



SLATER SCOOP

Slater Community Center & Library Wants Your Feedback!

As we continue the design process, we want the community to have the opportunity to provide as much guidance as possible. Will you help us by filling out our short survey no later than **Tues., Sept. 3**? Two options:

- Scan the QR code below to access & complete the survey.
- Use the paper copy we've included in this edition of the Slater Scoop and return it to city hall.

Your feedback will provide us with information that will help us make this facility meet the needs and wishes of Slater citizens and help us tailor this project to garner the support we need to make this building a cornerstone of our Main Street and our community. We'd like to know how you use the library or would like to, and how you use our community spaces (Log Cabin and Senior Center) or would like to.

With funds from an Iowa Rural Enrichment Grant, our architect, FEH Design is currently working on revised plans for the project incorporating City Hall into our design plan. We have also adjusted the size of the building to align with community feedback, making the overall project more cost-effective. Stay tuned for more details and revised floor plans in September.

Fundraising events such as the upcoming Golf Tournament and Gather Farm-To-Table Meal keep adding to the \$2+ million raised, donated, and pledged to the project by our community and our city.

In November, we will be asking Slater citizens to vote on a \$2.5 million bond. Passing a bond for a portion of the costs of the building will move us to the next step in funding: grant writing. Continued fundraising, a passed bond, and grants will allow us to be shovel-ready as soon as possible. Additional information on the bond will also be communicated in September.



Scan QR Code to take the survey no later than Tues., Sept. 3.

Slater Public Community Center & Library

The City of Slater is asking for your input on the redesign of the current facility or the construction of a new Community Center and Public Library. The current library building does not have enough space to keep up with the demand for events, programs, collections and technology. There is a clear need for construction of a new building to meet the community's needs for the next 20+ years. There is also a clear need for a larger community center to meet the needs of the town.

1. Do you reside in Slater?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

2. What is your age?

- ☐ 18-25
- ☐ 26-39
- ☐ 40-59
- ☐ 60+

3. Did you vote on the last November Community Center & Library bond referendum question?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

4. If Yes, how did you vote?

- ☐ Yes, in favor
- ☐ No, opposed

5. How often do you or your immediate family use the Slater Public Library services or attend programs?

- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Never

6. How often do you or your immediate family use or visit the Log Cabin and/or Senior Center?

- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Never

7. In what ways does the Slater Public Library provide value to you and the community as a user?

- ☐ Utilize meeting room space
- ☐ Attend programs for children
- ☐ Attend programs for teens
- ☐ Attend programs for families
- ☐ Attend programs for adults
- ☐ Use computers/printer/fax machine/scanner/copier
- ☐ Use the WIFI.
- ☐ Check out fiction/nonfiction books.
- ☐ Check out DVDs/movies
- ☐ Play space for children/families
- ☐ Use digital services such as Libby and Hoopla for items such as e-books and e-audiobooks
- ☐ Check out magazines
- ☐ Read newspapers
- ☐ Studying/Tutoring/Test Proctoring
- ☐ Get Support with ebooks and databases
- ☐ Relax, read, socialize with others
- ☐ I do not use the Library
- ☐ Other please specify

8. Are there other community services that you wish the library would provide? (Please select all that apply)

- ☐ Local History
- ☐ Genealogy
- ☐ Tutoring rooms
- ☐ Larger play area for children
- ☐ Larger collection
- ☐ Quiet seating areas
- ☐ Maker space (innovation, creative lab)
- ☐ Group study rooms.
- ☐ Larger meeting room (over 40 people)
- ☐ Teen Space
- ☐ Technology rentals
- ☐ Outdoor space for programming
- ☐ Outdoor community patio/garden
- ☐ Dedicated Children's programming room
- ☐ Other please specify

9. Are you aware the current 3,648 square foot library building is 4,640 square feet less than the size the national standard recommends for the service population which comes to 8,705 square feet?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

10. Do you support a project which includes the nationally recommended Library space of 8,705?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

