

Mayor's Message

With all of the focus on the upcoming Presidential election, I would like to remind everyone that, though it is critically important, it is still over a year away. We simply can't afford to focus solely on one election when one that has a significant direct impact on our families, our businesses, and our community is just around the corner. Of course I am referring to the City election occurring on November 3. It does not have all of the press coverage or controversy of a national one, but it has things that the others do not.

Local elections have candidates that people really know. They are part of the community; they go to the same stores, churches, and schools as everyone else in the community. In a word, we have a relationship with them. We really know them, we trust them to do what they say and not have some unknown goal. If you do not know them personally, it is very likely that you know someone that does. They are engaged in the daily life of the community, every day, 24 hours a day. Finally, they don't go home on break, they are home. These are differences that simply can't be over stated.

So what am I suggesting? I would encourage everyone to participate in the local election process, don't ignore it. Learn about the candidates, what they stand for, what their goals are and how they would manage YOUR money. It is your right and duty to cast your ballot for the people you feel will do the best job of leading the community into the future. But please remember, everyone has the right to think and feel the way they do about particular candidates or issues. We do not always agree with others, but we do need to respect their opinions and rights.

Finally, if you choose to become involved, ask someone to join you. Take the mystery out of the process; you are never too young or old to start. Prove that democracy works!

Please remember, VOTE November 3!

Mayor Jim

REWARD FOR OLD APPLIANCES

The City of Pella Electric Department is offering its customers cash rebates for old, working refrigerators, freezers, and room air conditioners. They will even pick them up at your house! Appliances will be picked up during the week of October 19, 2015. Electric customers of the City of Pella should call the utility at (641) 628-2581 no later than October 15, 2015, to schedule their free pickup.

The City of Pella Electric Department's Appliance Turn-in Program helps people get rid of old energy-hog appliances. Old refrigerators and freezers can use up to three times more energy than today's ENERGY STAR qualified models. The City will pay customers \$35 for each fridge or freezer turned in for recycling. Old, working room air conditioners qualify for an additional \$25 rebate, provided they are turned in with a fridge or freezer. Appliances will be picked up at the customer's home, and haulers will even take them out of a basement or garage!

Old refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners must be in working condition to qualify for this program, and must be owned by an electric customer of the City of Pella. Fridges and freezers must be at least 10 cubic feet in size, and there is a limit of two large units, plus one room air conditioner, per residential address.

Appliances turned in will be disposed of and recycled in an environmentally responsible way through a national recycling company. The Appliance Turn-in Program is part of the City of Pella's Bright Energy Solutions® incentive program, which provides a variety of energy efficiency rebates for residents and businesses alike. To learn more, visit www.brightenergysolutions.com.

October Meeting Dates

10/6: 7:00 p.m.
City Council
Police Training Room
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

10/13: 4:00 p.m.
Library Board
Pella Public Library

10/14: 5:30 p.m.
Community Development
Committee, Public Works
Conference Room

10/16 Noon
Community Services Board
Community Center
Room 204

10/20: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

10/26: 7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning
Commission
Police Training Room
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

10/30: 7:00 a.m.
Airport Committee
Airport Terminal
Meeting Room

October Special Dates

October 5-9
Fall Clean-up

October 21 All Day
Free Brush Pickup
by City

10/31: 6-8 p.m.
Beggar's Night

COMMUNITY SERVICES NEWS

YOUTH BASKETBALL

This program is for boys and girls currently in grades 3-6. The boys will start October 19 through December 19, 2015, with no practices or games the week of Thanksgiving. The girls will start January 4 through February 27, 2016. Each team, coached by parents, will practice one night a week on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday with games on Saturday at the Community Center Gym. Coaches are needed!

Registration Dates: **BOYS** – through Sept 25th **GIRLS** – through Dec 11th

Registration Fees: \$40.00 residents \$48.00 non-residents

Registration Location: Community Services Office in Community Center, 712 Union

Hours: 7:30-11:30 am – 12:30-4:30 pm Monday-Friday

ADD \$25.00 LATE FEE AFTER SEPT. 25 FOR BOYS & DEC. 11 FOR GIRLS

Final day to register is October 23 for boys & January 8 for girls.

