



# SLATER SCOOP

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## Swimming Pool Opens: Fri., June 6

See inside pages for further details regarding swim lesson sign-up, pool passes, pool party reservations, pool hours, and pool staff employment opportunities.





# SLATER EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 12  
10 AM @ NELSON PARK

Toddlers-3rd Grade



Junk in the Trunk Sale  
on Main 7:30am-11:30am



Vendor Market at 405 Main  
Grass Lot 7:30am-11:30am



City-Wide Garage Sales  
8:00am-2:00pm

## JUNK IN THE TRUNK/VENDOR MARKET/GARAGE SALES

Sat., June 7, 2025 - Slater, IA



To reserve a market vendor space at the 405 grass lot on Main **OR** a Junk in the Trunk space (two parking spaces) for selling garage sale-type items on Main St. between Marshall St. & Story St. **OR** to have your garage sale listed on the city-wide garage sale map, registration along with a \$5 non-refundable fee is required. Scan the QR code above for an online form, or visit City Hall, our website, or Facebook page for a paper version.



# SLATER MAIN STREET MARKETPLACE



**NOTICE:** Because local vendor markets are hotter than a summer sidewalk these days, we're saying goodbye to our Tuesday Night Markets for now. But don't fret! We'll keep our eyes peeled for alternative days and times to roll out an occasional vendor market. In fact, here's a list of upcoming markets in Slater to look forward to!

**ATTENTION PLEASE**



**SAT., JUNE 7** - MAIN ST. VENDOR MARKET & JUNK IN THE TRUNK SALE, 7:30 AM-11:30 AM & CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES 8 AM-2 PM

**JULY 3 & 4** - VENDOR MARKET AT NELSON PARK DURING SLATER'S 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

**MON., JULY 7** - SLATER PUBLIC LIBRARY'S CHILDREN'S FARMERS MARKET AT NELSON PARK, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

**SAT., JULY 12** - THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE RURAL ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL/VENDOR MARKET AT THE CELLAR WINERY, 1 PM-9 PM

**SUN., AUG. 3** - MAIN ST. VENDOR MARKET, THE KRAFT BROTHERS, SYNGENTA SWEET CORN FEED, & MORE



Spring 2025



105 N Tama 515-228-3558 [www.slaterlibrary.org](http://www.slaterlibrary.org)  
 Hours: M-TH 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-noon

## Programs

Slater Tots - Wednesdays, 10 AM  
 Slater Sprouts - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 AM  
 Yoga - Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:00-9:45 AM  
 Coffee - Fridays, 10 AM  
 Meet n' Eat - Friday, April 4 & May 2, 11:30 AM  
 Book Club - Thursday, April 17 & May 22, 10 AM  
 Easter Egg Hunt - Sat., April 12, 10 AM @ Nelson Park

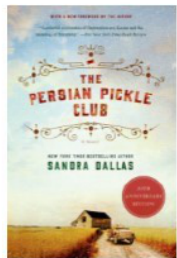
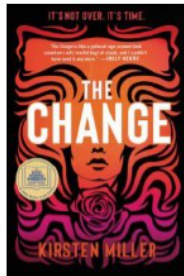
Last day for children's programs May 21  
 LIBRARY CLOSED Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day

## Book Club

The selection for April is *The Change* by Kirsten Miller. Discussion will be on Thursday, April 17 at 10 AM.

In the Long Island oceanfront community of Mattauk, three different women discover that midlife changes bring a whole new type of empowerment...

Guided by voices only Nessa can hear, the trio of women discover a teenage girl whose body was abandoned beside a remote beach. The police have written the victim off as a drug-addicted sex worker, but the women refuse to buy into the official narrative. Their investigation into the girl's murder leads to more bodies, and to the town's most exclusive and isolated enclave, a world of stupendous wealth where the rules don't apply. With their newfound powers, Jo, Nessa, and Harriett will take matters into their own hands.

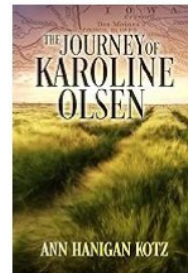


The selection for May is *The Persian Pickle Club* by Sandra Dallas. Discussion will be on Thursday, May 22 at 10 AM.

It is the 1930s, and hard times have hit Harveyville, Kansas, where the crops are burning up, and there's not a job to be found. For Queenie Bean, a young farm wife, a highlight of each week is the gathering of the Persian Pickle Club, a group of local ladies dedicated to improving their minds, exchanging gossip, and putting their quilting skills to good use. When a new member of the club stirs up a dark secret, the women must band together to support and protect one another.

