



## Leadership Letter

Every day, each of us must prioritize and set a course for what we hope to accomplish with the time gifted to us. These priorities are as unique and diverse as those who contemplate a course of action to fulfill their visions. Religious convictions, family values, individual passions, societal norms, financial gain—the list goes on—all help uncover and shape our priorities. Not surprisingly, what is highest on your list may not be the same for your neighbors.

What is the point of my ramblings? As elected officials, we are called to prioritize and set a course for our community. We also hold our own convictions about what we think is important, but we are called to temper those in light of serving our community well and keeping our constituents at the forefront. It's what makes us effective. I think I can speak inclusively for each Council member when I say we want to know what your priorities are. What issues are important to you? Your opinions matter to us, and they weigh heavily on our decisions. Next time you see or speak with one of your locally-elected officials, please express your priorities and your vision. It's what defines our community and makes us strong!

*Bruce Schiebout, City Council Member Ward 3*

## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

As you and I drive around Pella, it is an encouraging sight to witness this community's commitment to physical exercise. Our commercial fitness centers are filled with exercise enthusiasts, our local sports teams are among the most accomplished in the state, and our Volksweg Trail is forever active with runners, walkers, and cyclists.

Unfortunately, accompanying this passion for fitness is one very noticeable danger: runners and walkers choosing to use City streets instead of sidewalks, tracks, or trails. The police department has recently fielded a number of complaints relating to pedestrians occupying the travelled portion of our roadways, and there are stories of near misses where vehicles and runners have almost collided.

The Pella Police Department strongly cautions pedestrians and operators of motor vehicles alike of the imminent danger of pedestrians entering the roadway outside of marked crosswalks. As cited below, pedestrians simply do not belong in the roadway and to do so may be illegal.

As a pedestrian, please exercise a good measure of caution.

As a motorist, please anticipate danger and take preventative measures.

And for all, please respect and abide by our laws.

**Pella City Code Chapter 67.04 USE SIDEWALKS.** Where sidewalks are provided it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent street.

1. Prohibited Crossings. Pedestrians crossing a street in the business district shall cross in the crosswalks only.
2. Pedestrians on Left. Where sidewalks are provided, it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway. Where sidewalks are not provided, pedestrians shall at all times when walking on or along a roadway, walk on the left side of such roadway.

## City Employees Recognized for Years of Service

Recently, Mayor Jim Mueller presented length of service awards to the following City of Pella employees at the annual employee recognition breakfast:

- 45 years: Steve Bennett (*pictured at right*)
- 35 years: Nathan Sheaffer
- 30 years: Brenda Ross
- 25 years: Jeff Taylor and Harley Van Dusseldorp
- 20 years: Judith Van Zee and Bill Wisse
- 15 years: Lee Farmer, Paul Haase, and Kaci Visser
- 10 years: Kathleen Lucas, Dawn Van Berkum, and Bradley Vincent
- 5 years: Bob Dingeman, Jennifer Elsloo, Nate Spurgeon, Joshua Van Baale, and Mark Vos



## November Meeting Dates

**11/6: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council  
Police Training Room  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**11/12: 5:30 p.m.**  
Historic Preservation  
Commission  
City Hall, 825 Broadway St.

**11/13: 4:00 p.m.**  
Library Board  
Pella Public Library

**11/14: 5:30 p.m.**  
Community Development  
Committee  
Police Training Room  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**11/16: Noon**  
Community Services Board  
Community Center  
Room 206

**11/20: 7:00 p.m.**  
City Council  
Police Training Room  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

**11/26: 7:00 p.m.**  
Planning & Zoning  
Commission  
Police Training Room  
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

## Special Dates

**11/21: All Day**  
Free Bundled Brush  
Pick-up by City

## Holiday Closings

**Offices Closed**  
**on November 22 & 23:**  
City Hall, Community  
Services, Electric Distribution,  
Planning and Zoning, Public  
Library, and Public Works

**Garbage and Recycling**  
**Pick-up for Thanksgiving:**  
Thursday's route (11/22) will  
run on Wednesday (11/21).  
The rest of the week will  
be as usual.

