



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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As I write this letter, large flakes of snow are falling among our colorful tulips. Thankfully, not even several inches of snow

can stop them from showing their beauty. While 2020 has been filled with an abundance of unique circumstances, Pella citizens continue to rise to the challenges.

Among these challenges, we feel it is important for us to share the beauty of our tulips with everyone; however, it's just as important to keep our community and visitors safe! Therefore, we are asking those who view the tulips in person to observe social distancing guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control.

For those who would like to enjoy our beautiful blooms from home, we have teamed up with other organizations in town to provide you with daily doses of tulips. We will be sharing "live from Pella" along with other video updates Monday through Friday to "Bring our Tulips to You!"

- On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 9:00 a.m., join Parks Manager Chandler Nunnikhoven for Coffee Time with Tulips via Facebook Live @PellaCommunityServices. Chandler will show you what is in bloom and answer submitted questions.
- On Tuesdays, join Jessi Vos with the Pella Historical Society via Facebook @PellaTulipTime. Jessi will post updates on what is in bloom at the Village and Scholte House gardens.
- On Thursdays, join Jill Vandevort, Director of #VisitPella, via Facebook Live @VisitPella. Jill will highlight her favorite flower bed of the week and share how you can still experience Pella during this time.

In closing, I want to encourage our citizens to take any reasonable opportunity to continue to support our local businesses, neighbors, and non-profits who have been impacted by these uncertain times. We, as citizens of Pella, have the ability to continue joining together with the goal of making the remainder of 2020, and future years, even more successful within our community!

## COVID-19 UPDATES

As this situation changes frequently, we are committed to providing updates as they are available. Visit Facebook @PellaCityHall or [www.cityofpella.com/COVID-19](http://www.cityofpella.com/COVID-19) for the most recent information.

To receive a notification when future updates are available, visit <https://pellaia.reggroup.com/signup> and elect to receive Emergency Alert notifications.

The Marion County Board of Supervisors and local officials will hold press conferences at 1:00 p.m. every Monday and Friday for the foreseeable future to update the public and keep residents informed of the local response in a timely manner. Listen to these press conferences live on 92.1 KRLS.



## MEETING DATES

Public meetings will continue to be monitored in light of the developing COVID-19 pandemic. Changes to meeting dates and information about where meetings will be held, including how to join the meeting via conference call if applicable, will be posted at least 24-hours prior to each meeting at [www.cityofpella.com/calendar.aspx](http://www.cityofpella.com/calendar.aspx). Individuals without internet access should call 628.4173 with questions regarding meeting details.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
5/18 – 6:00 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL**  
5/5 – 7:00 p.m.  
5/19 – 7:00 p.m.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
5/13 – 5:30 p.m.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**  
5/15 – Noon

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
5/11 – 5:30 p.m.

**LIBRARY BOARD**  
5/12 – 4:00 p.m.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**  
5/26 – 7:00 p.m.

## SPECIAL DATES

**FREE BUNDLED BRUSH PICK-UP**  
5/20: 7:00 a.m.

**MEMORIAL DAY CLOSINGS**  
5/25: City offices closed

**MEMORIAL DAY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CHANGES**

- Monday (5/25) routes move to Tuesday (5/26)
- Tuesday (5/26) routes move to Wednesday (5/27)

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**@PELLACITYHALL**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PELLA PUBLIC LIBRARY

We are missing our patrons terribly at the Pella Public Library and looking forward to reopening our doors to the public. Until then, we are working to continue to provide services even while our building is closed. There are a few highlights we wanted to share with you:

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Library Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Trustees serve a three-year term and may be appointed to a second three-year term. We are looking for a diverse group of applicants interested in helping to advocate for the Library and guide our future. Successful Trustees have a strong commitment to public service and believe in the value of the Library to the community. Residents of Pella and rural Marion County are encouraged to apply. Please visit [www.cityofpella.com/598/Trustee-Vacancies](http://www.cityofpella.com/598/Trustee-Vacancies) for more information.

## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

We have begun offering online programs! Visit our Facebook page @PellaPublicLibrary at the following times for youth and family programs:

- M – F at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.: Storytime w/Miss Katie via Facebook Live
- M – F at 9:30 a.m.: Picture Book Read Aloud w/Miss Katie via Facebook Live
- Tu & Th at 1:30 p.m.: STEM Minute w/Mr. Chris via Facebook Live

## SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM

Despite COVID-19, we are busy making plans for our Summer Library Program - Imagine Your Story! We're looking forward to sharing resources and materials for families to enjoy together this summer. For news about programs, reading challenges, and prizes, please visit our Facebook page or our website.

For more information, please call 628.4268 between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit our website or Facebook page at any time.



## WELCOME NEW TEAM MEMBER

**Kendra Rock** recently joined the City of Pella as a Customer Care and Billing Representative. With 20+ years' experience working in the Telecommunications industry, Kendra is very excited to be a part of the progress the City is making in this field. Kendra enjoys spending time with her family, walking, and shopping.



## TULIP BULB REMOVAL

Have you ever wondered what happens to the City's tulip beds after the blooms have seen their beauty for the season? Historically, tulip bulbs planted in specified street beds and City parks are available for members of the public to remove in mid-May. While we anticipate allowing bulb removal in specified beds and City parks again this year, the dig date will not be determined until early May due to the rapidly changing guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Watch our Facebook page @PellaCommunityServices for an announcement when the dig date has been determined.

Full details on approved bed locations and digging instructions can be found online at [www.cityofpella.com/tulips](http://www.cityofpella.com/tulips).



## ART AT HOME

In March and April, the Art Center hosted Facebook Live Art at Home with Miss Mary. These videos will be available on Mediacom, channel 121.12, Monday - Friday at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or via Facebook anytime. Future Art at Home events will be featured on Facebook Live @PellaCommunityServices through the duration of the Art Center closure due to the pandemic.

## ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

This annual report helps customers understand the quality and safety of tap water provided by the Pella Municipal Water Department.

**View the 2019 report at:**  
[www.cityofpella.com/waterqualityreport](http://www.cityofpella.com/waterqualityreport)

For questions, call 628.2464.

## TREE REBATE PROGRAM

Join in the effort to boost Pella's urban forest by participating in our tree rebate program. The City will rebate 75% (maximum of \$75) of the cost of eligible trees that meet program guidelines. Property owners are limited to two rebates per fiscal year.

Rebate forms for trees purchased and planted between March 1 and June 5 must be received by June 30. This program will also be available in the fall, between August 28 and November 15.

For more information, visit: [www.cityofpella.com/treerebate](http://www.cityofpella.com/treerebate)

