

MECHANICSVILLE



"HEAVEN AMONGST THE CEDARS"

City Officials

“Heaven Amongst the Cedars”

PO Box 339

100 East First Street

Mechanicsville, IA 52306

Telephone (563) 432-7756 Fax (563) 432-7199

Email: mechanicsville@netins.net

Web page <http://www.cityofmechanicsville.net>

Your City council....

The council consists of five members elected at large for overlapping terms of four years. The Council operates under home rule authority, as provided by the State Code of Iowa. Regular City Council meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings take place at City Hall located at 100 East First Street. All meetings are open to the public. Meeting agendas are posted the Friday before the next scheduled council meeting at City Hall and the Post Office bulletin board.

Mayor...

Boyd A. Stine

The mayor is elected for a term of four years. His current term expires December 31, 2013. The mayor appoints the following officials; Mayor pro-tem, Police Chief and Library Board of Trustees. The mayor is not a member of the Council and may not vote as a member of the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem...

Gene Brown

The Mayor Pro Tem is vice president of the Council. The Mayor Pro Tem shall perform the duties of the Mayor in cases of absence or inability of the Mayor to perform such duties. The Mayor Pro Tem shall have the right to vote as a member of the Council. Term of office expires December 31, 2011.

Council Members....

The council shall appoint the following officials and prescribe their powers, duties, compensation and term of office, City Clerk, City Attorney, City Treasurer, Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Dee Cook

Term of office expires December 31, 2013.

Calvin Paup

Term of office expires December 31, 2013.

Larry Beck

Term of office expires December 31, 2011.

Carla Barnhart

Term of office expires December 31, 2011.

<i>City Clerk</i>	Linda Coppess
<i>Public Works Director</i>	Alan Zerbe
<i>Asst. Public Works</i>	Tom Albaugh
<i>Police Chief</i>	James Barber
<i>Fire Chief</i>	Lonni Koch
<i>Ambulance Coordinator</i>	Kerri Poduska
<i>Librarian</i>	Judy Hartman
<i>City Treasurer</i>	Carol La Mont
<i>City Attorney</i>	Douglas Simkin

The City of Mechanicsville does require a building permit be obtained prior to construction being done on your property. Please stop in City Hall to get permit application. Also, call Iowa One Call before you dig: 1-800-292-8989. A permit is also required for sidewalks and connecting to city water and sewer mains. The planning and zoning commission is appointed by the council and has three basic advisory responsibilities. The council must solicit recommendations from the commission but is not required to follow such recommendations. The three basic responsibilities of the P&Z commission are 1) to prepare the comprehensive plan and the zoning ordinance 2) to give recommendations on proposed changes in zoning or in the comprehensive plan 3) to review and update planning and zoning documents.

Planning & Zoning Commission members

5 year Terms:

<i>Robert Boyd</i>	<i>June 30, 2011</i>
<i>Jim Hohnke</i>	<i>June 30, 2011</i>
<i>Larry Robinson</i>	<i>June 30, 2012</i>
<i>Andrew Oberbreckling</i>	<i>June 30, 2013</i>
<i>Jonathan Logue</i>	<i>June 30, 2010</i>
<i>James Glover</i>	<i>June 30, 2014</i>
<i>Rob Davis</i>	<i>June 30, 2014</i>

The Zoning Board of Adjustments also has three basic responsibilities. The board has no power to change zoning, but does have the power to adjust the law as it applies to a specific piece of property. The board has sole and exclusive power to act and the board's decision does not require approval of the council. Recourse to a decision of the board is through the district court. The board has the power to interpret, the power to grant exceptions and the power to grant a variance.

Board of Adjustments

<i>Jeptha Randolph, Jr.</i>	<i>June 30, 2012</i>
<i>Jim Meyer</i>	<i>June 30, 2013</i>
<i>Jane Malaby</i>	<i>June 30, 2014</i>
<i>Tom Jewell</i>	<i>June 30, 2015</i>
<i>Brian Boots</i>	<i>June 30, 2011</i>

Library

Mechanicsville's Public Library is located on East First Street. There are a variety of books, CD's, videos, and DVD's available as well as computers that are connected to the internet for public use. The Library is managed by 7 Library Board members who are appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council to serve a 3 year term.