## Meet n' Eat

Meet n' Eat is scheduled for Friday, April 4 and May 2. A free-will lunch and dessert will be served from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.



In April, our guest speaker, Iowa author Ann Hanigan Kotz, relays her background of growing up in western Iowa and shares how she came to the storyline of her first novel, *The Journey of Karoline Olsen*, a story inspired by Ann's great-great grandparents, who immigrated from Oslo, Norway. Ann shares her research on how the Norwegians immigrated to America and came to settle in Iowa.

In May, Slater resident Don Todd will be giving a talk titled "Bush Alaska by Air: Flying Alaska's Wildfire Firefighters". He will be sharing his experiences fighting wildfires in Alaska.



## Join the Friends

It's that time of year again! Consider becoming a Friend of SPL or renewing your current membership for another year. The Friends is a group of community volunteers who provide private support to the library regarding programs, literature, and technology.

It is easy to become a Friend. Go to the library's webpage at [www.slaterlibrary.org](http://www.slaterlibrary.org) and click on the Friends of SPL tab. This will take you to a page with information on how you can join and support the Friends.



## Summer Reading

We are busy planning and preparing for the upcoming summer reading program. Our gardening theme is Read, Learn, Grow.

Online registration will open on May 1. Some programs have limited space so don't wait!

For more information about our programs, please visit our website for details and to register.



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Saturday, April 12**  
**Nelson Park - 10 AM**  
**Toddlers - 3rd grade**







# **Drive-Thru Breakfast Burritos**

**Saturday, April 26th**

**from 8:00 am - 11:00 am**



**Slater**  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

**401 Story Street, Slater**



*Free will offering-Proceeds go to Local Food Pantries*



# Slater Fireman's Association

## 3rd Annual Side by Side Poker Run

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 10:30 AM**

**Pre-registration forms available.**

**Email registration form to [sfdchief@huxcomm.net](mailto:sfdchief@huxcomm.net)**

***Registration fee collected the day of poker run.***

***(Registration Fee is per vehicle)***

### **Route:**

Registration

**\$35**

**1. The Slater Station–Slater**  
Biscuits and gravy included with registration

**2. Flat Tire-Madrid**

**3. Whistlin Donkey-Woodward**  
Lunch by Woodward Fire-Free Will Donation

**4. Whatcha Smokin-Luther**

**5. R Place Pub & Pizza-Kelley**

**6. Nite Hawk Bar & Grille-Slater**

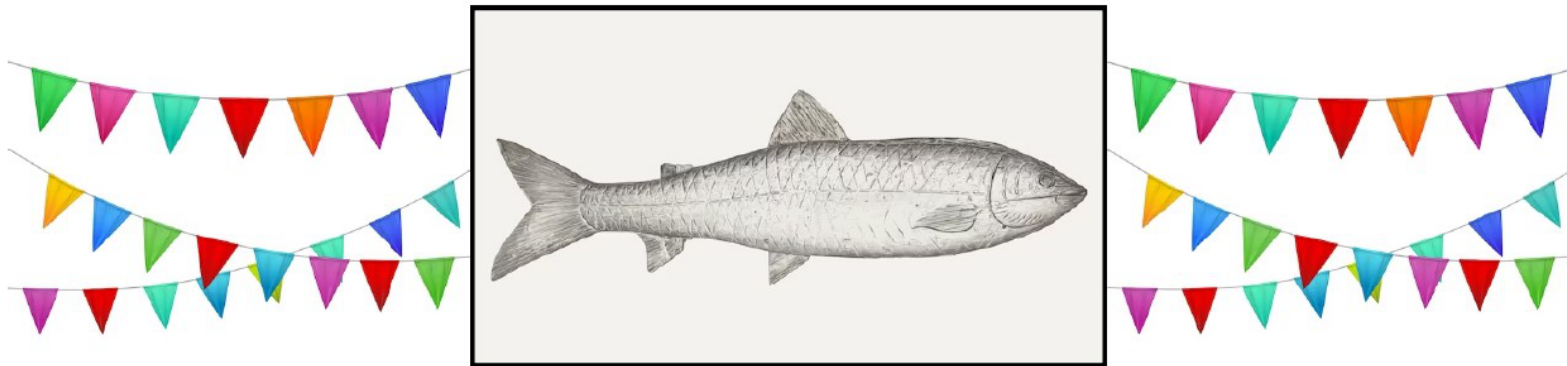
Extra poker  
hands

**\$10**

**Registration day of- The Slater Station starting at 8am until 10am with  
departure at 10:30AM. Lunch is not included in pre-registration.  
Poker hand paid out at the end of the ride to the rider with the best hand.**

