



Mayor's Message

Without much fan fare, the Pella City Council recently approved one of the single largest capital investments in decades. It should not come as any surprise that we continue to focus on upgrading the infrastructure that we all count on every day. Whether it is related to electrical power, streets, sewer, or clean water, we are committed to making needed investments in our community. These investments will pay dividends for this generation and those to come.

Over the last several years, City Staff and Council have evaluated numerous options to provide the necessary fresh water to support our community needs. Our current primary water source is a shallow well field located below the Red Rock Dam. The Iowa DNR requires that communities have the capacity to meet their water needs with the largest source out of service. Unfortunately, the amount of water we are able to draw from these wells has been falling over the last 20 years. It has now been reduced to a level that can't be counted on to meet our long-term needs.

Numerous studies have shown that the best option for a long-term solution is to switch our primary water supply from a surface, river water based collection to multiple deep water wells. We have had a Jordan well in our system to supplement the well field for some time. However, now is the time to switch to a primary Jordan well system with the shallow wells acting as the supplemental source. There are many advantages to deep water wells. The primary benefit is that the Jordan Aquifer will provide a significant amount of treatable water for the foreseeable future. This aquifer is a layer of water that runs underground from northeast Iowa all the way to southwest Iowa. In the Pella area, it is approximately 2,200 feet below the surface.

With the change in water source, it is necessary to upgrade our current treatment process to more effectively process Jordan water. Our current lime softening plant is best suited to treat Des Moines River water. This system will be supplemented by a new reverse osmosis (RO) process to ensure we maintain the high quality of water the City currently provides. The estimated cost of this project is \$16 million and should be completed by the fall of 2017.

In closing, this has been a project in the making for a long period of time. Clean water, reliable power and good streets are critical components of a successful community. With the addition of the new Jordan well and RO treatment process, clean water should be plentiful for the next 20+ years.

— Mayor Jim

SOLID WASTE PROGRAM REMINDER

- Do place totes out by 7:00 am on pick up day.
- Do place tote within 4 feet of the curb and at least 4 feet away from any obstructions such as recycle totes, mailboxes, signs, or parked cars.
- Don't over fill the tote or pile extra trash next to the tote as this will not be picked up.
- Don't assume trash & recycle pick up times will always be the same. Have your totes out by 7:00 am.



Congratulations to the winners in the November 3, 2015 City Election. In the At-Large race, Tony Bokhoven was declared the winner over Dan Spotten. In the other three races, incumbents Harold Van Stryland (Ward 2), Larry Peterson (Ward 4), and Mayor Jim Mueller ran unopposed and will continue to serve. New four-year terms begin in January 2016.

Meeting Dates

12/1: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

12/8: 4:00 p.m.
Library Board,
Pella Public Library

12/9: 5:30 p.m.
Community Development
Committee, Public Works
Conference Room

12/11: 7:00 a.m.
Airport Committee,
Airport Terminal,
Meeting Room

12/14: 7:00 a.m.
Planning & Zoning
Commission,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

12/15: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

12/18: Noon
Community Services Board,
Community Center, Rm 204

Special Dates

12/16 All Day
Free Bundled Brush
Pickup by City

Dec. 28 - 31
Jan 6, 13 & 20
Christmas Tree Pickup

Holiday Closings

Offices Closed on Dec.
24 & 25 and Jan. 1, 2016:
City Hall, Community
Services, Electric Distribution,
Planning and Zoning, Public
Library, and Public Works.

Garbage/Recycling Pick-up
Thursday's route on Dec. 24
will run on Wednesday, Dec.
23; Friday's route (Dec. 25)
will run on Thursday (Dec. 24);
Thursday's route (Dec. 31)
will run on Wed. (Dec. 30);
Friday's route (Jan. 1) will
run on Thursday (Dec. 31).

