In the Middle

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER



Mayors Message

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

City Council Meeting

April 11th & April 25th 6:00pm

NICC Library
Visit the City of Peosta

website for Agenda and
Minutes.

Spring Garage Sales April 13-15th

City Wide Spring
Clean Up
Saturday, April 29th



April Fools' Day is like a huge open mic night: Millions of people go out of their way to demonstrate how unfunny they are. - Unknown

It's no April Fool's – Spring is just around the corner!! The recent snow we received may say otherwise but Spring will be in full swing soon!

It is exciting at this time of year as the prospect of getting outside and working in the yard, going for a walk or enjoying time with your family outside. Hopefully soon this will include trips to Kelly Oaks Park. The Park Board is progressing on getting the schedule set for the longawaited development of this park. Keep an eye out on the Peosta website and Facebook page for updates. There is still some fundraising that will need to be done to get to the finish line but there is definitely forward progress!! I recently had the honor of attending Propulse's 25th Anniversary Celebration. Jeff Theis and his team are a certified Peosta success story! What began as 6 employees, and a dream has turned into 145 employees and a cornerstone of our industrial park. This doesn't happen overnight but as Jeff is quoted as saying it "seemed to happen in a blink of an eye!" I know full well it was a lot of blood, sweat and tears that has brought about their success! Congratulations to the entire Propulse team!

Spring also brings out the construction teams to build new businesses or additions or finish projects started last year. I ask that you be mindful of this area and watch for equipment that may be on the road. They do not operate like a car as they move slower and may need a little more of the road to maneuver.

As there is a lot of new construction going to happen along Cox Springs Road with the city spreading to the East the

speed limit from Ulyana to Highway 20 has been changed to 25 MPH. Safety is always first in our minds, and this will make this stretch of road safer for travel as we expand. Peosta is truly the Middle of Everywhere and always a hub of activity!

City of Peosta Mayor Russ Pfab

Peosta Community Centre/City Hall Improvement Project Update

The city is entering into its second month of the project, and so far, everything is moving along nicely. Last month the interior walls where the city hall once resided were demolished. From where the council chambers once held our council, planning and zoning and plenty of other meetings to where Kids Zone has now become one large room, and is ready for the next phase of the renovation. This area will be the new home for city hall and have a total of eight new offices, a new council chambers, along will ample storage for staff to work comfortably. If any of you had the opportunity to walk through the area that we worked in, you know that this is a welcomed change!

On the exterior, you have probably seen work on the lower roof starting, with the removal of solar panels and their brackets. They are nearing completion on this portion and will soon be moving to what we refer to as the upper roof, where there are substantially more solar panels to remove before the roof can be replaced. Excavation of approximately 900 square feet on the west side of the building ended last week, as well as the footings and walls being poured. This lower area will become a new racquet ball court.

Additionally, in the next couple weeks work will commence on the north side of the building to prepare for a new canopy. This will provide an area to drop off, pick up guests using the banquet facility for a marid of gatherings, such as weddings, craft shows, conferences and protect them from inclement weather.

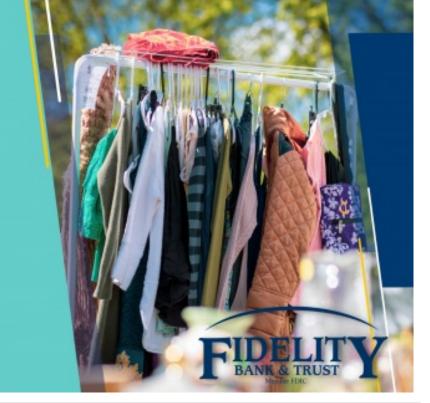
Each month I will provide details on the renovation, but feel free to reach out to me with any questions that you may have. Also, I am working on getting some color renderings to show what the finished project will look like and have those located at the lower level by the entrance for viewing.

Sincerely,

Annette Ernst, ICMA-CM City Administrator



For more information, call 563.556.3002 or visit www.bankfidelity.bank for online form.





Citywide Spring Cleanup Day is on **Saturday**, **April 29th**. Please have all items to be picked up at the curb by 7:00 am. Bi-County will make one trip through town. Each appliance, computer monitor, television, or tire to be picked up will require a sticker.

Appliance: \$12.00 Car Tires: \$6.00 Truck Tires: \$12.00 Tractor Tries: \$27.00

All Monitors & Televisions: \$17.00

4 ways to purchase tags:

- PAY AND REGISTER ONLINE <u>HERE</u> (Your Sticker will be mailed to you) Deadline to pay through FrontDesk is **April 22nd**.
- 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)
- Stop in City Hall during our normal business hours to purchase tags during our normal business hours. (City Hall is located temporarily in the lower level of PCC)

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at (563) 556-8755, email info@cityofpeosta.org. ONLINE REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENTS ARE DUE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND to allow for proper mailing time.

