

# In the Middle

AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER



## City Council Meeting

**August 24th,  
September 14th, and  
September 28th**

6:00pm

City Council Chambers

## Glow Run 5K/1.5 Mile Walk

**Thursday, August 26th**

8:00pm

## Peosta Days

**Saturday, August 28th**

## Fall Garage Sales

**September 23-25th**

[Garage Sale Sign up form](#)

## City Election Information

City Elections to be held on **November 2, 2021**. The Mayor and three (3) Council seats will be on the ballot, each is a four (4) year term.

Nomination petitions are now available at City Hall. The petition requires signatures of ten (10) eligible electors to nominate a candidate and must be

## Mayors Message

### August 2021 Mayor's Message

Welcome to August! Hot, humid, but always a great time to live, work, learn, and play in Peosta! (Shout-out to Dr. Wee at NICC for that wonderful phrase).

Numerous construction projects are in full swing showcasing once again that Peosta is a community of choice. The newly-published 2020 census numbers reinforce this fact showing that Peosta has grown an impressive 39% over the past 10 years, with a current population of 1,908. Keep in mind that the thousand or so residents in Burds Green Acres, Thunder Ridge, and Thunder Hills are not within the city limits so they are not included in these numbers. This means that we must govern Peosta as a city of 3,000.

Along with Asbury (up 43%) we lead the county in residential growth both in the number of new residents and in the growth rate percentage. Assuming a steady growth rate over the past decade this would equate to 53 new residents each year, however building permit data shows that our growth rate is actually accelerating.

Last month's Ice Cream Social was a resounding success with well over 150 people connecting with neighbors and friends while enjoying ice cream and viewing the final draft of our comprehensive planning. Many thanks to Dairy Queen, Fareway, and Myers Cox for supporting this event! RDG has done a fantastic job of helping us collect the wants and needs of this community and transforming that into an exciting vision for our future growth. I was impressed with how many people showed their support by filling out the survey sheets. I also want to offer a special thank you to the CN Railroad and Special Agent Jeffrey Price for engaging with our residents as CN's Community Service Officer.

Our next steps are to have public hearings to assure solid community feedback before the city council formally adopts this vision. Keep an eye on the city council agendas so you know when to share your perspectives with your elected representatives. Council meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, and the agendas are published on the

filed with the City Clerk's Office between Monday, August 23rd and Thursday, September 16th. (no later than 5 pm).

If you're interested in running for office additional information is available at the Dubuque County Election office website: <https://www.dubuquecountyiowa.gov/262/CitySchool-Election>

city website the day before each meeting. While we appreciate the chance to meet with you in person, we have also installed technology so you can participate virtually at all regular council meetings.

Among the more exciting updates I get to share is the new **City of Peosta website!** I couldn't be prouder of the great work of our dedicated staff, along with the professionals at Gigantic Design, in creating a dynamic website that more accurately reflects the vibrant community we call home and fully delivers on the goal of increasing community engagement. Make sure you take a few minutes to browse through it and save a bookmark. We will be using it more and more for up-to-the-minute communication. Great job team!!

I look forward to seeing you all at our annual Peosta Days later this month!



Jim Merten, Mayor



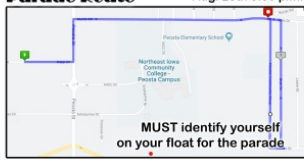
**14th Annual**  
**Peosta**  
**Community Days**

*Pirates of Peosta*

**THURSDAY 08.26.21**  
8:00 pm Kids Fun Run  
8:30 pm Glow Run 5K  
(sign up at the PCC)

**SATURDAY 08.28.21**  
2:30 p.m. Parade lineup  
3:30-4:30 p.m. Parade  
4:30-9 p.m. Amusements  
4:30-8 p.m. Cow Pie Bingo  
5-8 p.m. Knockerball  
6:30 p.m. Surprise Contest  
7:30 p.m. Eating Contest  
8:30 p.m. Golf Ball Toss  
Dusk Fireworks

**Parade Route-** Aug. 28th 3:30 p.m.



MUST identify yourself on your float for the parade

*Celebrating our Community with Friends & Neighbors*

**Fun Run Route-** Aug. 26th 8 p.m.



**Glow Run Route-** Aug. 26th 8:30 p.m.



Visit us on Facebook Peosta Days

**Walker Route**

\* Committee Members: Dean Gasper, Andrea Kluesner, Mike Ackerman, Stacey Bauer, and Ray Stephan

### Cow Pie Bingo Deeds

Chance to win \$1,000 Cash!  
Only 156 deeds sold- \$20 per deed  
\*Deeds available at the PCC or a Committee Member

