



CITY OF PAPIILLION

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Dear Papillion Neighbor,

Spring is here, and in Papillion that means lots of opportunities to get outside to enjoy parks and trails, outdoor events, and even our community's walkable shopping and dining destinations. Now that the weather is warming up, here are a few events to put on your calendar:

- Join us Saturday, May 20 at 8:30 a.m. at SumTur Amphitheater for the kickoff of the Nation of Patriots 2023 Tour, a ceremonial tour passing one American flag through all 50 states. The tour spans 15,000 miles and takes 115 days to complete with the flag being transported on the back of a motorcycle. Visit www.NationOfPatriots.com for more details.
- The Papillion Half Marathon, 10K & 5K Fun Run is Sunday, May 21, beginning and ending at the Papillion Landing Field House. Registration is open through May 16 at www.PapillionRaceSeries.com. Even if you don't race, come join us along the trail to cheer on our participants.
- SumTur Amphitheater's first free movie, Pixar's Lightyear, is May 27 at dusk, with The String Beans providing pre-show entertainment starting at 7 p.m. Visit www.SumTur.org for more information.
- Papiro Bay Aquatic Center's opening day is Saturday, May 27 at noon. Full details at www.PapiroBay.org.

In other news, Heartland Bike Share recently announced its metro-wide network is now entirely composed of electric-assist bicycles (or ebikes). Papillion has four Heartland Bike Share stations — First Street Plaza, Papillion Landing, Walnut Creek and Prairie Queen. I encourage you to try them, whether for recreation or transportation.

Lastly, I want to congratulate Mark Stursma on his recent promotion to Deputy City Administrator for the City of Papillion. Mark has been instrumental in guiding the City of Papillion's growth during his 19-year career serving our community, primarily as Planning Director and most recently as Deputy Administrator of Community Development. I am excited to appoint Mark to the next step in his career and have great confidence his talents will continue to benefit our community.

If you have any questions about any City services, feel free to call the Mayor's Hotline at 402-827-1111. Our staff takes pride in solving problems and answering your questions.

Sincerely,

David P. Black
Mayor