



CITY OF ATKINS NEWS

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480 3RD AVENUE, ATKINS, IA 52206

SUMMER, JULY 2022

COMMUNITY EVENTS

July 23, Citywide Cleanup

**August 6, ACC Watermelon Days
& FIREWORKS at dusk!**



YARD WASTE PICKUP

Runs **April through October**. Set your yard waste out every Wednesday. You may use yard waste bags, you can bundle sticks with string (not plastic or metal) or you can use your own container marked with a "Y".

It must be under 40 lbs.

Next pickup is **July 20, 2022**

CITYWIDE CLEANUP

July 23, 2022, 7-11 a.m.

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1. Review the list of items that will and will not be accepted on the city's website at cityofatkins.org.
2. Load your items in your vehicle and bring them up to the Fire Station Parking Lot.
3. You must bring help to unload your items.



THINGS TO DO

- * Baseball/Softball
- * Basketball
- * Community events
- * Disc golf
- * Fishing
- * Gaga Ball
- * Pickleball
- * Playgrounds
- * Soccer
- * **VOLUNTEER!!!**
- * Walking trail

THANK YOU

for signing up for the NEW online bill pay!

You can get your monthly bill sent right to your email, manage your way to pay, sign up for paperless billing, see your balance due, water usage and more! If you haven't signed up yet, please do so on the city website:

<http://www.cityofatkins.org/online-bill-pay/>

ONLINE BILL PAY STATISTICS:

Number of city bill accounts: 772

Number of Invoices created monthly: 772

Number of accounts registered to date: 385

Number of accounts now registered through AutoPay: 259

Reminder: If you were previously on auto pay, please use above link to set up on line user account, input payment method and turn on Auto Pay

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Registration is required for:

Chickens & Golf Carts, registration fee is \$25 annually

Building permits are required in city limits for:

Fence, shed, garage, sidewalk, driveway, decks, patios, new construction, pools, additions, roofs, demolition, plumbing, furnace, etc. Call City Hall at 319-446-7870 for more information and to obtain a permit.

Pavilion Rentals

Park pavilion \$55, Soccer pavilion \$35. Call the library at 319-446-7676 for more information.

Council meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Meetings begin at 6:30pm. If you have an item that you would like to discuss at a meeting, please contact City Hall at 319-446-7870. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.

More information can be found on our website:

<http://www.cityofatkins.org>

Follow us on Facebook:

The City of Atkins Iowa

New Rates Effective July 1, 2022

Garbage:

Standard \$20.08 Family \$23.16 Light \$16.56
Extra Light \$15.40

Water:

Minimum (1,500 gallons and less) \$26.25

Usage over 1,500 gallons is \$6.80 per 1000 gallons

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all who came out to learn about the preliminary building plans for our new Fire Station on June 21! Those who attended had a great time, took the opportunity to get some questions answered and were able to talk to the architect!

The kids enjoyed seeing the fire & first responders and climbing in our new fire engine.

For more details on the Fire Station Rebuild, visit the City of Atkins website:

<http://www.cityofatkins.org/fire-station-rebuild-information>



Shown above preliminary plans for future Atkins Fire Dept.

The original City Hall building was built in 1923 and still stands today. It is used by our Public Works Department. Located on 1st Street.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WATERMELON DAY!

The Atkins Community Club needs your help to make this year's Watermelon Day event successful! Helpers should be 14 years of age or older. Help is needed for the following activities:

- **Bakers** on Saturday morning, Aug 6 you can donate a pie and drop off at the Park Pavilion in the morning. Please no cream pies due to the heat.
- Work the **kids games** on Saturday, Aug 6 (use links provided to sign up)
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4daba72ea2fb6-2022>
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4daba72ea2fb6-20221>
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4daba72ea2fb6-20222>
- **Set-up** on Thursday, Aug 4 at 6:30 p.m. Just show up at the park!
- **Tear-down** on Sunday, Aug 7 at 8:00 a.m. Just show up at the park!

If interested, please contact Christy at 319-446-6022 or

cdamon07@gmail.com.



WATERMELON DAY T-SHIRTS!

The Atkins Community Club Watermelon Day t-shirts are available for purchase at City Hall. T-shirts are \$15 each and checks can be made out to "Atkins Community Club". We will also be selling t-shirts on Watermelon Day Saturday, August 6th at the park!



