



Slater Scoop

**Newsletter Summer
2026**

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**We hope you
all have an
amazing
summer!**



SLATER COMMUNITY CLUB PRESENTS



4TH OF JULY Celebration

CARNIVAL
BEGINS 6:00 PM FRIDAY &
11:00 AM SATURDAY
TICKET SALES JULY 3RD & 4TH ONLY

FOOD & CRAFT VENDORS
BEGINS 6:00 PM FRIDAY &
11:00 AM SATURDAY

FENDERS BREWING (BEER SALES)
BEGINS 5:00 PM FRIDAY &
9:00 AM SATURDAY
NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ALLOWED

Friday JULY 3RD



6:00	KIDDIE PARADE LINE UP AT SENIOR CENTER AT 5:45. FREE TREATS FOR THE KIDS THANKS TO THE AMERICAN LEGION	TAMA STREET
7:00 - 10:00	KRAFT BROTHERS	NELSON PARK
10:00	FIREWORKS RAIN DATE JULY 4TH. TO PREPARE FOR THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY GRIMM PARK AND THE POOL WILL CLOSE AT 5:00 PM.	GRIMM PARK

Saturday JULY 4TH



6:30 AM	KIWANIS 5K RUN REGISTRATION \$25 REGISTRATION, RUN STARTS AT 7:00	NELSON PARK
8:00 - 10:00	KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST FREE WILL DONATION	NELSON PARK
10:00	 PARADE THEME: HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY AMERICA GRAND MARSHAL: BARB MALLON PARADE ENTRIES LINE UP ON GREENE ST & 1ST AVE., TOWARDS THE CO-OP. NO PARKING ON MAIN STREET. PARADE ROUTE CLOSSES AT 9:00 AM	
NOON	HORSESHOE & SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS REGISTRATION AT 11:00	GRIMM PARK
NOON	OPENING CEREMONIES ANNOUNCE PARADE FLOAT WINNERS	NELSON PARK
12:30	BCPAA COMMUNITY BAND & CHORUS	NELSON PARK
2:30 - 4:00	BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!	NELSON PARK
4:00 - 5:45	TRIVIA REGISTRATION STARTS AT 3:00	NELSON PARK
6:00	QUEEN CROWNING & RAFFLE	NELSON PARK

July 4th ROYALTY



SLATER FIRE DEPT.	AVA GINGERY ASHLYN KRAUSE GRACE MEADOWS	FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY	AVAREE SMITH ANABEL BRUCE EMMA TVRDIK	LOG CABIN QUILTERS	BRENNA BAUMGARDNER EVERETTE HANNAH IVYLYNN BREKKE
SLATER GARDEN CLUB	JOSIE OLDENKAMP OAKLYN CHRISTENSEN NAOMI HOWARD	EMS	LAYLA HOLMES HALLE HILLEBO ZOEY HOKEL	AMERICAN LEGION POST	CARA GRIMARD MYA NETCOTT ELLE SMITH

WE COULD STILL USE HELP WITH THIS YEARS' CELEBRATION!
MEETINGS ARE 7:00 PM, THE 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, AT THE LOG CABIN.
MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK OR EMAIL SLATERIACOMMUNITYCLUB@GMAIL.COM.

this summer at BLC



Root Beer in Nelson Park July 3-4

- cold and on tap
- all net proceeds help the church

VBS July 26-30 with Slater UMC!

- BLC to host this year - 6p to 8p nightly
- free for kids pre-K thru 5th grade

BLC Golf Outing Returns in September

- watch for more details; open to all
- join us at Ballard GCC



Hang out with
Ollie & friends
at VBS!

slaterblc.org

411 3rd Ave. Slater, IA
515.228.3933

BETHLEHEM
ELCA Lutheran Church

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!



JULY 26 - JULY 30

6:00pm-8:00pm

Sponsored by

BETHLEHEM
Lutheran Church

Slater & Sheldahl
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCHES

Held at the
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
411 3rd Ave, Slater

More info coming soon: slaterblc.org or slaterumc.org



Summer 2026

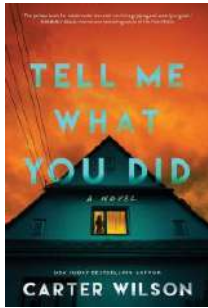
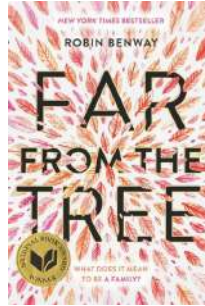


105 N Tama 515-228-3558 www.slaterlibrary.org
Hours: M-TH 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-noon

Book Club

The selection for June is *Far From the Tree* by Robin Benway. Discussion will be on Thursday, June 18 at 2 PM.