11. The current Senior Center is able to hold events for approximately 30 people, and the Log Cabin is able to hold events for approximately 60 people. Do you support a project which includes a Community Center which can hold events of approximately 200 people?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

12. Did you know that since the effort first began in 2019, the project has undergone a re-design process in 2024 to reduce the size and cost of the facility and to incorporate additional City services into the building?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

13. What amount would you consider contributing to a capital campaign for the Community Center & Library?

- ☐ \$1 – \$99
- ☐ \$100 – \$999
- ☐ \$1,000 – \$9,999
- ☐ \$10,000 – \$99,999
- ☐ \$100,000 +
- ☐ None

14. Please provide any general comments about the community center and library's future.



Fall 2024



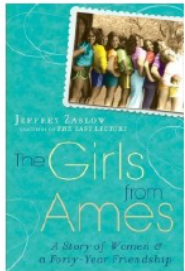
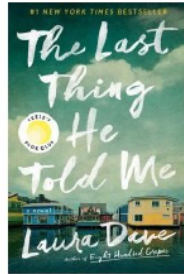
105 N Tama 515-228-3558 www.slaterlibrary.org
Hours: M-TH 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-noon

Book Club

The book club selection for September is *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. Discussion will be on Thursday, September 19 at 10 a.m.

Overview: Before Owen Michaels disappears, he smuggles a note to his beloved wife of one year: *Protect her*. Despite her confusion and fear, Hannah Hall knows exactly to whom the note refers—Owen's sixteen-year-old daughter, Bailey. Bailey, who lost her mother tragically as a child. Bailey, who wants absolutely nothing to do with her new stepmother.

As Hannah's increasingly desperate calls to Owen go unanswered, as the FBI arrests Owen's boss, as a US marshal and federal agents arrive at her Sausalito home unannounced, Hannah quickly realizes her husband isn't who he said he was. And that Bailey just may hold the key to figuring out Owen's true identity—and why he really disappeared.



We will be going on our annual book club trip on Tuesday, October 8 to Ames. We will be visiting some area attractions and enjoy a lunch together. If you are interested in joining us, stop by the library and let us know. The reading selection is *The Girls from Ames: A Story of Women and a Forty-Year Friendship* by Jeffrey Zaslow.

Overview: Eleven childhood friends who formed a special bond growing up in Ames, Iowa. As young women, they moved to eight different states, yet managed to maintain an enduring friendship that would carry them through college and careers, marriage and motherhood, dating and divorce, a child's illness and the mysterious death of one member of their group. Capturing their remarkable story, *The Girls from Ames* is a testament to the deep bonds of women as they experience life's joys and challenges — and the power of friendship to triumph over heartbreak and unexpected tragedy.

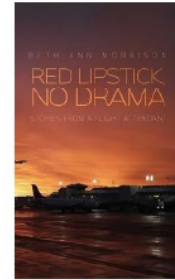
2024-25 Book Club Selections will be revealed on October 8. Be sure to check our website or stop in and see what books we will be reading next year. Make plans to join us, it's easy to do! The library supplies all books so you just need to come in and check-out the current month's selection and attend our discussions that are held at 10:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

Meet-n-Eat

Our new season of Meet n' Eat starts off on **Friday, September 6**. A free-will lunch and dessert will be served from 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.



The Slater Area Historical Society will be here to show us how Slater Main Street has changed and grown from 1900 to present.



The October Meet-n-Eat will be held on **Friday, October 11** (note date change).

Our guest speaker will be Barb Hanus. Barb was a flight attendant for a major airline for 24 years, and she has so many stories, she decided to write a book! *Red Lipstick, No Drama* by Beth Ann Morrison (Barb's pen name) is a humorous look into the world of flight attendants, and the drama and unpredictability of flying. Her shared experiences and stories will have you both laughing and shaking your head in disbelief. Her book will be on sale for \$14.

In November, Meet-n-Eat will be held **Friday, November 1**.

