



## Leadership Letter

“Pella’s water, sewer and stormwater systems provide the foundation of everyday life.” This statement can be found in Pella’s Comprehensive Plan approved in 2014 through an extensive public participation process. The comprehensive plan states a priority goal for the City of Pella is to “maintain quality infrastructure including streets, water, and sewer.” Maintaining quality infrastructure impacts the quality of life in the city. As you traveled around Pella this summer, you observed and endured the comprehensive plan’s priority goal coming to life.

The Washington Street reconstruction project from Hazel Street to First Street is two-thirds completed. New sanitary sewer, water mains and storm sewers have all been placed in this section as well. Storm sewers in the areas north of Washington Street on East 2nd and 3rd Streets will be constructed to tie into the new storm sewer system on Washington Street.

The Oskaloosa Street reconstruction project is anticipated to change over from Stage 4 to Stage 5, the last stage, in early to mid-September. New sanitary sewer, water mains, and storm sewers have been installed during this reconstruction.

The new Jordan Well (the city’s second deep water well) project is nearing acceptance as final completion. The present Jordan Well has supplied 30% of our water at times during the summer due to low water levels in the Des Moines River. The new Jordan well will provide added reliability and confidence in meeting the water supply needs of Pella.

The conversion of the Water Treatment Plant to a Reverse Osmosis treatment process is going well with one-third of the conversion completed. External and internal piping has been installed, new footings for the expansion, plus the south clear water storage well construction have been completed. The north clear water storage tank construction will begin in September. Perhaps you have seen the blue water pipes on Idaho Drive being installed for the Reverse Osmosis treatment waste line. Final completion of this project will be fall of 2017.

Thank you for your patience as these infrastructure projects may cause some frustration and disruption or interference in your normal activity around Pella. All this work is intended to provide quality infrastructure that enhances the quality of life in Pella for everyone’s benefit!

– Larry Peterson, City Councilmember

The Pella Police Department is accepting applications for the 3rd class of the Citizens’ Police Academy starting September 12, 2016. The eight-week academy meets Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Training Room, 614 Main St., Pella.

The purpose of the Citizens Police Academy is to foster a strong and lasting relationship between the Police Department and the community by allowing citizens to experience the training and occupational rigors shared by law enforcement professionals.

The CPA offers practical and classroom instruction in narcotics investigations, use of firearms, crime scene processing and evidence recovery, defensive tactics, traffic enforcement, criminal investigation, building searches, and techniques of radio and telephone communications. The Citizens Police Academy is a great experience as one recent graduate stated, “My entire perspective has changed as a result of this opportunity.”

Applications are available at the Pella Police Dept. or may be downloaded at [www.cityofpella](http://www.cityofpella). Class size is limited to facilitate hands-on practical training for attendees. Questions related to CPA III should be directed to Officer Shawn Veenstra or Lieutenant David Beukelman at 641-628-4921.

## September Meeting Dates

**9/6: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council,  
Police Training Room,  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**9/13: 4:00 p.m.**  
Library Board,  
Pella Public Library

**9/14: 5:30 p.m.**  
Community Development  
Committee, Public Works  
Conference Room

**9/15: 6:00 p.m.**  
Historic Preservation  
Commission, Public Works  
Conference Room

**9/16: Noon**  
Community Services Board,  
Community Center,  
Room 204

**9/20: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council,  
Police Training Room,  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**9/26: 7:00 p.m.**  
Planning & Zoning  
Commission, Police Training  
Room, 614 Main St.

**9/30: 7:00 a.m.**  
Airport Committee,  
Airport Terminal,  
Meeting Room

## September Special Dates

**September 21 All Day**  
Free Brush Pickup  
by City

## Labor Day Closings/Garbage

**Offices Closed September 5:**  
City Hall, Electric Distribution,  
Community Services, Library,  
Public Works, and Planning  
and Zoning.

**Garbage Changes for Labor Day:** The regular Monday route will be done on Tuesday (9/6) and the regular Tuesday route will be done on Wednesday (9/7).

## LIBRARY EVENTS

The library will be closed on Sunday, September 4 and Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

**Sunday hours:** The library will be open from 1:30 to 4:30 on Sundays beginning September 11th.

September is **Library Card Sign-up Month**. If you don't have a library card, now is a good time to get one. Replacement cards are half price! If you have lost your card, come to the library in September and get a replacement card for only \$1.00.

