



Mayor's Message

I am amazed at how quickly 2016 has gone. It started fast and sped up from there. At the end of each year, I like to stop for just a minute and reflect on some of the community accomplishments. I will not go into great detail, but identifying a few of our successes is beneficial. It shows that we have a focus on the future and are willing to invest in the things necessary for the community and the next generation to be successful. The 2016 list would include: the two major street reconstruction projects, both Washington and Oskaloosa Streets have been completed and reopened to the public; the Pella Sports Park is open and has provided a safe, high-quality facility for our families and visitors; our focus on maintaining a safe and abundant water supply continues to progress, the new Jordan well is ready for service, and the remodel of the water treatment plant continues on schedule; our electrical underground conversion project continues to progress and should be completed in 2017; the remodel of the west power substation has begun and should be completed in the spring of next year. As you can see, we have made progress on many fronts.

Not one to look backward for too long, let's peek ahead at 2017. As I noted above, we have a few projects to finish up, but the new ones include: continued focus on repairing and replacing our aging streets, water, and sewer lines; complete a refresh of our Community Strategic Plan; evaluate new community services, such as supporting high-speed internet service and expanding and enhancing our police, fire, and ambulance services. By no means is this a complete list, as there are always new things to consider and support as the year progresses.

With all of these things in mind, I would like to thank you for your support and your patience. I am encouraged and excited about where we are and where we are going. I can't wait to see how far we can go together!

— Mayor Jim

SNOW ORDINANCE REMINDER

As winter weather approaches, the City of Pella wishes to share timely information concerning the City's snow ordinance. Driven by credible weather forecasts or actual accumulation, a snow emergency is first declared by our Public Works Director. The Chief of Police then alerts the public of this fact through local media outlets, including: City of Pella website, PTV 12, KNIA/KRLS, the Pella Chronicle and the Town Crier. Another avenue for citizens to receive timely notification is to visit the City's website at www.cityofpella.com. By clicking on "Notify Me" on the left menu bar, you will be directed to a page that allows you to register for automatic e-mail or text notifications every time the snow ordinance is activated.

The purpose of the snow ordinance is to clear streets, alleys and parking lots of parked vehicles by the appointed time; thereby allowing City workers to clear snow and ice from these areas quickly and completely. During a snow emergency, vehicles parked on a city street, alley, or designated parking lot may be issued a parking citation. The police department is authorized to tow violators, and does so when appropriate. Owners of towed vehicles are responsible for penalties and costs associated with the original violation and the subsequent tow. Every City street is designated as a snow route; and vehicles may not impede or block traffic during a snow emergency.

As a reminder, property owners are required to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall ceases. Those responsible for snow and ice removal are not allowed to blow, push, or place any of the snow or ice upon a city street or city right-of-way.

Just as the Public Works Director initiates a snow emergency, he will also declare it over. The public is notified when the parking ban is lifted through the media sources named earlier. Universal compliance with the snow ordinance makes for an efficient snow removal process for city crews and assures a quick return of a safe driving surface for Pella motorists.

Meeting Dates

12/6: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

12/13: 4:00 p.m.
Library Board,
Pella Public Library

12/14: 5:30 p.m.
Community Development
Committee, Public Works
Conference Room

12/16: Noon
Community Services Board,
Community Center, Rm 206

12/20: 7:00 p.m.
City Council,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

12/26: 7:00 a.m.
Planning & Zoning
Commission,
Police Training Room,
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

12/30: 7:00 a.m.
Airport Committee,
Airport Terminal,
Meeting Room

Special Dates

12/21 All Day
Free Bundled Brush
Pick Up by City

Dec. 27 - 30
Jan 4, 11 & 18
Christmas Tree Pick Up

Holiday Closings

Offices Closed on
Dec. 23 & 26:
City Hall, Community
Services, Public Works,
Electric Distribution,
Planning and Zoning.

Garbage/Recycling Pick Up
Monday's garbage route
(12/26) will run on Tuesday
(12/27). Tuesday's garbage
route will run on
Wednesday (12/28).

