



## Mayor's Message

PLAY BALL!!! Those are the words many of us have been longing to hear at a new ball park for quite some time. I can tell you that the Pella Sports Park is a project that has been in the works for many years. There have been many starts and stops along the way, but a dedicated group of volunteers and City staff have kept this project moving forward.

This facility simply would not have been possible without the support of many area businesses, individuals, and our state and local governments. To everyone involved, I would like to say "Thank you". It is your drive and generosity that made this project a reality. Our children, grandchildren, and community will benefit for generations to come.

Kids will begin to play on the fields in the next few weeks. Many of the games that were once spread all around the City will now be held at the new park. It will provide a safe and family friendly atmosphere. The park consists of 1 Babe Ruth baseball and 4 softball/baseball fields. All of the fields have lights, scoreboards and a surface that will provide great drainage so games will not be cancelled due to muddy conditions. But it is not just ball fields, there is a large concession stand, playground equipment, and even shaded areas to just sit and relax. Lots of additional green space will be used for other sports as well, such as soccer, cricket and football. There is even a paved parking lot to help everyone have an easy trip to the park.

May 3rd is the official dedication and grand opening. I can tell you the end result is worth the wait. If you haven't visited the park yet, please make time to see it in action. There will be many additional details on the Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony coming out soon. I hope you take time to help us celebrate.

– Mayor Jim

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off – April 2, 2016

The City of Pella has partnered with The South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency and Metro Waste Authority to bring its residents the opportunity to properly dispose of household hazardous wastes. This will be held on Saturday, April 2 at the Pella Public Works Complex, 100 Truman Road.

From 9:00 am to noon, residents of Marion County can drop off a variety of household chemicals and other items containing potentially hazardous materials such as aerosol cleaners and paints, ammonia-based cleaners, antifreeze, rechargeable batteries, fertilizers, fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), gasoline, kerosene, oil-based and lead-based paints, stains, varnishes, metal polishes, rust removers, mercury thermometers and thermostats, pesticides, petroleum adhesives, and used oil filters. NOT ACCEPTED: ammunition, asbestos, electronics, explosives, fire extinguishers, latex paint, medications, propane tanks and cylinders, and radioactive materials. Contact SCISWA at 641-828-8545 or visit their website at [www.sciswa.org](http://www.sciswa.org) for more details.

### Take the Library Survey!

We want to be the best public library for our community, and we need your input. Please take a few minutes to give us your opinions. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pellalibrary>. If you prefer a paper copy, you can pick one up at the library or City Hall.

Did you know the library sends out courtesy notices? Two days before your books are due, we send an email reminder. Be sure we have your current email address so you can benefit from this service!

## Meeting Dates

**4/5: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council,  
Police Training Room,  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

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

**4/13: 5:30 p.m.**  
Community Development  
Committee, Public Works  
Conference Room

**4/15: Noon**  
Community Services Board,  
Community Center,  
Room 204

**4/19: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council,  
Police Training Room,  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**4/21: 6:00 p.m.**  
Historic Preservation  
Commission, Public  
Works Conference Room

**4/25: 7:00 p.m.**  
Planning & Zoning  
Commission,  
Police Training Room,  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**4/29: 7:00 a.m.**  
Airport Committee,  
Airport Terminal,  
Meeting Room

## Special Dates

**April 2 - 9 am to noon**  
Household Hazardous Waste

**April 4-8**  
Spring Clean Up

**April 20 All Day**  
Free Bundled Brush  
Pickup by City

**April 23 - 9 am to noon**  
Residential eCycling Event

## SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK APRIL 4-8, 2016

Spring Clean-Up Week is a means for Pella **residential** customers to conveniently dispose of bulky items that do not fit inside a garbage tote. Participation in clean-up week is limited to those who have been issued a City of Pella authorized tote (dark blue with windmills stamped on the sides).

Although most household, bulky waste items may be set out for collection, there are certain items that will not be picked up during clean-up week (including but not limited to appliances and electronics). Please call if you have questions about your item. We also suggest donating any usable items to a charitable organization.

Pick up of bulky waste items will take place on the normal garbage/recycling collection day only. All acceptable items should be placed at curbside no later than 7 am on the scheduled collection day. Items not on the curbside by 7 am or placed out after the normal collection day will not be picked up. Please remember to keep all items at least 4' from the garbage tote.

If you have any questions regarding Spring Clean-Up Week, please contact Midwest Sanitation at 628-2610 or the Public Works Department at 628-1601.

