



Leadership Letter

Judging by the yard signs that have popped up around town, it's time for city elections again. While these are not high profile events like the national and statewide races, they are nonetheless important. The Mayor and half of the City Council are on the ballot for this election cycle.

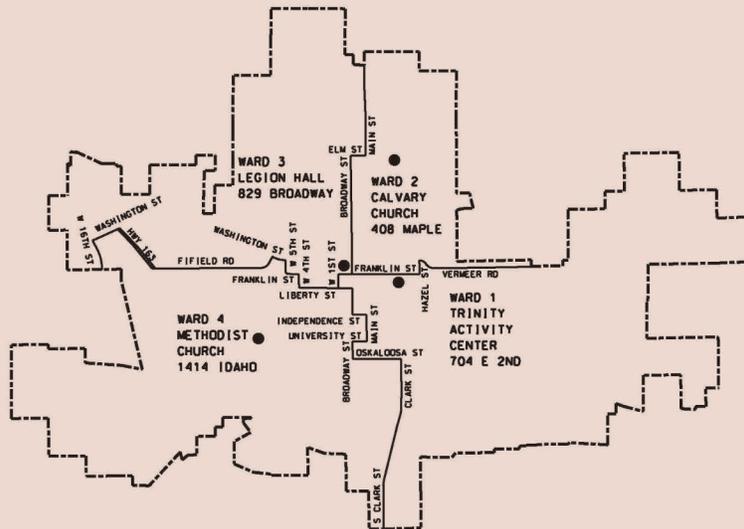
Council seats on the ballot include: Ward Four – Councilmember Larry Peterson and Ward Two – Councilmember Harold Van Stryland (both are running unopposed). The At-Large seat currently held by Dave Vander Horst is being contested by former Ward Four Councilmember Tony Bokhoven and local business owner Dan Spotten. Mayor Jim Mueller is running unopposed.

Take a moment to learn more about these folks who are seeking your vote. More information can be found in local media outlets or by contacting them directly. Ask them where they stand on the issues facing the city both now and in the future. City government is where “rubber hits the road.”

Please go to the poll on November 3rd and make your voices heard. Can't make it to the polls on Election Day? Make sure you get an absentee ballot. Not sure where you vote? At right is a map of the polling places in Pella by ward. Just make sure you vote.

Hope to see you at the polls.

– Dan Vander Beek



Welcome Hannah!

Hannah Altheide joined the Pella Police Department as a Communications Specialist on September 22nd, 2015. After graduating from Central College in 2014, she worked as the Exercise Therapist for HealthSource Chiropractic in Pella. Hannah enjoys any and all outdoor activities as well as playing her guitar, singing, crafting and spending time with her animals. She looks forward to meeting new people and is eager to serve this community!



Notice to Customers of the City of Pella Municipal Electric Utility

The IAC requires every electric utility to give notice of its complaint process. Complaint notices are governed exclusively by IAC. “Complaint” notices must be provided annually. Persons desiring to request information from or register complaints with City of Pella Municipal Electric Utility concerning Electric Service may do so by contacting: **Utility Billing, 825 Broadway, PO Box 88, Pella, IA 50219 – (641) 628-4173.**

If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy, and the City of Pella Municipal Electric does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Utilities Division, Department of Commerce, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, (515)281-3839 or toll-free (877)565-4450.

November Meeting Dates

11/2: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

11/10: 4:00 p.m.
Library Board,
Pella Public Library

11/11: 5:30 p.m.
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

11/17: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

11/20 Noon
Community Services Board,
Community Center
Room 204, 712 Union

11/23: 7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning
Commission,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

11/27: 7:00 a.m.
Airport Committee,
Airport Terminal,
Meeting Room

Special Dates

November 18 All Day
Free Brush Pickup
by City

Holiday Closings

Offices Closed
on November 26 & 27:
City Hall, Electric Distri-
bution, Community Services,
Public Works, Library, and
Planning and Zoning

Garbage Schedule Change
Thursday's garbage route
(11/26) will run
on Wednesday (11/25).
No change in Friday's route.

Council Meeting Change Due to Election

Council Meeting changed from Nov. 3rd to Nov. 2nd due to City Elections.

City Employees Recognized

On September 23, 2015, Mayor James Mueller presented length of service awards to a number of City of Pella employees at the annual Employee Recognition Breakfast sponsored by the City's Employee Relations Committee. Special recognition was given to employees who reached their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 35 year anniversaries with the City.

A special honor for thirty-five years of service was awarded to Curt Jones, Water Department. Also honored were Vivian Koolstra, Library, and Judy Sents, Library/Police Department for their twenty-five years of employment.

Employees with twenty years of service included Michael Brown, Public Works, Timothy Donelson, Police Department, and David Vande Voort, Wastewater Department.

November Hors d'oeuvres and Art Classes

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.



**Painting
Christmas Tree 16x20**
Tuesday, Nov. 3
7-9 pm - \$30



**Ceramic Class
Christmas Decorations**
Tuesday, Nov. 10
7-9 pm - \$20



**Painting
Ornaments**
Tuesday, Nov. 17
7-9 pm - \$20



**Painting
Turkey**
Tuesday, Nov. 24
7-9 pm - \$20

The Pella City Snow Ordinance

As winter approaches, the City of Pella wishes to share timely information concerning the City's snow ordinance. Driven by credible weather forecasts or actual accumulation, a snow emergency is first declared by our Public Works Director. The Chief of Police then alerts the public of this fact through local media outlets, including: City of Pella website, PTV 12, KNIA/KRLS, the Pella Chronicle and the Town Crier. Another avenue for citizens to receive timely notification is to visit the City's website at www.cityofpella.com. By clicking on "Notify Me" on the left menu bar, you will be directed to a page that allows you to register for automatic e-mail or text notifications every time the snow ordinance is activated.

The purpose of the snow ordinance is to clear streets, alleys and parking lots of parked vehicles by the appointed time; thereby allowing City workers to clear snow and ice from these areas quickly and completely. During a snow emergency vehicles parked on a city street, alley, or designated parking lot may be issued a parking citation. The police department is authorized to tow violators, and does so when appropriate. Owners of towed vehicles are responsible for penalties and costs associated with the original violation and the subsequent tow. Every City street is designated as a snow route; and vehicles may not impede or block traffic during a snow emergency.

As a reminder, property owners are required to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall ceases. Those responsible for snow and ice removal are not allowed to blow, push, or place any of the snow or ice upon a city street or city right of way.

Just as the Public Works Director initiates a snow emergency, he will also declare it over. The public is notified when the parking ban is lifted through the media sources named earlier. Universal compliance with the snow ordinance makes for an efficient snow removal process for city crews, and assures a quick return of a safe driving surface for Pella motorists.

LIBRARY IN NOVEMBER

- **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 must be accompanied by a mature person watching the movie with them and children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by 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.
- Oct. 29 at 12:00 noon: **The Brown Bag Book Club** will discuss *Hello from the Gillespies* by Monica McInerney.

For more information on 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.