

Leadership Letter

It has been another banner year for construction projects in Pella. New streets, new water and sewer lines, and underground power lines might not be the most exciting issues to talk about, but we have been busy with those projects for quite a while. Washington Street is now open and Oskaloosa Street is in its final stages.

There are many projects in the private sector that are continuing to move right along as well. The public school district continues to show progress with various construction projects. The new Lincoln School is nearing completion. Construction continues at the High School campus. Pella Christian Grade School is progressing with their expansion project as well. Central College's updates and construction at the Kuyper Athletics Complex are progressing nicely. Pella Regional Health Center continues to grow and expand their services, as you may notice the third floor addition under construction. This is just a small sample of the projects that are underway around town.

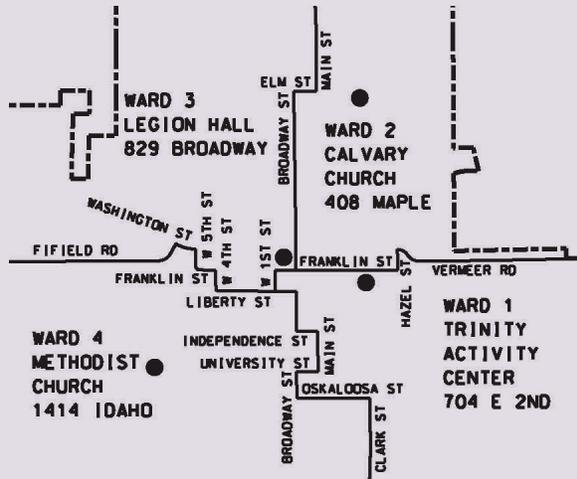
Residential construction continues to be strong. Last year 3 duplexes and 18 single-family homes were constructed in Pella. Thus far this year, there have been 12 single-family homes and 7 duplexes built or that are in progress.

Recently, I had an opportunity to visit the Red Rock Hydro Project site. The best way to describe that project is WOW! You really do not get a sense of the scale of the project from driving on the highway. One tidbit I found interesting was an average concrete pour was about 1,000 cubic yards, or 100 trucks loads. If that sounds like a lot, it is. They have done that multiple times so far, with many more to come. So when you see a convoy of ready-mix trucks on the dam, please be patient.

With the colors changing and the leaves falling, as a friendly reminder, please do not rake/blow yard waste into the street. It can clog storm sewer intakes and cause street flooding.

Also, please go to the polls this year and make your voices heard. Can't make it to the polls on Election Day? Make sure you get an absentee ballot. Not sure where you vote? Below is a map of the polling places in Pella by ward. Just please make sure you vote.

— Dan Vander Beek



November Meeting Dates

11/1: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

11/8: 4:00 p.m.
Library Board,
Pella Public Library

11/9: 5:30 p.m.
Community Development
Committee, Public Works
Conference Room

11/15: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

11/17: 6:00 p.m.
Historic Preservation
Commission, Public Works
Conference Room

11/18 Noon
Community Services Board,
Community Center
Room 206, 712 Union

11/25: 7:00 a.m.
Airport Committee,
Airport Terminal,
Meeting Room

11/28: 7:00 p.m.
Planning & Zoning
Commission,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

Special Dates

November 16 All Day
Free Brush Pickup
by City

Holiday Closings

Offices Closed
on November 24 & 25:
City Hall, Electric Distri-
bution, Community Services,
Public Works, Library, and
Planning and Zoning

Garbage Schedule Change
Thursday's garbage route
(11/24) will run
on Wednesday (11/23).
No change in Friday's route.



Electric Meter Testing

During the months of November through February, the City of Pella will be testing meters. Electric personnel will notify the customer, if home, prior to removing the meter for testing. Electric service will be temporarily interrupted when the meter is removed for testing and again when the test is completed. If you have any questions, please contact Electric Distribution at 628-2581.

City Employees Recognized for Service Years

On September 29, 2016, Mayor James Mueller presented length of service awards to a number of City of Pella employees at the annual Employee Recognition Breakfast sponsored by the City's Employee Relations Committee. Special recognition was given to employees who reached their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, and 40 year anniversaries with the City.

