly we have people waiting for them. Thank You

I love it when someone's laugh is funnier than the joke.

-Tumblr

The Atkins Community Club would like to congratulate the winners for the Christmas Lights for 2015.



1st Place: Jim Crawford
2nd Place: Paul Betterton
3rd Place: Mike McCullough

Honorable Mention

Mike Alberts Brian Cruise Matt Schulte Jason Wolf

Merry Christmas from The Atkins Community Club

Ken Popenhagen-President
Mike Wagner-Treasurer

Kevin Korsmo-Vice pres.
Christine Damon-Secretary

AIM wishes to Thank.....

- Weston & Renee Bishop for donating a side by side refrigerator/freezer, microwave, and stove to be used in the newly enclosed concession stand/kitchen at the soccer park.
- St. Stephens Lutheran Church for donating a refrigerator to the concession stand/kitchen at the soccer park

AIM is continuing to raise money for restrooms at the soccer park. Construction is planned for this spring.

SAVE THE DATE!



AIM will be hosting their Second Annual Wine Tasting on April 2nd. Plan to attend and bring your friends. There will be some sweet deals. Watch for more information coming soon.



Watermelon Days August 5-6, 2016



City-Wide Garage Sale 1st weekend of June



Summer Reading Program starts in June....Contact Cathy for more details

Stop and Smell the Roses

Or at least slow down and smell the Roses. "You can complain because Roses have thorns, or you can rejoice, because thorns have Roses." ~ Ziggy. Life moves fast. Life is filled with distractions, the latest craze, the latest TV show, and the latest gadget. Slow down and stop for a minute to smell the roses.



Welcome all the new fire department officers who were sworn- in on January 18, 2016.

- Dan Rammelsburg - Chief
- Gary Lange - Assistant Chief
- Ben Kurka - EMS Chief
- Mark Lange – Captain
- Matt Rammelsburg – Captain
- Tom Lange – Captain
- Dave Kurka – Captain
- Matt Hacker – Sec/Treasurer

Atkins Fire & First Responders as of 1/1/2016

Member Count: 24
 Avg. Years of Service: 11
 EMS Personnel: 14

Total Calls 2015: 126
 Avg. Number of Personnel per Call: EMS (6) & Fire/Rescue (10)
 Mutual Aid Requested Calls 2015: 12
(Assistance given to other communities)
 Mutual Aid Received 2015: 3
(assistance received from other communities)

Special Thank you to all who volunteer!



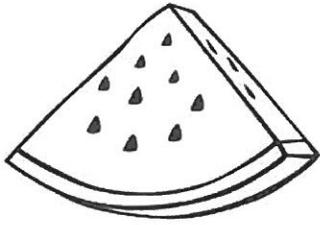
2016 Upcoming Events- Atkins Fire & First Responders

Annual Picnic Fundraiser (April 24th)

Annual Poultry Party Fundraiser (November)

Anyone Interested in becoming a volunteer please contact a member of the fire department for more details

Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing.
 -Pele



**Challenge Your Watermelon Artistic Skills
T-shirt Design contest for Watermelon Days
Watermelon Days August 5-6, 2016**

Design: Watermelon Theme...All drawings must be done on 8 ½ X 11 sheet of paper. You can use up to 6 colors. You can also do your design on the computer and submit disc along with paper copy.

All designs must include date and "Atkins Watermelon Days". All designs must be signed and include phone number. If under 18, parents' permission is needed to use design, if chosen.

