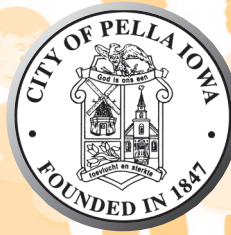


# City of

September 2018

# Pella



## Leadership Letter

I often get asked why some decisions happen quickly on the Council, rather than your typical lengthy governmental discussions that never seem to end. I sometimes think citizens are surprised that there isn't more discussion on various topics. Being on the Pella City Council is an honor, and we are very fortunate to have City staff and other volunteers on various committees funneling us information and providing feedback to our many questions. People working with people to make our community run smoothly and continue to be unique and special; that's what it is all about.

For those that want to provide feedback and support initiatives that will have a lasting impact on our community, now is your time. If you have been following any of the local news outlets, social media pages, and this newsletter, you are probably aware that there are several initiatives in process to enhance the look and feel of Pella. Adding to that, there are studies and in-depth evaluations of facilities and developments to not only enhance your experience in town but to also attract those young adults and families that are considering a move to Pella.

We need your voice, your feedback, and your patience; together we are going to continue to build on something special. Several of you have taken the opportunity to look over preliminary plans for the downtown revitalization program. Your input and feedback are vital to the success of this initiative, and we want you to have a voice in what happens in your community. The growth and prosperity of our community doesn't only reside downtown. We have another important part of town just as eager to get a boost and contribute in a big way to the quality of life and offerings to keep people in Pella. Lovingly referred to as the "south side," this part of our town extends basically from the Pella Corporation corner heading east. This area is set to have a study completed to understand what capacity we have to bring in things like dining options, retail, housing, and many other fun ideas to utilize a wonderful part of our community. As the study is completed, you will begin to hear what the research has uncovered, and we will need your insights on what you would like to see in this corridor. Along with brick and mortar amenities, streetscape and that Pella feel we all love will be incorporated.

Another topic that often comes across my email is the Community Center. If you haven't been inside in a while, it's tired. Areas of the building experience very high usage. We are currently working on evaluating the safety and practicality of the facility. We hope to have a professional evaluation back sometime in December that will help us make wise decisions on the direction to go with a Community Center facility for our City. Please be patient with the staff as they are doing their very best to keep things held together and at a service level that is acceptable. Recently, after considerable discussion, the decision was made to close the Community Center gymnasium due to safety concerns and the inability to repair without great expense. Our hope is that the findings we review in December will give us an idea of the financial impact repairing the facility would have versus the consideration of alternative ideas.

If you are currently serving on one of the various committees in our community, please accept my thanks for a job well done. It's not easy and we appreciate your time spent giving back to the community. The opportunities I have listed above are just a few of the big items, but there are many more on the list. We need you, the citizens of Pella, to provide feedback, participate in reviewing project ideas when they are presented to the public, and remain engaged in the growth and prosperity of Pella.

Thank you for letting me be your Councilman! Best wishes for a wonderful fall.

– Tony Bokhoven, City Council member

## September Meeting Dates

**9/4: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council  
Police Training Room  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**9/10: 5:30 p.m.**  
Historic Preservation  
Commission  
City Hall Conference Room  
825 Broadway Street

**9/11: 4:00 p.m.**  
Library Board  
Pella Public Library

**9/12: 5:30 p.m.**  
Community Development  
Committee  
Police Training Room  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**9/18: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council  
Police Training Room  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**9/21: Noon**  
Community Services Board  
Community Center  
Room 206

**9/24: 7:00 p.m.**  
Planning & Zoning  
Commission  
Police Training Room  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**9/28: 7:00 a.m.**  
Airport Committee  
Airport Terminal  
Meeting Room

## September Special Dates

**9/19: 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 (9/3) will run on Tuesday (9/4) and Tuesday's route will run on Wednesday (9/5). The rest of the week will be as usual.



**Check this out: If you need one-on-one help, you can make a 30-minute appointment with one of our librarians. We can provide basic technology help, show you how to use the library, or help you with your research. From our webpage, look under "Quick Links" and choose "Book a Librarian." Or call the library at 628-4268 to make an appointment.**

## LIBRARY EVENTS

The library will be closed on Sunday, September 2 and Monday, September 3 for Labor Day.

**Sunday hours:** Beginning September 9, the library will be open from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays.

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 23-29. Visit the library to celebrate the freedom to read.

### Programs at the Library

- Saturday Story Time is offered every Saturday at 10:30 a.m., suggested for ages 3 and up with parents.
- Weekly story time, tot time, and lap sit will start the week of September 10. Call the library for dates and times.
- **Whatchamacallit Wednesdays** will start on September 12. See the children's department for the schedule.
- September 11 at 7:00 p.m.: **Two-in-One Event**. At 7:00 p.m., Carol Van Klompenburg will read selections from her latest book, *Tending Beauty: Forty Moments in My Gardens*. At 7:30 p.m., she and Sarah Purdy will discuss the writing and publishing process. Q&A will follow. Held in the Library Meeting Room
- September 14-15 during library hours: **National Coloring Day**. Celebrate the day by helping us color a 6' x 2' table coloring sheet. Other coloring opportunities will be available around the library. Supplies will be provided, or you may bring your own. For all ages that are able to color! Located in the great room of the library.
- September 18 at 7:00 p.m.: **Culture Night: Chile** featuring Paulina Mena. Learn about the culture of Chile from a native, and sample authentic food. This program will be held in Room 206 at the Community Center.
- September 20 at 10:15 a.m.: **Genealogy Club** will meet in the Library Meeting Room.
- September 25 at 7:00 p.m.: **Why Iowa Public Television Matters Today**. Mary Bracken, Communications and Outreach Coordinator from IPTV, will discuss why public TV matters more than ever, show clips of upcoming shows, and see how we're doing with the Great American Read. Held in the Library Meeting Room.
- September 27 at 12:00 noon: **Pella Community Common Reading Experience**. Everyone is invited to a book discussion of *Sentenced to Life: The Mark Becker Story* by Joan Becker in the Library Meeting Room. This is also the regular meeting of the **Brown Bag Book Club**.

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

**You can also get more information about library events and register for them at:**  
<https://pellalibrary.libcal.com/calendar/main>

## COMMUNITY SERVICES NEWS

### Little Tyke Flag Football Program

**Program Dates:** October 20, 27 and November 3, 10

**Program Times:** 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

**Where:** Pella Christian & Pella High Football Fields

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

**Fee:** \$20/resident or \$24/non-resident

**Deadline:** October 17

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 do short scrimmages. No refunds or credits will be issued once the program has started.

**To register, 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 – 2018/19 School Year

Does your child have a creative side? Are you always going out to buy more supplies? Why not register your child for an art class! Since 1990, we have been offering an interdisciplinary visual arts program for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. 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. 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 Community Services office at 628-4571.

**1st semester – September 4 through December 12, 2018**

**2nd semester – January 21 through May 8, 2019**

#### Class times to choose from:

- 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 – 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Must be at least 5 years old and in Kindergarten)

**Fee: \$42/resident or \$50/non-resident per semester**

- Wednesday Art with Me – 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (Must be 3 years old with an adult or 4 years old to attend)

**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 1-5, 2018

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 is limited to those who have been issued a City of Pella authorized tote.

Although most household bulky waste items may be set out for collection, certain items will not be picked up including 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 1st, 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. Place all items at least four feet from the garbage tote.

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

