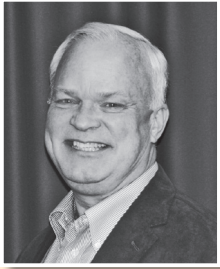
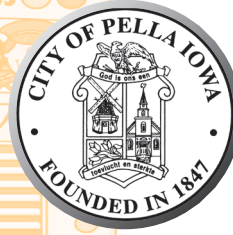


# City of

September 2017

# Pella



## Leadership Letter

Have you read a good book lately? Perhaps you attended an informative or fun program. Or received assistance with a puzzling question or project. All this and more is offered at the Pella Public Library. Before you go any further in this letter, please turn to page two and look at the offerings listed in the library's column. Each issue of the city's newsletter contains this column providing services and activities being offered during the month.

The library is an outstanding resource adding to the quality of life within our community. At the end of the last fiscal year (June 2017), the total circulation of items from the library was 255,516. Now you may be thinking this must be books, music, or movies. It is, but it also includes American Girl dolls, art prints, babysitter boxes, cake pans, craft supplies, Launchpads, seeds, media equipment, toys, puppets, and home energy use monitors. Whew! In fact, the Pella Library has a greater circulation total than cities like Sioux Center, Altoona, Waukee, Waverly, and Fairfield, among others.

The library provides services and programs for infants to senior citizens. There are opportunities for story times, after school programs, teen club, adult book club, family programs, life-long learning, and reading programs for babies to seniors. A special reading program is the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program which encourages 1,000 books to be read to or by children before they enter kindergarten.

The library staff provides assistance with the use of your electronic devices. They can show you how to use the library's wireless printer to print from your home or how to reserve meeting space in the Community Meeting Room, small group meeting rooms, or individual study rooms.

During a conversation with Library Director Wendy Street, she recalled a conversation with a person who was using the library and stated, "When we were looking to move to a new location, Pella wasn't even in the running until we visited the library and then we decided to live here." Yes, the library is even a resource that assists in the growth of our community.

Wendy's desire for the Pella Public Library is to be a "safe space for people to ask questions, learn stuff, and try out new items and innovations coming into our lives." Stop by and see what's happening at the Pella Public Library!

– Larry Peterson, City Council member

## Citizen's Police Academy

The Pella Police Department is accepting applications for the 4th Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) starting September 18, 2017. The eight-week academy meets Monday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Training Room at 614 Main Street.

The purpose of the CPA 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 CPA 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.com](http://www.cityofpella.com). Class size is limited to facilitate hands-on practical training for attendees. Questions should be directed to Officer Shawn Veenstra at 641-628-4921 or by email at [sveenstra@cityofpella.com](mailto:sveenstra@cityofpella.com).

## Water Rate Increase

The water rate increase approved by Council during the July 18th Council meeting will be effective on August utility bills. 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 reverse osmosis treatment process, additional Jordan Well and new water main, and improvements to the existing lime softening treatment plant.

## September Meeting Dates

**9/5: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council,  
Police Training Room,  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**9/12: 4:00 p.m.**  
Library Board,  
Pella Public Library

**9/13: 5:30 p.m.**  
Community Development  
Committee,  
Police Training Room,  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**9/15: Noon**  
Community Services Board,  
Community Center,  
Room 206

**9/19: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council,  
Police Training Room,  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**9/25: 7:00 p.m.**  
Planning & Zoning  
Commission,  
Police Training Room,  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**9/29: 7:00 a.m.**  
Airport Committee,  
Airport Terminal,  
Meeting Room

## September Special Dates

**9/20: All Day**  
Free Bundled Brush  
Pick-up by City

## Labor Day Closings/Garbage

**Offices Closed for Labor Day:**  
City Hall, Community Services,  
Electric Distribution, Planning  
and Zoning, Public Library,  
and Public Works

## Garbage and Recycling Pick-up for Labor Day:

Monday's route (9/4) will run  
on Tuesday (9/5) and Tuesday's  
route will run on Wednesday  
(9/6). The rest of the week  
will be as usual.

## LIBRARY EVENTS

The library will be closed on Sunday, September 3 and Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

**Sunday hours:** The library will be open from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays beginning September 10th.