**Visit our Facebook page for updates and further information**





# **Slater American Legion Post 260 Annual Spring Dinner**

## **Fish Fry**

**Fundraiser  
Freewill Donation**

**Sunday, April 27, 2025  
Serving from: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**The Slater Station  
501 Main St, Slater Iowa**

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**Serving: Fried Fish, Chicken Strips, French  
Fries, Cole Slaw, and Dessert!**

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**Take out boxes available**





# **SLATER GARDEN AND STUDY**

## **CLUB GOALS:**

**COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION**

**LEARNING/FUN ACTIVITIES**

**FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT OUR GOALS**

### **Tentative 2025 Schedule**

NW Tulip /Butchart Garden Program

May 1

May Plant/Bake Sale

May 10

June Program—TBD

June 5

July Program-Garden Tour—TBD

TBD

Italy Garden Program

Oct. 2

Get Ready for Main St. Pot

Nov. 6

Holiday Wreath Making/Potluck

Dec. 5

Winter Arrangement Sale

TBD





# FAMILY FUN DAY & DANCE

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 @ NELSON PARK

Kids Games – 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Hawk McIntyre – 4:00 pm–7:00 pm

Burnin' Sensations– 7:30 pm – 11:30 pm

Silent Auction and Raffle Items

ALSO Raffling:

Henry .45-70 Rifle – \$10.00 a ticket



Food and Drinks will be available for purchase.

## CITY OF SLATER



# COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

### Important Dates & Info Below:

- ✓ March 2025 - Residents encouraged to review Nuisance Codes & Abatement Procedures published via the Scoop & website.
- ✓ June 2025 - Keep an eye out for an upcoming City-Wide Junk & Branch Clean-Up Day in June.
- ✓ July 1, 2025 - City of Slater contracts with Iowa Code Enforcement LLC to launch the Nuisance Abatement Process

**Let's work together to spruce up our town and keep the 'Everything is Greater in Slater!' vibe going!**



## City of Slater Community Clean-Up Campaign 2025



**Residents:** We kindly ask you to familiarize yourself with the following summary of the city's Nuisance Abatement Procedures, Animal Control, and Solid Waste Management codes. Beginning July 1, 2025, Slater will be contracting with Iowa Code Enforcement LLC for code enforcement services. To access the following codes in their entirety, please visit the city's website at [slateriowa.org](http://slateriowa.org) or stop by City Hall. Please watch for an upcoming City-Wide Clean-Up date in June.

### NUISANCE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES & ANIMAL CONTROL

#### Nuisance Abatement Procedure (Chapter 50):

- Defines nuisances as anything injurious to health, indecent, or unreasonably offensive.
- Enumerates specific nuisances such as offensive smells, filth, water pollution, blocking public ways, billboards obstructing views, storing flammable junk, air pollution, overgrown weeds, Dutch elm disease, and houses of ill fame.
- Prohibits the creation or maintenance of nuisances and provides procedures for abatement, including written notice, emergency abatement, and cost recovery.
- Allows for municipal infraction procedures as an alternative enforcement method.

#### Animal Protection and Control (Chapter 55):

- Defines key terms such as "animal," "at large," "livestock," and "pet."
- Prohibits animal neglect, livestock neglect, and abandonment of cats and dogs.
- Limits the number of dogs and cats a person can keep to five each, with specific provisions for those who owned more before April 1, 2021.
- Prohibits animals from running at large, causing damage or interference, and being a public annoyance or disturbance.
- Bans the keeping of vicious dogs and mandates rabies vaccinations for dogs.
- Details the owner's duty to report bites or attacks and the confinement of animals suspected of having rabies.
- Outlines procedures for impoundment and disposition of animals found at large.
- Prohibits awarding pets as prizes, with certain exceptions for licensed pet shops and youth programs.

The document also includes an ordinance amendment effective April 1, 2021, regarding the number of dogs and cats allowed per premises.

### SOLID WASTE CONTROL & DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

#### Definitions

- Defines key terms such as "building," "solid waste," "junked vehicle," and "responsible person."
- Clarifies what constitutes solid waste and excludes certain materials like hazardous waste and inert natural resources.

