



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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A few months ago, I used this space to talk about the City's recycling program. That article seemed

to garner quite a bit of interest and questions. I thought I would follow that up with information about the Pella Can and Bottle Redemption Center because I think what I learned will be of interest to many.

Although recycling and redemption involve recycling of certain materials, they are quite different. The City of Pella contracts with Midwest Sanitation to pick up and process recycled materials, a program that is paid for by collecting fees from our citizens. The redemption center is a private business that "redeems" the deposits that are paid on liquid containers when purchased. Based on some of the items that get dropped off at the redemption center, there is some confusion about recycling versus redemption. The redemption center only takes containers that have been designated as redeemable. In 1979, the Iowa Legislature passed the "bottle bill" in an effort to ensure that bottles and cans were not disposed of in ditches and other

public areas. If you wonder why some cans and bottles are not redeemable, it is because the law is very specific in saying that redeemable containers must have had either carbonated water or alcohol in them.

Recently, I sat down with Sheri Cunningham, owner of Pella Can and Bottle Redemption Center, to learn more. She explained the process this way: when you purchase a qualifying beverage from a retailer, you pay a five-cent deposit on the container, which goes to the bottler. When empty, you bring the can in to get your five-cent deposit returned. After the Center processes all returned containers, the bottler picks them up and reimburses the Center six cents.

There are three important things to keep in mind when returning containers:

1. Separate glass from other types of containers to ensure no one handles broken glass.
2. Bring containers back in reasonably clean conditions.
3. Please be patient as the Center is a very busy place.

## 2021 CITY ELECTION

The November 2 ballot will include three City Council seats. The deadline to file papers to appear on the ballot is 5:00 p.m. on September 16. Visit [cityofpella.com/cityelection](http://cityofpella.com/cityelection) for more information.

## SIGNAGE REMINDERS

Signage must not be placed in the public right-of-way (between curb and sidewalk), on public utility poles, or near intersections. Citizens are able to place political and non-commercial signage on private property without obtaining a permit. For more information, call 628.0043.

Here are a couple of interesting facts about the Center that you probably don't know. Last year, the Center handled approximately 16 million containers. The Center has willingly partnered with several nonprofits to use the collection of containers as fundraisers. In 2020, over \$200,000 was raised for more than 50 organizations.

We are fortunate to have a redemption center here in town because a lot of people travel many miles to redeem their containers, so let's not take it for granted.

## MEETING DATES

Meetings are held at the Public Safety Complex (614 Main Street) unless otherwise noted.

**The list of meetings below is tentative and subject to change as necessary.**

Finalized agendas will be posted at [cityofpella.com/meetings](http://cityofpella.com/meetings) at least 24-hours prior to each meeting.

### AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Airport Terminal  
501 W. 15th St.  
9/24 – 7:00 a.m.

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

9/20 – 6:00 p.m.

### CITY COUNCIL

9/7 – 6:00 p.m.  
9/21 – 6:00 p.m.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

9/8 – 5:30 p.m.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Community Center  
712 Union St., Room 206  
9/17 – Noon

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Memorial Building  
829 Broadway St.  
9/13 – 5:00 p.m.

### LIBRARY BOARD

603 Main St.  
9/14 – 4:00 p.m.

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

9/27 – 7:00 p.m.

## SPECIAL DATES

### LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

9/6 – City offices closed

### LABOR DAY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CHANGES

- Monday (9/6) routes move to Tuesday (9/7)
- Tuesday (9/7) routes move to Wednesday (9/8)

### FREE BUNDLED BRUSH PICK-UP

9/15 – 7:00 a.m.

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# LIBRARY EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

## FOR ADULTS

### ■ **Stitch and Chat**

September 13 at 10:00 a.m.  
West Market Park South Shelter House  
Kits will be provided, bring your own scissors and needle. Newcomers and experienced crafters are welcome to attend!

### ■ **Brown Bag Book Club**

September 30 at noon  
West Market Park South Shelter House  
Discussion on *Love, Zac* by Reid Forgrave  
[www.workman.com/products/love-zac](http://www.workman.com/products/love-zac)

## TAKE & MAKE: NATURE WALK BRACELET

Kits with contact paper and directions on turning it into a bracelet, window decoration, bookmark, and more are available at the Library main desk. This is a fun and relaxing activity for families and people of all ages.



## FOR CHILDREN

### ■ **Fall Story Time**

Begins the week of September 20

### ■ **Outdoor Story Time**

Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.  
West Market Park South Shelter House

### ■ **Zoom Story Time**

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.  
Register at <https://pellalibrary.libcal.com/>

View additional details about all events at  
<https://pellalibrary.libcal.com>



## SAVE THE DATE FALL CLEAN-UP WEEK

During the week of October 4 to 8, acceptable bulky items can be disposed of by placing them near your curb by 7:00 a.m. on your normal collection day. For more information, or to view the list of unacceptable items, visit [cityofpella.com/fallcleanup](http://cityofpella.com/fallcleanup).

## SAVE THE DATE BEGGAR'S NIGHT

October 30  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



## PELLA POLICE DEPARTMENT NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Recently, the Pella Police Department officially began their CALEA Accreditation journey. This voluntary program establishes many processes and requirements of the agency. Only 11 of the more than 180 law enforcement agencies in the State of Iowa have achieved this level of accreditation.



Accreditation embodies the precepts of community-oriented policing. It creates a forum in which law enforcement agencies and citizens work together to prevent and control challenges confronting law enforcement and provides clear direction about community expectations.

Chief McSheehy believes the department will achieve this gold standard of national accreditation well before the three-year requirement. Stay tuned to learn more about the department's progress towards this goal.

## ART PROGRAMS

For more details, visit [cityofpella.com/artcenter](http://cityofpella.com/artcenter) or call 628.4571.

### ADULT WHEEL CLAY INDIVIDUAL CLASSES

September 14, October 12, November 9, or December 14  
6:30 to 8:00 p.m. - Session Fee: \$25/resident or \$30/non-resident

### KIDS CLAY CLUB

September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Program Fee: \$85/resident or \$102/non-resident

## LITTLE TYKE FLAG FOOTBALL

1st and 2nd grade students are invited to register for our little tyke flag football program where they will learn the fundamentals and basic rules of the game and play short scrimmages.

- Dates: October 23, 30, November 6, 13
- Times: 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- Fee: \$20 resident/\$24 non-resident
- Registration deadline: October 20

For more information, call 628.4571  
or visit [cityofpella.com/littletyke](http://cityofpella.com/littletyke)