Our speaker, Monica Schmidt, will be giving a 60-minute presentation delineating the differences between the literary Sherlock Holmes and the Holmes of pop culture. She will be sharing movie clips exploring the evolution of the character.



Children's Programs

Slater Tots/Early out

Our fall Slater Tots program will begin **Wednesday, August 28 at 10:00 a.m.** Every Wednesday we have a center-based storytime where the children have time to explore and play in addition to the opportunity to hear stories, and do fun music and learning activities. If you are worried your child can't "sit still" for storytime then you need to come and check it out. We always have fun!



Early-out program will follow in the afternoon. The program is for K through 2nd grade and will be from 1:30-3 p.m. on early-out Wednesdays. Visit our website to register, spaces are limited.

Slater Sprouts

If you have a baby age 0-24 months, plan on joining us at **10:00 a.m.** on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of each month for our baby bounce storytime! Visit our website to sign-up to receive prizes given at different age levels.



Evening Programs

Play Mahjong

Mahjong is a tile-based game that was developed in the 19th century in China. Mahjong is a matching game that uses a set of tiles that depict dots, sticks of bamboo, Chinese characters, winds of the four cardinal directions, dragons, flowers, and seasons.



Join in on the fun at the library **every 4th Monday** of the month from **6-8 p.m.**

BYO-Art Adventures



Bring your art project from home to the library to work on it among friends. Paint by numbers, diamond art, and coloring projects are welcome. The library will have a handful of adult coloring pages and some

colored pencils if you want to join in the fun but don't have a home project to bring.

This program for adults will begin on **Wednesday, September 4 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** It will be held every other Wednesday throughout the fall. Check our calendar for more dates.

Cupcake Wars

Plan to join us on **Monday, October 21 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** to compete in a spooky cupcake decorating contest. Participants will be decorating cupcakes based on a classic spooky book for a chance to win a baking themed prize!



Supplies will be provided -- All ages welcome!

Chess Club

Looking for a challenge? Join our chess club to learn, practice, and sharpen your chess skills in a friendly environment.

This program is open to 3rd grade students through adults. All skill levels are welcome. Bring a chess board and pieces if possible.

Beginning on **Monday, September 15th** and then held every 3rd Monday of the month. Drop in anytime between **4:15-5:45 p.m.**



Make & Take to Bake

Danielle is working on planning monthly baking classes for kids. Each month will focus on a new baking skill. Food will be prepped at the library and taken home to bake.

Watch for upcoming details!

FY 24



ITEMS CHECKED OUT

38,129



+24% IN 10 YEARS



PROGRAMS HELD

412



+61% IN 10 YEARS



ATTENDED PROGRAMS

11,329



+90% IN 10 YEARS



LIBRARY VISITS

22,229

AVG 71/
DAY OPEN



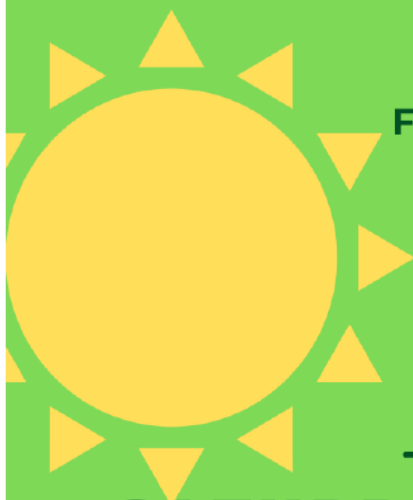
-21% IN 10 YEARS

Does this surprise you?

If program attendance has gone up 90 percent, why are there fewer people coming into the library? The answer is simply - SPACE. Several of our programs have grown too large to hold at the library and are held off-site.

Library Website and Social Media

Check our website calendar for more programming details as they become available. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram. These resources will best keep you up-to-date on the library activities going on.



