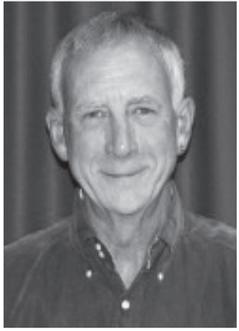


City of

JULY 2016

Pella



Leadership Letter

The July 4th holiday is upon us. How should we best enjoy it? No need to hassle with a lot of travel. Let's stay right here in the Pella area to relax and enjoy the long weekend. Check out the accompanying list of activities for things you will enjoy. And by the way, take every opportunity to thank the staff and volunteers who make all these opportunities happen. Enjoy and be safe.

— Mark De Jong

- 9:30 – 11:30 Free Fishing at Caldwell Park (poles provided)
- 9:30 – 1:00 Pony Rides at Central Park
- 10:00 – 1:00 Tours of Vermeer Windmill & Gardens
- 10:00 – 1:00 Tours of Scholte House & Gardens
- 11:00 – 1:00 Games and Activities in Central Park – bag toss, frog jumping, and dunk tank. Inflatables provided by Marion County Bank
- 1:30 – 3:00 Parade: On Franklin Street from E. 1st Street to W. Market Park
- 4:00 – 7:00 Swimming at the Aquatic Center
- 7:00 – 8:00 City Band
- Dusk/10:00 pm Fireworks (information below)

***** *Food stands open all day.* *****



FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The City of Pella 2016 Fireworks display will be held on Monday, July 4th at dusk (around 10:00 pm.) Fireworks are launched from the East University St. & 240th Place intersection just east of Madison Elementary School. (All of the Madison School property will be closed for the fireworks show). University St. from East 13th to 240th Place and 240th Place will also be closed before and during the fireworks. Vehicle parking is allowed only on designated hard-surface parking lots. Please do not park on any grassy areas. In case of a rainout, fireworks only will be moved to July 7th at the same location. Listen to KNIA/KRLS for rainout information.

New Payment Options Now Available for Utility Bills

The City of Pella has a new user friendly online payment system, Paymentus, which is available to our customers 24 hours per day for the payment of City utility bills. Online features include:

- capability to pay by credit card, debit card and e-checks; real time payment confirmation; current balance; past billing statements; and the ability to register for e-billing.

The new system also offers a "Pay Now" feature that allows for quick payment without having to register an account. To access the new system, please click the Online Bill Pay link on the City's homepage. The new system also offers Interactive Voice Recognition (IVR) which allows payment over the phone. To access the IVR system, please dial 844-546-8162.

Debit and credit card payments will also be accepted at the City of Pella utility billing offices at 825 Broadway.

Central Park Gardens

This summer's theme for the gardens in Central Park is "Family Game Night." The garden features were crafted by staff over the winter months and include familiar sights from *Break the Ice*, *Candy Land* and *Monopoly*. If you look closely you'll notice that the flowers in the beds were designed to mimic game boards. Blocks of petunias indicate squares on a playing board and an "S" shape of planted impatiens acts as a slide in Chutes and Ladders.

Stop by the park to see some old and new favorites highlighted in the flower gardens.



July Meeting Dates

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

7/12: 4:00 p.m.
Library Board,
Pella Public Library

7/13: 5:30 p.m.
Community Development
Committee, Public Works
Conference Room

7/15 Noon
Community Services Board,
Community Center,
Room 204

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

7/21: 6:00 p.m.
Historic Preservation
Commission, Public Works
Conference Room

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

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

July Special Dates

Offices Closed on July 4th
City Hall, Community
Services, Electric Distribution,
Planning and Zoning, Public
Library, and Public Works

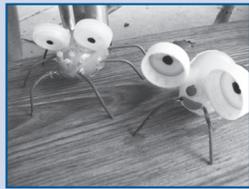
Garbage and Recycling Pick-up for 4th of July: Monday's route (7/4) will be on Tuesday (7/5) and Tuesday's route will run on Wednesday (7/6). The rest of week will be as usual.

July 20 All Day
Free Brush Pickup by City

Sewer Cleaning & Inspection Program

The City's ten-year Sewer Cleaning and Inspection Program is scheduled to begin early to mid-July. This project is a proactive approach that will identify and prioritize future repairs and maintenance in the sanitary sewer collection system. This project includes cleaning and televising the City's sewer mains and inspecting manholes. For a map of affected areas, please see the City's website.

