

# In the Middle

APRIL 2020 Newsletter



## Mayors Corner

**April 1st:**  
Compost Site Open

**April 14th & 28th**  
City Council Meeting  
6:00pm. See  
[www.cityofpeosta.org](http://www.cityofpeosta.org)  
for details

**April 23rd-25th:**  
Spring Garage Sales  
**CANCELLED**

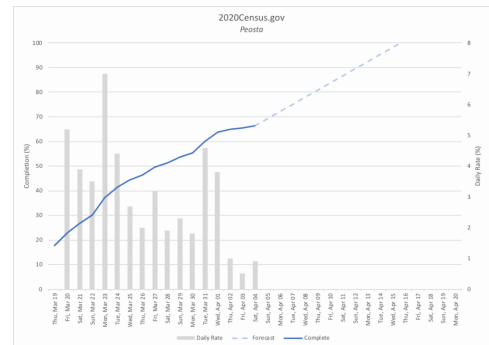
**Saturday, April 25th:**  
Citywide Clean-Up

**Fire Hydrant  
Flushing**  
Starting in May



Hello everyone! I've got two topics for this month's newsletter... two items that are so important that they stand out from everything else.

First, the census. Through the month of April we measure self-response, and in May census workers will begin visiting homes that have not responded. As of April 4 we were at 66.3% and on a good rate of completion as indicated by the blue line in the chart. In 2010 we achieved 87.4% during the self-response period. Let's set a new record this year not only for our city, but to also keep our census workers safe by minimizing the number of homes they need to visit. Just think what it would mean if we were the only city in Iowa that needed no home visits!



If you have not already done so, please make time this week to complete your census form. You can do this in less than 10 minutes even if you don't have the information you received in the mail. Just go online to <https://www.2020census.gov> and follow the instructions. It matters!!

The second topic is COVID-19. There is a lot of information being put in front of us these days causing uncertainty, anxiety, fear, and there's not much we can do about that. What we CAN control, and what we MUST do is respond appropriately to it.

As much as we all want to be outside together now is not the time for pick-up basketball games and baseball practice. STAY HOME! Not because someone told you to, but because it is the right thing to do. This is a tough thing for our children to understand and they will argue about it. While it is much easier to give in you are being the better parent when you hold your ground on this one.

One last thought... This whole COVID thing is reminding us of the importance of thinking about others more than ourselves. Check-in on your neighbors, especially those who are living alone. Buy local. Keep our retailers, restaurants, and service providers as busy as

## City of Peosta Office Hours/Information

The City of Peosta continues to take COVID-19 cases seriously and are responding to input and guidance from Dubuque County Public Health, Iowa Department of Public Health and the CDC, as well as Dubuque County Emergency Management. Information is rapidly changing so please check the City of Peosta website and Facebook page for up to date news.

### City Hall Hours During COVID-19

To reduce potential spread of COVID-19, the City of Peosta is suspending all face to face and in-person transactions until further notice. City Staff will continue to work and provide services to the public electronically, by phone, by mail, and when necessary, by appointment **Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm** and **Friday 8:00am-12:00pm**. If you are unable to pay your water bill, please contact City Hall and we will try to make arrangements to help you. Resources Unite is a source for help with utility bills (563)-231-6280. Their assistance is confidential and they are there to help everyone who is struggling at this time.

### Utility Billing payment options during this period include:

- Payments may be made online at [www.cityofpeosta.org](http://www.cityofpeosta.org) or by calling City Hall at (563) 556-8755 .Convenience fees will apply.
- Dropping payments off at our Utility drop box located in the upper level parking lot of the Peosta Community Centre. (please do not put cash in the drop box).
- Checks can be mailed to: City of Peosta, PO Box 65, Peosta, IA 52068



## Peosta Police Department

As our community comes together in an effort to fight the spread of COVID-19 the Peosta Police Department remains committed to your safety. If you call for any of the City's emergency services, whether through 911 or the non-emergency number, please tell the dispatcher if there are health concerns in the house, even if you are calling for assistance with a medical issue. This way we can take steps to keep everyone safe.

