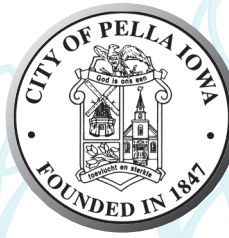


# City of Pella

MAY 2018



## Leadership Letter

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May is a completely magical month in our community. Suddenly everyone is Dutch no matter where their ancestors have come from and everyone becomes a child at heart! Tulip Time just has that effect on most of us!

The Historical Society is given the herculean task of hosting our annual Tulip Time celebration along with the CVB, the Tulip Time Steering Committee, local merchants, dozens of churches, numerous schools, hundreds of volunteers, our Tulip Time Royalty, city staff and thousands of other Pella citizens. You make it look “easy” but we know that is not always the case! I would like to take a moment as an elected official to say thank you from the entire City Council for making Pella’s Tulip Time a huge success year after year!

Tulips are not the only things that we in Pella will see popping up from our rich Iowa soil. There are several housing communities that will break ground soon which will help ease our housing shortage. There are two new baseball fields going in at the baseball complex. Our city parks are being spruced up with paint, flowers, concrete and improvements to play equipment. These things all contribute to the wonderful quality of life we enjoy in our town.

Another project that will have a great impact on our community will be the Oskaloosa Street Corridor Improvement Project. Consultants will be hired to develop a revitalization strategy and draw up a development plan for this much needed project. As one of the gateways into our community, it will upon completion serve as a more welcoming environment for new and existing businesses, visitors and residents alike!

Lastly, I want to say dank u wel for allowing me to serve this amazing community!

– Lynn Hinga Branderhorst

## WELCOME

**Jared Parker** recently joined the City’s Planning and Zoning department as the new Code Enforcement Officer. Jared grew up in Bussey and graduated from Twin Cedars High School. Jared also holds degrees from both the University of Northern Iowa and the University of Wisconsin. He is excited to work in this position and looks forward to utilizing his skills to benefit the community.



## SPECIAL ELECTION – MAY 1

This article is intended to educate the citizens of Pella regarding the upcoming special election. The Pella City Council has authorized a municipal telecommunications referendum, which is scheduled to be conducted at the election on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. If approved by the citizens of Pella, the new utility could offer services including but not limited to the following: cable communications, television, video, voice, telephone, data, internet, and broadband services. The reason why the City Council elected to proceed with this referendum is due to concerns expressed by citizens and businesses regarding access to high-speed internet services. Approximately 20 other communities across the State of Iowa have either formed or are in the process of forming a municipal telecommunications utility. We encourage all citizens to exercise their right to vote for or against this important community issue.

## Meeting Dates

**5/1: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council  
Police Training Room  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**5/8: 4:00 p.m.**  
Library Board  
Pella Public Library

**5/8: 6:00 p.m.**  
Board of Adjustment  
City Hall Conference Room  
825 Broadway Street

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

**5/14: 5:30 p.m.**  
Historic Preservation  
Commission  
City Hall Conference Room  
825 Broadway Street

**5/15: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council  
Police Training Room  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**5/18: Noon**  
Community Services Board  
Community Center Room 206

**5/21: 7:00 p.m.**  
Planning & Zoning Commission  
Police Training Room  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**5/25: 7:00 a.m.**  
Airport Committee  
Airport Terminal Meeting Room

## Special Dates

**5/1: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Special Election

**5/3 through 5/5**  
Tulip Time

**5/16 All Day**  
Free Bundled Brush  
Pick-up by City

## Memorial Day

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

**Garbage and Recycling  
Pick-up for Memorial Day:**  
Monday’s route (5/28) will run  
on Tuesday (5/29) and Tuesday’s  
route will run on Wednesday  
(5/30). The rest of the week  
will be as usual.

Community Services is currently taking registrations for Summer Art Programs, Fall Soccer and Flag Football. More information can be found on our website at [www.cityofpella.com](http://www.cityofpella.com).

## Annual eCycling Event for Residents – May 19

The combined efforts of several local environmentally conscious organizations has resulted in the 14th annual eCycling event. On May 19, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, local households can drop their old electronics off at **815 West 10th Street**. *This is a new location from past years!*

The first two CRT monitors and TVs with tubes per vehicle will be accepted at no charge. Vehicles bringing in more than two will be charged \$10 each. There is no charge for all other accepted items including:

Computer monitors, PCs, laptops, TVs, cell phones, keyboards, printers, and cameras. *\*No appliances, microwaves, lightbulbs, paint, or oil.*



For more information on Pella's residential eCycling event, please call 628-4571.

## ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

The direct web address to view this year's annual Water Quality Report will be included in June's utility bill and newsletter. Paper copies will be available on July 1 and can be picked up at City Hall, Public Works or the Water Treatment Plant.

## AQUATIC CENTER

The Aquatic Center will open on Monday, May 28 at 1:00 p.m. Regular scheduled hours will begin Saturday, June 2 and continue throughout the season.

*The Community Services Summer Program Guide is available on our website at [www.cityofpella.com](http://www.cityofpella.com)*

## FREE TULIP BULBS – Dig Date TBD

Due to the cold temperatures in April, we anticipate that the tulips will provide beauty for the community well into May. A tulip bulb dig date will be determined at a later date and will be publicized on the City's website. Once a date has been announced, please follow the standard guidelines as detailed below.

Please use a pitch fork when digging up tulip bulbs and remove all foliage with the bulb. Please do not leave stems and/or leaves behind. All soil must remain in the flower beds. If soil is spilled outside the bed during removal, please rake it back in the bed. The street beds are located between the sidewalk and the street on:

- Main Street between Peace and Liberty & between Washington Street and Sunken Gardens
- Washington Street from Open Bible Church west to Brinkhoff Park
- Franklin Street from the Post Office west to West Market Park

City parks include: Brinkhoff, Central, West Market, Sunken Gardens, South Park, Community Center, Library, City Hall, and the Klokkenspel. Removal from any other bed is prohibited. This applies to tulip bulbs only and not to any other spring bulbs or perennial flowers or shrubs that may be located in the parks.

Fair Haven Memorial tulips beds at the Union and E 3rd Street intersection are also available for digging. Same rules apply as above. Please abide by on-site signage as tulips in formal landscaped areas or in perennial beds are not available for digging.

## MAY LIBRARY EVENTS

- May 1 at 4:00 p.m.: **Tinker Tuesday** in the Library Meeting Room. This program is for children in grades 2nd to 5th. We will experiment with STEM activities and create with LEGO®.
- May 1 at 7:00 p.m.: **Genealogy Club** in the Meeting Room. Brent Martin will present "So I got my DNA results back. What is this telling me?"
- May 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.: **Whatchamacallit Wednesdays**. For more information, see Katie in the Children's Department. Intended for kids in grades K to 5th. A movie will be shown on May 9 at 3:00 p.m.
- May 14 at 7:00 p.m.: **Culture Night: Lebanon** featuring Guitta Graber. Learn about the culture of Lebanon from a native, and sample authentic food. This program will be held in Room 206 at the Community Center.
- May 15 at 7:00 p.m.: **Lincoln as Story-Teller**. Abraham Lincoln impersonator Kevin Wood will share Lincoln's favorite stories, anecdotes and jokes, and explain why he used these so often. You'll get a good dose of both the nation's history and Mr. Lincoln's personal story. This program will be held in the Meeting Room. Suitable for adults and children 12 and older.
- May 22 at 6:30 p.m.: **Looking Closer at Grant Wood: What Did He Do, and How Did He Do It?** UNI professor Roy Behrens will talk about the life of Grant Wood, including his accomplishments and how he was influenced as an artist. He will present slides of Grant's artworks – some of them famous and some lesser known. To be held in the Meeting Room.
- May 31 at 12:00 noon: **The Brown Bag Book Club** will make their selections for the coming year. Bring your suggestions!
- **Saturday Story Time** is offered every Saturday at 10:30 a.m., suggested for ages 3 and up with parents.

### Special Library hours in May:

- During Tulip Time, the Library will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 and Friday, May 4. The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6.
- The library will be closed on Sunday, May 13 for Mother's Day.
- The Library will be closed on Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day.

### Mark your calendar!

The Summer Reading Program "Libraries Rock" will start soon. The library has reading programs for babies to adults! Logs for the Summer Reading Program will be available on May 21. For more information on programs for children and teens, please see Katie in the Children's Department.

### Check out our seed library!

You can check out seeds for your yard and garden. We have vegetables, flowers, and herbs. All you have to do is return an equal number of seeds in the fall to keep the seed library going. Stop in the library for more information and to see what we have.