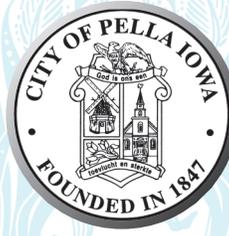


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MAY 2016

Pella



Leadership Letter

This spring, the Pella Sports Park is booming with activity. It's terrific that we're hearing voices and bats east of town. We're thankful for all of the donations to the Sports Park that have made it a reality. It certainly isn't a city-alone-sponsored project. Besides the big projects listed below, our city employees are busy with maintenance work on parks, streets and various repairs. Look around the city at the impressive job they are doing.

Right after Tulip Time, construction of Washington Street will begin. The Oskaloosa Street construction will continue in its separate phases. Thank you for your patience as these two east-west streets are being totally redone—pavement, water and sewer.

As the Jordan aquifer well has now been completed, work continues on the reverse osmosis system that should be finished by autumn of 2017. This \$16 million project should provide Pella with clean, quality water for decades.

Also, the Red Rock hydroelectric project continues on schedule with its construction. The 2018 completion date no longer seems so far away. Along with that is the construction of the west substation. The ring bus improvements there will make it much less likely for a city-wide power failure. This \$3 million project should be completed next year about this time.

We are also getting very close to completing the underground electric conversion project, which means almost all of our electricity in town will be delivered underground to homes and businesses, making it less likely to lose power during an ice storm.

As we're days away from Tulip Time, I have the privilege of congratulating Queen Maria Bandstra and her attendants Taylor Bolt, Shanae De Haan-Burch, Elyse Parisee and Anne Williamson. The city would like to thank the Tulip Time Steering Committee, the Pella Historical Society and the many volunteers for all of the work they've been doing to make this festival the success that it is year after year. I personally want to thank the staff and all city personnel for performing the extra duties before, during and after Tulip Time. Thanks also for the patience of the general public who need to put up with some inconveniences. Let's remember Tulip Time in Pella really is a prachtig (Dutch word meaning great) event that most communities couldn't dream of experiencing. Check out and sniff the flowers. Spring is a great time of year.

—Harold "Van" Van Stryland

Meeting Dates

5/2: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

5/10: 4:00 p.m.
Library Board,
Pella Public Library

5/11: 5:30 p.m.
Community Development
Committee, Public Works
Conference Room

5/17: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

5/19 6:00 p.m.
Historic Preservation
Commission, Public Works
Conference Room

5/20 Noon
Community Services Board,
Community Center Room 204

5/23: 7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning
Commission,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

5/27: 7:00 a.m.
Airport Committee,
Airport Terminal,
Meeting Room

Special Dates

May 5 thru 7
Tulip Time

5/20 All Day
Free Brush Pickup by City

Memorial Day

**Offices Closed for
Memorial Day:**
City Hall, Community
Services, Electric Distribution,
Planning and Zoning, Public
Library and Public Works

**Garbage and Recycling
Pick-up for Memorial Day:**
Monday's route (5/30) will
run on Tuesday (5/31) and
Tuesday's route will run on
Wednesday (6/1). The rest of
the week will be as usual.



PELLA SPORTS PARK GRAND OPENING

On May 3rd Fields for our Future will be holding an opening ceremony for the new Pella Sports Park. Please arrive by 5:15 pm. Presentations will start at 5:30 pm.

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Pella's Annual Water Quality Report will not be mailed with your utility bill this year. Instead, please look for the direct web address to the report that will be included in June's utility bill and newsletter. Paper copies will be available on July 1st at City Hall and Public Works. If you have any questions, please call 641-628-1601.

GET READY FOR SUMMER FUN!!

The Pella Aquatic Center will open Monday, May 30th at 1:00 pm. To avoid long waits, purchase your pass early. Passes may be purchased at the Indoor Pool during operation hours. Summer hours will be posted on the City's website prior to the opening date.

Registration for summer swimming lessons begins Friday, May 20th at the Indoor Pool. Visit www.cityofpella.com for the full program guide.

The Aquatic Center still has openings for lifeguards. Are you looking for a great summer job with flexible hours? Work with your friends, work outside, work as a lifeguard at the Pella Aquatic Center. There are full-time, part-time, and sub positions available with starting pay of \$8.50 per hour. All training is completed at the Pella Aquatic Center. The next certification class will be May 9-May 16th. Where else would you want to spend your summer? Apply online or stop by the Indoor Pool for an application. For more information, contact the Pella Aquatic Center at 628-1882.

FREE TULIP BULBS

Tulips planted in specified street beds and the City parks will be available for removal on **Monday, May 16 beginning at 7:00 am.** Please use a pitch fork when digging up bulbs and remove all foliage with the bulb. Please do not leave stems and/or leaves behind. All soil must remain in the flower beds. If soil is spilled outside the bed during removal, please rake it back in the bed.



The street beds are located between the sidewalk and the street on:

- Main Street between Peace and Liberty & between Washington and Sunken Gardens
- Washington Street from Open Bible Church west to Brinkhoff Park
- Franklin Street from the Post Office west to West Market Park

City parks include: Brinkhoff, Central, West Market, Sunken Gardens, South Park, Community Center, Library, City Hall, and the Klokkenspiel. Removal from any other bed is prohibited.

Grass and Leaves Accepted at Landfill at No Charge

The South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency is now accepting grass clippings and leaf debris at the landfill at no charge. Compostable bags may be used. Any trash or plastic bags are to be emptied at the site. Any brush, branches and tree trimmings remain at \$25/ton for disposal. Materials are accepted during regular business hours at the landfill: Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday.

MAY LIBRARY EVENTS

- May 16 at 7 p.m.: **Monarch Butterflies.** Learn why monarch populations have declined, how to encourage monarchs in your garden, and what you can do to help monarchs thrive!
- May 19 at 10:15 a.m.: **Genealogy Club** will meet in the Library Meeting Room.
- **Story Time** is offered every Saturday at 10:30 am and is suggested for ages 3 and up with parents.

Special Library Hours in May:

- During Tulip Time, the library will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6. The library will be closed on Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8.
- For Memorial Day, the library will be closed on Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30.

Mark your calendar! The Summer Reading Program "On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!" will start soon. The library has reading programs for babies to adults! Logs for the Summer Reading Program will be available on Monday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m. Sign-up for 4/5 year old programs and Book to Movie Club will be on Monday, June 6 at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room. There will be no sign-up for weekly programs for kids in grades K-5. For more information on programs for youth, please see Katie in the Children's Department.

Check this out! Thanks to two grants from the Pella Community Foundation, the library now has a creative play dress up station in the children's area, and several Playaway Launchpads for circulation. Launchpads are tablets pre-loaded with educational apps that will appeal to 3-5 year olds. Launchpads check out for two weeks.

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

*The Community Services
Summer Brochure is on
our website at
www.cityofpella.com*