

City of

JULY 2015

Pella



Mayor's Message

As community leaders, one of our most important tasks is to be good stewards of the financial resources that you provide and to make good long-term decisions or investments that will benefit the community. Many of the opportunities we have today are the direct result of good decisions that were made by past leaders.

Today, we are challenged with a difficult issue. Our Community Center has served us well for many years, but has reached a point where it will require a significant investment to renovate. In order to be responsive to our citizens, we have established a Community Center Assessment Committee to evaluate the facility's utilization. The current organizations that are housed in the facility are the City of Pella's Art and Recreational Department, Union Street Players, Senior Meals, Crossroads, and the Clothing Bank.

As part of this evaluation effort, the Committee will seek input from you so that their recommendations will mirror the desires of the community as a whole. It is your input that I am writing about today. The Committee has developed a quick survey that is now available on the City of Pella website, www.cityofpella.com. Printed copies are also available at City Hall, the Community Center, or in the Library for those without internet access. You can return it along with your City utility payment, or drop it off at any City Department. The deadline for completing the survey is July 31, 2015.

This is an important decision that may affect how the City offers services in the future. Please take a few minutes to complete and return this survey.

We really want to hear from you!

– Mayor Jim

Grant Received for Accessible Picnic Table

Earlier this summer, Alliant Energy Foundation awarded the City of Pella's Parks Department with a 2015 Community Grant to purchase an accessible picnic table for Central Park. The picnic table is a welcome addition to the information windmill plaza area. Thanks, Alliant Energy!



Library Characters in Central Park



Each year staff discusses various ideas for Central Park, and this year's theme is "Storybooks." Staff from the Parks Department and Art Center, along with volunteers, helped craft various literary characters and accessories to embellish the many flower beds in Central Park. The Senior Horticulturist for the City of Pella, Marcy Simbro-Woodhouse, designed flower beds to specifically highlight each character or object. White begonias signify clouds under the flying broom, while ferns act as tree tops, lemon-cello petunias represent honey, and begonias are used to send a message in the spider web. We've also added our own Dutch touch to a few of our characters. Check out the Burgemeister and street sweeper by the Central Park fountain. The displays will stay in place through the summer and early fall.

July Meeting Dates

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

7/8: 5:30 p.m.
Community Development
Committee, Public Works
Conference Room

7/14: 4:00 p.m.
Library Board,
Pella Public Library

7/21: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

7/17 Noon
Community Services Board,
Community Center,
Room 204

7/27: 7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning
Commission,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

7/31: 7:00 a.m.
Airport Committee,
Airport Terminal,
Meeting Room

July Special Dates

Offices Closed on July 3rd
City Hall, Community
Services, Electric Distribution,
Planning and Zoning, Public
Library, and Public Works

July 15 All Day
Free Brush Pickup by City

Independence Day Activities

9:30 – 11:30	Free Fishing at Caldwell Park (poles provided)
10:00 – 1:00	Tours of Vermeer Windmill
10:00 – 1:00	Tea, Lemonade, and Cookies in Scholte Gardens
9:30 – 1:00	Pony Rides at Central Park
11:00 – 1:00	Tours of Scholte House
11:00 – 1:00	Games and Activities in Central Park – bag toss, frog jumping, and dunk tank. Inflatables provided by Marion County Bank
1:30 – 3:00	Parade: On Franklin Street from E. 1st Street to W. Market Park
4:00 – 7:00	Swimming at the Aquatic Center
7:00 – 8:00	Entertainment in Central Park on Tulip Toren – City Band
Dusk/9:45	Fireworks (information below)



***** Food stands open all day. *****

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The City of Pella 2015 Fireworks display will be held on Saturday, July 4th at dusk. Fireworks are launched from the East University St. & 240th Place intersection just east of Madison Elementary School. (All of the Madison School property will also be closed for the fireworks show). University St. from East 13th to 240th Place and 240th Place will be closed before and during the fireworks. Vehicle parking is allowed only on designated hard surface parking lots. Please do not park on any grassy areas. In case of a rainout, fireworks only will be moved to July 9th at the same location. Listen to KNIA/KRLS for rainout information.

