

Calendar of Events

- September 23, 2020 **Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center - Blood Drive, Fairfield**
Fairfield Arts and Convention Center
200 N. Main Street
Fairfield, IA 52556
3:00pm - 6:00pm
Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, 800-452-1097
Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is the provider of blood and blood components to more than 90 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. In your area, MVRBC is the exclusive provider to Jefferson County Health Center.
- We have implemented our Emergency Plan here at the Blood Center to protect donors and our staff. This includes:*
- *Placing only one screening station on a table (observing social distancing)*
 - *Wiping down all machines and equipment after each use*
 - *Spacing beds apart to continue social distancing*
 - *Wiping down beds after each use*
 - *Encouraging donors to allow space in the refreshment area*
- September 27, 2020 **Yom Kippur**
All Day
Holiest Jewish observance. A day for fasting, repentance and atonement. Begins at sundown.
- September 29, 2020 **National Coffee Day**
All Day
Popular observance for coffee drinkers, celebrated by the coffee industry and coffee shops and houses (often with free cups of coffee.) Probably first observed in 2005 in the United States.
- October 1, 2020 **Cancelled: 1st Annual JCHC Benefits & Wellness Fair**
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October 1, 2020
- October 31, 2020

National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

All Month

Oct 1-31. A month to observe bullying and cyber-bullying prevention awareness, with activities in schools and communities. Adults must empower the victims and help change the behavior of bullies. Schools must react swiftly and redirect negative behaviors into positive and productive solutions Bystanders who witness the assaults and harassments and threats must not remain silent. Parents must teach their kids kindness compassion, respect and schools must do the same. Our kids and teens need to know they are valued and protected. For info: STOMP Out Bullying. [click for details](#)

October 2, 2020

Fairfield First Fridays: Virtual Oktoberfest

6:00pm - 10:00pm

Marla Brader, 641-233-8883

FairfieldArtWalk@Gmail.com

Fairfield First Fridays Celebrates Oktoberfest with Online Activities and Streaming Live Music.

While normally there would be music, vendors, wiener dog races and more in Central Park, the activities for this year will be online for the October 2nd Oktoberfest event.

October 4, 2020

National Taco Day

All Day

A day to celebrate the versatile, hand-held favorite: tacos. For millennia, the native people of central American wrapped meat and toppings in tortillas, setting the framework for our modern-day enchiladas, burritos and tacos.

October 6, 2020

2020 Fairfield Area Candidate Forums

Fairfield Arts & Convention Center

200 North Main Street

Fairfield, IA 52556

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Darien Sloat, 641-472-2111

Ceo@FairfieldIowa.com

Please join us on Tuesday, October 6th, 2020 and Wednesday, October 7th, 2020 for the Candidate Forum. On Tuesday, October 6th, the forum will be held for county supervisor and sheriff positions. On Wednesday, October 7th, the forum will be held for state legislators. Please note that number of attendees may be limited at event.

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October 7, 2020

Matinee Book Club
Fairfield Public Library
104 W Adams
Fairfield, IA 52556

1:30pm - 3:30pm
Fairfield Public Library, 641-472-6551 Ext. 2
circ@fairfield.lib.ia.us

*This month's thought-provoking fiction selection is *There There* by Tommy Orange. Registration is available first-come, first-served by calling the library's front desk at 472-6551 x2. We ordered 10 copies of the book thru Iowa's Interlibrary Loan program, and the cost is only \$2.00 per person. The meeting will take place at a local park, with plenty of fresh air and space for social distancing. Library staff will provide the exact location at the time of registration.*

October 8, 2020

Garden Reads Book Club
Fairfield Public Library
104 W Adams
Fairfield, IA 52556

2:00pm - 3:00 pm
Fairfield Public Library, 641-472-6551 Ext. 2
circ@fairfield.lib.ia.us

Free Program on Winter Cover in the Garden

The library is collaborating with the Jefferson County Extension Service and Jefferson County Master Gardeners to host an outdoor program about winter cover crops. To ensure social distancing, group size is limited to 12 people who register in advance by calling the library's front desk. The meeting will be held at the garden on the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

October 10, 2020

Re-Closed: American Gothic House Open House
American Gothic House
300 American Gothic St #9654
Eldon, IA 52554

10:00am - 4:00pm

Stop by between 10am and 4pm to get a rare inside look at the Gothic House. No booking or tickets required, and admission is free. Our adjacent visitor center will be open its usual hours of 10am to 5pm. For more details on our visitor center, which is open every day, year-round (excluding major holidays), [click here](#).

October 12, 2020

Columbus Day
Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce
204 West Broadway Avenue
Fairfield, IA 52556

All Day

Columbus Day is on Monday, October 12th, 2020.

