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- Historical Society Newsletter
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- Local Snowmobile Trail Info
- Golf Cart Rules & Safety Reminder



Tues., Nov. 5 7:00am-8:00pm

Slater Log Cabin 305 Benton St.

#### City of Slater Fireworks Ordinance Survey

The City of Slater is asking for your input on the current fireworks ordinance and what types of changes you would like to see – if any. You can complete the survey via paper or electronically. **Surveys are due by 12pm/noon Wed.**, **Nov. 6.** If you'd like to read the current fireworks ordinance and/or how lowa defines fireworks prior to filling out the survey, we've included that info on the following page. The link and QR code to the online survey are also located on the next page.

1. How would you like the City of Slater's fireworks ordinance to read? Mark as many of the options

#### Survey:

	below that you are in favor of. *If you feel these choices are restrictive, we're allowing you the opportunity to communicate your thoughts/suggestions regarding the fireworks ordinance in Questions 2 and/or 3.		
		Keep the ordinance as it currently reads.	
		Keep the ordinance as it currently reads, but add: *No bomb-type explosions/"window-shakers".	
		Ban <b>ALL</b> types of fireworks in city limits. This includes: Display, Consumer, Novelty, and whatever the bomb-type explosions/window-shakers classify as.	
		Ban <b>ALL</b> types of fireworks in city limits, with the exception of Display fireworks operated by City officials only, and for city-related events only.	
		Restrict the dates and times fireworks can be shot off - even further than what the City's ordinance currently reads.	
2.	Proposing the city take action if the ordinance is broken? Verbal conversation/warning? Issue a written warning? Issue a ticket with a fine? Fine amount?		
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3.	3. If you feel your choices were limited in this survey and you weren't able to fully express your thoughts/ideas regarding the fireworks ordinance, please feel free do that in the space below and/or on a separate sheet of paper if you need more room.		

End of Survey. Thank you for participating. Paper surveys can be mailed to Slater City Hall, PO Box 538 or dropped off at one of the city's drop boxes. **Surveys are due by 12pm/noon Wed.**, **Nov. 6**.



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lowa defines fireworks in three classes:

- -Display Fireworks (formerly known as Class B or 1.3 G) These devices are used in community displays run by licensed professionals.
- -Consumer Fireworks (formerly known as Class C or 1.4G) These devices are most commonly sold at neighborhood stands, commonly including firecrackers, bottle rockets, and Roman candles.
- -Novelty Fireworks These are small devices that produce limited effects such as sparklers, snap pops, and snakes. These are not regulated.

The City of Slater's current fireworks ordinance reads:

#### 41.12 FIREWORKS USE

- 1. Definition. (shall remain the same) The term "fireworks" includes any explosive composition, or combination of explosive substances, or articles prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, and specifically includes blank cartridges, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, or other fireworks of like construction and any firework containing any explosive or flammable compound, or other device containing any explosive substance.
- 2. Regulations. A person shall not use or explode consumer fireworks on days other than July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> and Fridays and Saturdays preceding July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from June 1<sup>st</sup> to July 8<sup>th</sup> and only during the hours of 12:00 pm (noon) to 10:00 pm on those specified days from June 1<sup>st</sup> to the Saturday after 4<sup>th</sup> of July; December 30<sup>th</sup> of each year from the hours of 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm; and December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year starting at 4:00 pm through January 1<sup>st</sup> ending at 12:30 am.

A person shall not use, explode or discharge Consumer fireworks on real property other than that person's real property or on the real property of a person who has consented to the use of consumer firework on that property. A person shall not use, explode or discharge Consumer fireworks on publicly owned property, included but not limited to, City streets and parks, except as specifically authorized by permit issued pursuant to the City of Slater Code. A person that chooses to use, explode or discharge Consumer fireworks on their property shall have responsibility to clean up all debris created by the fireworks.

The City may, upon application in writing, grant a permit for the display of fireworks by a City agency, fair associations, amusement parks and other organizations or groups of individuals approved by City authorities when such fireworks display will be handled by a competent, trained, and insured operator. No permit shall be granted hereunder unless the operator or sponsoring organization has filed proof of such training and insurance.

Any person in violation of this Ordinance shall be fined \$150.00 per incident.

## GENERA ECT (





## NOVEMBER 5





**VOTE IN PERSON AT THE LOG CABIN** FROM 7AM-8PM OR REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY **MONDAY, OCTOBER 21** 



**TURN THE BALLOT OVER** 

#### **Public Measure TF**

#### Shall the following public measure be adopted?

Shall the City of Slater, State of Iowa, authorize a loan agreement and issue its General Obligation Capital Loan Notes in an amount not exceeding the amount of \$2,500,000 for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing, equipping, and furnishing a new City Hall, Community Center and Library building to be constructed on city-owned property located at 405 Main Street, with parking improvements, landscaping, signage, and related site improvements?