#### General Prohibition

- Responsible persons cannot store solid waste on real property except in specified enclosed areas or at sanitary disposal facilities.

**Outdoor Storage of Motor Vehicles**

- Regulations on outdoor storage of motor vehicles vary by zoning; residential vehicles cannot be stored for over 15 days without movement.

**Abandoned Vehicles**

- Public Works Director can impound vehicles deemed junked or abandoned according to Iowa Code.

**Business Activities**

- Prohibits storage of certain materials on commercial properties for more than seven days unless properly enclosed.

**Waste Containers**

- Requires responsible persons to provide sufficient waste containers for temporary storage of solid waste.

**Waste Disposal**

- Mandates weekly removal of solid waste containing food or garbage to a sanitary disposal facility.

**Separation of Yard Waste Required**

- Requires separate storage of yard waste for proper disposal.

**Burning of Residential Waste Prohibited**

- Prohibits burning of non-organic materials and sets conditions for burning organic materials.

**Burning Exemptions**

- Lists exemptions for burning, including outdoor cooking and disposal of storm-related waste.

**Littering Prohibited**

- Prohibits littering in public spaces and holds vehicle drivers responsible for litter discarded from their vehicles.

**Notice of Violation**

- Outlines the process for notifying violators of solid waste regulations and the right to a hearing.

**Notice of Hearing**

- Details the procedure for requesting a hearing regarding a violation notice.

**Method of Giving Notice**

- Specifies acceptable methods for delivering notices related to violations.

**Municipal Infraction**

- States that violations of this chapter are considered municipal infractions, with each day constituting a separate infraction.

**Collection Service**

- Solid waste collection is managed by private contracts within the City.

**Collection Vehicles**

- Vehicles for waste collection must be durable, leak-proof, and maintained to prevent nuisances.

**Open Dumping Prohibited**

- Prohibits dumping solid waste outside designated sanitary disposal facilities.

**Toxic Hazardous Waste**

- Bans the disposal of toxic or hazardous waste in solid waste containers.

**Sanitary Disposal Facility**

- Designates a specific facility for the disposal of solid waste collected within the City.

**Prohibited Practices**

- Lists unlawful practices related to waste disposal, including unauthorized use of containers and scavenging.

**Lien for Nonpayment**

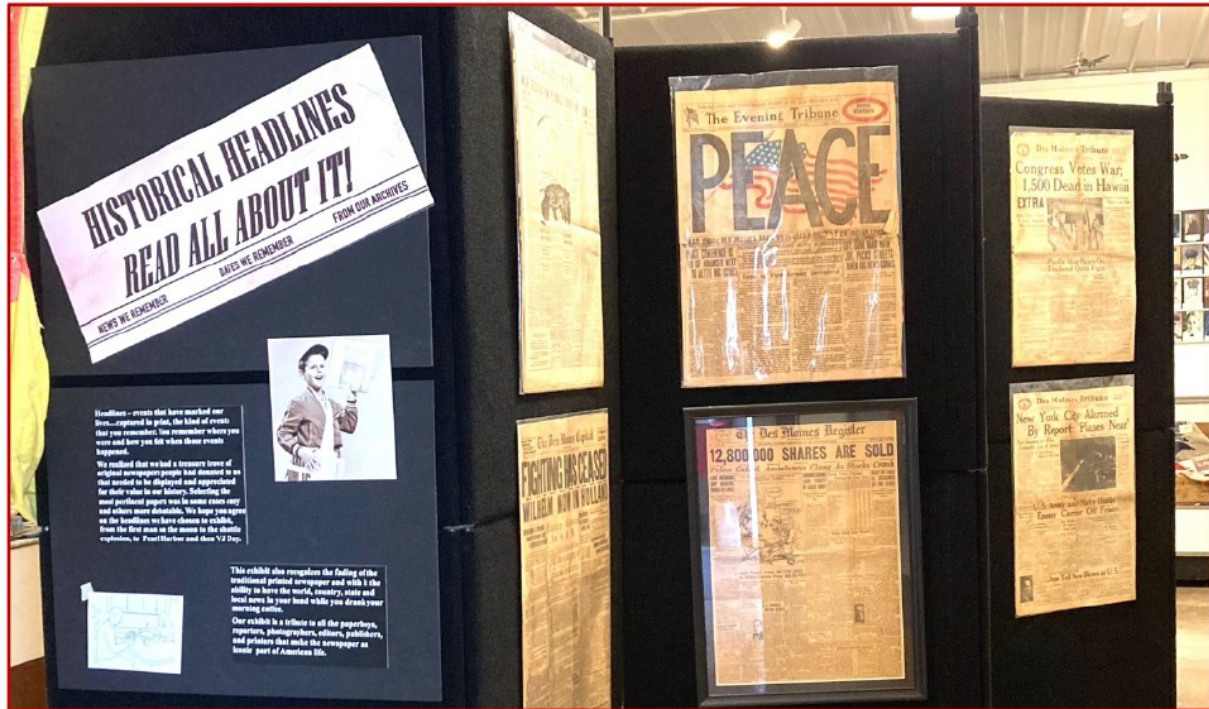
- Unpaid disposal fees create a lien on the property, enforceable like property taxes.



