



Leadership Letter

I have been thinking a great deal about the subject for this month's Mayor's Message. Recent national events have prompted me to reflect on the frailty of the safe and quiet lifestyles we all enjoy. We have SO many positive things to be thankful for; I hope that NEVER changes. However, hope is not a strategy. It is unfortunate how quickly, and without warning, things can change. It prompts me to ask everyone to be forever vigilant. How is our safety and security maintained?

It really starts with all of us. If you see something, say something. It only takes a minute, and it may save a life. Only through the community working together with law enforcement is our safety and security given its greatest chance of success.

I would be negligent if I didn't specifically reach out to the members of law enforcement at all levels to say "Thank You!". Police, Sheriff, Highway Patrol, and all other branches, our lives are better because of your efforts. It is your dedication and willingness to put yourselves at risk for people you don't even know that sets you apart. God bless you and your families.

– Mayor Jim

Welcome!

On June 20th, **Kyle Dickenson** joined the Public Works Department as a Street Maintenance I. Kyle grew up in the Pella area and graduated from Pella High School in 2007. He and his wife, Sarah, have been married for 6 years and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their daughter in September. Kyle enjoys spending free time with his family and watching the Chicago Cubs and Iowa Hawkeye football.



On June 27th, **Kile Overmyer** joined the Electric Distribution line crew as an apprentice lineperson. Kile grew up in Albia and graduated from Albia High School in 2011. He studied at Iowa Western Community College where he played football. Before coming to Pella, Kile completed his education at North American Lineman Training Center in McEwen, Tennessee and worked for Clow Valve in Oskaloosa. His spare time is filled with hunting and fishing. His background, education and experience make him a valuable addition to the Distribution crew. Welcome Kile!

Water Rate Increase

The water rate increase approved by Council in July will be appearing for the first time on the July utility bill, due August 20th. For the average residential customer, these increases will amount to approximately \$3 per month. This increase is necessary to fund the City's long term water supply plan, which includes a new 3.0 million gallon per day (MGD) reverse osmosis (RO) treatment process, an additional Jordan Well and new water main, and improvements to the existing lime softening treatment plant.

August Meeting Dates

8/2: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

8/9: 4:00 p.m.
Library Board,
Pella Public Library

8/10: 5:30 p.m.
Community Development
Committee, Public Works
Conference Room

8/16: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

8/18: 6:00 p.m.
Historic Preservation
Commission, Public Works
Conference Room

8/19: Noon
Community Services Board,
Community Center,
Room 204

8/22: 7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning
Commission,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

8/26: 7:00 a.m.
Airport Committee,
Airport Terminal,
Meeting Room

August Special Dates

August 17 All Day
Free Brush Pickup
by City

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

HISTORY OF ROCK MUSIC: This class will focus on teaching the history of rock music through a variety of games, lessons and interactive activities! Participation in all three sessions is not required, but each session will focus on different eras of music and complement each other.

Session 1 – August 9 This session will focus on the music of the 1950's and 1960's and especially the music of Chuck Berry and the Beatles.

Session 2 – August 10 This session will focus on the music of the 1960's and 1970's and especially the music of The Who, The Doors and Genesis.

Session 3 – August 11 This session will focus on the music of the late 1970's as well as the 1980's and 1990's, with a special emphasis on the music of Aerosmith, Heart and Green Day.

Instructor: Mary Robertson & Intern Hannah Smart
Location: Art Center
Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Fee: \$10 resident per class or \$25 for all 3 classes
\$12 non-resident per class or \$30 for all 3 classes
Ages: 8 & up • Class Minimum 7, Maximum 15

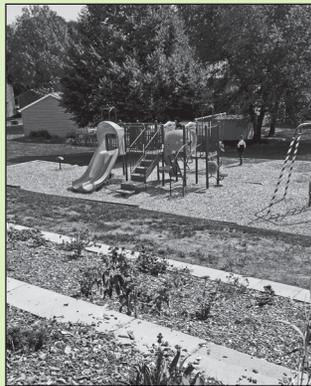
Does Your Child Have A Creative Side?

Let your child explore their creativeness at the Pella Community Art Center. Choose from the following classes for 1st semester:

- Art with Me — 3 yr. olds with adult & 4 yr. 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 specialize 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 4-5:30 pm, prices and ages will vary. Check website for a complete list.

If you have questions call 628.4571 or stop by the office at 712 Union to register.

Brook Circle Celebration



On July 16th, a grand reopening, hosted by Marion County Habitat for Humanity, was held at Brook Circle Park. Over the last year, \$43,000 in improvements were made at the Brook Circle Park. The project was spear-headed by Marion County Habitat for Humanity who approached the City last year in regards to working on a joint project to improve Brook Circle Park. HFH worked to secure a grant from the Wellmark Foundation to add to the funds provided by the City. Improvements to the park included a new play system, sidewalk, seating at the top of park, park sign, improvements to the landscaping including a new retaining wall, perennial flower gardens and trees. Local Boy Scout Troop 373 of Pella also partnered in the project by helping to complete resident surveys before and after the project. They also took part in planning and planting the new perennial flowers along the retaining wall.



AUGUST LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Saturday Story Time** is offered every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Saturday story time is suggested for ages 3 and up with parents.
- August 2 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 welcome.
- August 4 at 2:00 p.m.: **Baseball Card Program** with local collector, Rich Martin. Suggested for ages K and up.
- August 8 at 10:30 a.m.: **Bubble and Sidewalk Chalk Story Time**. The program will be held outside, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- August 18 at 10:15 a.m.: **Genealogy Club** will meet in the Library Meeting Room.
- August 25 at 12:00 noon: **The Brown Bag Book Club** will discuss *Carry Me Across the Water* by Ethan Canin in the Library Meeting Room.
- The Fall Session of Story Time, Tot Time and Lap Sit will start the week of September 12.
- **Sign-up for LEGO Club** will begin on Monday, September 12. LEGO Club will be held October-April. Sign up is required. For more information on dates and times for LEGO Club, please contact Katie at kdreyer@cityofpella.com or 628-4268.

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

Check this out! The library has digitized the back issues of the *Pella Chronicle* and made them available online. You can do keyword searches and find local history, genealogy information, and much more. From the library's homepage at www.cityofpella.com/library, look under "Popular Resources" and click on the link for Pella Chronicle online.