October 14, 2020

Manufacturers Appreciation Luncheon

Fairfield Golf & Country Club

905 East Harrison Avenue

Fairfield, IA 52556

11:30am - 1:00pm

Kayla Ashby, 641-472-2111

Events@FairfieldIowa.com

The Chamber is proud to recognize and show Fairfield's appreciation for the manufacturing component of our economy.

Fairfield manufacturers have historically been outstanding corporate citizens and responsible stewards of our industrial tradition. Each year the Manufacturers Appreciation Luncheon offers members of the Fairfield Manufacturer's Association a podium before the crowd to share information about trends, new developments, and other news regarding their company and products.

October 15, 2020

Science Cafe - TBA

Fairfield Public Library

104 W. Adams Ave

Fairfield, IA 52556

5:00pm - 6:00pm

SCIENCE CAFE

We work with the University of Iowa College of Public Health to offer Science Cafes. This topic is to be announced.

October 15, 2020

History Roundtable

Fairfield Public Library

104 W Adams Ave

Fairfield, IA 52556

1:30pm - 3:30pm

History buffs, would you like to share your favorite books with like-minded readers in an outdoor setting, with plenty of fresh air and social distancing?

The library's History Roundtable is a go-to place for connecting with others and exploring diverse perspectives whether your interest is in local, national, or international history. We are partnering with Fairfield Parks & Recreation during the closure to keep lively discussions going while also complying with social distance requirements. The group will meet at a local park. Next month we will provide an indoor setting.

October 17, 2020

Earth Friends Book Club

Fairfield Public Library

104 W Adams

Fairfield, IA 52556

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Fairfield Public Library, 641-472-6551 Ext. 2

circ@fairfield.lib.ia.us

10/10/2020 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

EARTH FRIENDS BOOK CLUB

*October's Earth Friends selection is **Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things** by William McDonough and Michael Braungart.*

This environmental book club will meet at a local park, where there is plenty of fresh air and space for social distancing. (Next month, we'll provide an indoor location.) Group size is limited to 12, and advance registration is required.

October 22, 2020

Foreign Affairs Round Table

Fairfield Public Library

104 W Adams

Fairfield, IA 52556

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Fairfield Public Library, 641-472-6551 Ext. 2

circ@fairfield.lib.ia.us

*A **Grand Strategy of Resilience: American Power in the Age of Fragility** is a 10-page article in the latest **Foreign Affairs Magazine** and the focus of today's discussion. The author is Ganesh Sitaraman, an American legal scholar. He is a Professor of Law at Vanderbilt University, where he has also been a Chancellor Faculty Fellow and the Director of the Program in Law and Government. He studies constitutional and foreign relations law.*

*Today's roundtable will take place in an outdoor setting at a local park, with plenty of fresh air and social distancing. (Next month, we'll provide an indoor location.) We will give each participant a free copy of the above article, which the moderator pulled from the September-October 2020 issue of **Foreign Affairs Magazine**. Please read the article prior to the meeting and arrive ready to share your reactions. Advance registration is required.*

- October 25, 2020
- Fall Trail Drive Through
Whitham Woods
1893 Business Highway 34
Fairfield , IA 52556**
11:00am - 2:00pm
Jefferson County Conservation, 641-472-4421
Naturalist@JeffersonCountyConservation.com
Bring the entire family out to enjoy a portion of the Fairfield Loop Trail. This year our annual Fall Trail Drive Through will have two optional starting locations. Participants can start at Whitham Woods or the west side of Cedar View Trail and both routes will end at Maasdam Barns. Participants can go through both starting locations if they wish. The route will end at the Maasdam Barns where they will have demonstrations and live animals.
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- October 31, 2020
- Halloween
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All Day
Halloween is on Saturday, October 31st, 2020.
- November 3, 2020
- General Election Day**
All Day
General Election Day - Generally, the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- November 4, 2020
- Toddler Time: What's in the Prairie
Jefferson County Park Nature Center
2003 Libertyville Rd Fairfield, IA
Fairfield, IA 52556**
9:00am - 10:00am
Jefferson County Conservation, 641-472-4421
Naturalist@JeffersonCountyConservation.com
Explore the great outdoors alongside your child! For the November program of the monthly series we will be hitting the park to discover what is in the prairie. We will be doing a short introduction before heading out on a hike. This program is designed for children age 2-4 and the child must be accompanied by an adult. Toddler Time happens rain or shine, so be sure to dress for the weather!

November 10, 2020

Common Feeder Birds

Jefferson County Park Nature Center

2003 Libertyville Rd Fairfield, IA

Fairfield, IA 52556

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Jefferson County Conservation, 641-472-4421

Naturalist@JeffersonCountyConservation.com

Join Kelly McKay from 'Building Better Birders' as he shares an indoor presentation on the common birds you see at the feeders in Iowa. Funding for this workshop was provided by the Resource Enhancement and Protection – Conservation Education Program (REAP – CEP). This workshop will be conducted by Kelly McKay (BioEco Research and Monitoring Center), with assistance from Mark Roberts (Clinton County Conservation) and Brian Ritter (Nahant Marsh Education Center).