# SNOW ORDINANCE REMINDERS

As winter 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 through local media outlets including: the City of Pella's website, Pella Police Department's Facebook page, Public TV channel 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](http://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 right-of-way. Questions pertaining to snow and ice removal may be directed to the City's Code Enforcement Officer.

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.

## ADULT ART CLASSES



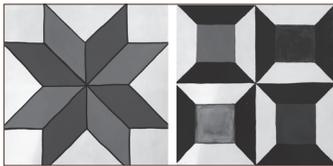
**Clay Ornament**  
Friday, Nov. 2  
6:00-8:00 p.m.



**Beaded Ornament**  
Friday, Nov. 16  
6:00-7:30 p.m.



**Painted Gift Tags**  
Friday, Nov. 23  
10:00-11:30 a.m.



**Mini Barn Quilts**  
Friday, Nov. 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m.



**Seasonal Wreath**  
Saturday, Nov. 24, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

## Notice to Customers of the City of Pella Municipal Electric Utility

The Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) requires every electric utility to give notice of its complaint process. Complaint notices are governed exclusively by IAC and they must be provided annually. Persons desiring to request information from or register complaints with the City of Pella Municipal Electric Utility concerning Electric Service may do so by contacting: City of Pella Utility Billing, 825 Broadway Street, PO Box 88, Pella, IA 50219, and/or by phone at 628-4173.

If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety, or renewable energy, and the City of Pella Municipal Electric Utility does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board by calling 515-725-7321, or toll-free 1-877-565-4450, or by writing to 1375 E. Court Avenue, Room 69, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069, or by e-mail to [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov).

## NOVEMBER LIBRARY EVENTS

- November 6 at 4:00 p.m.: **Tinker Tuesday** for children in grades 2-5. We will experiment with STEM activities and create with LEGO®.
- November 8 at 6:30 p.m.: **Sensory Processing Basics**. Come learn about sensory preferences in children and how they can affect a child's behavior, interactions and learning. Presented by Elise Spronk, OTR/L, of Kinetic Edge Physical Therapy. Sign-up is required.
- November 12 at 6:00 p.m.: **Pajama Story Time** for all ages; families are welcome to join us for an evening story time.
- November 12 at 7:00 p.m.: **The Art of Conservation: A Visit with Ding Darling**. Tom Milligan as Jay N. "Ding" Darling visits with the audience about Darling's remarkable career, from his two Pulitzer Prizes for editorial cartoons and the introduction of The Duck Stamp to the creation of the National Wildlife Federation.
- November 15 at 10:15 a.m.: **Genealogy Club**.
- November 19 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.: **Free Photo Digitizing**. Registration is required.
- November 19 at 7:00 p.m.: **Remembering the Orphans**, a presentation by Lori Vicker. Her program will summarize the historical era known as the Orphan Train Movement that took place in the United States between 1854 and 1929.
- November 29 at 12:00 noon: **Brown Bag Book Club** will discuss *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Bring your lunch and bring a friend!
- **Saturday Story Time** is offered every week at 10:30 a.m., for ages 3 and up with parents.
- **Wednesday Whatchamacallit** from 3:00-5:00 p.m. each Wednesday from September to May. This program is for children in Kindergarten and older. Each week we will have a different activity. A movie will be shown on Wednesday, November 14.

**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, November 21. The library will be closed all day on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23. The library will be open regular hours (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) on Saturday, November 24.

**CHECK THIS OUT:** The library offers book clubs for kids during the school year. **Book Worms** is for kids in grades 1-2 who are reading simple chapter books. **Chapter Chat** is for kids in grades 3-5. Clubs will meet in November, December, February, March and April. Please contact Katie at [kdreyer@cityofpella.com](mailto:kdreyer@cityofpella.com) or call the library for more information.