

# Community News

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## Collins Days 2020

Collins Days 2020 is right around the corner! Dates this year are June 26, 27, and 28. The Collins Days Committee is busy planning the festivities! There will be the traditional activities, as well as some fun new events taking place! If you are an individual, business, or organization interested in hosting an event at Collins Days, or if you have a great idea for a new activity or event, please reach out to 2020 committee president Dave Struthers or any committee member.

**\*CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES\***

If you are a business located in or near Collins, whether you have a storefront or run your business from your home, the Collins Days Committee would like you to write up a description of your business and the services you offer. If you are hosting an event during Collins Days this year, please also list what event(s) those are.

These write-ups will be read over the PA system during Collins Days to inform residents and visitors about all the wonderful businesses we have in and around our community! Please submit your write-ups to Jay Heydlauff at [prosoundames@gmail.com](mailto:prosoundames@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook at Collins Days/Events-Iowa

## School Bond Vote

There is an upcoming School Bond Vote taking place on March 3rd, 2020. Collins residents will vote at the Collins Area Community Center. Polls are open from 7am-8pm. You can find details about this bond vote at the school district's

website—  
[www.collins-maxwell.k12.ia.us](http://www.collins-maxwell.k12.ia.us)  
 or by contacting Superintendent Corey Lunn at 515-387-1115.





## Water Shut-Off Policy

- ◆ 24th day of month - Meter Reading
- ◆ Last day of month - Bills Mailed Out
- ◆ 1st - 10th of month - Utility bills due
- ◆ 11th day of month - Unpaid bills are delinquent
- ◆ 15th day - Apply late penalties to unpaid bills
- ◆ 15th day- Mail shut-off notices
- ◆ 21st day - Shut-off unpaid accounts that haven't set up a payment schedule (payment schedules can not be set up for bills over \$250)

Policy questions/comments may be shared with the Mayor and/or any City Councilmember:

Brett Comegys, Mayor	515-681-3999
Del Amsden	515-450-6971
Andrew Coree	515-215-0200
Stacy Howell	641-385-2466
Dawnell Kennedy	515-975-2914
Greg Schlueter	515-290-7107

## Housing Grants Available

Collins is part of the Story County Housing Trust. The Trust was set up for people in Story County to help make needed repairs and upgrades to their homes. There are certain require-

ments households have to meet. Primarily, the repairs have to be needed. Another part of the program is that recipients will have to meet some pretty strict income requirements.

Application forms are available at City Hall for anyone interested.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Katie at City Hall.



## Library Board Needs Help!

The Collins Library Board is in need of 2 new members. These positions have been open for almost a year! Being on the Library Board is a great way to give back to your local community... PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE consider becoming a library board member today! For additional information or if you are interested in filling one of the positions, please contact Library Director Sara Coree at 641-385-2464 or collinspubliclibrary@gmail.com.



## City Council Meetings

City Council meetings will now be held on the **SECOND** Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. City Council meetings are held at City Hall, 212 Main Street and are open to the public.



The first day of spring is Thursday, March 19, 2020!

## Senior Health Clinics

Senior Health Clinics are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Collins Community Center from 9-10am. These clinics are provided by Mary Greeley Medical Center’s Home Health Services program. Health screenings provided are Blood Pressure and Foot Care. If you have any questions, you may contact Nurse Sherry Zook at 515-239-6730.

## Snow Ordinances

We are nearing the spring season, but this is Iowa, and we all know that we may still have snow in the forecast ahead of us. All City of Collins ordinances can be found on the city’s website. Ordinances 69, 70, and 135 all have snow-related information in them. Please read these ordinances to see laws related to 1) parking on city streets and properties during and after snowfall, and 2) dumping of snow onto city streets or properties. There are municipal infractions that may be implemented if these laws are not followed. Hopefully we won’t have any more snow, but you just never know!





## *Exercise the Winter Blues Away*

**Scientific Research shows again and again that regular exercise is good for mental health.\***

Exercising just 3-5 times per week for 45-60 minutes reduces anxiety and depression, while increasing alertness, elevating mood, and improving sleep just to name a few benefits.

\* Journal of Psychiatry, The Lancet Psychiatry, Journal of Mental Health, Harvard

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Visit our website for details at  
[CollinsIowaWellnessCenter.com](http://CollinsIowaWellnessCenter.com)

Or

Stop by Collins City Hall to Join

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# GET EMERGENCY ALERTS



**Sign-up today for Story County Iowa Alerts Emergency Notification System!** Receive alerts via either phone call, email, or text: the choice is yours! When you sign up you will receive fast, important information right to your device about emergency situations occurring (excludes weather alerts).

You get to decide from which communities you want to get emergency alerts. Don't forget to register for alerts for the town where you work, where your children go to school, or where you may have elderly relatives. Finally, you can identify special needs you may have to emergency responders or register to get emergency alerts directly from participating school districts.



### Alerts for:

- School emergencies for enrolled districts
- Security threats
- Power outages
- Evacuations
- Natural disasters
- Other important imminent dangers

### TO SIGN UP

Text "registerstoryalerts" to 69310

Follow this link: [https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/story\\_ia/wens.cfm](https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/story_ia/wens.cfm)

Visit EMA's page at [www.storycountyiowa.gov](http://www.storycountyiowa.gov)

Or call EMA at  
515—382—7316  
for assistance



\*Normal messaging rates may apply

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## 2020 Community Breakfast Schedule

**March 1-** Collins Clippers 4-H Club

**April 5-** Friends of the Collins  
Public Library

**May 3-** Adventure Crew 128

**June 27-** Collins American Legion

**September 6-** Collins Fire & Rescue

**October 4-** Collins Methodist Church

**November 1-** Neighbor Knights

**December 6-** The Well- Combined  
Youth Group of the Collins Christian  
Church and Sacred Mission Church

Collins Community Breakfasts are typically held on the first Sunday of each month, except for June, which is held on the Saturday of Collins Days. Breakfast is served from 7-9am at the Collins Area Community Center. Breakfast includes eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, juice, and coffee. A free-will donation to the organization hosting the breakfast is appreciated. As you can see from the schedule to the left, there are no breakfasts scheduled for the months of January, February, July, and August. If you know of an organization that would be interested in hosting the breakfast during one of those months, please contact Katie at City Hall.

**BREAKFAST**