DECEMBER LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Story time** is offered every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Saturday story time is suggested for ages 3 and up with parents.
- December 3 at 10:30 a.m.: **Spanish Story Time**.
- December 5, 12, and 19 at 10:00 a.m.: **Sociable Seniors**. Local seniors are invited to meet in the Meeting Room for coffee and conversation.
- December 7 at 10:30 a.m.: **Yummy Toddler Food Story Time**. After story time, we'll join Amy Palanjian, writer and creator of Yummy Toddler Food. We'll snack on edible snowballs and make a holiday-inspired trail mix to take home.
- December 10 at 11:00 a.m.: Join author **Lois Vermeer** and illustrator Joe Hoksbergen to hear their children's book *A Christmoose Mystery*. Books will be for sale, and several Christmoose will attend!
- December 12 & 13 at 10:30 a.m.: **Holiday Story Time**. Join us for stories, songs and a simple craft. All ages are welcome for this special Holiday Story Time.
- December 13 from 6 to 7:00 p.m.: **Night Time Drop In LEGO®**. All ages are welcome to participate. Children need to have parent or caregiver with them while attending program.
- December 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.
- December 15 at 6:00 p.m.: **Holiday Story Time**. Join us for stories, songs and a simple craft. All ages welcome for this special Holiday Story Time.
- December 20 at 4:00 p.m.: **Girls LEGO Club** for girls in grade K and up. No sign-up is needed.
- The **Brown Bag Book Club** and **Genealogy Club** will not meet in December.
- The Winter Session of **Story Time, Tot Time and Lap Sit** will start the week of January 9, 2017.

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

STAFF IN-SERVICE: The library will be closed all day on Friday, December 9 for staff training.

HOLIDAY HOURS: The library will be closed all day from Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26. We will also be closed on Sunday, January 1 and Monday, January 2.

Did you know the library offers free wireless access to the Internet? Your Wi-Fi device will work in most areas of the library, and even the parking lot.

CITY OF PELLA CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP



Christmas trees will be picked up December 27 through December 30. Three additional days for pick up will be offered on January 4, 11 and 18. Trees must be placed at the curb by 7 am on pick up day.

All trees must be able to go through the chipper, which means they must be unwrapped, free from plastic bags, wire, nails and stands. Trees that do not meet these requirements WILL NOT be picked up.

Christmas wreaths and roping with wire will be collected as normal household waste if placed within a closed tote. Please contact the Pella Public Works Department at 628-1601 for more information.

Basketball Registration for Girls in 3rd-6th Grade

The program runs from Jan. 9 through March 4, 2017.

Registration Deadline: December 9, 2016

Registration Fees: \$40.00 in city limits \$48.00 outside city limits

Registration Location: Community Services Office in Community Center, 712 Union Street, Ste 104

Hours: 7:30-11:30 am – 12:30-4:30 pm Monday-Friday

ADD \$25.00 LATE FEE AFTER DEC. 9

ABSOLUTE final day to register is January 13 at 4:30 pm

Add a "P.S." to Help a Neighbor

They are your friends. They are your neighbors. Some of them may have trouble paying their heating bills this winter. Project Share is a plan created by the City of Pella Electric Department to assist needy households in paying their winter time energy bills. You can help by adding a regular PS contribution to your monthly utility payment, or by making a direct donation to Project Share. There, funds will then be distributed to neighbors in need for wintertime energy costs. Those qualifying for help will be carefully identified by an area social service agency. A local committee will oversee Project Share to guarantee all contributions will be handled equitably and efficiently. So please, add a PS – Project Share – to your utility payment each month. It's a simple way to share warmth with those who need it.

City of Pella Electric Department

c/o City Hall, 825 Broadway, P.O. Box 88
Pella, IA 50219



Dear CITY OF PELLA ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

I'd like to help a neighbor in need with a tax deductible contribution to Project Share.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

I will contribute \$ _____ per month to project share.

I understand the amount will be billed to me monthly.

I have enclosed a \$ _____ donation to project share.

December Art Classes

The Pella Community Art Center is offering the below 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.

Snowflake Canvas Painting – December 8 from 1:30-3:00 pm, ages 18 & up \$15/\$17

Wooden Spool & Felt Elves – December 8 from 4-5:30 pm, ages 7 & up \$7.50/\$9

Wooly Gnome – December 15 from 1:30-4:00 pm, ages 18 & up \$7.50/\$9

Fun & Funky Ornaments – December 15 from 4-5:30 pm, ages 7 & up \$7.50/\$9