YES

NO

ALL INFORMATION ON CITY WEBSITE



















WWW.SLATERIOWA.ORG

# CHICKEN & NOODLE DINNER **luesday, November 5, 2024** Join Us for Our Thirtieth Annual

HOMEMADE

Election Day

















& BAKE SALE

1:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m

Slater Methodist Church

401 Story, Slater Iowa

Adults \$10.00 Children 10 & Under \$5.00

#### Pct. Off. Initials

24411 SLATER

(Write-in vote, if any)

#### OFFICIAL BALLOT County of Story, State of Iowa 2024 General Election November 5, 2024



Instructions to Voter: To vote, completely fill in the target to the left of your choice. To cast a write-in vote, you MUST completely fill in the target AND write the name of your candidate on the line provided. If you change your mind, or make a mistake, you may request a new ballot. To vote to approve any question on this ballot, fill in the target before the word "Yes". To vote against a question, fill in the target before the word "No". The Judicial Ballot and proposed Constitutional Amendments are located on the back of the ballot.

Party Abbreviations on this ballot are: DEM=Democratic Party, REP=Republican Party, LIB=Libertarian Party, PSL= Party for Socialism and Liberation, SOC=Socialist Party USA, WTP=We The People

A ballot cast for the named candidates for president and vice-president of the	State Representative District 48 (Vote for no more than ONE)	NON-PARTISAN OFFICES
United States is considered to be cast for the slate of presidential electors nominated by the political party,	<ul><li>○ Penny Vossler</li><li>○ Chad Behn</li><li>□ REP</li></ul>	Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner (Vote for no more than THREE)
nonparty political organization, or	0	Mark Tjelmeland
independent candidate.	(Write-in vote, if any)	C Kayla Bergman
PARTISAN OFFICES	COUNTY OFFICES	Alisha Bower
FEDERAL OFFICES	County Board of Supervisors	(Write-in vote, if any)
President/Vice President	(Vote for no more than ONE)  Latifah Faisal  DEM	(Write-in vote, if any)
		(write-in vote, it any)
(Vote for no more than ONE TEAM)  Kamala D. Harris	(Write-in vote, if any)	(Write-in vote, if any)
Tim Walz	County Auditor	County Agricultural Extension
O Donald J. Trump	(Vote for no more than ONE)	Council Member (Vote for no more than FOUR)
JD Vance	Lucy Martin DEM	Abby Maxwell
Chase Oliver	0 , \0'	Cathy Frey
Mike ter Maat	(Write-in vote, if any)	Cindy Dorhout
Claudia De la Cruz	County Sheriff	Barbara Woods
Karina Garcia	(Vote for no more than ONE)	Allison Coughenour
William P. Stodden soc Stephanie H. Cholensky	Paul H. Fitzgerald	o
Robert F. Kennedy Jr		(Write-in vote, if any)
Nicole Shanahan	(Write-in vote, if any)  County Public Hospital	PAGE AND STATE OF THE STATE OF
Shiva Ayyadurai	Trustee (Vote for no more than THREE)	(Write-in vote, if any)
Crystal Ellis	Sue Crum	(Write-in vote, if any)
0	Gaylan Scofield	(William Vote, ii ally)
(Write-in for President, if any)  (Write-in for Vice President, if any)	David Anderson	(Write-in vote, if any)
U.S. Representative District 4	0	County Agricultural Extension
(Vote for no more than ONE)	(Write-in vote, if any)	Council Member - To Fill Vacancy
Ryan Melton DEM	0	(Vote for no more than ONE)
Randy Feenstra	(Write-in vote, if any)	Marisue Hartung
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(Write-in vote, if any)	(Write-in vote, if any)	(Write-in vote, if any)
STATE OFFICES		
State Senate District 24		
(Vote for no more than ONE)  Margaret Liston  DEM		
<ul> <li>✓ Margaret Liston</li> <li>✓ Jesse Green</li> </ul>		