## Compost Site Open

The compost site has been moved temporarily to Kapp Court which is located off of Kapp Drive. Please observe signs directing where the materials should be placed.

## Playgrounds Closed

Per Governor Reynolds' April 6th proclamation and in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, all playgrounds within the City of Peosta are CLOSED.

## Citywide Spring Clean-Up

Citywide Spring cleanup day will be on **Saturday, April 25th**. Please have all items to be picked up at the curb before 7:00 am. Bi-County Disposal will make one trip through town.

If you have any questions about the cleanup, please call Bi-County Disposal at (866) 525-4506 or City Hall at (563) 556-8755.

Each appliance, computer monitor, television, or tire



**(563) 556-8751**

[Peosta Community Centre Website](#)

The Governor has extended the closures of fitness centers through April 30th. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available. Check out our Facebook page for events, workouts, etc. Please visit our [website](#) and [facebook](#) page for updated information.



**Dubuque County Library**  
**PEOSTA / NICC BRANCH**  
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Peosta, IA 52068  
Phone | 563-556-5110 ext.2224  
Email | [library@dubcolib.lib.ia.us](mailto:library@dubcolib.lib.ia.us)

Do you want to use Dubuque County Library's free ebooks when we're closed, but you don't have a library card? No problem!

While you are practicing social distancing, DCLD staff have set up a virtual library card to meet the needs of our users and provide library service online. To get your virtual library card, fill out [this online form](#) and we'll send you a new library card number via email within two business days. You can also [send us an email](#) to request an email attachment form. Once we set up your account, you'll have instant access to over 50,000 ebooks and audiobooks and dozens of online magazines through Bridges/Overdrive, 30,000 streaming videos through Kanopy, and many more online resources like Mango Languages, EBSCO's Learning Express, and other research databases. All these are available at no charge with your virtual library card.

The virtual library card expires on June 1, and when we re-open, you can visit any of our five branches to get a full-use card by providing a photo ID and proof of address. Please email [library@dubcolib.org](mailto:library@dubcolib.org) if you have any questions or you have a current library card but don't know your PIN.

to be picked up will require a sticker. Stickers can be purchased online through our website or by calling City Hall at (563) 556-8755. Tags will be mailed.

**Appliance: \$12.00**

**Car Tires: \$6.00**

**Truck Tires: \$12.00**

**Tractor Tires: \$27.00**

**All Monitors & Televisions: \$17.00**

There are 3 ways to pay and register

• **PAY AND REGISTER ONLINE [HERE](#)**  
(Your Sticker will be mailed to you. Credit card fees will apply)

• Register [HERE](#). Drop your payment in the City of Peosta Drop box which is located in the upper level of the Peosta Community Centre parking lot. (Your Sticker will be mailed to you once payment is received)

• Call City Hall to over the phone.  
(Your Sticker will be mailed to you. Credit card fees will apply)

If you have any questions or need assistance in registering and paying please call City Hall at (563) 556-8751, email [swinandy@cityofpeosta.org](mailto:swinandy@cityofpeosta.org).

**REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY 4:00 PM ON APRIL 22 to allow for proper mailing time**

**Items that won't be picked up:**

yard waste (please use City compost site), stockpiled daily garbage, rocks, concrete, large amounts of building and construction materials, railroad ties, paint (unless the can is completely dried out and open, chemicals, motor oil, shingles, fencing, fluorescent bulbs,



## Progress in the City

We are sure many of you have noticed the flags through town and crews working hard. Here are some updates on what the City of Peosta has going on this Spring.

- Comelec fiber underground installation
- CenturyLink fiber underground installation
- Black Hills Energy gas infrastructure construction
- Brady Street and Deerwood Street (west)

**Please note: DCLD's virtual library cards are only available to people who live within the unincorporated areas of Dubuque County or in the cities of Asbury, Epworth, Farley, Holy Cross, and Peosta.** If you live outside our service area, please contact your local library to see if they are offering a similar program.

- reconstruction
- Ulyana Drive Paving (Road scheduled to be open at the end of May) Please note that this is weather dependent and subject to change.

(563) 556-8755

[City of Peosta Website](#)