A special honor for forty years of service was awarded to Verlan Mathes, Diesel Plant. Also honored was Randy Van Maaren, Diesel Plant, for his thirty-five years of employment. Brent Schroder, Water Department, was unable to attend but was recognized for twenty-five years of service. Employees with twenty years of service included Blain De Heer, and Dale Witzenburg.

Shane Cox, Jill De Vries, Don Gosselink, and Vivian Vriezelaar were recognized for fifteen years of service. Employees with ten years of service included Justin Bailey, Benjamin Hedrick, Daniela Martisovitsova, Rob Riggen, and Holly Smith.

Employees with five years of service included Jessica Boertje, Joshua Boone, Melissa Brown, Barry Johnson, Thomas Palmer, Benjamin Robertson, Dustin Schuldt, Jennifer Sedlock, Kegan Strobel, and David Visser.

COMMUNITY SERVICES NEWS

The Pella Community Art Center is offering adult (18 & up) and children classes with all materials being provided. Pre-registration is required, so call 628-4571 or email bross@cityofpella.com to register. Payment is due the day before the class.



**Adult Pottery
Evergreen Imprint**
Thursday, Nov. 3
1:30-3:30 pm - \$10/\$12



**Adult Painting
Snowflakes**
Tuesday, Nov. 8
7-9 pm - \$20



**Adult Class
Felt Vessels**
Thursday, Nov. 10
1:30-3 pm - \$7.50/\$9



**Adult Painting
Christmas Gnome**
Tuesday, Nov. 15
7-9 pm - \$20



**Children's Class
Air Guitars**
Tuesday, Nov. 3
4-5:30 pm - \$7.50/\$9



**Children's Ceramic Class
Star Christmas Tree**
Thursday, Nov. 10
4-5:30 pm - \$7.50/\$9

Notice to Customers of the City of Pella Municipal Electric Utility

The IAC requires every electric utility to give notice of its complaint process. Complaint notices are governed exclusively by IAC. "Complaint" notices must be provided annually. Persons desiring to request information from or register complaints with City of Pella Municipal Electric Utility concerning Electric Service may do so by contacting:

Utility Billing, 825 Broadway, PO Box 88, Pella, IA 50219 – (641) 628-4173.

If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy, and the City of Pella Municipal Electric does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Utilities Division, Department of Commerce, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, (515)281-3839 or toll-free (877)565-4450.

LIBRARY IN NOVEMBER

- November 5 at 10:30 a.m.: **Spanish Story Time.**
- November 7 at 7:00 p.m.: **Iowa's Hidden Treasures.** Dan Kaercher, retired editor of Midwest Living Magazine and Iowa Public Television host, will share what he has learned during his extensive travels about Iowa's best attractions.
- November 8 at 6:30 p.m.: **Night Time Drop In LEGO®.** All ages are welcome to participate. Children will need to have parent or caregiver with them while attending the program.
- November 9 at 3:00 p.m.: **Afternoon Movie.** Join us for 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.
- November 15 at 4:00 p.m.: **Girls Only LEGO® Program.** This is a Girls Only program for girls in grades K to 6th grade. Sign up is suggested as there is a limit of 25 girls.
- November 15, 22, 29 at 6:30 p.m.: **Discover Moldova.** Exchange student Ana Cobzac will share about her country and its customs, and teach some of its beautiful language.
- November 17 at 10:15 a.m.: **Genealogy Club** will meet in the Meeting Room.
- November 17 at 12:00 noon: **Brown Bag Book Club** will discuss *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte.
- November 17 at 4:00 p.m.: **Kids Book Club** is for children in grades 2nd to 6th. This month the group will be reading *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson. Books will be provided. Sign up at the Circulation Desk so the correct number of books can be ordered.
- **Story Time, Tot Time and Lap Sit** will be offered in November. Call the library for days and times.
- **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 more information on any of these programs, please call the library at 628-4268.

Holiday hours: The library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23. The library will be closed all day on Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25. The library will be open regular hours (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) on Saturday, Nov. 26.

Check this out: on behalf of the Friends of the Library, we accept donations of gently used books and other materials. For more information about what we can accept see <http://ia-pella.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2210>. Your donations may be tax deductible, so ask us for a receipt next time you make a donation.