WATERMELON DAYS 2022 SPONSORS

ATKINS SAVINGS BANK & TRUST
CITY OF ATKINS
CASSILL MOTORS
TAMI TIMM - CBH REALTY

ATC COMMUNICATIONS
DEN-KER TRUCKING INC.
THE DEPOT EXPRESS
BLOOMSBURY FARM

BOBBY T'S BAR & GRILL
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES
ATKINS LUMBER CO
DEAN HAERTHER FARMS LLC

D & N FENCE CO. INC.
KETELSEN RV
LENN CO-OP OIL CO
MIKE WAGNER CONST. LLC
SCHANBACHER ACRES DAIRY
TECHNO GRAPHICS
WIRTANEN CONCRETE
NEWMALL FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC

EARLY BEGINNINGS
KURICHEK & HOUGE
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SCHMIDKE EQUIPMENT
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MORITZ SERVICE & REPAIR
VAN PETER INC.





CITY OF ATKINS

GOLF CART SAFETY ON ATKINS CITY STREETS

- ◆ City of Atkins Golf Cart owners must abide by both State of Iowa and City of Atkins laws.
- ◆ **Failure to obey these laws may result in traffic violations, as well as civil penalties up to \$750 for the first offense, and up to \$1,000 for repeat offenses.**
- ◆ Golf carts must be registered through City Hall to use on city streets. Registered Golf Carts will receive a City issued sticker to be placed on your golf cart for registration verification.
- ◆ All drivers must have a valid drivers license and be sixteen (16) years of age.
- ◆ You must carry proof of insurance.
- ◆ Golf Carts must have a slow moving vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag.
- ◆ Golf cart must be equipped with adequate brakes.
- ◆ Golf carts shall not operate on Parkridge Road, 33rd Avenue, sidewalk, or a city street that is a primary road extension through the city.
- ◆ Golf Carts are only allowed to cross Parkridge Road, 33rd Ave. or a primary road extension. You may not drive on these roads.
- ◆ Hours of operation are sunrise to sunset.
- ◆ All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Off Road Utility Vehicles (UTVs) are not permitted on any of the City of Atkins streets.
- ◆ You may not operate a golf cart in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner as to endanger any person or property of another.
- ◆ You may not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while operating a golf cart.
- ◆ For a complete list of laws, please visit the State of Iowa website: [321.247.pdf \(iowa.gov\)](#) and the City of Atkins website: [Permits and Forms \(cityofatkins.org\)](#)

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.247)

(City of Atkins code of ordinances, Chapter 62, #185 to Amend Ordinance #179)

Atkins Citywide Cleanup

July 23, 7-11 a.m.

At the Atkins Fire Station Parking Lot, 91 Railroad Street, Atkins, IA

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1. Review the list of items that will and will not be accepted.
2. Load your items in your vehicle and bring them up to the Fire Station Parking Lot.
3. **You must bring help to unload your items.**

Items accepted FREE of Charge:

- Furniture, mattress/box springs, sofas, chairs
- Lawn mowers (gasoline & oil must be removed)
- Scrap metal, bicycles
- Carpet (4' x 4' sections rolled & bundled)
- Large toys
- Swing sets (dismantled & under 4' in length)
- Flat screen TV Monitors (under 19")
- Small household printers

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Items with a disposal fee: (cash/check ONLY)

- Computer monitors \$5
- TV/Monitors (larger than 20") \$5
- Appliances, small \$5, large \$10
- Large copiers, small \$5, large \$10
- Small LP gas tanks (20 lb. and under) \$5

Items NOT ACCEPTED:

- Appliances that are filled with food
- Air conditioners
- Large propane tanks
- Tires
- Household recycling items
- Household garbage
- Yard waste/soil/tree stumps
- **Construction materials of any kind**
- Hazardous waste (gasoline, oil, oil filters, paints, solvents)
- Railroad ties
- Cardboard
- Items too large for one person to handle (**or bring help**)





ATKINS WATERMELON DAY SCHEDULE

ATKINS COMMUNITY CLUB

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH 2022

FREE WATERMELON AT THE CITY PARK WHILE IT LASTS!