**Banned Books Week** is September 25 - October 1. Visit the library to celebrate the freedom to read.

### Programs at the Library

- Weekly Story Time, Tot Times and Lap Sit will be offered in September beginning the week of September 12. Please call the library for days and times.
- Story time is offered every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Saturday story time is suggested for ages 3 and up with parents.
- September 6 at 10:30 a.m.: **Spanish Story Time**.
- September 12 at 10 a.m.: **LEGO Club Sign Up**. LEGO Club will be held during the months of October-April. Sign up is required.
- September 12 at 6:00 p.m.: **American Sign Language Classes**. An 8-week course of introductory classes will be held in the Library Meeting Room on Monday nights beginning Sept. 12. The classes are intended for ages 14 and up.
- September 13 at 7 p.m.: **L.E.M.M.I.N.G.S. Teen Group**. Any student in 6th grade or higher is welcome to join us for this monthly program.
- September 14 at 3:00 p.m.: **Afternoon Movie**. Join us to watch a movie on the big screen in the meeting room. Please remember children under the age of 5 need 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.
- September 15 at 7:00 p.m.: **What is a Seed Library?** Learn about our planned seed library and how you can participate.
- September 24 at 10:00-11:30 a.m.: **Book Bash** with activities based on a farm theme. The first 100 families with children ages 0-5 will receive a copy of the book Barnyard Banter by Denise Fleming. The program will be held in Central Park. In case of rain, the activities will be held in the library.
- September 26 at 4:00 p.m.: **What is a Seed Library?** Learn about our planned seed library and how you can participate. This is a repeat of the Sept. 15 program.

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

**Check this out:** the library has a meeting room that is available to the public. There is no charge for the room, although a deposit is required. You can book the room online from the library's website. You can also reserve a study room, including the technology-friendly Collaboration Room. Please call the library for more information.

## WELCOME!

On August 1, 2016, Andrew Shinkle joined the Pella Police Department as their newest police officer. Andrew grew up in the Sully area and graduated from Lynnville-Sully High School in 2011. Following graduation, Andrew joined the United States Air Force and served five years of active duty in Texas, South Korea, and Nebraska. Andrew graduated from the Community College of the Air Force with an associates degree in Criminal Justice, and from Bellevue University of Bellevue, NE with a Bachelors in Emergency Management. Andrew and his wife, Shelby, have been married for 18 months.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES NEWS

### ADULT ART CLASSES

- Funky Pumpkin Painting • Sept 13 7-9 pm • \$20 per person
- Mandala Style Painting • Sept 15 1:30-3:00 pm • \$15/\$17 per person
- Witch • Sept 20 7-9 pm • \$20 per person
- Shabby Pumpkins & Acorns • Sept 29 1:30-3:00 pm • \$7.50/\$9 per person

### Thursday Children/Young Adult Classes

- Mixed Media Ice Cream Sundaes • Sept 15 4-5:30 pm • \$7.50/\$9 per person
- Neon Abstract Painting • Sept 29 4-5:30 pm • \$10/\$12 per person

### Little Tyke Flag Football Program

The program is designed to be an introduction to the skills, drills and game-like situations of flag football.

**Program Dates:** October 22 & 29 and November 5 & 12, 2016

**Program Times:** 9:00 – 10:30 am

**Who:** 1st & 2nd grade students

**Fee:** \$20.00 resident, \$24.00 non-resident

**Deadline:** October 19th at 4:30 pm – No refunds/credits will be issued once the program has started.

### Youth Basketball Program

This program is for boys and girls currently in grades 3-6. The boys will start October 17 through December 17, 2016, with no practices or games the week of Thanksgiving. The girls will start January 9 through March 4, 2017. Each team, coached by parents, will practice one night a week on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday with games on Saturday at the Community Center Gym. Coaches are needed!

**Registration Dates:** Boys – through Sept 23rd, Girls – through Dec 9th

**Registration Fees:** \$40.00 resident, \$48.00 non-resident

Add \$25.00 Late Fee after Sept 23 for boys and Dec 9 for girls. Final day to register is October 21 for boys and January 13 for girls.

To register for the above programs, contact the Community Services office at 712 Union Street (641-628-4571) from 7:30-11:30 am – 12:30-4:30 pm Monday-Friday.

## Fall Clean-up Week – October 3-7, 2016.

Fall 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). We suggest donating any usable items to a charitable organization of your choosing.

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 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. Items not on the curbside by 7:00 a.m. or placed out after the normal collection day will not be picked up. Please remember to keep all items at least four feet from the garbage tote.

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