FRIENDS OF THE SLATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

AT BALLARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

18 Hole - 4 person - Best Shot
(Breakfast, Lunch & Cart included)

8-9 a.m. Check-In

9 a.m. Shotgun Start

Registration Fee \$350

Lunch Provided by BFab BBQ



**All proceeds benefit the NEW Slater
Public Library & Community Center!**



**PRE-REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**
(No Walk-ins)



Contact Lora Gibson
515-419-5574



Sponsor and Ticket Information



Join us for the third annual Gather Event! A Farm to Table Experience on Main Street, Slater to benefit the Slater Library and Community Center Building Project. For the past two years this has been an excellent fundraiser for the project and we are excited to provide this unique experience for the community once again on Saturday, September 21st.

Sponsor Benefits

Event Signage

Verbal Recognition

Event Tickets

Social Media Recognition

Tax Deductible Contribution

Consider joining us as a Gather Sponsor this year!

Please see sponsorship levels on the next page.

We also are in need of silent auction items.

Tickets on sale now for \$100 each with only 100 tickets available.

Use the QR Code to purchase sponsorships & tickets, or go to <https://givebutter.com/Gather2024>



515-685-2531 Slater City Hall for Questions



Sponsorship Levels



Harvest Sponsor

\$10,000

Reserved table with 8 tickets
Prominent signage throughout event



Community Sponsor

\$5,000

Reserved tickets for 6

Neighborhood Sponsor

\$2,500

Reserved tickets for 4

Giving Sponsor

\$1,000

Reserved tickets for 2



Welcome Sponsor

\$500

1 Reserved ticket

All sponsors will be recognized both individually and as a group on social media and promotional materials.

The Experience

Gather is a Farm to Table experience developed in partnership with award-winning Master Chef, Aaron Holt and his team from Doolittle Farm. Holt hosts farm to table events throughout the year buying from local Iowa growers and producers specific to the event location whenever possible.

This one-of-a-kind experience on Main Street, Slater will include a 4 course meal with live entertainment from favorite Iowa musicians, drinks and appetizers from local businesses, silent auction items, and so much more.

Funds raised from this event will benefit the building fund for a new Slater Library and Community Center.



Slater Community Club Presents

Slater's Town Divided Tailgate

**Thursday, September 5
5 PM- 9 PM
Main Street**

**Main Street will be Closed from
4:30 PM- 9:30 PM(From Story to Tama
Street)**

**Kraft Brothers will be Rocking Main Street
Sponsored by The Station and Ames Bottle
and Can.**

Bags Tournament presented by The Station

Many Food Vendors will be on hand. Please
plan on coming and supporting them.

Fireworks at 9 PM

No Tents before 4:30 PM on the Street

Please Park on Side Streets and Come to
Main Street for the Fun!

**Like our Facebook Page to Keep up with all
the Details coming soon!!**



Slater United Methodist Church's

All-Community Fall Fest & Vendor Fair

September 14, 2024

Nelson Park, Slater, 1 - 4 pm

Vendors, Free Activities, Prizes & Food

Free Fun Activities include:

Inflatable Obstacle Course (All ages), Kids Games, Fall-Themed Painting Activity, Corn Hole, White Elephant Bingo, Guessing Jars, Temporary Tattoos, Chess, and more!

Free Food:

Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy, Popcorn and Lemonade



*Bring the whole family!
Join Us and Let's Celebrate
Fall Together! All are Welcome!*

Coat Drive: Have a coat? Bring a new or a clean, gently-used coat to donate to our Coat Drive!
Adult coats or kids coats are accepted. **Need a coat?** Come pick one out, **free!**

Accepting Blessing Box Donations: Non-Food Items Like: TP, Paper Towels, Bar Soap, Laundry Detergent, Personal Care Items, Feminine Care Products. **Food Items** Like: Box Cereal, Fruit Cups, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Canned Meat, Pop Tarts, Canned Spaghetti, Ramen Noodles, other shelf-stable foods, etc.

