



Cedar County COVID-19 Newsletter May 8, 2020 Volume 1: Issue 2

CEDAR COUNTY AUDITOR

Due to COVID-19, Auditor Dauber has decided to relocate the voting in office location and combine polling locations on election day.

Voting in person (absentee voting) will be available at 501 Lynn Street, Tipton due to the Courthouse being closed to the public.

Voting in-person starts on May 4th.
The last day to vote in person is June 1st.
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Monday to Friday
Saturday, May 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Polling locations for the Primary Election on June 2, 2020 are as follows:

- Cedar County Courthouse, 400 Cedar St., Tipton** – Cass/Center/Iowa/Rochester Townships and Tipton 1, 2, 3 Precincts
- Durant Community Center, 606 5th Ave., Durant** – Inland and Farmington/Sugar Creek Townships
- Stanwood School Gym, 102 E North St., Stanwood** – Dayton/Fairfield, Fremont/Red Oak, Linn/Pioneer, and Massillon/Springfield Townships
- West Branch Town Hall, 113 North 1st St., West Branch** – Gower/Springdale Township and West Branch 1 Precinct.

Auditor Dauber is encouraging all voters to take advantage of the opportunity to vote by mail for safety precautions. Anyone with questions concerning the election should contact the Auditor’s Office at 563-886-3168.

CEDAR COUNTY TREASURER:

If your vehicle registration is expired or expiring you do not need to renew during this emergency, which currently extends to May 27 in Iowa. However, you can renew your vehicle registration online or by mail. If you purchased a vehicle, you will not need to obtain the title and registration within 30 days. If you purchased your vehicle from a dealer, you will not be required to obtain license plates within 45 days. This will remain in effect until the declared disaster is over. Additionally, the March 31 property tax deadline has been extended through May 27, 2020. You may pay your property taxes through this date with no penalty.

For assistance with vehicle registration or property taxes, you may contact the Treasurer’s Office at 563-886-2557.

CEDAR COUNTY CONSERVATION:

Campgrounds and playgrounds remain closed through May 15th. Reopening date will be determined by Governor Reynolds. Parks are open for day use including hiking, fishing, etc. Please use social distancing recommendations.



WASH YOUR HANDS



CEDAR COUNTY RECORDER:

Please continue to call the office and we will be able to assist you by phone, mail or by utilizing the drop box. Please note that appointments are required, if essential services are needed. *Passport Services Update:* Unless you have a life-or-death emergency, please wait to apply for or renew your passport or you will experience significant delays of several months to receive your U.S. passport and your citizenship evidence documents. If you would like our office to call you once we are able to accept Passport applications again, please call us at 563-886-2230.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE FOR THE CEDAR COUNTY TRANSFER STATION

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, rural Cedar County residents may dispose of household waste between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the grounds of the Cedar County Transfer Station. A container will be available during these hours on the northeast side of the property and residents can dispose of household waste. All refuse MUST be in trash bags; no loose items will be accepted. Again, this service is only for those **rural** Cedar County residents residing outside of a city’s boundary limits. Proof of residency required. For information regarding types of refuse accepted, or other questions regarding waste acceptance during this public health emergency, please call the transfer station at 563-886-6437.

COUNTY OFFICE INFORMATION DURING THE OUTBREAK:

Out of an abundance of caution and in response to COVID-19 and public health concerns, the majority of Cedar County offices are closed to the public, except for the Clerk of Court. If you have questions, you may contact the corresponding offices during regular working hours. Please note that this list is subject to change at any time, without notice. ****THE CLOSURE OF THE CEDAR COUNTY COURTHOUSE WILL BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL AT LEAST MAY 15, 2020*****

- Assessor – 563-886-6413
- Attorney – 563-886-6646
- Auditor – 563-886-3168
- Case Management/Community Services/General Assistance – 563-886-1726
- Adult Probation Officer – 563-886-3349
- Engineer – 563-886-6102
- Environmental Health and Zoning – 563-886-2248
- GIS – 563-331-9022
- Public Health – 563-886-2226
- Recorder – 563-886-2230
- Treasurer – 563-886-2557
- Veteran’s Affairs - 563-886-2170
- Emergency Management – 563-886-3355
- Conservation – 563-886-6930
- Sheriff – 563-886-2121
- Solid Waste/Transfer Station – 563-886-6437

NOTE: There is a drop box for election-related items, driver’s license, vehicle registration, property tax, and other Courthouse related materials. This drop box located directly inside the south east entrance door, and is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We know that these are trying times for everyone. The following resources are available for Cedar County residents:

REPORT ABUSE

Child Abuse – If you suspect a child under the age of 18 is being abused or neglected:

1. If you believe that the child is in imminent danger, CALL 911 immediately
2. Call the Abuse Hotline at 1-800-362-2178, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 - Be ready to provide identifying information and the whereabouts of the child
 - Unless you are a mandatory reporter, you may remain anonymous.