(Compliments of Cassill Motors and Tami Timm -CBH Realty)

| TIME | ACTIVITY | LOCATION |
|-------------------|--|--|
| 9:00AM - 3:00PM | GORDY NELSON MEMORIAL CAR SHOW - Registration \$10 (8am-12pm). Awards at 3pm. Contact Dan @ 319-241-2747 or 38fireclub@gmail.com | Soccer Fields |
| 10:00AM - 3:00PM | VENDOR FAIR / DIRECT SALES | Grassy area north of City Hall/Library |
| 11:00AM | TOWN PARADE - Registration 9-10:30am at the corner of Atkins School. Contact Karey @ 319-423-2548 | See map for route |
| 11:00AM - ? | FOOD TRUCKS (Opal & Hazel's Wood Fired Pizza, Smiley's Soup & Sandwiches, Boulevard Grill) | On 2nd Ave west of City Park |
| 11:00AM - 11:00PM | BEER TENT - Featuring the new beer, "If You Brew It" from the TapHaus. | City Hall/Library Parking Lot |
| 11:30AM - 5:00PM | KIDS RIDES & FAIR GAMES (Games end 4pm, rides 5pm) (\$20 wristband unlimited rides/games or \$1 per ticket) (H & H Fun Rides, ACC Barrel Train, Benton Band Boosters Dunk Tank & Snow Cones, and more!) | City Park |
| 11:30AM - 6:00PM | ICE CREAM SOCIAL by St. Stephen's Lutheran Church | City Park Pavilion |
| 11:30AM - ? | FAIR FOOD (funnel cakes, cotton candy & hot dogs) by Helping Hands Food Pantry | City Park Pavilion |
| NOON | ATKINS AMERICAN LEGION POST #217 - PRESENTATION OF COLORS WITH ATKINS COMMUNITY BAND | City Park Basketball court |
| NOON - 4:00PM | BINGO (air conditioned) by Atkins Women's Club | City Hall - Council Chambers |
| NOON | ADULT BAGS TOURNAMENT - Registration begins 10:30am. 2 person teams/\$20 per team. Must be 16+ | City Hall - Beer Tent |
| NOON | KIDS BAGS AREA - just for fun | City Park Basketball court |
| 1:00PM | KIDS HAY BALE TOSS - Sign up at TICKET TENT before 1pm | City Park Basketball court |
| 2:00PM | WATERMELON EATING & SPITTING CONTEST - Sign up at TICKET TENT before 2pm | City Park Basketball court |
| 2:00PM - 4:30PM | MUSIC BY HUDSON & OVERLY | City Hall - Beer Tent |
| 3:00PM | WATERMELON BOWLING - Sign up at TICKET TENT before 3pm | City Park Basketball court |
| 4:00PM | BALLOON TOSS - Sign up at TICKET TENT before 4pm | City Park Basketball court |
| 6:00PM | KIDDIE PARADE - Meet at GAGA PIT @ 5:45pm | City Park Gaga Pit |
| 6:00PM - 11:00PM | POST PROM CONCESSIONS (Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs & brats) | City Hall - Beer Tent |
| 6:30PM | COW PIE BINGO - WIN \$1,000 - Contact Atkins Fire Department or Atkins Community Club members for tickets. \$10 each. Tickets for sale at TICKET TENT until sold out. | City Hall Basketball court |
| 6:30PM - 11:00PM | MUSIC BY MEADOWLAND - MAIN STAGE | City Hall - Beer Tent |
| DUSK | FIREWORKS!!! - Sponsored by Atkins Savings Bank & City of Atkins | Soccer Fields |