**THIS EVENT IS ALSO
SPONSORED BY**

SCOUTING AMERICA'S BALLARD TROOP 163





City of Slater's

MAIN STREET BUSINESS CRAWL

FRI., SEPT. 27
9AM - 5PM

SAT., SEPT. 28
9AM - 5PM

SUN., SEPT. 29
11AM - 4PM

Attention locals and visitors alike! Get ready to shake things up at the City of Slater's Main Street Business Crawl, Sept. 27-29, matching the epic vibes of the Junk Jaunt downtown Slater - all in the same weekend. This fun and free adventure welcomes all ages to explore a few of our unique downtown businesses. Just swing by the City of Slater's tent at the corner of Main & Tama St. on any of the dates and times above to snag a map featuring 6 of our downtown businesses. Your mission? Visit each of the 6 locations, get a stamp on your map from one of the staff, and soak in the local charm. Once you've conquered all 6 stops, return to the tent (*with your completed map) for a chance to win a goody-packed gift basket valued at over \$400! Let's turn downtown Slater into your playground for the weekend! See you there!

Wood Chipping Day Mon., Oct. 7



*No curbside pickup.
Please drop off at Public
Works building.

Golf Cart Rules

- Must be 16 with a valid driver's license
- Must have a slow-moving sign
- Must have a safety flag
- Allowed on Slater city streets during daylight hours only
- Not allowed on trails, sidewalks, or on the grass in the parks
- Not allowed on Hwy 210/6th Ave or Linn/R38 - unless crossing the street

*Any resident can report traffic concerns by calling the sheriff's non-emergency phone # at 515-382-6566.



Nov. 1 - Apr. 1
SNOW ORDINANCE
IN EFFECT

Frustrated with traffic offenders in town?



Call the sheriff's office non-emergency phone# at 515-382-6566 with any information you can get on the vehicle, time it happened, and location.

Slater American Legion Post 260

2024 Fall Fundraiser and Chili Feed

Freewill Donation

**Sunday, October 20
from 11am to 3pm**

**Nite Hawk Bar and Grill
105 Green St, Slater**

**Drawings for raffle items including
a rifle and handgun will be held starting at 2pm
regular raffle items 1 ticket \$1 or 6 tickets \$5
drawing for rifle or handgun \$10 each**

Need not be present to win!

City of Slater

Beggar's Night

Thurs., Oct. 31

6pm-8pm



Ballard West's
Costume Parade on Main



Thurs., Oct. 31

1:30 pm

Fall back 1 hour

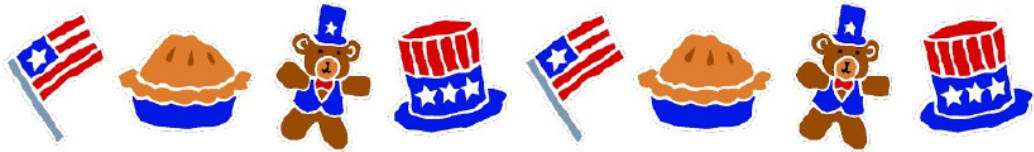
Nov. 3



*A Big Thank You to
the Slater Community
for supporting our
annual Plant Sale!*



Slater Garden and
Study Club



Election Day



Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Join Us for Our Thirtieth Annual

**HOMEMADE
CHICKEN & NOODLE DINNER
&
BAKE SALE**

11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Slater Methodist Church
401 Story, Slater Iowa**