LITTLE TYKE FLAG FOOTBALL

The Pella Community Services Department is sponsoring Little Tykes Flag Football for all children currently in grades 1 & 2. The program will include fundamentals, basic rules and short scrimmages.

Program Dates: October 24 & 31 and November 7 & 14 from 9:00 - 10:30 am

Location: Pella Christian High School & Pella High School

Fee: \$20.00 residents \$24.00 non-residents

Registration Location: Community Services Office, 712 Union Street, Ste. 104

Hours: 7:30-11:30 am – 12:30-4:30 pm Monday-Friday

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 21st at 4:30 pm

CO-ED ADULT VOLLEYBALL

The Pella Community Services Department is taking team registrations for their Co-Ed Adult Volleyball league. Games will be played on Wednesday nights, starting October 14th through December 16th. Games will be held in the gym at the Community Center located at 712 Union St. A minimum of four teams with a maximum of six teams. Registration fees are \$60 per team. Deadline to register is Friday, October 2 at 4:30 pm.

ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL

The gym at the Pella Community Center will be available for adults on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 5:30 am-7:00 am to play pick-up basketball games. Everyone who shows up will play. For ages 18 and older only. Clean shoes are required. No registration is necessary. For more information contact 628-4571. Enter through the west doors. Start Date: September 8, 2015 – End Date: December 31, 2015

OCTOBER 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 is due the day before the class. Minimum of 5, maximum of 15 per class.



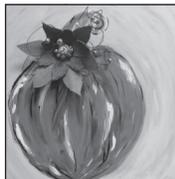
Painting
Pumpkin
Tuesday, Oct. 6
7-9 pm \$20



Ceramic Class
Wheel & Slab Work
Tuesday, Oct. 13
7-9 pm - \$20



Painting
Owl
Tuesday, Oct. 20
7-9 pm - \$20



Painting
3D Pumpkin
Tuesday, Oct. 27
7-9 pm - \$20

OCTOBER LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Saturday 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 Times and Lap Sit will be offered in October. Please call the library for times and dates.
- October 3 at 10:30 a.m.: **Spanish Story Time.**
- October 6 at 4:00 p.m.: **Book to Movie Club** for children in grades 2nd to 6th. This month the group will be reading *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton. Copies of the book will be handed out on Oct. 6, and the group will meet at a later date to watch the movie. Sign up is suggested so the correct number of books can be ordered.
- October 7 at 2:45 p.m.: **Afternoon Movie** on the big screen in the meeting room. Please remember children under the age of 5 need a mature person watching the movie with them and children under the age of 8 need a mature person in the library during this program.
- October 8 at 4:00 p.m.: **Drop In LEGO®** for children in grades K and up. No sign up is needed. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult in the library while attending this program.
- October 9-October 18: **Friends of the Library Book Sale** in the Library Meeting Room. Books for all ages will be available for the donation of your choice. The book sale is restocked daily, so come early and come often!
- October 13 at 4:00 p.m.: **Girls Only LEGO®** program for girls in grades K to 6th grade.
- October 13 at 6:30 p.m.: **Night Time Drop In LEGO®.** All ages are welcome to participate. Children will need to have parent or caregiver with them while attending this program.
- October 13 at 7:00 p.m.: **L.E.M.M.I.N.G.S. Teen Group** for students in 6th grade and higher.
- October 19 at 7:00 p.m.: **Art Quilts of the Midwest.** Linzee Kull McCray will share information about traditional quilts, the modern quilt movement, and art quilts.
- October 21 at 2:30 p.m.: **Drop In LEGO®** for children in grades K and up. No sign up is needed. Children under the age of 8 need to have an adult in the library while attending this program.
- October 22 at 10:15 a.m.: **Genealogy Club** will meet in the library meeting room. The program will be about using the Find-A-Grave website.
- October 29 at 12:00 noon: **The Brown Bag Book Club** will discuss *Hello from the Gillespies* by Monica McInerney.

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

Did you know the library has a Friends group? The Friends raise money for the library and help with a variety of projects. You can join for as little as \$10.00. Ask at the library for more information or check our website.

Fall Clean-Up Week: October 5-9, 2015.

Acceptable items must be set out by 7 am on your collection day. For more information, please call Midwest Sanitation at 628-2610.