Hours:

Mon & Wed ***1:00 – 7:30 p.m.***
Tue, Thu, Fri ***1:00 – 5:00 p.m.***
Fri. ***10:00am - 11:30 am***
Sat. ***9:00 am – 11:00 am***

Library Board

<i>George Patterson</i>	<i>June 30, 2010</i>
<i>Ann Canfield</i>	<i>June 30, 2012</i>
<i>Rob Yost</i>	<i>June 30, 2011</i>
<i>Amy Bishop</i>	<i>June 30, 2012</i>
<i>Lavonne Christianson</i>	<i>June 30, 2010</i>
<i>Michelle Finnegan</i>	<i>June 30, 2011</i>
<i>Gary Doermann</i>	<i>June 30, 2012</i>

The City of Mechanicsville Welcomes You!

Churches:

St. Mary's Catholic Church
302 W. Reeder Street
Phone 432-6236

Presbyterian Church
408 East First Street
Phone: 432-6431

Methodist Church
307 East First Street
Phone 432-7716

Living Hope Bible Church
Phone 432-7258

Clubs and Organizations:

Whatever your interests, we feel we have a variety of clubs, organizations and business associations to meet your needs. Some of them are:

American Legion, Garden Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Girl Scouts, Masons, Boy Scouts, Lions, TOPS-AM/PM, Eastern Star, Economic Development, 4-H, Encore Club, Athletic Boosters, Fire Department, Ambulance Department

Education:

We are very proud of our school district. The cities of Mechanicsville, Stanwood, Clarence and Lowden merged to form the largest school district in Cedar County. Your school district is known as North Cedar.

Grades Pre-K-4 are located in Mechanicsville and Lowden. The middle school is located in Clarence and the high school in Stanwood. The North Cedar Knights carry a banner of silver, purple and teal. Each city hosts different sporting events for the school. A variety of opportunities exist for student participation in art, music, speech, drama and athletics.

Elementary:

Mechanicsville Center 432-6933
Lowden Center, 941-5383

Middle School, Clarence 452-3179

High School, Stanwood 942-3341

Entertainment:

Many annual events happen in Mechanicsville. We have a large July 4th celebration sponsored by the Mechanicsville Fire and Ambulance Volunteers, Lions Club and the City with many of the other clubs participating. A variety of club and school sponsored breakfasts/dinners are held throughout the year. Bingo is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday at the Senior Dining Center (meal at 5:30, bingo at 6:30).

Health:

Mechanicsville has a general practice clinic operated by Iowa Health Physicians which is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

mornings. Shepley Pharmacy from Mt. Vernon will make home deliveries for prescriptions. The Chiropractic Clinic is located on First Street. Hospitals are located in Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Anamosa, and Iowa City. These hospitals are 40 miles or less from Mechanicsville. The Mechanicsville Nursing and Rehab Center is a skilled care center licensed for 69 beds.

Fire and Ambulance Service:

Mechanicsville is served with a volunteer fire department staffed by more than 25 volunteers. The department has a full compliment of fine fire fighting equipment consisting of six trucks – two pumpers, two tankers, one 4-wheel drive rescue truck and one rescue van used to transport equipment.

Ambulance service is also provided by volunteers. The dedicated volunteers consist of paramedics, intermediates, EMT-D's and first responders. The city has two fully equipped ambulances.

Parks and Outdoor Activities:

Mechanicsville has two city parks. Cruse Park at West Second Street and North Madison Street has a picnic shelter and an enclosed shelter that can be rented for activities. A tennis court, basketball court, sand volleyball court, along with playground equipment is located at Cruse Park.

The City of Mechanicsville also maintains the cemetery, city parks and the memorial building. The memorial building and the closed pavilion at Cruse Park can be rented by contacting the City Clerk at City Hall 563-432-7756 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

Pleasant Hill Park located at the corner of No Name Street and East First Street has playground equipment. Summer softball leagues and little league teams keep the cities softball fields busy in the summer.

