

## Waukee Celebrates Gas Utility Workers' Day on March 18

The City of Waukee will observe the national Gas Utility Workers' Day on Monday, March 18, 2019. This day is celebrated across the country as a way to give recognition to the employees who provide the natural gas resource to community members for heating, cooking and more. The City of Waukee owns and operates the City of Waukee Gas Utility which serves 7,085 accounts with approximately 122 miles of gas main.



The official Gas Utility Workers' Day is March 18 because that is the date of the New London, Texas school explosion in 1937 that led to the widespread odorization of natural gas and an increased emphasis on safety. Safety is a vital aspect to natural gas distribution and the gas employees endeavor to make natural gas delivery as safe as possible.

This annual nationwide event is intended to build public awareness about the hard work done by the employees of natural gas utilities. Our customers recognize the need to access reliable, affordable, safe energy and depend on the service of natural gas utility employees for that need. The City of Waukee looks forward to continuing to bring safe, reliable natural gas into your homes and businesses. For more information about natural gas and safety, visit [www.Waukee.org/gasdept](http://www.Waukee.org/gasdept). And, as always – if you smell natural gas, call the 24-hour line at 515-249-1212.



**Members of the Gas Department include (L-R): Gas Superintendent Dave Dezeeuw and Gas Technicians Justin Dodge, Chris Keller and Josh Manning.**

## Dates Announced for Citywide Garage Sale and Spring Clean-Up Week

The **2019 Waukee Citywide Garage Sale** is set for Saturday, April 27. This is not a City of Waukee-sponsored event. It is a designated day for residents to join many others in hosting garage sales at their Waukee homes.

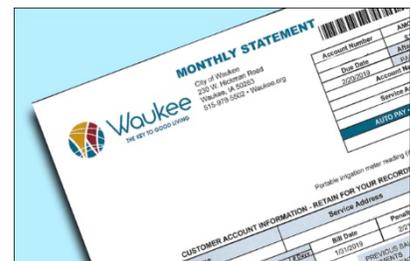


**Spring Clean-Up Week** for City of Waukee/ASI customers will take place April 29-May 3 on residents' regularly scheduled Monday-Friday garbage collection days. On Saturday, May 4, hazardous waste, appliances and tires can be dropped off at designated sites from 8 a.m. to noon. Visit [www.Waukee.org/cleanup](http://www.Waukee.org/cleanup) for more details, and watch for additional information in next month's Waukee Utilities News insert!

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## Billing Software Transition Adjustments Ongoing

The Utility Billing Department just completed a billing software transition. With that change, the look of the bills changed. If the account owner name on the bill appears to have been incorrectly converted over to the new format, please call the department at 515-978-5502 or email [waukeeutilities@Waukee.org](mailto:waukeeutilities@Waukee.org). As we continue to make adjustments following the software transition, you may also notice the capitalization of the street names did not carry over perfectly. This is also being fixed. Thank you for your patience.



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## Statewide Tornado Drill Planned for March 27

Severe Weather Awareness Week is scheduled for March 25-29 as a precursor to the spring season's risk for severe weather. This week provides an opportunity to increase awareness of, and response to, severe weather hazards. Specific topics which will be addressed during this week include flash floods, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, weather warnings and family preparedness.



**A statewide tornado drill will occur Wednesday, March 27 at 10 a.m.** A test will also be issued through the National Weather Service Facebook and Twitter pages. People are encouraged to practice any actions that would be taken in the event of a real tornado.

If severe weather occurs on the day of the drill, it will be moved to Thursday, March 28.

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