# THE SLATER AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

318 First Ave., P.O. Box 487, Slater, IA 50244 515.228.3832 Slaterhist@huxcomm.net [www.slaterhistory.org](http://www.slaterhistory.org)

## OUR NEW EXHIBIT HISTORICAL HEADLINES- READ ALL ABOUT IT!



***Our new exhibit features newspapers from our archives and covers from World War One to Trump's second election. Headlines that bring back memories! You're invited to remember.***

Our new exhibit was up just in time for our **PANCAKE SUPPER** on Sunday February 23. Over 135 friends turned up to enjoy member Don Rimathe's pancakes and sausage. It was a beautiful day and a great time to visit with folks and visit the museum. Thanks to all who helped and who attended and generously donated. We'll do it again!



*Friends and neighbors*

**We have an intern!** Ashley Grego has volunteered to assist Mary O'Donnell in entering accessions into our database, learning from Mary at the same time. Ashley, who lives in Huxley, has worked at museums previously. We're so pleased to work with someone so interested in history.



**We are pleased to announce Heritage Hall Museum has been recognized as a Heritage Area Site of the Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area (SSNHA). We will be listed on their website of attractions to visit, and Silos & Smokestacks also can assist us with many future goals and development. We are proud to have qualified for this designation.**

<https://www.silosandsmokestacks.org>

***Be sure to visit our new permanent exhibit 'SLATER MAIN STREET'.  
Over 125 years of history!***

**Remember, we're open Thursdays from 10-2  
or by appointment. Call 515-480-9789**

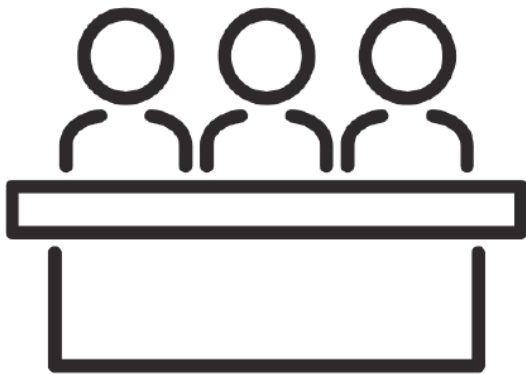
## City Council Meetings

Slater City Hall  
101 Story St  
6:00 pm

**-Mon., Apr. 14**

**-Mon., May 12**

**-Mon., June 9**



**Reminder:** The City of Slater offers monthly auto-pay, bank pay, and online payment options for water bills. Visit our website to get details or stop by City Hall and we can get you set up.

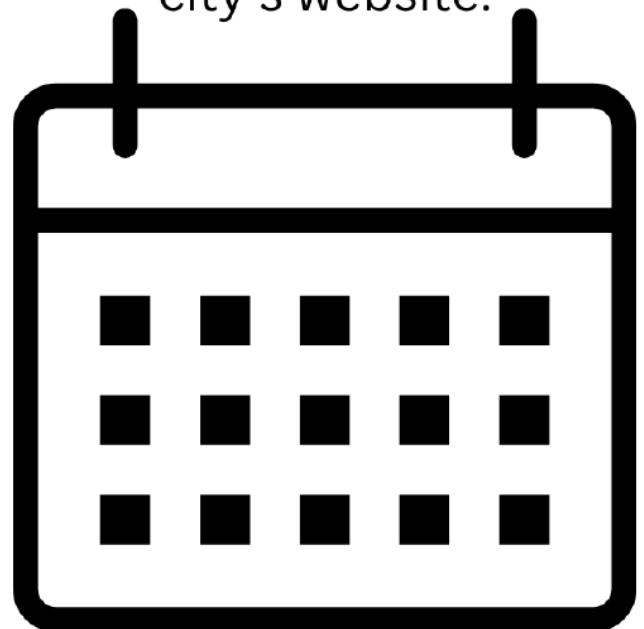


## Golf Cart Rules

- 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.