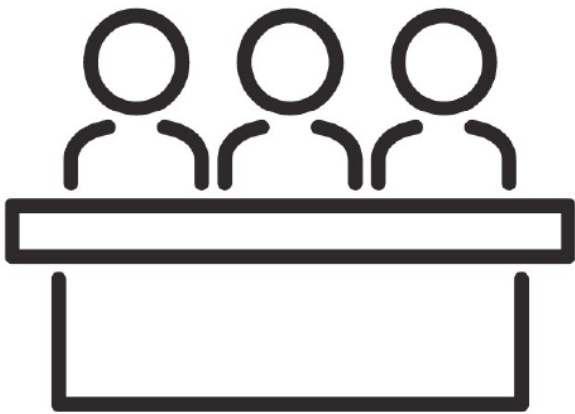
Adults \$10.00

Children 10 & Under \$5.00



Next City Council Meeting

Tues., Sept. 9 @ 6pm
Slater City Hall



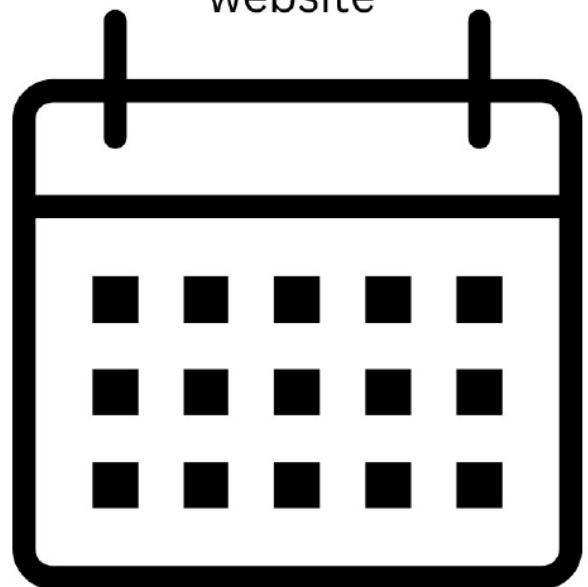
Christmas on Main
Sun., Dec. 8



Tues., Nov. 5

Slater Log Cabin
305 Benton St.

The Log Cabin & Senior
Center Availability Calendars
are now viewable via the
city's Facebook page and
website



***Please Note:** The City would like to remind residents of the code regarding properties within city limits.

Nuisance Abatement Procedure

50.02 NUISANCES ENUMERATED. The following subsections include, but do not limit, the conditions that are deemed to be nuisances in the City:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 657.2)

5. Blocking Public and Private Ways. Obstructing or encumbering, by fences, buildings or otherwise, the public roads, private ways, streets, alleys, commons, landing places, or burying grounds.

7. Storing of Flammable Junk. Depositing or storing of flammable junk, such as old rags, rope, cordage, rubber, bones and paper, by dealers in such articles within the fire limits of the City, unless in a building of fireproof construction.

9. Weeds, Brush. Dense growth of all weeds, vines, brush, or other vegetation in the City so as to constitute a health, safety, or fire hazard.

Solid Waste Control

105.03 OUTDOOR STORAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES. The outdoor storage of motor vehicles that are not deemed to be junked vehicles can detract from the beneficial use and enjoyment of neighboring properties; therefore, certain special regulations are established as follows:

1. On property zoned for residential use, no person shall keep, store, or display a motor vehicle out of doors or permit the parking out of doors of a motor vehicle on property under said person's ownership, possession, or control for more than 15 days without movement and use of said vehicle as an operating motor vehicle.
2. On property zoned for commercial use, no person shall store or display one or more motor vehicles out of doors, or permit the parking out of doors of a motor vehicle on property under said person's ownership, possession, or control for more than six months without movement and use of said vehicle as an operating motor vehicle.
3. The provision of Subsection 2 notwithstanding, the keeping, parking, or storage, out of doors, of any wrecked or demolished motor vehicle, or motor vehicle stripped for parts, at the same commercially zoned site for more than 90 days is prohibited.
4. The following are exempt from the regulations of this section:
 - A. Vehicles kept fully enclosed inside a building or an area surrounded by a solid opaque fence or wall of uniform design and color not less than six feet in height and in compliance with applicable subdivision and zoning regulations; or
 - B. Vehicles kept in a lawfully established, commercial automobile salvage yard; or
 - C. A motor home, pickup truck with a camper top, converted bus or van, or similar recreation vehicle, which is currently licensed for operation on the public highways; or
 - D. A motor vehicle currently licensed for operation on the public highways lawfully parked off the streets while the owner or the other person in lawful possession and control thereof, if a resident of the this City, is out of the City for more than fifteen days but not more than 180 days; or
 - E. Vehicles which are immobilized pursuant to an immobilization order of the District Court.