November 11, 2020

Veterans Day

Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce

204 West Broadway Avenue

Fairfield , IA 52556

All Day

Veterans Day is on Wednesday, November 11th, 2020.

November 11, 2020

Fall Bird Hike

Jefferson County Park

2003 Libertyville Road

Fairfield , IA 52556

9:00am - 11:00am

Jefferson County Conservation, 641-472-4421

Naturalist@JeffersonCountyConservation.com

Join Kelly McKay from 'Building Better Birders' as he guides a bird hike in Jefferson County Park. Participants should bring along your binoculars and dress for fall weather. Staff will have a few extra binoculars if participants do not have a pair.

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November 25, 2020

Fall Nature Camp (Pre-School & Kindergarten)

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2003 Libertyville Rd Fairfield, IA

Fairfield, IA 52556

9:00am - 11:30am

Jefferson County Conservation, 641-472-4421

Naturalist@JeffersonCountyConservation.com

As fall is wrapping up and winter is on its way, send your child to a half day camp to explore what the park looks like during this season change. The morning session will be for students in pre-school and kindergarten while the afternoon session will be for students in 1st through 3rd grade.

November 25, 2020

Fall Nature Camp (1st - 3rd Grade)

Jefferson County Park Nature Center

2003 Libertyville Rd Fairfield, IA

Fairfield, IA 52556

1:00pm - 3:30pm

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November 26, 2020

Thanksgiving

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204 West Broadway Avenue

Fairfield, IA 52556

All Day

Thanksgiving is on Thursday, November 26th, 2020.

November 27, 2020

Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Central Park

5:30pm

Kayla Ashby, 641-472-2111

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See the town square come to life! The Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony will be held at the end of November at Central Park in Fairfield. To kick off the illumination and subsequently the holiday season, the Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce organizes this festive tradition with the FHS Choir caroling at 5:30pm and the lights being turned on at 6:00pm.

December 9, 2020

Toddler Time: Who Lives Here?

Jefferson County Park Nature Center

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Fairfield, IA 52556

9:00am - 10:00am

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December 10, 2020
- December 18, 2020

Chanukah

All Day

Chanukah, the Jewish festival of rededication, also known as the festival of lights, is an eight day festival beginning on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev.

The festival is observed by the kindling of the lights of a unique candelabrum, the nine-branched menorah, one additional light on each night of the holiday, progressing to eight on the final night.

December 11, 2020

Geminids Meteor Shower Viewing

Zillman's Hickory Hills

2437 Glasgow Road

Fairfield , IA 52556

8:00pm - 11:00pm

Jefferson County Conservation, 641-472-4421

Naturalist@JeffersonCountyConservation.com

Stop out to enjoy the view of the 'king of meteor showers', the Geminids Meteor Shower! Naturalist Brittney Tiller will have a telescope on hand to see a few night sky objects up close as well as looking for meteors with the naked eye. Dress for the weather and bring a comfortable chair or blanket. Participants should feel free to come and go during this open house style program however the shower is more active the later in the evening.

December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce

204 West Broadway Avenue

Fairfield , IA 52556

All Day

Christmas Eve is on Thursday, December 24th, 2020.

December 25, 2020

Christmas Day

Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce

204 West Broadway Avenue

Fairfield , IA 52556

All Day

Christmas Day is on Friday, December 25th, 2020.

December 28, 2020

Winter Nature Camp (Pre-School)

Jefferson County Park Nature Center

2003 Libertyville Rd Fairfield, IA

Fairfield, IA 52556

9:00am - 11:30am

Jefferson County Conservation, 641-472-4421

Naturalist@JeffersonCountyConservation.com

Get out of the house and into some frozen fun over your winter break! Winter Nature Camp will be filled with winter games, exploration, and adventure. Kids will need to dress warm as we will be outside for a majority of the camp.

December 28, 2020

Winter Nature Camp (Kindergarten & 1st Grade)

Jefferson County Park Nature Center

2003 Libertyville Rd Fairfield, IA

Fairfield, IA 52556

9:00am - 11:30am

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December 31, 2020

New Year's Eve

Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce

204 West Broadway Avenue

Fairfield , IA 52556

All Day

New Year's Eve is on Thursday, December 31st, 2020.

January 1, 2021

New Year's Day

Fairfield Area Chamber of Commerce

204 West Broadway Avenue

Fairfield , IA 52556

All Day

New Year's Day is on Friday, January 1st, 2020.