

**Atkins Community Club**  
**P.O. Box 279**  
**Atkins, Iowa 52206**

The Atkins Community Club would like to introduce our self to you. There are many organizations that our great community has to offer. We would like to tell you a little about ours.

Our club takes great pride in the community and believes we can and do make a difference! We are a non-profit volunteer organization that raises funds to assist or improve on the various needs of our community.

We do a variety of fun events! We organize and host the town's annual celebration, Watermelon Days. It is our only fundraiser and is always a great time. A few other activities that we do annually are the Halloween, and the Christmas party for the community. We light the tree in the city park at the beginning of December and we have an outside Christmas lighting contest. Unfortunately, the Memorial Hall, where we host some of the events, and the tree in the city park were damaged during the Derecho in August of 2020. We have had to make changes with the Halloween and Christmas party.

A few projects we have done in the last years were: donated \$8,000.00 to AIM towards the soccer field concession/bathroom, \$1,500 for new Christmas decorations, \$200 toward the Atkins Fun Day at the Kernels', \$2,500 towards a city sidewalk, \$3,346.00 for Frisbee golf equipment, \$5,000 to the Atkins Elementary Playground and we pledged a four-year donation totaling \$20,000 for the town's city hall and library. We paid \$4,000 toward the purchase of a new air conditioning/furnace at the park pavilion. We also purchased three sets of moveable bleachers for our local recreation department. We donated towards putting air conditioning in at the Atkins Legion, donated 25 tables and a chair cart to the legion. We purchased two picnic tables and one handicap accessible table for the soccer park pavilion.

In addition to this, our community club donates \$300 on a quarterly basis for our town's Helping Hands Food Pantry, and a yearly donation of \$400 to the Billy K. Murray Band. We make annual donations to the Benton Band Boosters, football, cross country and post prom. Also to the 4-H group, and cubs scouts scouts. We have donated money to the public and school library and we give three to five Benton Seniors a \$300 scholarship. We help a family during the Christmas season. We also have contributed to other organizations upon request.

We would be thrilled to have you join and help with new ideas. Our meetings are at 6:30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at the city hall. What a wonderful way to get to know people and help your new town all at the same time!

**Upcoming Events for 2022**

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| -Watermelon Days<br>(City Park)          | August 6, 2022 |
| -Children's Halloween Costume<br>Judging | TBD            |
| -Light the Night Parade                  | TBD            |

**Atkins Community Club Officers**

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| President       | Kevin Korsmo    | 446-7013 |
| Vice -President | Dick Lange      | 446-7818 |
| Treasurer       | Mike Wagner     | 446-7138 |
| Secretary       | Christine Damon | 446-6022 |