

MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER
October 2025

Dear Marengo Residents,

Fall is upon us, and with it comes exciting progress across our community. I'd like to share a few updates from recent City Council meetings and ongoing projects around town.

Gateway Park Master Plan

Jacob Slings, Director of Iowa County Conservation, presented the Gateway Park Master Plan to the City Council. He's currently applying for a grant to fund Phase 1, which includes an improved boat ramp, designated boat and handicap parking, and trail upgrades. If approved, work could begin soon. Phase 2—still in the planning stage—would add a kayak/canoe launch, rental facility, expanded parking, and a water quality basin.

Ordinance Amendment: Court Use

The Council has scheduled a public hearing for October 8th at 6 pm to consider an ordinance amendment regarding use of tennis and basketball courts. The proposed change would prohibit bicycling, rollerblading, skateboarding, and roller skating on these courts located on city property. This measure aims to preserve the integrity of the playing surfaces for all users.

Infrastructure Improvements

Our wastewater treatment project is officially underway. Crews will begin draining the north lagoon this week, and a new driveway has been installed to accommodate construction equipment. Additional work includes:

- Televising sewer lines on the north side of town
- Extending the water main on Howard Avenue
- Clearing large logs at the yard waste site—residents are welcome to take firewood as needed

Highway 212 Repairs

Many of you have noticed patching work along Western Avenue. This section of Highway 212 is maintained by the Iowa DOT, and we appreciate their efforts to keep it in good condition.

Community Events Resource

Looking for things to do in Marengo? Here are some websites to checkout for a list of local events and activities: www.go-marengo.com/events, www.gobound.com/ia/schools/iowavalley, happeningnext.com/Marengo.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Let's keep Marengo moving forward—together.

Warm regards,

Mayor Adam Rabe