#### **Public Measure A** DISTRICT 2B ASSOCIATE JUDICIAL BALLOT **JUDGES** Shall the following public measure be adopted? Joseph B. McCarville Shall the County of Story, State of Iowa, O YES Notice to voters: enter into one or more loan agreements O NO and issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding \$25,000,000 Vote on all names by filling in the **Hunter Thorpe** for the purpose of paying the cost, to appropriate oval below each YES that extent, of (i) improving and name. O NO protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams and reduction in Kathryn E. Austin flooding; (ii) for acquisition and Shall the following judges be O YES development of land for public parks retained in office? O NO and wildlife areas; and (iii) for construction and improvement of trails Hans Becker and conservation facilities or other O YES recreation or conservation purposes, to IOWA SUPREME COURT O NO be managed by the Story County Conservation Board, with full public **David May Ashley Beisch** disclosure of all expenditures? O YES O YES O NO O NO YES ONO Paul G. Crawford COURT OF APPEALS O YES **Public Measure TP** O NO Tyler J. Buller Shall the following public measure be adopted? O YES PUBLIC MEASURES Shall the City of Slater, State of Iowa, O NO authorize a loan agreement and issue **Mary Elizabeth Chicchelly** Iowa Statewide Ballot its General Obligation Capital Loan Notes in an amount not exceeding the Question 1 O YES amount of \$2,500,000 for the purpose of O NO Shall the following amendment to the paying costs of designing, constructing, Constitution be adopted? Samuel Langholz equipping, and furnishing a new City Summary: Provides for only U.S. Hall, Community Center and Library O YES citizens aged 18 or older and meeting building to be constructed on city-owned O NO state and county residency property located at 405 Main Street, requirements to vote in all elections. **Mary Ellen Tabor** with parking improvements, Further provides that 17-year olds who landscaping, signage, and related site O YES will be 18 years old by the General improvements? O NO Election are eligible to vote in the primary election, subject to the same O YES DISTRICT 2B JUDGES \* citizenship and residency requirements. O NO O YES **Adria Kester** O YES O NO O NO Iowa Statewide Ballot **Question 2 Kurt John Stoebe** O YES Shall the following amendment to the Constitution be adopted? O NO Summary: Provides that the lieutenant **Derek Johnson** governor will act as the governor if there O YES is a temporary disability of the governor. O NO Further provides that the lieutenant governor or lieutenant governor-elect will be the governor or governor-elect in the case of the resignation, death, or permanent disability of the governor or governor-elect thus creating a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor or

lieutenant governor-elect, as

appropriate.

YES

NO

## City of Slater

Beggar's Night Thurs., Oct. 31 6pm-8pm



## Ballard West's Costume Parade on Main



Thurs., Oct. 31 1:30 pm

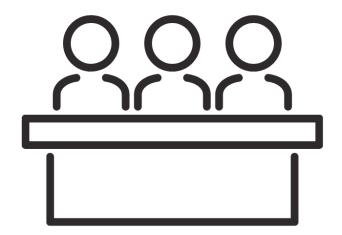
### Fall back 1 hour

Nov. 3



## Next City Council Meeting

Mon., Nov.11 @ 6pm Slater City Hall



## COME PLAY AT SLATER'S NEW DOG PARK!



Join us as we celebrate opening day of Slater's 'NEW' dog park - located behind Nite Hawk Field, along the High Trestle Trail.

## GRAND OPENING

Sat., Nov. 2 at 9:00 am

Donated by: Dr. Jim & Marigrace Sievers, Dr. Don & Marilyn Sievers, Dr. Ken & Bonnie May, Midland Prairie Veterinary Services, Slater Animal Hospital, Huber Fencing, and Finco Tree Service. With the support of Slater Parks & Rec and much of the work done by Slater Public Works Department.

Signage is in the works and rules will be posted soon, but please keep the following in mind:

- Each person (adult) is responsible for their own dog and is there at their own risk.
- All dogs must be up-to-date on all vaccinations; please have proof available upon request.
- Owners MUST pick up all "deposits" from their dog. Bags and a trash can will be available.
- This is an opportunity for dogs to socialize and play. If your dog does not "play well with others", we ask that you watch for times when other dogs are not using the park. That way, you and your dog can still enjoy the facility.

### **Snowmobiles**

Please respect the property of others and stay on designated snowmobile trails. Visit http://www.iowasnowmobiler.com/to get trail info, etc.

\*The City trail (east of the High Trestle Trail from 1st Ave to the north edge of Grimm Park) will not be plowed for snowmobile use. However, the HTT trail, Sievers' Trail, and Grimm Park will be cleared for walkers.

### **Golf Cart Rules & Safety**

- -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
- -Helmets and seatbelts are not required by law when operating a golf cart, but we can all breathe a bit easier when we see young children are safe & secure.
- -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

-No parking on streets

-Sidewalks must be cleared within 48 hours

## Frustrated with traffic offenders in town?



Call the sheriff's office nonemergency phone# at 515-382-6566 with any information you can get on the vehicle, time it happened, and location. Sign up for Story County Iowa Alerts and help yourself and your community be prepared for disasters and emergencies.