Senior Citizens:

Pioneer Terrace is our low income or housing for senior citizens. Congregate meals and Meals-on-wheels are available at the Senior Dining Area located in the City Memorial Building. The Bridge Community Bank hosts various senior citizen tours and outings.

General Information:

The following is provided to assist in determining service providers and how to access them. This information may not answer all of your questions about services provided to the citizens of Mechanicsville but we hope it will provide enough information for you to be able to contact the proper place to obtain information. Utilities provided within Mechanicsville are as follows:

Electric and Natural Gas
Alliant Utilities
1-800-822-4348

Water and Sewer
City of Mechanicsville, City Hall
100 East First Street
563-432-7756

US Post Office (Boxes are rented)
200 East First Street
563-432-7104

Telephone and Cable Television
Mechanicsville Telephone Company
107 North John Street
563-432-7221

Refuse Collection
City of Mechanicsville
100 East First Street
563-432-7756

Recyclables

Johnson County Refuse provides our recycling service. Refuse and recyclables are collected at the curb

weekly on Monday. Each resident has been issued 2 bins a RED one and a Green one.

Recycling Guide for Red Recycling Bin

PLASTICS, METAL, GLASS, AND CARDBOARD

Plastics: Plastic bottle and dish containers with the recycle emblem #1-7 on bottom. Containers washed, clean and co-mingled in container. (Milk, water and juice jugs, detergent, soda and pop bottles and film canisters are accepted.)

Metal: Tin and aluminum food and beverage cans. Labels must be removed and washed clean and co-mingled in container.

Glass: Clear, brown, blue and green bottles and jars. All glass must be washed clean and co-mingled in container.

Cardboard: Corrugated or chip-board cardboard. All cardboard must be flattened. Large cardboard cut down into 2'x2' pieces.

Recycling Guide for Green Recycling Bin

Paper ONLY in Green Container.
Paper: Newspaper, Magazines, phonebooks, junk-mail, computer paper and envelopes.

EXAMPLES OF ITEMS THAT ARE NOT RECYCLABLE:

Styrofoam products, plastic bags, toys, broken glass, window or mirror glass, cardboard not broken down, tissue paper and paper plates.

ALL RECYCLABLES MUST BE CLEAN!!!

Anything left in the recycling bin is considered trash. Not all items can be recycled. Please dispose of properly.

The City of Mechanicsville bills each resident for refuse and recyclable collection. These fees are collected along with the water and sewer fees the first of each month. The City of Mechanicsville accepts yard and garden waste at its building at 202 South Fayette Street on the first Saturday of each month April through October.

Siren

The city Siren is sounded each weekday at Noon and again at 6:00 p.m. During an emergency the Siren may be sounded to call emergency personnel to the Fire Station.

TORNADO WARNING: A long continuous siren (for 8 minutes) is sounded when it is necessary to warn the citizens to take cover. There is no all clear siren- so you must be prepared when you take cover to have a portable radio or some means of keeping advised of the weather situation.

Terrorism-High Threat-Orange Level Citizen Actions

- Resume normal activities but expect some delays, baggage searches, and restrictions as a result of heightened security at public buildings and facilities
- Continue to monitor world and local events as well as local government threat advisories
- Report suspicious activities at or near critical facilities to local law enforcement agencies by calling 9-1-1
- Avoid leaving unattended packages or brief cases in public areas
- Inventory and organize emergency supply kits and discuss emergency plans with family members. Reevaluate meeting location based on threat.
- Consider taking reasonable personal security precautions. Be alert to your surroundings, avoid placing yourself in a vulnerable situation, and monitor the activities of your children.
- Maintain close contact with your family and neighbors

REMEMBER: IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 911. BE PREPARED TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. LOCATION OF THE EMERGENCY
2. YOUR NAME
3. WHAT HAPPENED
4. WHAT IS NEEDED

ANIMAL CONTROL

The list below includes items that you could be issued a warning or a citation for regarding animal violations concerning your pet. If a citation is issued by the animal control officer, the fine could be a \$100 plus additional costs incurred for feeding and housing the animal. Please care for and keep control of your pets.