## APRIL HORS D'OEUVRES & ART CLASSES

The Pella Community Art Center is offering adult (16 & up) classes with all materials and hors d'oeuvres being provided. An instructor will lead the evening's project. Pre-registration is required, please call 628-4571 or email [bross@cityofpella.com](mailto:bross@cityofpella.com) to register. To guarantee your spot in the class, payment is due 48 hours before the class. Cancellations with less than 48 hours notice will not receive a refund.



**Mixed Media Tulip  
Painting**  
Tuesday, April 12th  
7-9 pm - \$20

Using painted paper,  
colored pencils, oil  
pastels & book pages.



**Painting—Tulip**  
Tuesday, April 19th  
7-9 pm - \$20

## PELLA COMMUNITY SERVICES

### ADULT SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

Team registrations are now being accepted for Slow Pitch Softball. League play will begin on May 9th with double hitters one night a week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. A double elimination tournament will be held on Saturday, July 2nd.



- Minimum of 6 teams and a maximum of 12 teams.
- Registration fee is \$130 per team
- Registration forms on our web site at [www.cityofpella.com](http://www.cityofpella.com).
- Registration Deadline is Friday, April 22nd at 4:30 p.m.

## 12th Annual eCycling Event for Residents – April 23

The combined efforts of several local, environmentally conscious organizations have resulted in the 12th Annual Earth Day Electronic Waste Recycling Day. On April 23, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm, local households can drop off their old electronics at Pella Corporation's parking lot at the Clark & South St. intersection. All items will be professionally processed by Midwest Electronic Recovery.

### Acceptable items include:

Computer Monitors, PCs, Laptops, TVs, Cell Phones, Keyboards, Printers, Cameras – *\*No appliances, microwaves, paint or oil!*

There will be no charge for residents to drop off acceptable items; however, donations will be accepted and proceeds will be used to promote environmental stewardship through a grant program available to local schools.

We are not able to accept items in advance. All items must be dropped off during the event only. Also, due to federal regulations, we are not able to accept items from businesses, schools, churches or other organizations. For more information on Pella's Residential eCycle event, please call 628-4571.



**The Community Services Summer Program Guide will be available on the City's website starting April 18th.**

## APRIL LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Weekly Story Time, Tot Time and Lap Sit** will be offered in April. Please call the library for times and dates.
- April 2 at 10:30 a.m.: **Spanish Story Time.**
- April 4 at 7:00 p.m.: **Ghost Towns of Marion County.** Writer and "photoblogger" Dave Baker will host a discussion of the history of Marion County, including our ghost towns and forgotten communities.
- April 5 at 4:00 p.m.: **Book to Movie Club.** Book to Movie Club is for children in grades 2nd to 6th. This month the group will be reading *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. Copies of the book will be handed out and the group will meet to watch the movie at a later time.
- April 6 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 need a mature person in the library during the program.
- April 12 at 4:00 p.m.: **Girls Only LEGO** program. Girls, join us for LEGOs and other activities. The Girls Only program is for girls in grades K to 6th grade. Sign up is limited to 20. Please sign up at the Circulation desk.
- April 12 at 7:00 p.m.: **LEMMINGS.** Kids in grades 6 and up are welcome to join us for our monthly teen program.
- **Drop In LEGO Club Dates**
  - o Thursday, April 7 from 4 to 5 p.m. for students in grades K and up.
  - o Tuesday, April 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. for children of all ages with parent/caregiver.
  - o Wednesday, April 20 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.\*Please remember that children under the age of 8 need to have an adult or mature person in the library while attending programs.
- April 21 at 10:15 a.m.: **Genealogy Club** meeting in the Meeting Room
- April 26 at 10:00 a.m.: **Friends of the Library Annual Meeting** in the Meeting Room. All Friends of the Library members are invited. New officers will be elected at this meeting.
- April 28 at 12:00 noon: **The Brown Bag Book Club** will discuss *A Lucky Life, Interrupted* by Tom Brokaw in the library meeting room.
- **Saturday Story Time** is offered every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Saturday story time is suggested for ages 3 and up with parents.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale, April 8-18** – The Friends of the Library will hold their annual Spring Cleaning Book Sale April 8-18. The sale will be held in the meeting room all hours the library is open. A variety of books will be available for the donation of your choice. The sale is restocked daily, so come early and come often!

**Food For Fines, April 11-16** – In honor of National Library Week, the library will accept non-perishable food items in exchange for overdue fines. One food item will equal up to \$1.00 in fines. Two food items equal \$2.00, and so on. You may exchange a maximum of \$10.00 during the week. Each food item donated to the library will be given to the Food Shelf.