Overview: Being the middle child has its ups and downs. But for Grace, an only child who was adopted at birth, discovering that she is a middle child is a different ride altogether. After putting her own baby up for adoption, she goes looking for her biological family.



July's selection is *Tell Me What You Did* by Carter Wilson. Discussion will be on Thursday, July 23 at 10 AM.

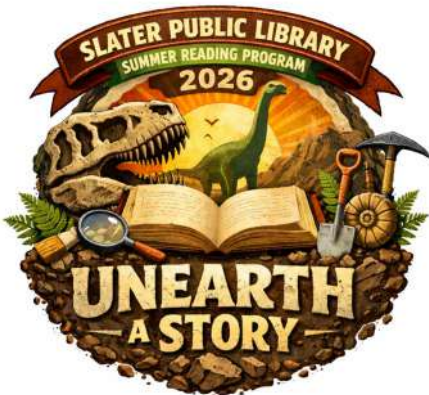
Overview: She gets people to confess their crimes for a living. He knows she's hiding a terrible secret. It's time for the truth to come out...

Poe Webb is a host of a popular true crime podcast. After an episode recording, Poe usually erases both criminal and crime from her mind. But when a strange and oddly familiar man appears on her show, Poe is forced to take a second look. Not only because he claims to be her mother's murderer from years ago, but because Poe knows something no one else does. Her mother's murderer is dead.

Poekilled him.

Summer Reading

Registration Now Open



We are thrilled to invite you to a summer full of excitement, creativity, and fun! We're busy planning activities, crafts, and entertainment for your kids and family. The kick-off will be at Nelson Park on **Thursday, June 4 at 6 PM** followed by 5 weeks of fun! Check our website for schedules and registration details.

Programs

Our regular programming will come to an end as we prepare for summer reading. The last day for Slater Tots and Early Out will be **Wednesday, May 20**. The last yoga session will be **Friday, May 29**.

CLOSED Saturday-Monday, May 23-25 for Memorial Day Weekend.

CLOSED Friday-Saturday, July 3-4

Children's Farmers Market



Please join us at Nelson Park on **Monday, July 6 from 5:00-6:30 PM** as we support our community's young entrepreneurs at the Children's Farmers Market. If your child/ren are interested in signing up to have a stand at the market, we're going to have an **informational meeting for families, on Tuesday, June 9 at 6 PM**, where we'll talk through a basic business plan (possible items to sell, pricing, signage, & other logistics). We'll also release the Google Form sign-up that same night.

Evening Programs May Flowers

We're celebrating spring tonight! Stop in **Wednesday, May 20 from 4:30-6:30 PM** to decorate a candle holder with pressed dried flowers. This activity is open to anyone 12 years and up.



Old Country Craft Night

American families have lots of "Old Country" stories from all around the globe. Drop in between **4:30-6:30 PM on Monday, June 1** to make some crafts from the old country to celebrate our immigrant nation!

We will be making Scandinavian woven hearts, practicing Celtic knots, and cutting some papel picado. All ages are welcome!



Heritage Potluck

Wednesday, June 10 from 5:30-6:30 PM bring in a dish or dessert that tells the story of where you came from! We're collecting recipes to create a 250th Anniversary Cookbook.



Bath Bomb Pops

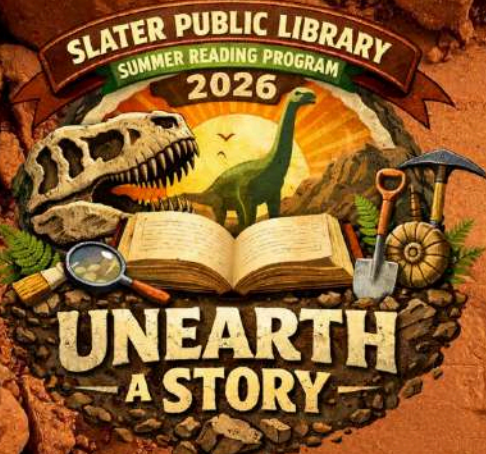
The 4th of July is over but summer isn't quite done yet! Come in **Wednesday, July 15 from 4:30-6:30 PM** to make some popsicle bath bombs to continue our America 250 celebration. Good fun for ages 12 and up.



America is 250!

We're still celebrating America's 250th Birthday this month! Stop in **Monday, July 20 from 4:30-6:30 PM** to decorate a cupcake and make a bracelet to keep the semisecular party going!





FREE
SUMMER PROGRAMS
JUNE 4 - JULY 21

KICK-OFF EVENT JUNE 4 @ 6 PM!