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





# WE'RE LOOKING FOR...



Greetings Slater Families, Volunteers, Businesses, Council, and City Employees!

We seek your assistance! To celebrate the new developments and growth occurring in our city, while we continue to honor our rich history and traditions, we are launching a new communication initiative titled *Slater Spotlights*. This written piece will be shared via our city's e-newsletter, website, and possibly in the Slater Scoop. With each publication, we will feature both a new addition to Slater, along with a more established presence – whether it be families, volunteers, businesses, council members, or city employees.

To ensure the success of this initiative, we invite families, volunteers, businesses, and employees of Slater to express their interest in being featured by emailing Danielle at [slateriowa@huxcomm.net](mailto:slateriowa@huxcomm.net). Once you indicate your willingness to participate, we will reach out to gather the necessary information for our publication. This process will involve providing written responses to a few questions, in addition to submitting a photograph to accompany your feature. After drafting the piece, we will share it with you for review to ensure the accuracy and appropriateness of the information presented.

We encourage you to consider this opportunity as it's one more way we can continue fostering connectivity within our city!

**\*The City of Slater is still accepting RFPs for the 321 Main Street property. Please stop by City Hall or visit [slateriowa.org](http://slateriowa.org) to access the full RFP.**



**IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Notice of development partnership opportunity with  
the City of Slater, Iowa



The City of Slater is currently accepting applications for all pool staff positions. Please stop by City Hall or visit [slateriowa.org](http://slateriowa.org) for an application.



# **City of Slater: Swim Lesson Sign-Up**

**When:** Tuesday, April 29 - 5:30PM - 6:30PM  
& Wednesday, April 30 - 5:30PM - 6:30PM



**Where:** Slater City Hall – 101 Story St.

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## **Sessions & Lessons:**

Sessions are 2 weeks in length. Classes are 50 minutes in length - Mondays through Thursdays. \*Fridays will serve as rain make-up days.

## **Session & Time Options:**

**Session 1:** June 16 – June 27

**Session 2:** July 14 – July 25

**Session 3:** Aug. 4 – Aug. 15

**~Time choices for Session 1 & 2 classes are:**

9:00am, 10:00am, or 11:00am

**~Time choices for Session 3 classes are:**

6:10pm or 7:10pm

\*Enrollment will be accepted first come, first serve. For everyone's safety, enrollment is capped at each level.

\*Must be 5 years of age by the first day of lessons.

\*Cost: \$50 per session, per child (\*if child lives within city limits).  
\$60 per session, per child (\*if child lives outside city limits).

\*Cash, Check, & Credit/Debit Card accepted. No refunds will be given except for medical emergencies.

\*For definitions of these levels and a check list of things students need to be able to do to be in each level, go to the City of Slater's website at [www.slateriowa.org](http://www.slateriowa.org), scroll down, and click on the icon on the homepage.



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## **Other:**

\*Pool Pass Rates and Pool Party Rates have not been set for season as of yet, nor are we taking Pool Party Reservations at this time. Please continue to check the city's Facebook page and website for updates.



# SLATER SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION 2025

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (as of 1<sup>st</sup> day of lessons): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE#S & RELATION TO STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: NAME & RELATION TO STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Other than yourself or spouse)

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAILS: \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL AND/OR OTHER CONDITIONS STAFF SHOULD BE AWARE OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL INSURANCE CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (\*AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT):

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I / WE, THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF THE ABOVE PARTICIPANT, GIVE MY / OUR PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN SLATER SWIM LESSONS AT THE SLATER MUNICIPAL POOL. I / WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS SOME INHERENT RISK INVOLVED WITH THIS ACTIVITY AND THAT NOT ALL INJURIES CAN BE PREVENTED; THEREFORE, I DO HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE, AND AGREE NOT TO HOLD THE ORGANIZERS, SPONSORS, SUPERVISORS, CITY OF SLATER, EMPLOYEES OR OFFICIALS, OR ANY VOLUNTEERS LIABLE FOR ANY INJURIES THAT MAY OCCUR DURING THIS ACTIVITY.

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

For office use only:

SESSION: \_\_\_\_\_ LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ PAID: \_\_\_\_\_



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