JULY ART CENTER PROGRAMS

(Pre-registration is required)

Toddler Art: July 10 or July 24 Time: 9:00-10:00 am	Printmaking 101: July 22 Time: 9:00 am-11:00 am
Ceramic Leaf Dishes: July 6 Time: 1:00-3:00 pm	Printmaking 202: July 23 Time: 9:00-11:00 am
Treasure Necklace: July 9 Time: 9:00-10:00 am	Painting for Two: July 23 Time: 7:00-9:00 pm
Fairy Garden Decoration: July 13 Time: 1:00-3:00 pm	Christmas in July: July 27 Time: 1:00-3:00 pm
Bubble Paper & Tissue Trees: July 15 – Time: 1:00-2:00 pm	Kids and Canvas: July 28 Time: 10:30am-12:00 pm
Stuffed Creatures: July 20 Time: 1:00–3:00pm	The Graffiti Process Project: July 28 Time: 1:00-2:30 pm
History of Rock Music: July 15, 17, 20 – Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm	Superhero Capes: July 30 Time: 9:00-10:30 am
The Cat's in the Bag: July 21 Time: 9:00-11:00 am	Celebration Lanterns: August 3 Time: 1:00-3:00 pm
Fluffy Stuff: July 21 Time: 12:00-1:30 pm	Mixed Media Greeting Cards: August 10 – Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

ART CENTER IN THE PARK

One of the Art Center's most popular programs is designed to put art where there are kids. Art Center staff will bring a plethora of art supplies to the parks. They work with students to make anything and everything. Last summer, kids and adults made jewelry, paintings, drawings, collages, wood sculpture, books, and hats. In case of heavy rain/lightning, we will meet at the Art Center, in the Pella Community Center.

Fee: \$2 per child.

Caldwell – July 1 – 9:30-11:00 am

West Market – July 8 – 9:30-11:00 am

JULY 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 to register. Payment of \$20 is due the day before the class. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm.

July 7 – Beach Painting
July 21 – Sunset Painting

July 14 – Ceramic Flower/Garden Marker
July 28 – Butterfly Painting

JULY LIBRARY EVENTS

Library closed on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual Paperback Book Sale Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25. The book sale will take place in the library meeting room on Friday during regular business hours. On Saturday, the sale will be held in front of the library from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Paperbacks for all ages will be available for the donation of your choice. Take as many as you like!

For Children:

- **Story Time** is offered every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Saturday story time is suggested for ages 3 and up with parents. Weekly story time, tot time, and lap sit will start the week of July 6.
- July 9, 16, and 23, 12:00 p.m.: **Theater Thursdays.** Kids and parents are welcome to bring a sack lunch to the library meeting room. Lunch will be at 12:00 p.m. followed by a movie starting at 12:30 p.m. Children under the age of 5 must be accompanied by a parent or mature person in the room watching the movie. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a parent or mature person in the library while watching the movie. Please call the library for the movie titles.
- July 10 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.: **Open LEGO Play.** No sign up is needed; LEGOs are provided. Children under 5 must have a parent or mature person in the room while attending the program. Children under 8 must have an adult or mature person in the library while attending the program.
- July 16 at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.: **IPTV's Dan Wardell** will present story time at the Joan Kuyper Farver Auditorium in the Community Center Building. Everyone is welcome to attend; no sign up needed.
- July 24 at 2:30 p.m.: **Bubbleologist Geoff** inspires hearts and minds to a new level of curiosity. Kids will laugh as they learn all about the art and science of bubbles! The program will be held at the Joan Kuyper Farver Auditorium in the Community Center Building. Everyone is welcome to attend; no sign up is needed.

For Adults:

- July 2 at 4 p.m.: Meet local author **Cathy Haustein** and hear selections from her recently published book *Natural Attraction*. This program will be held in the Heritage Room.
- July 30 at noon: The **Brown Bag Book Club** will discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr in the Library Meeting room.
- The **Genealogy Club** will not meet in July.
- Don't forget to turn in your book reviews for the **Adult Summer Reading Program**. To be eligible for the grand prize drawings, reviews must be submitted by July 31.

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

Planning a road trip this summer? Listen to audio books as you drive! We have a wide selection of books on CD, and you can also download audio books from our web site. Before you leave on vacation, check out our selection of travel books. They are helpful in planning your itinerary, or you can read them for "armchair travel!"