SPECIAL SPEAKERS & EVENTS

June 4 - **Kick-off Party** 6 PM
Sponsor: Edward Jones

June 11 - **Mini Golf Event** 10AM-Noon
Sponsors: Slater Animal Hospital &
Slater Garden Club

June 18 - **Mesozoic Adventure** 10AM
Sponsor: South Story Bank

June 25 - **Spocks Sanctuary-Reptiles** 10AM
Sponsor: Syngenta

July 9 - **Water Fights with Slater Fire Dept.** 10 AM
Sponsor: Huxley Communications

July 16 - **Circus of Bubbles** 10 AM
Sponsor: Fidelity Bank

July 21 - **Picnic/Pool Party** Time TBD
Sponsor: Friends of SPL



WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

Slater Tots - Toddlers & Preschoolers--Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Builders Book Clubs -

Incoming Kindergartners-Kindergarten--Tuesdays at 9:30 AM

1st-2nd grade--Tuesdays at 11 AM

Tween Book Club - 3rd-5th grade--Mondays at 9:30 AM

Middle School Book Club - 6th-8th grade--Mondays at 11:00 AM

Lego Clubs - 1st-2nd grade--Tuesdays at 1:00 PM

3rd grade and older--Tuesdays at 2:30 PM



ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Monday Family Activity Nights
Teen Reading Incentive Programs
Monthly book clubs, art programs, and more!



Register



REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.SLATERLIBRARY.ORG

Registration is required. Ages are based on 2025-26 school year.

2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR SLATER MUNI WATER DEPT

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater and groundwater under the influence of surface water. Some of the water is purchased. Purchased water comes from BOONE WATER WORKS. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation Yes/No	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)			
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	51.00 (45 - 59)	12/31/2025	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5]	60 (N/A)	LRAA	19.00 (9 - 26)	12/31/2025	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	7.00 (ND - 21) 1 sample(s) exceeded AL	2025	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.16 (ND - 0.20)	2025	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	2.5 (ND - 3)	12/31/2025	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	RAA	0.68 (0.600 - 0.700)	03/31/2025	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrite [as N] (ppm)	1 (1)	SGL	0.3486 (ND - 0.3486)	2025	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
03 - AFTER WTP AND XENIA (BOONE)						
Selenium (ppb)	50 (50)	SGL	1.60	10/18/2022	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	0.6	03/12/2024	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Arsenic (ppb)	10 (0)	SGL	1.00	10/18/2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronic production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2 (2)	SGL	0.509	10/18/2022	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	142	12/09/2025	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	1.1294 (1.0029 - 1.1294)	2025	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite [as N] (ppm)	1 (1)	SGL	0.2467 (ND - 0.2467)	2025	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL – Single Sample Result
- RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. Our water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formulas, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact SLATER MUNI WATER DEPT at 515-228-3339. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Lead tap sampling data can be found in the Iowa Drinking Water Data Portal: <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/iowadrinkingwater>

Our water supply has completed a service line inventory. Please contact us for information regarding the inventory and how you can access the results.

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

OTHER VIOLATIONS

In September 2025 we failed to monitor for Manganese. Adverse health effects, if any, are not known. Monitoring procedures have been corrected to avoid future violations.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the buried sand and gravel of the Buried Sand and Gravel aquifer. The Buried Sand and Gravel aquifer was determined to have low susceptibility to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide natural protection from contaminants at the land surface. The Buried Sand and Gravel wells will have low susceptibility to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 515-228-3339 .

This water supply obtains some or all of its water from another public water supply. It is a consecutive water supply, where an originating parent supply provides drinking water to one or more downstream supplies.

Original Supply ID	Original Supply Name
IA0819033	BOONE WATER WORKS

OTHER INFORMATION

Turbidity is an indicator of treatment filter performance and is regulated as a treatment technique.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact SLATER MUNI WATER DEPT at 515-228-3339.

PURCHASED WATER INFORMATION

Our water system purchases water from the system(s) shown below. Their water quality is as follows:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)			
0819033 - BOONE WATER WORKS						
01 - WLS #12,13,16,19-29 AFTR TRTMNT						
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	0.57	09/18/2023	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	17	07/14/2025	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	8.6 (0.83 - 8.6)	2025	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Atrazine (ppb)	3 (3)	SGL	0.10	10/07/2024	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Dalapon (ppb)	200 (200)	SGL	0.60	10/04/2021	No	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way
Turbidity (NTU)	N/A (N/A)	TT	Enter highest single measurement and the lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting turbidity limits here.			Soil runoff



TRAILBLAZERS SUMMER PROGRAM

We are enrolling for our Summer school age program!

We utilize multiple local businesses to create a fun and engaging Summer for our older kids!

- Science Experiments
- Water Days
- Bike Days
- Slater Public Library Program
- Painting Classes
- Planting Classes
- So much more!



STEPPING STONES
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Enroll Today! steppingstonescdc16@gmail.com

ENROLL TODAY!

STEPPING STONES

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

We are excited to announce our partnership with the Ballard School District for 3 year old preschool and wraparound care for 4 year old preschool students!