Scan the QR Code below, or go to https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=StoryCountyIowa

#### ALERT.IOWA.GOV







How do I sign up for weekly announcements/reminders from the City, in addition to receiving a colored e-version of the Scoop via email?

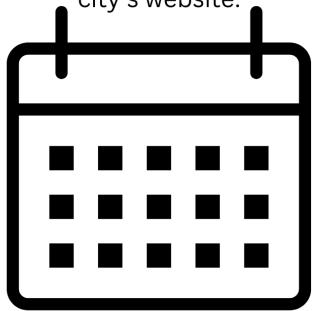


Visit the City's website homepage, click on the 'Subscribe' link at the top of the page, and fill out your info. You can 'unsubscribe' at any time.

How do I sign up for monthly auto-pay, bank pay, online credit/debit card payments, or checking/savings payments for my water bill? Visit the City's website homepage under 'Payment Options' to get details, or stop by City Hall Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm.



In addition to rental forms, the Log Cabin & Senior Center Availability Calendars are now viewable via the city's website.



## CHRISIMAS at Bethlehem

Featuring

## REUNION BLOOM

some of the area's best, together again —
just to see what happens next



## Friday, December 6th

7:00 pm





Caleb Hans Polashek and Emil Polashek

#### with very special guests

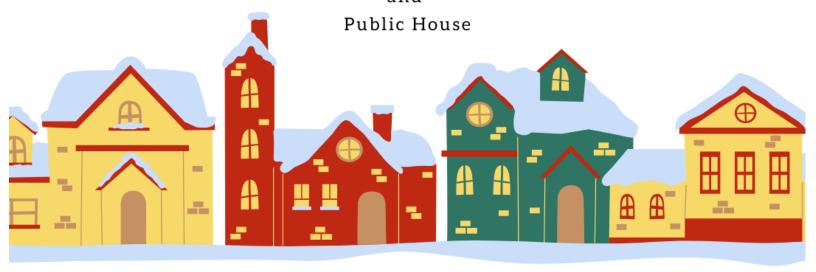
Caleb Polashek performs regularly as a tenured violinist for the Austin Symphony Orchestra in Austin, Texas. Caleb's father Emil lives in Ames and is an accomplished musician himself. This is a rare opportunity to welcome Caleb back to central lowa, and to enjoy the connection this father & son share through the gift of music.





### December 7th from 4-7PM

with stops at The Cellar Winery and





## Slater Garden & Study Club News

Curious about what the Slater Garden Club is all about? Here are current and upcoming member events.

Slater Garden and Study Club held their Biannual Guest night October 17 with special guest speaker Mary Ann Grapp. Her topic was "Garden Trips, Tips, and Top 10 Picks" was extremely informative.

**Upcoming Member Events:** 

Annual Wreath Making Workshop and Holiday Pot Luck

Winter Arrangements Workshop & Sale (See below!)





Interested in joining Garden Club? Contact Kyra Wilcox-Conley 515-228-3988 for more information.

## Winter Arrangement Workshop & Sale

Slater potter, Steve Boyd, has been hard at work creating unique stoneware containers to hold unique winter greenery arrangements! If an arrangement is just what you need to complete your holiday decor, you have two options for getting one!

### DIY Option-\$30-35

Come and go make your own (with help from Garden Club)!

Saturday Dec. 7 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Grab & Go Option-\$25-30 No time, no problem! Come choose an already made arrangement at Christmas on Main!

Sunday, Dec. 8 3:00-5:00 p.m.







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 2024-25 book selections have been revealed! Check our website for the titles and dates of discussion or you can stop by the library and pick up a flyer. It's easy to join our book club, we supply the books each month, so come in and pick one up.

The selection for November is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Discussion will be on Thursday, November 21st at 10 AM

Overview: Maine, 1789: When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and deter-

mine cause of death. As a midwife and healer, she is privy to much of what goes on behind closed doors in Hallowell. Her diary is a record of every birth and death, crime and debacle that unfolds in the close-knit community. Months earlier, Martha documented the details of an alleged rape committed by two of the town's most respected gentlemen—one of whom has now been found dead in the ice. But when a local physician undermines her conclusion, declaring the death to be an accident, Martha is forced to investigate the shocking murder on her own.



Meet n' Eat is scheduled for **Friday**, **November 1st.** A free-will lunch will be served at **11:30 AM** with our guest speaker, Monica Schmidt, giving a 60-minute presentation delineating the differences between the literary Sherlock Holmes and the Holmes of pop culture.