105.05 BUSINESS ACTIVITIES. Even though it may serve a reasonable functional purpose or have a direct supporting relationship to a responsible person's lawful use of the real property, a responsible person shall not place or store on real property used for commercial or industrial purposes, for a continuous period of more than seven days, except inside a building or inside a waste container or inside an area fully enclosed by a solid opaque fence or wall of uniform design and color not less than six feet high, any of the substances or materials described in the following subsections. These substances and materials, under the circumstances described in this section, shall constitute solid waste for purposes of this chapter.

1. Garbage, refuse, and rubbish.
2. Food and food containers.
3. Debris resulting from the construction, maintenance, repair, or demolition of buildings, fences, roadway paving, communications systems, structures, and other improvements to real property.
4. Building materials salvaged from the construction, maintenance, repair, or other demolition of buildings, fences, roadway paving, communication systems, structures, and other improvements to real property.
5. Previously used or damaged or inoperable household furniture, furnishings, fixtures, appliances, utensils, equipment, and supplies.
6. Salvaged parts of previously used cloth, paper, wood, metal, glass, and plastic products.
7. Any motor vehicle subject to the registration laws of the State that is not currently registered
8. Previously used vehicles, machinery, equipment, tools, and appliances that are in a state of disrepair that renders them presently incapable of being used or operated for the purpose for which they were originally designed and manufactured.
9. Disassembled parts from previously used vehicles, machinery, equipment, tools, and appliances.
10. Previously used petroleum products.

105.06 WASTE CONTAINERS. Responsible persons shall provide and make available for the use of all persons occupying the real property sufficient waste containers for the temporary storage of all solid waste containing food, food containers, and other garbage that is produced by the activities conducted on real property.

THE SLATER AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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SAHA INSTALLS TRAIL SIGNS PROMOTING SLATER'S HISTORY

Take a walk or ride and check them out!



The Heart of Iowa Trail Sign

SAHA knew it wanted to put informative signs on our two trails running through Slater, the Heart of Iowa Trail and the High Trestle Trail. Thousands pass through Slater on these trails each year.

Board member Robert Vespestad worked with the City, sourced the appropriate signs, put together the installation of the signs, and a bench and bike rack at the location on the High Trestle Trail, the site of the old Hobo Jungle. Another sign went up near the Arboretum on the Heart of Iowa Trail. We are grateful to the families of Jackie and Gus O'Donnell and Max Raines, which donated to the project in memoriam.

The sign on the old Chicago Northwestern Railroad bed is located about 3/4 of a mile south of Slater on the High Trestle Trail. The Hobo Jungle, as the locals called it, consisted of a group of shrubs and trees and an area where a fire could be built for cooking and for warmth. In recent years Slater's children have played at the spot, perhaps building fires and telling hobo stories. Today there's a comfortable bench and a bike rack with the sign commemorating the Hobo Jungle site.



Installing the Hobo Jungle site

The second sign which is near the big County sign on the Heart of Iowa Trail, the Milwaukee Road rail bed, is just east of the Arboretum and tells the story of Slater, a town that exists because of the trains, the story of The Town that Moved and of the Great Train Wreck of 1913. It describes Slater's existence and growth because of the railroads.



The Hobo Jungle site



Slater Garden and Study Club

Goals: Community Beautification

Learning/Fun Activities

Fundraising to Support our Goals

May Plant & Bake Sale

Winter Wreath Making

City Flower Beds

Main Street Pots

Summer Garden Club Tour

Spring Clean Up

Fun & Learning Events

Winter Arrangement Sale

Guest Night



Want to Join? Contact Kyra for more information. 515-509-6948

klwconley97@gmail.com



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