- 3 Year old Preschool with WRap around care
- Access to Ballard's 4 year old preschool program and wrap around care with 3 year old enrollment at Stepping Stones
- Wrap around care for 3 and 4 year old preschool students
- Care on no school days and school breaks
- Transportation provided for 4 year olds depending on the partnership agreement
- Integrated and seamless program to meet the needs of students and their families!
- Register on the Ballard School Districts website!

Reach out today to set up your tour!

steppingstonescdc16@gmail.com

515-228-3200





ON SCENE WITH SLATER EMS

CALLS FOR SERVICE (2026-YTD TOTALS)

- 45 total calls (about 11-12 per month)
- Most frequent 911 calls:
 - Trauma - 20 (Falls 6, Motor Vehicle Crashes 6, other 8)
 - Chest pain / cardiac (6)
 - Breathing problems (4)
 - Other (15)

CONNECT WITH US

Slater EMS is honored to serve our community, and we sincerely appreciate your continued support. If you need to reach us, please email EMS@SlaterIowa.org or follow us on Facebook for updates and information. Interested in becoming a volunteer EMS responder? Contact us to learn whether you are already qualified or eligible for financial assistance to help you become certified.

HELP US CELEBRATE EMS WEEK!

Your local EMS team is proud to serve our community 24/7—join us in recognizing the dedication of emergency medical responders who are always ready when you need us most.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

2:30-6:30 Blood Drive at the Log Cabin

- Visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org to schedule

5:00-7:00 Picnic in the Park at Nelson Park

- Meal provided with a freewill donation to Slater EMS
- Learn lifesaving CPR & Stop the Bleed skills
- Ballard Creek Big Band performing 5:30-6:30



EMS WEEK™

May 17-23, 2026

Improving Outcomes, Together

CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF THE USA!



JUNE AND JULY AT THE MUSEUM

OUR NEW EXHIBIT

“WHAT THEY SAID -

WORDS OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS“

WITH STORIES OF THEIR EXPLOITS OF COURAGE

**OPEN JULY 4TH WITH OUR GUEST ORGANIST
PLAYING PATRIOTIC FAVORITES**

★AND LOOK FOR OUR PARADE FLOAT!★

‘THE GRAND OLD FLAG - E PLURIBUS UNUM, FROM MANY ONE!’

THE SLATER AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

318 First Avenue, Slater

www.slaterhistory.org

City Hall Newsletter

Pool Hours

Monday - Friday

12 - 7 PM

Saturday - Sunday

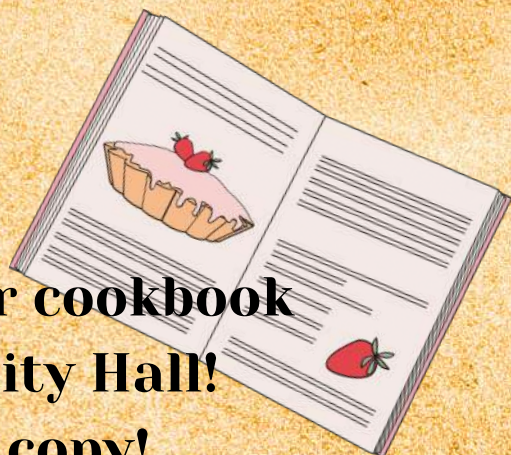
1 - 7 PM

Adult Swim Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 6 - 7 AM



**Please do not spray
grass clippings into
the street!**



**Pick-up your cookbook
today at City Hall!
\$37 per copy!**

Next Regular City Council Meetings:

JUNE 15TH

JULY 20TH

AUGUST 17TH

6:00 PM

**City Hall Closed for
Following Holidays:
Memorial Day- May 25th
July 3rd**



NEWS

COMING SOON!

- **Wayfinding Signs**

You may have seen our P&R board out and about this past week planning out the locations of updated signage to better assist motorists and cyclists in finding their way to the most sought after areas in Slater.

- **New Blooms!**

Grimm Park has some new colors to catch your eye as you're out and about. P&R was a big supporter of adding new planters and flowers to beautify the area.

- **Celebrate With Us!**

Contact City Hall about reserving our pool for your next celebration.

DID YOU KNOW?

Slater Pool offers adult swim times in the morning before the pool opens for the day. This is a great opportunity to get in some peaceful exercise before your busy day begins. Contact City Hall for more information.

Slater is a big supporter of the Ballard Sharks Swim Club. This is a competitive swim club open to youth. Registration is open to all until the class is full. Season begins June 6. Follow their Facebook page for more information.

Donating your cans to the Slater can corral located on the curve of 1st Avenue and N Carroll Street is the easiest way to support Slater Parks and Recreation with future programs and equipment additions to our parks.



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