DECEMBER LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Story time** is offered every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Saturday story time is suggested for ages 3 and up with parents.
- December 2 at 2:45 p.m.: **Afternoon Movie** on the big screen in the meeting room. 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 the program.
- December 5 at 10:30 a.m.: **Spanish Story Time.**
- December 8 at 4:00 p.m.: **Girls LEGO Club** for girls in grades K and up. No sign up is needed.
- December 15 and 16 at 10:30 a.m.: **Holiday Story Time.** Join us for stories, songs and simple craft. All ages are welcome for this special Holiday Story Time.
- December 17 at 10:15 a.m.: **Genealogy Club** will meet in the Meeting Room.
- December 17 at 6:30 p.m.: **Holiday Story Time.** Join us for stories, songs and simple craft. All ages are welcome for this special Holiday Story Time.
- Drop In **LEGO Club Dates**
 - Thursday, December 3 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. for students in grades K and up.
 - Tuesday, December 8 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for children of all ages with parent/caregiver.
 - Wednesday, December 16 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for students in grades K and up.
 - * Please remember children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult or mature person in the library while attending programs.
- The **Brown Bag Book Club** does not meet in December.
- Winter Session of **Story Time, Tot Time** and **Lap Sit** will start the week of January 11, 2015.

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

STAFF IN-SERVICE: The library will be closed all day on Friday, December 11 for staff training.

HOLIDAY HOURS: The library will be closed all day on Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25. We will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31 and be closed all day on Friday, Jan. 1.

CHECK THIS OUT: The library has laptops you can check out for use in the library!

Did you know the library offers free wireless access to the Internet? Your Wi-Fi device will work in most areas of the library.

Add a "P.S." to Help a Neighbor

They are your friends. They are your neighbors. Some of them may have trouble paying their heating bills this winter. Project Share is a plan created by the City of Pella Electric Department to assist needy households in paying their winter time energy bills. You can help by adding a regular PS contribution to your monthly utility payment, or by making a direct donation to Project Share. There, funds will then be distributed to neighbors in need for wintertime energy costs. Those qualifying for help will be carefully identified by an area social service agency. A local committee will oversee Project Share to guarantee all contributions will be handled equitably and efficiently. So please, add a PS – Project Share – to your utility payment each month. It's a simple way to share warmth with those who need it.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Art programs for students K-12. Register early to get your desired class.

2nd semester – January 18 through May 13

- * **After School** – Monday or Tuesday 3:30 - 5:00 pm (kindergarten through 12th)
 - * **Home School Classes** – Wednesday 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (5 yrs. old and in kindergarten)
 - * **Junior Art Center** – Monday or Tuesday 9:00 - 10:00 am (must be at least 4 yrs)
 - * **Art With Me** – Thursday 9:00 – 10:00 am (Student must be 3 years old)
- Fee: \$37/resident \$43/non-resident per semester.**

- * **Wednesday After School** – When school is dismissed 90 minutes early, class will be held from 2:00 - 5:00 pm, otherwise class will be held 3:30 – 5:00 pm.
- Fee: \$55/resident \$66/non-resident per semester.**

Specialized art classes available on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 pm.

December 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
Snowman
Tuesday
December 8
7-9 pm
\$20**



**Painting
Christmas Tree 16x20
Tuesday
December 15
7-9 pm
\$30**

Girls' Youth Basketball - 3rd thru 6th Graders

The program runs from January 4 through February 27, 2016.

Registration Dates: Now through December 11 – \$25 late fee after 12/11
Registration Fees: \$40.00 in city limits \$48.00 outside city limits
Final day to register: January 8, 2016

For more information on any of the above programs or to register, call 641.628.4571.

CITY OF PELLA CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP



Christmas trees will be picked up December 28 through December 31.

Three additional days for pick up will be offered on January 6, 13 and 20. Trees must be placed at the curb by 7 am on pick up day.

All trees must be able to go through the chipper, which means they must be unwrapped, free from plastic bags, wire, nails and stands. Trees that do not meet these requirements WILL NOT be picked up.

Christmas wreaths and roping with wire will be collected as normal household waste if placed within a closed tote. Please contact the Pella Public Works Department, 628-1601, for more information.

City of Pella Electric Department

c/o City Hall, 825 Broadway, P.O. Box 88, Pella, IA 50219

Dear CITY OF PELLA ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

I'd like to help a neighbor in need with a tax deductible contribution to Project Share.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

I will contribute \$_____ per month to project share. I understand the amount will be billed to me monthly.

I have enclosed a \$_____ donation to project share.