The December Meet n' Eat will be held on **Friday**, **December 6.** A free-will lunch of chili and cinnamon rolls will be served at **11:30 AM**. You will be treated to some beautiful Christmas music during our lunch.

#### **Christmas on Main**

Set your calendars for Slater's annual Christmas on Main celebration at the library, Sunday, December 8 from 2:00-4:30 PM. The library will have Christmas stories and crafts available for the kids. Ms. Jen will be reading some of her favorite Christmas stories at 3:00 and 4:00 PM.

#### November/December 2024 **Programs**

Slater Tots - Wednesdays, 10 AM

Slater Sprouts - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 AM
Yoga - Tuesdays & Fridays, 9:00-9:45 AM
Coffee - Fridays, 10 AM
Meet n' Eat - Nov. 1 & Dec. 6, 11:30 AM
Dia de Los Muertos - Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 AM
BYO-Art Adventures - Wed., Nov. 13 & Dec. 11, 5-7 PM
Book Club - Thursday, Nov. 21 & Dec. 19, 10 AM
Mahjong - 4th Mondays, Nov. 25, 6-8 PM - No December
Christmas on Main - Sunday, Dec. 8, 2:00-4:30 PM
Nutcracker Tea Party - Saturday, Dec. 21, 10 AM

Early-Out Program - Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 PM

The library will **close at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 27th,** and will remain closed through Saturday, November 30th for Thanksgiving.

It will also be **closed on Tuesday, December 24th through Thursday, December 26th** for Christmas.

#### Saturday Programs

#### Dia de Los Muertos

Join us for a Day of the Dead celebration. We will have a storytime, Mexican bingo (Loteria), a picture frame craft, and sweet treats. There will also be sugar skull cookies available to decorate for a free will



donation that will go toward the building fund! We ask that you please register your child so we know how many to plan for with supplies and food. Registration is available on our website.

#### **STEAM Saturday**



Join us every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for our STEM Saturday program. STEM toys and materials will be available for learning through play and exploration.

December 7 will be a STEAM day when we add a craft to the program. Come in anytime between 10:00-11:30 a.m. for a special pine cone craft.

#### **Nutcracker Tea Party**

We are planning a fun tea party for kiddos on December 21 from 10:00-11:30 AM! Join us for tea, cocoa, snacks, and Nutcracker themed crafts. Space is limited, so registration will be required. Registration is available on our website.

#### THE SLATER AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

318 First Ave., P.O. Box 487, Slater, IA 50244 515.228.3832 Slaterhist@huxcomm.net www.slaterhistory.org

## SAHA IS RECORDING HISTORY – SLATER'S MAIN STREET

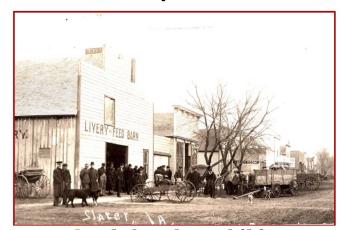


Board Members Mary O'Donnell, Barb Mallon, Don Rimathe and Elaine Raines untangle the clues of Slater's Main Street History

Recently Barb Mallon and Mary O'Donnell presented a program at the library about the history of our Main Street. It was a brief overview of a huge project which is going to result in a **permanent exhibit** at Slater's Heritage Hall Museum.

It started with a search for Main Street maps, plat information and record searches. Soon it became evident that Slater folks were pretty loose with their recordkeeping in the "old days", and each lot had incredibly varied histories with new evidence popping up all the time. Casual comments from visitors like "I remember when my great-uncle's father-in-law's brother had a store behind the hotel..." can lead down a long path of frustration and then discovery! The exhibit will include many photos and large street maps with listings on each lot of its

occupants from about 1890 to the present.



Look for the exhibit opening in 2025

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT CHRISTMAS!
VISIT US DURING CHRISTMAS ON MAIN AND ANYTIME
WE'RE OPEN ON THURSDAYS FROM 10-2 AND BY APPOINTMENT 515-480-9789
THE HERITAGE HALL MUSEUM, 318 FIRST AVENUE, SLATER
VISIT US ON FACEBOOK: SLATER AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

## ATTENTION SLATER BUSINESSES

We need your help. The City of Slater is updating its
Business List for the city's website so residents have a
resource available should they need ideas of who they can
contact for professional services. Any local business that has
a Slater address, is registered with the state, and has a Tax
ID # is welcome to have their info on this list. Please take a
look at the current Business List on our website (under the
'Business' heading) and contact us if you'd like us to add,
omit, and/or revise business info for you. If you'd also like to
include a one-sentence description of services/goods you
offer, that may be helpful to residents as well. Thank you!



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