



Friendship Community Project Newsletter

We Are Here!

We are excited to announce the formation of Friendship Community Project, a nonprofit organization devoted to helping immigrants and refugees in the Iowa City area feel at home in their new community. The program will include mentoring and activities with community volunteers, a newsletter and Facebook page with community information and events, and English language classes for adult learners.

For more information about our new programs, please visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/friendshipcommunityproject>

Or e-mail us at :

friendshipcommunityproject@gmail.com

Friendship English Classes To Start September 9th

Adults who want to learn to speak, understand, read and write English and practical life skills are invited to join us from **9:45AM to 11:30AM on Monday and Wednesday** mornings in the classrooms at the **Good News Bible Church, at 845 Pepperwood Lane** (behind K-Mart). The Broadway bus stops nearby. Classes are **free**!

Classes will include grammar and life skills lessons, including topics such as talking with your doctor, making an appointment, applying for a job, talking about your family and daily activities, shopping for food and clothing, understanding the kinds of businesses and services in our community, interacting with the police, avoiding identity theft, talking with your child's teacher, and more. Classes will accept new students throughout the fall semester..

If a class is full, students may be put on a waiting list until a space opens up in the class.

We're sorry, but children may not come to class or be unattended in the building.

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Special points of interest:

- New Program for Community Members from Other Countries
- Free Adult English Classes On Monday and Wednesday Mornings.

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Emergencies!

If you need an ambulance, fire fighters, or the police for an emergency in the Iowa City area, call 911.

To call the police about something that is not an emergency, call these numbers:

Iowa City Police: 319-356-5275

Coralville Police: 319-248-1800

North Liberty Police: (officer needed) 319-356-6800
or (business office) 319-626-5724.

Community ID's for Johnson County Residents

Our county issues community identification cards for Johnson County residents who don't have an ID for common activities like cashing their pay checks, renting an apartment, buying medicine, or showing an ID to a police officer after reporting a crime. You can use the card to:

- Open a bank account at participating banks
- Confirm your identity when using a credit card.
- Get a library card
- Interact with schools, city and county agencies, and police
- Participate in some discount programs

You can ***not*** use this ID to get a driver's license, board an airplane, buy alcohol or tobacco, enter businesses with age restrictions, prove employment eligibility, or vote.

A 4-year ID costs \$8 for adults, \$4 for a child.

To get your card, go to the Johnson County Administration building, 913 S. Dubuque St. in Iowa City. You will need to bring some identification with you.

Forms of ID You Can Use to Get A Community ID Card

You will need One of these:

*passport	*Foreign driver's license	*Utility bill
*US driver's license	*Voter registration card (with original birth certificate)	*Insurance bill
*US state non-driver's license ID card	*Military ID card (with original birth certificate)	*bank statement
*Green Card	*U.S. Individual Taxpayer ID Number ITIN (with a photo ID)	*Employment stub
*Birth Certificate (kid under age 16)	*ID card from an Iowa school	*Mortgage payment receipt
*Consular ID card	*Certified copy of birth certificate	*Original health or social services document saying you have lived here for 15 days
		*Income tax refund statement

OR two of these:

*National ID card with photo, name, address, date of birth, expiration date	*Social Security Card	*Current rental agreement or mobile home lot payment receipt
	You will also need proof of address:	

Some Other Iowa City English Language Classes

Kirkwood Community College offers both credit English as a second language classes and free, non-credit classes. For information about Kirkwood's free ESL classes, contact Colleen at **319-887-3967** or coleen.schmitt@kirkwood.edu.

Kirkwood also offers some conversation groups and a U.S. Citizenship Test preparation class. To learn more, contact Kassia at **319-887-3646** or kassia.scott@kirkwood.edu.

The International Women's Club offers English conversation classes and social opportunities for women from all countries. For information, contact Robin at **319-541-2260** or robin.ungar@gmail.com.

Friendship Community Project Information

Friendship Community Project is organized for the purpose of promoting a sense of community belonging and practical assistance to immigrants and refugees in the Iowa City area, including assistance finding local resources and learning about the community, forming connections with community members, and learning English and life skills necessary in this community.

Contact: friendshipcommunityproject@gmail.com