***Items that won't be picked up: yard waste, 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.

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Centralia-Peosta Fire Department

The City of Centralia received \$19,138 from the American Rescue Plan funding. The Centralia City Council voted to award 100% of the ARP grant funds to the Centralia-Peosta Fire Department in order to help defray the cost of purchasing a second, late model, used EMS vehicle. This generous gift has been used on upgrading the ambulance that serves Centralia and Peosta and surrounding rural areas.

The Fire Department was established in Centralia in 1948 and is currently staffed by 40 dedicated, unpaid volunteer fire fighters of which ten are trained and licensed paramedics.

The CPFD's first response jurisdiction encompasses and serves a 25 square mile area with a population of 11,895 residents. During the COVID pandemic, there was a notable increase in the number of calls requesting emergency response from CPFD's EMS unit. Due to the growing residential, farm, and commercial populations in the primary service area, it became necessary to add a second EMS vehicle.

It was the unanimous consensus of the Centralia City Council that the most appropriate use of the ARP funds was to help cover a portion of the cost of purchasing the second EMS vehicle. The ARP funds will in turn help our "hometown heroes" better respond to the critical emergency health care needs of the local population.



Pictured above: Mike Wuentzen, Levi Lawler, Elisa Pline, Mayor Megan Schmitt

New Speed Limit Cox Springs Road

The speed limit on Cox Springs Road from Burds Road to Highway 20 north and south lanes of traffic has reduced from 35mph to 25 mph due to the start of the development of business/properties on Cox Springs Rd. It is always 20 mph in the school zones regardless of time of day/night or weekdays/weekends. We strive to keep the citizens safe with the reduction of speed and need your cooperation to follow the speed limits. Thank you.

Chief Mike Comer

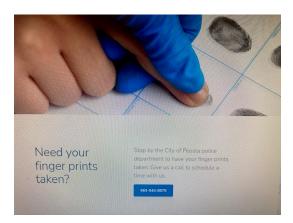


City of Peosta Police Department

Did you know....

The Peosta Police Department offers Fingerprinting! It's free for taxpaying City of Peosta residents. \$20 for nonresidents.

City of Peosta Chief Mike Comer



Public Works Department

Garbage Tags

The City of Peosta uses a "Pay as you Throw" system, each residence is allowed one 33 gallon can or two thirty gallon bags not to exceed 40 pounds total weight of garbage per week. Anything over and above this amount will require a tag which can be purchased for \$1.25 at City Hall, Peosta Community **Centre lower level** registration desk, Casey's, Kwik Stop, and Faraway.

Compost Site is Open

The site is located at the west end of Kapp Court (which is located off of Kapp Drive). There are signs directing where the materials should be placed. We ask that you please respect the property and do not leave any trash at the Compost Site. Please be courteous by placing grass clipping and leaves on one side of the bin and branches on the other side. The compost site is for City of Peosta Residents ONLY. Residents of Thunder Ridge Subdivision are not allowed to use the City compost site

Materials Accepted

Tree Branches Leaves Garden waste Grass clippings

Materials Not Accepted

Garbage

Demolition or Construction Materials



Peosta Square-Now Leasing

Merit Development – Peosta Square Apartments

Brand New 1 & 2 bedroom Units (563) 927-9004 Visit <u>Here</u> for more information. Brochure



T-ball registration is now open!

Ages 5 and 6 Year olds. The deadline to register is May 1st.

Registration Form

\$30

Thursday nights from June 15th-July 20th

Day camp registration is open

Day Camp Information/Registration

Children ages 5 -11 are welcome to participate in the Day Camp Program. Five year olds must have completed kindergarten. A maximum of 36 participants per day will be accepted.

The Peosta Community Centre will close at 4pm on Saturday, April 8th and will be closed Sunday, April 9th for Easter

Gym/Volleyball Court Closures

- Saturday, April 8th starting at noon
- Saturday, April 15th all day
- Saturday, April 22nd all day
- Friday, April 28th at 6pm
- Saturday, April 29th & Sunday, April 30th from 7am-3pm



April 2023 Calendar

Pet Spa Day:

Pamper your favorite pet with a special treat! Make a dog treat, a cat toy, or other interactive gift for a rodent, bird, or reptile. Please register by April 12th. Peosta/NICC Branch: Tuesday, April 18th, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 2-5) Join Ms. Teresa for a half hour with some reading, rhymes, and socialization. No registration needed. Peosta/NICC Branch: Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:00 am, April 4, 11, 18, 25

> 8342 NICC Drive Peosta, IA 52068 Phone | 563-556-5110 ext.2224 Email | library@dubcolib.org Hours: Mon-Thurs: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM Fri: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sat 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sun: Closed

(563) 556-8755

City of Peosta Website



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