



## Leadership Letter

First of all, I have the honor of congratulating Queen Eleanor Witt and her attendants Megan Atkins, Emily Van Gorp, Jessica Vos and Leah Wilborn, the 80th Tulip Time Royal Court. These young ladies have already represented the City of Pella regally these last months. They have been in the halls of our capitol meeting Governor Terry Branstad and have been performing and answering questions for many other dignitaries and groups throughout the state.

As we are now days away from the big event, the City would like to thank the Pella Historical Society and the Tulip Time Steering Committee for all of the work they've been doing. We also want to thank the many volunteers needed for Tulip Time. There are many of you who work hard and donate so much time to make these days the great success that it is year after year. I personally want to thank the staff for performing those extra duties before, during and after Tulip Time—the police, fire and EMT personnel—who have to be available at all hours. Thanks also for the patience of the general public who at times need to put up with some inconveniences. I hope I have a chance to use a few Dutch words before each of the afternoon and evening street scrubbings. I always find those times “gezellig” (joyful, pleasant)—your Dutch word for the month.

As far as other venues, the Pella Sports Park is now nearing completion. Some of the delay can be blamed on the nasty November weather last autumn, but things look extremely exciting now. Many fans and players have been waiting a long time for the sounds of bats and voices east of town on that complex. Other underground electric conversion, street and construction projects will continue and begin in earnest soon after the Tulip Time crowds leave our City. Staff is very busy with routine maintenance work on parks and repairs, and as we look around the City, don't be shy about complimenting them on the great job they are doing. Summer is almost here; I hope this is a fun time of year for you.

— Harold “Van” Van Stryland

## FREE TULIP BULBS

Tulips planted in specified street beds and the City parks will be available for removal on **Monday, May 18 beginning at 7:00 am.**

Please use a pitch fork when digging up bulbs and remove all foliage with the bulb. Please do not leave stems and/or leaves behind. All soil must remain in the flower beds. If soil is spilled outside the bed during removal, please rake it back in the bed.

The street beds are located between the sidewalk and the street on:

- Main Street between Peace and Liberty & between Washington and Sunken Gardens
- Washington Street from Open Bible Church west to Brinkhoff Park
- Franklin Street from the Post Office west to West Market Park

City parks include: Brinkhoff, Central, West Market, Sunken Gardens, South Park, Community Center, Library, City Hall, Lions and the Klokkenspel. Removal from any other bed is prohibited.

## HOOPLA DIGITAL LAUNCH DATE – MAY 11, 2015

The Library is excited to announce the availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums and audiobooks, all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with hoopla digital. Beginning May 11, you can enjoy thousands of titles – from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers – available to borrow for instant streaming or temporary downloading to your smartphones, tablets and computers. hoopla digital is offered at no cost to you via browser, Android and IOS and requires only a Pella Public Library card to access. To get registered, or find out more information, visit [www.cityofpella.com/library](http://www.cityofpella.com/library) or [www.hoopladigital.com](http://www.hoopladigital.com).

## Meeting Dates

**5/5: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council,  
Police Training Room,  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**5/12: 4:00 p.m.**  
Library Board,  
Pella Public Library

**5/13: 5:30 p.m.**  
Community Development  
Committee, Public Works  
Conference Room

**5/15 Noon**  
Community Services Board,  
Community Center Room 204

**5/18: 7:00 p.m.**  
Planning & Zoning  
Commission,  
Police Training Room,  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**5/19: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council,  
Police Training Room,  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**5/29: 7:00 a.m.**  
Airport Committee,  
Airport Terminal,  
Meeting Room

## Special Dates

**May 7 thru 9**  
Tulip Time

**5/20 All Day**  
Free Brush Pickup by City

## Memorial Day

**Offices Closed for Memorial Day:**  
City Hall, Community Services, Electric Distribution, Planning and Zoning, Public Library and Public Works

**Garbage and Recycling Pick-up for Memorial Day:**  
Monday's route (5/25) will run on Tuesday (5/26) and Tuesday's route will run on Wednesday (5/27). The rest of the week will be as usual.

## ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Pella's Annual Water Quality Report will not be mailed with your utility bill this year. Instead, please look for the direct web address to the report that will be included in June's utility bill and newsletter. Paper copies will be available on July 1st at City Hall and Public Works. If you have any questions, please call 641-628-1601.

## GET READY FOR SUMMER FUN!!

The Pella Aquatic Center will be open Monday, May 25th at 1:00 pm. Due to school still being in session, the Aquatic Center hours are:

Tuesday, May 26 to Friday, May 29 – 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 30 – 1:00 - 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 31 – 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Normal summer hours begin Monday, June 1.



To avoid long waits, purchase your pass early. Passes may be purchased at the Indoor Pool during operation hours. Please check online at [www.cityofpella.com](http://www.cityofpella.com) for summer programming. Registration for summer swimming lessons begins Friday, May 22nd at the Indoor Pool. For more information, contact the Pella Aquatic Center at 641.628.1882.

## PELLA COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

The Community Services Office is currently taking registrations for summer Art Center Programs, Adult Co-Ed Softball and Fall Youth Soccer and Flag Football. Check out our web site [www.cityofpella.com](http://www.cityofpella.com) for more information.

## SPORTS PARK UPDATE

Significant progress has been made in completing Phase I, which consists of an entrance drive and paved parking lot, five lighted and irrigated baseball/softball fields, main concessions building, shade structures, and multi-purpose fields with a separate restroom building.



Both the City of Pella and Fields For Our Future organization sincerely appreciate the continuing community support for this project. Once construction progresses further, an opening date will be released.

## MAY ADULT CLASSES: **Hors d'oeuvres and Art**

The Pella Community Art Center is offering adult (18 & up) classes with all materials and hors d'oeuvres being provided. Pre-registration is required, so call 628-4571 or email [bross@cityofpella.com](mailto:bross@cityofpella.com) to register. Payment is due the day before the class.



**Painting**  
Tulip

Tuesday, May 5th  
7-9 pm - \$20



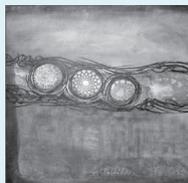
**Painting**  
Painted Jars

Tuesday, May 12th  
7-9 pm - \$20



**Painting**  
Welcome

Tuesday, May 19th  
7-9 pm - \$20



**Painting**  
Abstract

Tuesday, May 26th  
7-9 pm - \$20

## MAY LIBRARY EVENTS

- May 2 at 10:30 a.m.: **Spanish Story Time.**
- May 14 at 2:00 p.m.: **Laughter Club** in the Meeting Room. Find out how laughter benefits your health and participate in laughter exercises led by a Certified Laughter Leader.
- May 20 at 2:15 p.m.: **Early Out Movie.** Please join us for a movie on the big screen in the Meeting Room. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a parent or mature person in the library while watching the movie. Children under the age of 5 must have a parent or mature person in the room watching the movie. For the movie title, please call the library.
- May 21 at 10:15 a.m.: **Genealogy Club** will meet in the Library Meeting Room.
- Story time is offered every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Saturday story time is suggested for ages 3 and up with parents.

### Special Library hours in May:

- During Tulip Time, the Library will be open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 7 and Friday, May 8. The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10.
- For Memorial Day, the Library will be closed on Sunday, May 24 and Monday, May 25.

### Mark your calendar!

The Summer Reading Program, **Every Hero Has a Story**, will start soon. Logs will be available on Tuesday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m. Sign up



for programs will be on Monday, June 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. The library has reading programs for all ages from babies to adults! For more information on the children's summer reading program, please see Katie in the Children's Department.

**Coming in May:** The Pella Public Library is participating in the "Public Writing, Public Libraries" project of the Grin City Collective. Poetry excerpts will be installed on selected windows of the library. This display is funded by the Vermeer Charitable Trust.

**Check this out!** The library offers extended checkouts for movies. You may check out DVDs and videotapes for 7 days for a fee of \$1.00 per item.

**For more information about any of these programs, please call the library at 628-4268.**