### Surprise Contest

Adults first with kids to follow. Prize \$25

### Eating Contest

Adults first with kids to follow. Prize \$25 and a T-shirt

### Golf Ball Toss

1 Golf Ball-\$2 3 Golf Balls-\$5  
Golf ball that lands closest to the pin wins \$50!

**Volunteers Needed!**

# 2021

## PEOSTA CITY-WIDE

# GARAGE

# SALE

**SEPTEMBER 23, 24 & 25**

Pick up forms at Fidelity Bank & Trust in Peosta or sign up on our web site to be included in City Wide Garage Sale Listing

**RETURN FORMS BY SEPTEMBER 10TH TO BE INCLUDED IN CITY WIDE LISTING.**



Check out the new City of Peosta Website! The website showcases a fresh new look while continuing to provide valuable City services and information. The redesign allows residents and visitors to easily find the information they need.

Register your sale online or by stopping by Fidelity Bank and Trust in Peosta. It's Free!

[Online Registration Form](#)

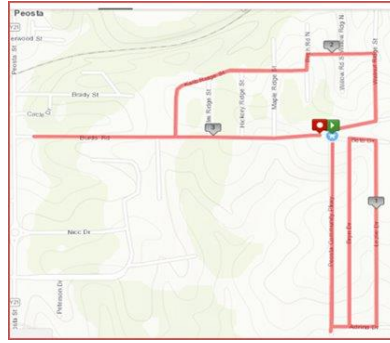
# Peosta Police Department News

# Road Closures



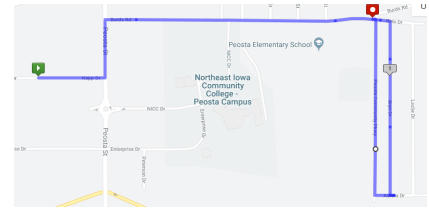
## Kids Fun Run Road Closure

**Thursday August 26th  
8:00pm-8:20pm for Kids Run**



## 5K Glow Run/1.5 Mile Walk

**Thursday, August 26th  
8:30pm-9:15pm (times are approximate)**



## Peosta Days Parade Road Closures

**Saturday, August 28th  
3:30 pm-4:15 pm**

Times are approximate. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding to keep our participants and community safe during these events.

Police Chief

Mike Comer

## Safety Concern

There have been concerns raised to the Police Department about the use of skateboards, in-line skates, and scooters on City Streets. Our number one priority is to keep the community safe. We are asking all skateboarders, skaters, and scooters not to ride in the middle of public streets to avoid traffic backups and unsafe roads. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping Peosta safe.

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**Coming Soon!**  
Girls Volleyball

**3rd/4th Grade**  
Tuesday Nights for 5 Weeks in November

**5th/6th, 7th,8th Grade**  
Sunday Mornings for 4 weeks  
November/December

[Community Centre Calendar  
Online Registration](#)

## Public Works Department

Construction projects have been taking place throughout the summer. We appreciate your patience and respect as the construction continues through the remainder of the year. Streets and locations impacted throughout the rest of the construction season:

**Peosta Street-** at the intersection of Peosta Street and Enterprise Drive

**Enterprise Drive West**

**Cox Springs Road-**From the Railroad Crossing south to Highway 20

**Peosta Street and Burds Road** due to site construction.



Travel safely and respectfully. These improvements benefit many in and outside our community.

Dean Ludwig

Public Works Supervisor



**Dubuque County  
Library  
PEOSTA / NICC  
BRANCH**

8342 NICC Drive  
Peosta, IA 52068  
Phone | 563-556-5110  
ext.2224  
Email | [library@dubcolib.  
lib.ia.us](mailto:library@dubcolib.lib.ia.us)

## PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

**Preschool Story Time:** Join Ms. Teresa for some read aloud time, rhymes, and socialization. No registration needed.

**Wed., Aug. 25 10:30am at Peosta/NICC branch**

**Home Scavenger Hunt (Virtual):** Find something with stripes, something with spots, and something round! Go! See if you can find objects around your home for each category and race to be the first one back. This program will take place virtually on Zoom.

**Tuesday, Aug. 17th at 11:00am / Monday, Aug. 23rd at 4:30pm**

**Puppet Show:** Join Reynard the Fox, Marjorlaine the Stork, and Millie and Milo the Bats for a colorful story about appreciating differences.

**Thursday, Aug. 19th at 6:00pm (virtual)**

[August 2021 Calendar](#)

(563) 556-8755

[City of Peosta Website](#)