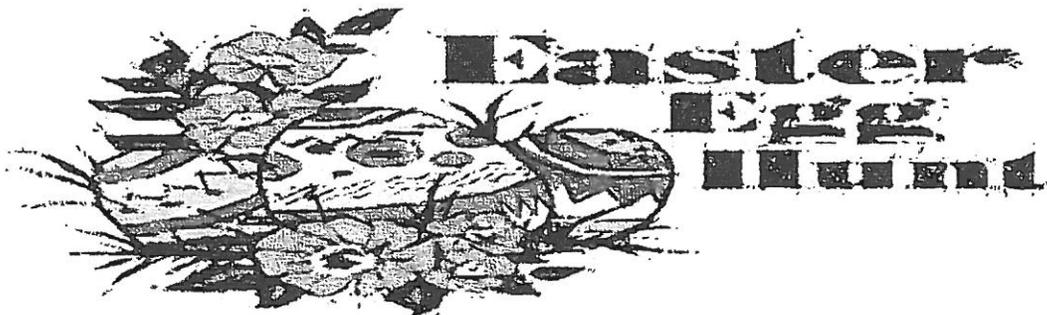
Ages: All Ages

Prize: A free t-shirt and \$25.00. You may choose to have your name on the front!

Deadline: All designs must be submitted by April 25, 2016 to Atkins Public Library

Questions: Contact Cathy Becker at Atkins Public Library @ 319-446-7676

Atkins Community Club members will choose the design



Presented by:

Atkins Women Club

Saturday March 19th, 2016 at 10:00 am

Tell me and I forget...Teach me and I remember... Involve me and I learn.

-Benjamin Franklin



Think Spring!



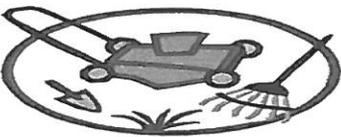
Your permit number will remain the same as last year. All renewal forms are due by **April 15**, along with \$25.00 fee and updated insurance. Renewal stickers can be picked up from City Hall. Please call 319-446-7870 if you have any questions. Remember golf carts are not allowed on the streets after dark, or permitted on Parkridge Road, 33rd Ave, or sidewalks other than to make a direct crossing.



Time of the year that we are seeing more of our four-legged friends out and about town...so remember that all animals must be on a leash. Be kind and remember to **SCOOP THE POOP** when exercising your pet. Also reminder that excessive barking can be disturbing your neighbors...so be kind and neighborly when it comes to your four-legged friend.



Time of year when homeowners are considering building that new deck or garage...maybe adding that new addition...Remember that building permits are required for any structure being built, brought in, or added to your property within the City of Atkins. Stop by City Hall or visit our website www.cityofatkins.org for details and forms.



Now that the snow has started to melt...grass and weeds are starting to grow. Reminder that landscaping should be done periodically so that grass or weeds do not grow over eight (8) inches. Yard tags are available at City Hall if needed for extra yard waste.



Be aware that more bicycles and motorcycles will be out on the road...Be courteous & safe when enjoying the outdoors.

Pineapple Upside-Down Cupcakes

- ½ c butter, melted
- 1 ½ c brown sugar
- 24 maraschino cherries
- 20oz can crushed pineapple
- 18.25oz pkg. pineapple cake mix
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/3 c pineapple juice
- 1/3 c vegetable oil

Preheat oven at 350...spray 24 muffin cup pan with cooking spray. Spoon 1 T. brown sugar & 1 T. melted butter into bottom of each muffin cup. Add 1 cherry and T. of crushed pineapple to cup and press with fork to level out. Mix pineapple cake mix, eggs, oil, and pineapple juice on low speed. Divide batter evenly into muffin cups. Bake @ 20 minutes. Allow cupcakes to cool at least 5 minutes before inverting. Serve with pineapple/cherry side up.

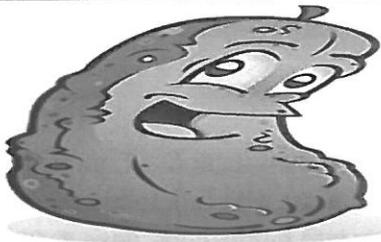
Enjoy your little taste of spring!

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Q. Can February March?
A. No, but April May!

10 Home Maintenance Tips for Spring

After a long, dark winter, spring's bright sun and warm winds are, well, a breath of fresh air. The only downside? All that sunshine spotlights your leaf-filled gutters, cracked sidewalks and the dead plants in last year's flower beds. Dwight Barnett, a certified master inspector with the American Society of Home Inspectors, shared this checklist to help you target the areas that need maintenance so you can get your chores done quickly, leaving you time to go outside and play in the sunshine.