Dependent Abuse – Call the Abuse Hotline at 1-800-362-2178, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

YOUR LIFE IOWA - If you or a loved one are facing a problem with alcohol, drugs, gambling, mental health or suicidal thoughts, you're not alone. That is why the Iowa Department of Public Health has created YourLifelowa.org so Iowans can chat live, text, or call and get reliable information and treatment options, and find nearby help.

- Call: 855-581-8111
- Text: 855-895-8398

CEDAR COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE

There are three kinds of assistance in Cedar County

- ▶ Emergency assistance for needy persons:
- ▶ Assistance for poor persons,
- ▶ Assistance for an extended nature.

Food boxes may be available.

For more information, call 563-886-1726

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Domestic Violence Intervention Program

1105 S. Gilbert Court

Iowa City, Ia. 52240

24/hr. Crisis Line: 1-800-373-1043

DISASTER DISTRESS HELPLINE – Provides immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any disaster, natural or man-made. 1-800-985-5990. You can also text TalkWithUS to 66746 for assistance.

IOWA LEGAL AID - Individuals with questions of a legal nature can call the COVID-19 Legal Information Hotline at 1-800-332-0419.

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - Iowans who may qualify for unemployment due to COVID-19 or under the CARES Act can find information by calling: 1-866-239-0843

COMMUNITY ACTION OF EASTERN IOWA: Do you need help with food, utility bill assistance, crisis assistance, disaster assistance, or other help? Contact Community Action of Eastern Iowa at 563-324-3236

CHILD CARE COMPLAINT HOTLINE

If you have concerns regarding a specific child care provider or child care business that is not meeting Iowa

regulations, call the Iowa Child Care Complaint Hotline at 1-844-786-1296

EASTERN IOWA MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES – It's OK to ask for help!!

- 24-Hour Mobile Crisis Outreach & 24-Hour Crisis Line 1-844-430-0375
- 24 Hour Life Connections Peer Respite Support Line 1-516-688-7484
- MCSA Peer Line and Virtual Groups. Open 8am-5pm M-F 563-200-2742
- Life Connections Peer Line and Virtual Groups. M, T, Th, F: 5pm-10pm, Sat-Sun 12pm-5pm 563-357-6352
- Vera French Peer Drop In- 8am-4pm M-F 563-322-5276
- 24 Hour Crisis Stabilization Residential 563-396-3017

DURANT COMMUNITY – Food boxes available by calling 563-785-6831

FACING FOOD INSECURITY? The HACAP Food Reservoir Mobile Food Pantry can be reached at 319-393-7811 ext. 1089. The Mobile Food Pantries will be in the following Cedar County communities in May:

May 12, 2020 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Bennett Ambulance Service Building; 145 Main Street

May 19, 2020 3:30pm – 4:30pm

West Branch Fire Department, 105 s 2nd Street

RESOURCES FOR PORK PRODUCERS -

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship announced a Resource Coordination Center to help provide technical resources to livestock producers impacted by processing plant closures. This is a coordinated effort with the Iowa Pork Producers Assoc., the Iowa Pork Industry Center, and ISU Extension and Outreach. Iowa livestock producers can call the RCC at (515) 725-1005, Monday - Friday between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or fill out a help form anytime at iowafarmerhelp.com

UTILITY SERVICES

The Iowa Utilities Board issued an Order on March 27, 2020, that restricted the disconnection of utility service to any customers by all electric and natural gas utilities, including municipal, cooperative, and investor-owned, and all investor-owned water utilities until the public health emergency is lifted by Gov. Reynolds. The order also strongly encouraged all water utilities to cease shutoffs of service for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, in 2020, income eligible Iowans have until May 31 to apply for limited financial heating assistance through the LIHEAP program. Contact Community Action of Eastern Iowa for assistance 563-324-3236

REFUGEE ALLIANCE OF CENTRAL IOWA

COVID-19 ELL Help Line is available Monday – Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm at 1-877-558-2609.

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