___ANIMAL AT LARGE: Your animal must be on a leash and under effective control when off your property. On your property your animal must be confined by an adequate fence or chain. Animals in common area of apartments, condo's, etc. whether chained or not are considered running at large.

___REQUIRED: All dogs and cats over the age of 6 months must be currently vaccinated with rabies.

___REMOVAL OF EXCREMENT: Animal excrement must be picked up from your property routinely. Your animal's excrement must be immediately removed if deposited on common area, public or another's private property.

___NUMBER OF ANIMALS: Only 3 (three) animals of one species and no more

than a total of 4(four) permitted per street address.

___DANGEROUS/VICIOUS ANIMAL: Your dog is displaying dangerous/vicious tendencies. A bite does not have to occur to constitute a dangerous/vicious animal.

___BARKING DOG: Your dog(s) has caused a disturbance by barking, howling, or yelping.

___NEGLECT: All animals must be fed daily and have water available at all times. Protection from the weather must be provided for all animals left outside. Sick or injured animals must receive veterinary care immediately.

GRASS CLIPPINGS:

It is also a violation of city code to blow grass clippings into the street when mowing. If this happens please sweep them up promptly.

Businesses

Bemer Roofing	319-721-1076	Horner's Antiques and Collectibles	432-6238
Boot's Body Shop	432-6311	205 E First	
104 S. Elm		Jeri's Cut & Curl	432-6367
Bridge Community Bank	432-7291	1926 Co Rd X-40	
200 S Cherry St		JR Construction	432-7450
Bubba's Sports Bar & Grill	432-7200	422 N. Elm	
211 E. First		Jim's Auto Body	432-6331
Cakes by Jeri	432-6367	301 Hwy. 30	
1926 Co Rd X-40		Starbrite Car Wash	
Cakes by Marcia	432-7128	Hwy. 30	
683 Dixon Ave		Kids Club	432-6752
Casey's General Store	432-6938	204 W. South St	
207 S. Madison		Koch's Paint & Lumber Co.	432-7213
Chiropractic Clinic of Mechanicsville	432-7266	105 W. Cedar	
213 E First St		Koch's Well Service	432-7744
Coleen's Home & Garden Party	432-6607	316 E. Fourth St.	
105 N. No Name St		Kuehnle J.L. Law Office	432-6222
Dan's Tires & More	432-6648	222 E First	
114 E First		Kuehnle John CPA	432-6221
Ed's Old Stuff	432-7149	222 E First	
110 N Walnut		Logo Woodwork.com	319-981-1876
Doug Out	432-6644	Lonni's Barber & Styling	432-7715
201 E First		106 E First	
H&H Storage	432-6610	M&N Lawn Service	432-6611
Hanks Construction	981-3531	619 E First	
		Mechanicsville Cablevision	432-7221
		107 N John St	
		Mechanicsville Library	432-7135
		218 E First	

Mechanicsville Nursing & Rehab
104 E 4th St 432-7235

Midwest Appraisers & Liquidators
637 E Oak 432-6419

Morgan Funeral & Cremation
307 N Elms St 432-6234

AgVantage Farm Service
301 S. Cherry 432-7231

New Liberty Livestock Auction
501 E Cedar 432-6266

North Cedar Construction
432-6676 432-6300

Luke Oberbreckling & Sons Concrete
Construction
714 E. First Street 432-7706

Odd Jobber
(power washing, spray painting and tree
work) 432-6693

Perfect Touch
203 E First Street 432-6510

Sandberg John (Builder
105 Country view 432-7493

Seehusen Ins. Agency Inc
118 E First 432-7217

St. Luke's Physicians & Clinics
202 E First 432-7215

Senior Citizens Center
102 N John 432-6334

Silva Concrete Works
308 N Walnut 432-7150

Skogman Realty 319-981-2173
Lisa Alger or lalger@skogman.com

Sue Ellen's Hairstyling
103 N John St 432-6412

Thomas Hall Fine Woodworking
121 E. First St 432-6250

US Post Office
200 E First 432-7104

Ward KA DC
213 E 1st St 432-7266

Watkins Home Products
503 W First 432-6591

Looney's Dining 432-
210 E First

Wyffels Hybrid
306 E Fourth 432-6375