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 24-30. 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 11. 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 2 at 10:30 a.m.: **Spanish Story Time**
- September 11 at 6:30 p.m.: **Our Neighbors, the Amish**. Don and Dianne Kramer will share information about the Amish lifestyle and beliefs and their experiences living near the Amish.
- September 13 at 3:00 p.m.: **Afternoon Movie**. Please join us to watch a movie on the big screen in the meeting room. 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 21 at 10:15 a.m.: **Genealogy Club** will meet in the Meeting Room.
- September 26 at 7:00 p.m.: **Pella Community Common Reading Experience**. Everyone is invited to a book discussion of *Sacred Acre: the Ed Thomas Story* by Mark Tabb. The discussion will be held in the Library Meeting Room.
- September 28 at 12:00 noon: **Brown Bag Book Club** will discuss *Sacred Acre* by Mark Tabb.

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

**Check this out:** Thanks to a subsidy from the State Library of Iowa, we now offer an online language learning program! Check out Transparent Languages Online at <https://library.transparent.com/pellaia/>. You can also find this link on the library's home page under "Popular Resources." More than 100 languages are offered. You will need to set up an account with your email address and library barcode number. Whether you are a serious student or just want to learn a "travel" vocabulary, Transparent Languages will help you learn the language of your choice.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES NEWS

### Little Tyke Flag Football Program

**Program Dates:** 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. – October 21, 28 and November 4, 11  
**Who:** 1st & 2nd grade students  
**Where:** Pella Christian & Pella High Football Fields  
**Fee:** \$20/resident or \$24/non-resident  
**Deadline:** October 18



This program, based on participation and not performance, is designed as an introduction to the skills, drills, and game like situations of flag football. Children will learn the fundamentals, basic rules, and play short scrimmages. No refunds or credits will be issued once the program has started.

### Youth Basketball Program

**Program Dates:** Boys – October 16 to December 16, 2017  
Girls – January 8 to March 3, 2018  
**Who:** Children in 3rd through 6th grade  
**Where:** Community Center Gym  
**Fee:** \$40/resident or \$48/non-resident  
*Add \$25.00 late fee after Sept. 22 (boys) or Dec. 8 (girls)*  
**Deadline:** September 22 (boys) or December 8 (girls)  
*Absolute final day to register is Oct. 9 (boys) or Dec. 29 (girls)*



This program, based on participation and not performance, is for boys and girls currently in 3rd through 6th grade. Each team will practice for one hour, one night per week, on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evenings. Games will be held on Saturdays. **COACHES ARE NEEDED!** No refunds will be issued once the program has started. Refunds for medically related withdrawals may be allowed if the Community Center Manager is notified within 3 weeks of program start.

**To register for the above programs, visit the Community Services Office at 712 Union St. from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

### Art Center Program Registration – 2017/2018 School Year

Does your child have a creative side? Since 1990, we have been offering an interdisciplinary visual arts program for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade at the Community Center. The Art Center encourages students to explore their individual creative needs by defining their own projects. Mediums include collaging, weaving, sculpting, print making, paper making, painting, and puppet making side by side. At the Art Center, we help our students develop an appreciation for the value of learning. The choices are extensive and our teachers are prepared to provide the inspiration and information necessary for students to reach their individual goals. Register early to get your desired class. For questions or concerns, contact the office at 628-4571.

*1st semester – September 5 through December 13, 2017*

*2nd semester – January 22 through May 9, 2018*

#### **Class times to choose from:**

- Monday Art with Me – 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. (3 years old with adult & 4 years old)
- Monday After School – 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. (K-12)
- Tuesday After School – 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. (K-12)
- Wednesday Home School Classes – 10:30 a.m. to Noon (Must be at least 5 years old and in Kindergarten). Fee: \$37/resident or \$43/non-resident per semester

No refunds will be issued once the semester has started. If the request is due to a medical reason, an in-house credit may be given if the Community Services Manager is notified prior to the third class. No credits will be issued after the third class.

## Fall Clean-up Week – October 2-6, 2017

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, certain items will not be picked up during clean-up week including, but not limited to, appliances and electronics. Please call if you have questions about your specific items. We also suggest donating any usable items to a charitable organization of your choosing.

Pick-up will take place the week of October 2nd, on your normal garbage/recycling collection day. All acceptable items should be placed at curbside no later than 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Items not on the curbside by 7:00 a.m., or placed out after your normal collection day, will not be picked up. Please keep all items at least 4' from the garbage tote.