- Check for loose or leaky gutters. Improper drainage can lead to water in the basement or crawl space. Make sure downspouts drain away from the foundation and are clear and free of debris.
- Low areas in the yard or next to the foundation should be filled with compacted soil. Spring rains can cause yard flooding, which can lead to foundation flooding and damage. Also, when water pools in these low areas in summer, it creates a breeding ground for insects.
- Use a screwdriver to probe the wood trim around windows, doors, railings and decks. Make repairs now before the spring rains do more damage to the exposed wood.
- From the ground, examine roof shingles to see if any were lost or damaged during winter. If your home has an older roof covering, you may want to start a budget for replacement. The summer sun can really damage roof shingles. Shingles that are cracked, buckled or loose or are missing granules need to be replaced. Flashing around plumbing vents, skylights and chimneys need to be checked and repaired by a qualified roofer.
- Examine the exterior of the chimney for signs of damage. Have the flue cleaned and inspected by a certified chimney sweep.
- Inspect concrete slabs for signs of cracks or movement. All exterior slabs except pool decks should drain away from the home's foundation. Fill cracks with a concrete crack filler or silicone caulk. When weather permits, power-wash and then seal the concrete.
- Remove firewood stored near the home. Firewood should be stored at least 18 inches off the ground at least 2 feet from the structure.
- Check outside hose faucets for freeze damage. Turn the water on and place your thumb or finger over the opening. If you can stop the flow of water, it is likely the pipe inside the home is damaged and will need to be replaced. While you're at it, check the garden hose for dry rot.
- Have a qualified heating and cooling contractor clean and service the outside unit of the air conditioning system. Clean coils operate more efficiently, and an annual service call will keep the system working at peak performance levels. Change interior filters on a regular basis.
- Check your gas- and battery-powered lawn equipment to make sure it is ready for summer use. Clean equipment and sharp cutting blades will make yardwork easier.



**We'd be in a
PICKLE
without you!**

Thank you for all of your hard
work and dedication.

Special Thanks to Mike Jennings and Todd Damon for everything you do!!!

Q. What season is it when you are on a trampoline?

A. Spring-time!

2nd annual Raise a Glass for Atkins

Atkins Improvement Mission is hosting a wine tasting fundraiser.

Saturday April 2nd, 2016 7:00pm

7:00 - 8:30 pm - Tasting
8:30 - Live Dessert
Auction, &
Cash Bar

Admission: \$25 per person
Seating limited to 120 people
"6 per table"

Pre-registration Required

Bottles of wine will be available for purchase to drink there and or take home.

Casual Black and White Attire suggested.

Please RSVP by March 25th, 2016

For more information contact Atkins Library at 319-446-7676 or Atkins Savings Bank 319-446-7700

___ Yes, I am/we are excited to come! ___ Number of people attending

___ No, I am not able to come but would like to donate towards the bathrooms at the soccer park.

Please return this portion, along with admission fee, by March 25th, 2016 to: Atkins Improvement Mission,
PO Box 104, Atkins, IA 52206

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

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CIVIC INFORMATION

Atkins City Hall

City Clerk-Amber Bell
Deputy- DaShawn Wilson
480 3rd Avenue
Atkins, IA 52206-0171
(319) 446-7870
(319) 446-6003 (fax)

City Hall Hours

Monday to Friday
7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Department of Public Works

Water & Sewer
Mike Jennings
Todd Damon
(319) 446-7870

Atkins Post Office

(319) 446-7272
Connie Drahos

Pavilion Rental

(319) 446-7676

Atkins Public Library

Cathy Becker
Vicky Myers
(319) 446-7676

Fire Department

Fire Chief – Dan Rammelsberg
(319) 446-7400

Mayor- Dave Becker

City Council- Diane Herman, Kevin Korsmo, Tim Harbach, Nathan Shepard, and Rodney Haerther. Council meetings First and Third Monday, each month, 7:30 PM, New City Hall
Council meeting minutes available at post office, city hall and on line at www.cityofatkins.org

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