

**Bruce Visser, Mayor**

**Council meetings 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 7:30 pm @ City Hall**

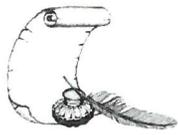
**City Council: Joey Svejda, Tim Harbach, Heather Rinderknecht, Rodney Haerther, & Robert Spading**

**City Hall: 319-446-7870 M-F 7:30-12 & 1-4**

**Library: 319-446-7676 M-F 10am-noon & 1-6 Sat. 9am-12**

**All city information, forms, newsletters, and contacts can be found online at [www.cityofatkins.org](http://www.cityofatkins.org)**

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***Hello from the Mayor's office!*** I want to introduce myself and the City Council and let you know to watch this space for items in the future from the Mayor and Council. Your City Council has been busy since January 1, and I give a high five to them for jumping on this work of the City. Here are some highlights.

Mayor and Council Training is underway with first training in November last year and another section the first of January. The Council is taking part in the Municipal Leadership Academy training offered by the Iowa League of Cities. This is good information. You might ask your Council member what they have learned! More training is coming up.

*City Budget* process is under way for FY19, this covers the July 1 2018 to June 30 2019. **A public hearing to receive comments and a Council vote on the FY19 budget is set for February 19, 7:30 pm at City Hall.** This budget includes input from all the departments of the City, and the City Comprehensive plan. Council has held four meetings so far in January which discussed the budget inputs. A new item this year is the Capital Improvement section. This information goes out 6 years to look forward for larger items that need savings set in place. While not an official part of the budget it is a good planning tool. I appreciate the time and effort the City Staff has put toward the budget work. There was input from the Water, Streets, Library, Fire, Wastewater, Engineering, Legal, Parks, and the Clerk's office. All around a great job.

**I will be at City Hall on some Saturday mornings from 9am to 10am if you would like to stop and talk. Watch for a schedule at the Library.**

Regards,  
Bruce Visser, Mayor.

***Atkins Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church***

***Invites You To The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual***

***"Valentine Dinner"***

***Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 4:30-7:30 PM***



***Menu Selections:***

*\*Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breast or Orange Glazed Pork Loin \*Baked Potatoes or Seasoned Rice*

*\*Green Beans or Buttered Corn \*Salad, Beverage and Choice of Dessert*

***Call for Reservations: 981-6060***

*Costs: \$10 Adult, \$20 per Couple, \$5 Child*

*Proceeds Go To: **Atkins Helping Hands Food Pantry***



**Support Benton Blue Sox 10U Baseball!**

Mention **Blue Sox** when you check out to help support the team.

**Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm**

**Pizza Ranch 2450 Westdale Dr. SW Cedar Rapids, IA**

**15% of Food Sales and Tips go to the Team**



**Per City of Atkins Code 136.03 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE, AND ACCUMULATIONS.**

It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice, or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the cost against the property owner for collection in the manner as property tax.

**I'm Not Going Outside**



**Until The Temperature Is Above My Age.**



**Book Club** will meet on **Monday, February 12 at 2:00.** The book for this month is "Whisper No Lies" by Cindy Gerard, an Iowa author.

**Nerf gun games - February 14 and February 28 from 3:30 to 4:30.**

**New in the library: Reference:** Murder, Interrupted-Patterson; Home Sweet Murder-Patterson; In Shock-Awdish; The Big Book of Pressure Cooker Recipes-Hahn; Fire and Fury-Wolff

**Adult Fiction:** The Immortalist-Chloe; The Stolen Angel-Blaedel; The Running Girl-Blaedel; The Ex-Burke; The Wife-Burke; The Woman in the Window-Finn; Twisted-Hardt; Timecaster-Konrath; White Russian-Konrath; Promise Not to Tell-Krentz, Everything I Never Told You-Ng; Little Fires Everywhere-Ng; Reckless Disregard-Rotstein; The Bomb Maker's Son-Rotstein; The Women in the Castle-Shattuck; Map of the Heart-Wiggs; Unbound-Woods

**CD:** Bandit's Trail-Brand; Robicheaux-Burke

**DVD:** Constantine complete series; The Django collection; The Doris Day and Rock Hudson comedy collection; The Green Hornet; Guardians; Invincible; The Magicians season 1 & 2; Mash season 2 & 4; The Polar Express; Stargate Atlantis

**EASY:** How to Find an Elephant-Banks; The Wolf, the Duck & the Mouse-Barnett; That is my Dream! -Hughes; Creepy Pair of Underpants-Reynolds

**Junior Fiction:** Spider-man-Bendis; Black Panther-Coates; Ben Franklin's in my Bathroom! -Fleming; First Team-Green; Dog Man and Cat Kid-Pilkey; March-Lewis; the following are all by author Erin Hunter-Warriors Super Edition series, Warriors Field Guide series, Warriors Omen of the Star series, Warriors Power of Three series, Battles of the Clan and The Untold Stories

**Young Adult:** A Distant Heart-Dev; My Side of the Mountain-George; Grip of the Shadow Plague-Mull; Secrets of the Dragon Sanctuary-Mull; Pegasusseries-O'Hearn

**Check out the Atkins Library website!** We are learning as we go so please be patient. Let us know if there is information you would like to see included. We will be adding a link to the Library catalog soon. You can access the website either thru the city website [www.cityofatkins.org](http://www.cityofatkins.org) or at [www.atkins.lib.ia.us](http://www.atkins.lib.ia.us).



**Atkins Elementary**  
**Kindergarten and Preschool Registration**  
Monday, March 5th @ Atkins Elementary Gym  
Registration will be from **4:00 – 6:00pm**  
*Please bring proof of age*



The **Atkins Community Club** would like to congratulate the winners in the **Christmas Lights for 2017!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Paul Betterton**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jim Crawford**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Mark Grau**

**Honorable Mention: ~ Jennifer Shurtz ~ Shawn Becker ~ Adam Williams**

*Thank You*

**Atkins Comedy Night**

**Thank You** to everyone who came out to the Legion to support the 38 Fire Club.

Every one of our members greatly appreciates your support!

We look forward to making this a yearly tradition!

**For more details on upcoming events**

**Check us out on our Facebook Page under**

**38 Fire Club**



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Saturday, March 10, 2018**  
**AIM 4th Annual Wine Tasting Event**

