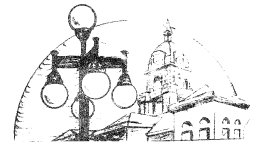


VINTON VIEWPOINT

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Coordinator Notes

The City of Vinton would like to thank everyone who came out to volunteer during the June floods. We did sustain some damage to city and county facilities along with some homes, but we believe the results would have been much worse had we not pulled together like we did and fight the rising waters. Also, many thanks to ICAS and the several volunteers helping with the flood recovery efforts!

Helping One Another

There are a few things you can do to help your fellow residents:

- If you own property that has a sidewalk running along side of it, please help your fellow residents by trimming your trees. The branches should not extend lower than 8 feet over the sidewalk. When branches hang lower, those who use the sidewalk need to walk around the branch. This is especially hard on those who are visually impaired.
- Mow your lawn on a regular basis. It doesn't have to be as short as a golf fairway, but a neat yard that is nicely groomed, really helps to improve the image of a neighborhood.
- Make sure your pets are restrained on your property and under proper control. Again, this helps with safe walking on the sidewalks and keeps the animals from creating a mess on another person's property.

Safe School Crossings

The City of Vinton is working with the Vinton-Shellsburg School District to establish safe routes for walking to school. These routes and crossing points will provide the safest points for children to travel to and from school. **It is important that parents teach their children that they should cross at these locations to ensure their safety!**

The central hub for all bus traffic during the next school year, as established by the school district will be at Washington Middle School. Shuttles will run with the regular buses to move students to and from the different school buildings.

The best place for children to cross C Avenue when going to or from the Middle School or Tilford Elementary will be at the intersection of 16th Street and C Avenue as a school crossing and roll-out stop sign have been placed here. Students who live on the west side of the city and are walking from Tilford Elementary should ride the shuttle (which leaves 10 minutes prior to the dismissal of non-bus students) to the Middle School and cross C Avenue at 16th Street.

Several other locations for crossings have been discussed, but due to safety factors the other locations will not work.

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