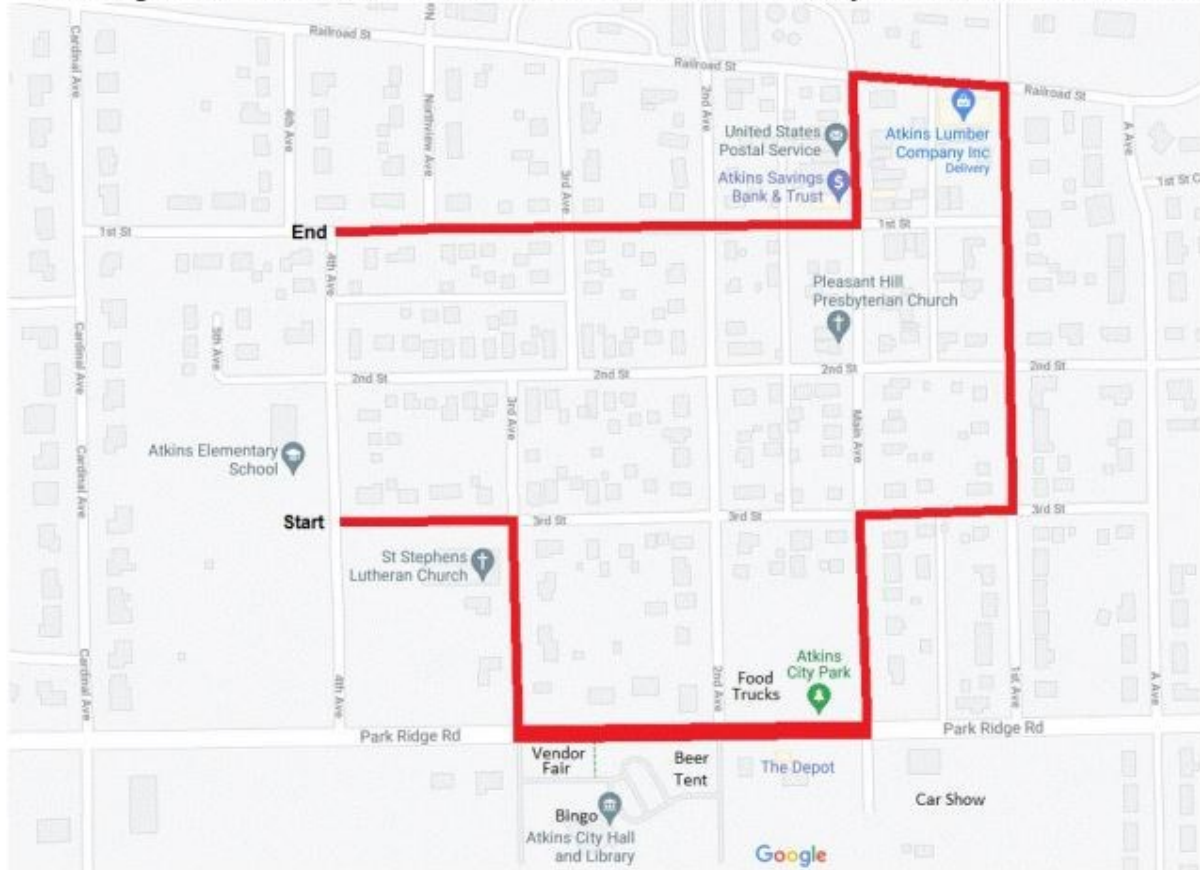
**All funds raised at Watermelon Days benefit our Atkins community.
Thank you for your support!**



WATERMELON DAY PARADE ROUTE

ATKINS COMMUNITY CLUB
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH 2022

**** Parkridge Road and Second Avenue intersection will be CLOSED before the Parade until 11:00 PM ****



WATERMELON DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

BAKING - Calling all Bakers!!! Please consider donating a pie or two for the "Ice Cream Social". Please drop off at the Park Pavilion Saturday AM. Please **no** cream pies due to the heat.

SET-UP / TEAR-DOWN – Help is needed at the park for set-up on Thursday August 4^h at 6:30pm and for tear-down on Sunday August 7th at 8AM.

GAMES AND RIDES - Please consider donating your time on Saturday! Click on the signupgenius.com link on our Facebook page or contact Christy Damon at cdamon07@gmail.com.

WATERMELON DAYS T-SHIRTS are available for \$15 each at Atkins City Hall or at the ticket tent in the City Park on Watermelon Days.

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August 6, 2022
16th Annual Gordy Nelson Memorial Car Show
Hosted by the Atkins 38 Fire Club



Registration 8-12
Rewards at 3

\$10 Entry Fee

Awards for Top 40
Special Awards for:

Best of Show
Fire Dept Choice
Tractor



Best Paint
Motorcycle
Special Interest

Located at the soccer fields under the water tower

For more [information](#) please contact Dan Cross at 319-241-2747 or 38FireClub@gmail.com

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Brats, Chips, Candy, Water & Lemonade available for purchase

CITY OF ATKINS
P.O. Box 171
ATKINS, IA 52206

WASTE PICKUP REMINDERS FOR WEEKLY TRASH

GARBAGE:

Only regular household waste.

NO PAINT OR OIL.

No hazardous waste.

No construction waste or metal items.

All items must be within the provided cart.

All items must be set out by 6AM on pick up day.

Items must be broken down in a manner that allows the lid to shut.

Items outside cart will not be picked up without a tag.

Additional garbage tags can be purchased at City Hall for \$1.50 each.

YARD WASTE:

All items must be set out by 6AM on pick up day.

Pickup runs April through October.

Pickup is every Wednesday.

You may use yard waste bags, bundle sticks with string (not plastic or metal), or you can use your own container marked with a "Y".

Container must be under 40 lbs.

RECYCLING:

Recycled items must be clean and dry.

All items must be within the provided cart.

All items must be set out by 6AM on pick up day.

Accepted recycling items:

- Plastic bottles & containers
 - Food & beverage cans
 - Paper
- Flattened cardboard & paperboard
 - Food & beverage cartons

Items not accepted:

- Food or liquids
 - Styrofoam
 - Clothing
- Furniture & carpet
 - Plastic bags