Come join us at **Brook Circle Park on Saturday, July 16th**, from 11:30 am-1:00 pm as we celebrate the recent renovation to the park. Habitat for Humanity of Marion County spearheaded an effort that culminated in several organizations partnering to improve the park. Those partners included Habitat for Humanity, Wellmark Foundation, City of Pella, and Boy Scout Troup 373. Improvements include a new play system, addition of a sidewalk, retaining wall, perennial plantings, and new trees. The project was funded through a grant from the Wellmark Foundation and the City of Pella. A short presentation will be given at 11:30 am after which you are encouraged to walk around the park.



Does Your Child Have A Creative Side?

Let your child explore their creativeness at the Pella Community Art Center. Choose from the following classes:

- Art With Me** - 3-year-olds with adult and 4-year-olds meet Mondays 9:00-10:00 am
- Monday After School** - 3:30-5:00 pm (K-12)
- Tuesday After School** - 3:30-5:00 pm (K-12) will have specialized classes twice a month with the alternating day structured as open choice
- Wednesday Home School** - 10:30 to noon (K-12)
- Wednesday After School** - 2:00 or 3:30-5:00 pm (K-12) when school is dismissed 90 minutes early, the class will start at 2:00
- Thursday Specialty Classes** - We will offer specialized classes on Thursdays from 4-5 pm, prices and ages will vary. Check website for a complete list in August.

Pella Community Center • 712 Union Street
628.4571 • www.cityofpella.com

JULY Art Night Out: Summer Style

The Pella Community Art Center is offering adult (16 & up) classes with all materials and hors d'oeuvres being provided. Pre-registration is required. Please call 628-4571 or email 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.



Butterfly Painting
Tuesday, July 12
7-9 pm, \$20



Flamingo Painting
Tuesday, July 19
7-9 pm, \$20



Clay Owl
July 13, 6:30-8:30
Ages 12 & up • Each session fee: \$7.50 resident, \$9 non-resident



Clay Ornaments
July 12, 6:30-8:30



Painting for Two: Painting for Two is a great way to have some bonding time with your favorite adult. You will take home two finished 12" x 12" canvas paintings that when hung together complete a story and complement each other. Fee: \$30 for both. Ages 8 & up. **Neighborhood:** July 15 from 7:00-9:00 pm **Tulip for Two:** July 23 from 7:00-9:00 pm

JULY LIBRARY EVENTS

The Library will be closed Monday, July 4.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual Paperback Book Sale Thursday, July 28 through Saturday, July 30. The book sale will be in the library meeting room during all hours the library is open. Paperbacks for all ages will be available for the donation of your choice. Take as many as you like!

For Children:

- **Saturday Story Time** is offered every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Saturday story time is suggested for ages 3 and up with parents. For weekly story time, tot time and lap sit times, please contact the Children's Department.
- July 7, 14, & 21 at 12:00 p.m.: **Theater Thursday.** Kids and parents are welcome to bring a sack lunch at noon to eat in the Meeting Room. The movie will start at 12:30 p.m. Children under the age of 5 must have a parent or mature person in the room watching the movie. Children under the age of 8 must have a parent or mature person in the library while watching the movie. To learn the movie title, please call the library.
- July 18 at 10:00 a.m.: **Hanson Family Jugglers** will amaze us with their juggling while riding a unicycle! The program will be held at the Joan Kuyper Farver Auditorium in the Community Center Building. Everyone is welcome to attend, and no sign-up is needed.
- July 19 at 7:00 p.m.: **Family Fun Night.** Join us for outdoor water games and fun. We will meet in the Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. The program will be held rain or shine.
- July 22 at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.: IPTV's **Dan Wardell** will hold his Reading Road Trip Story Time at the Joan Kuyper Farver Auditorium in the Community Center Building. Everyone is welcome to attend, and no sign-up is needed.

For Adults:

- July 21 at 10:15 a.m.: **Genealogy Club** will meet in the Heritage Room.
- July 28 at noon: The **Brown Bag Book Club** will discuss A Call to Action by Jimmy Carter in the Heritage Room.
- Don't forget to turn in your book reviews for the **Adult Summer Reading Program.** To be eligible for the grand prize drawings, reviews must be submitted by July 30.

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

Planning a road trip this summer? Listen to audio books as you drive! We have a wide selection of books on CD, and you can also download audio books from our website. Before you leave on vacation, check out our selection of travel books. They are helpful in planning your itinerary, or you can read them for "armchair travel!"