

In the Middle

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



City Council Meeting

February 9th, and 23rd

6:00pm,

City Council Chambers

Visit the City of Peosta

website for Agenda and Minutes.

Baseball/Softball

Sign up

Deadline: February 19th

Centralia/Peosta Fire & Rescue Breakfast

February 14th

Save The Date

Spring Garage Sales

April 22, 23, 24th

(More details in March Newsletter)

Mayors Message

It is the time of the year when your city council and staff are deep in the annual budgeting process. As it is wrapping up I am once again thankful for our legacy of conservative fiscal policies that has us in a great position to fund continuing operations. Our accelerating growth is adding another layer of complexity that is presenting new challenges, and this is a good thing!

We recently leveraged the current economic conditions to secure a historically low interest rate on our most recent bond issue which will replace and increase capacity of a critical portion of our wastewater system, and will fund much needed improvements at the intersection of Burds Road and Peosta Street.

Beyond the core needs of the city, we are incredibly excited about the emerging vision from our comprehensive planning. Be sure to stay connected to the project at www.peostaplan.com so you can join us virtually or in person at the upcoming open house being scheduled for late February or March. Peosta will soon have an exciting new vision for a city center, interconnected trails, and an amazing park along with a realistic plan that helps us create more attainable housing options for residents that are new to home ownership and those wanting to downsize.

Once we firm up the vision through our open house and other community feedback, we will then need to decide how quickly we want to make it a reality. There are many programs and grants available to help, and we are gearing up to take full advantage of those. We are also forming our economic development corporation to better facilitate public-private partnerships. Eventually we will need to also consider how much we want to use our tax levy to accelerate the creation of our parks and trails. This isn't a trivial decision. Please do your part by making yourself aware of the plan and providing your thoughts to your council representatives. Their names, email addresses, and



phone numbers can be found on the city website at www.cityopeosta.org. They want to and need to hear from YOU!

Everything we are doing reinforces Peosta's reputation as a community of choice! We can all be proud of the legacy we continue to create.

Be Safe and Be Happy!

Jim Merten, Mayor

Centralia/Peosta Fire & Rescue

Fireman's Drive Through Breakfast

February 14th
7:30am-12:00pm
Peosta Fire Station

Serving
Ham
Fresh & Smoked Sausage
Scrambled Eggs
Hash Browns
Cinnamon Roll
Orange Juice

Adults: \$10.00
Children: 5-10 years old \$5.00
4 Years & under-FREE



Youth Baseball/Softball Registration

Baseball/Softball registrations is open! The registration deadline is February 19th. Sign up [online](#) or stop by the Peosta Community Centre front desk. [Registration form](#)

Food Drive

Sponsored by the Peosta Optimist Club and PCC

Now Through February 14th

Drop off locations:

Peosta Community Centre, Fareway (Peosta), Silkers (Epworth), Catholic Churches (Peosta, Epworth, Farley)

Share Your Snow Creations!

Do you want to build a snowman? We saw some pretty impressive snow creations in January and we were happy to share them on the City of Peosta Facebook page! Thanks to all who shared! We are not done (because we know more snow is on it's way in February). If you want to share a snow creation with us, please email a picture to swinandy@cityofpeosta.org. Let's get creative together!



Items needed: Cleaning supplies (spray cleaners, disinfecting wipes), Mac N Cheese, granola bars, hamburger helper/instant meals, canned soup, baking mixes, hand sanitizer, shampoo/conditioner/body wash.

Thank you for all your donations!

City of Peosta Police Department

Snow emergencies will be posted on the City Website, facebook page, and through our text messaging system. If you would like to receive a text message when a snow emergency is declared (along with other City news and event notification), please sign up for our Text Message service. Text the word "Peosta" to 81257. Or sign up [Here](#).

Sidewalks

Friendly Reminder: Property owners are responsible for removal of snow and ice from all sidewalks that abut their private property within 24 hours after snowfall ends. Thank you!

Business Spotlight

Our February "Business Spotlight" is Finley Pharmacy in Peosta. The pharmacy opened its doors to the community in December 2015. Finley Pharmacy-Peosta is attached to the UnityPoint Clinic and is open to the general public Monday through Friday 9:00am-5:30pm and Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm. Save the trip to Dubuque and check out what this local pharmacy has to offer!

In addition to filling prescriptions, they also stock many over-the counter products. The pharmacy stocks pain relievers, first aid products, cough and cold products, allergy medications, sunscreens, and many other items. The pharmacy staff can also order products per patient request. Their supplier is able to deliver products to them 5 days a week and in most instances the product is delivered to the pharmacy the next day.

Finley Pharmacy has a convenient drive-thru window. This has been helpful throughout the COVID-19

pandemic as they had to close the lobby for several months. The lobby is now open along with the drive through window.

Did you know that they accept many different insurance plans including Medical Associates? No more driving out of town for those pharmacy refills. Stop in or utilize the drive through window to save time and support your local Peosta business.

The Pharmacy offers vaccination services including influenza and shingles shots. Eventually, they would like to provide the COVID-19 vaccine when its available for the general public. For now, however, please wait until contacted by your primary care provider to receive this vaccine.

The friendly staff grew up in the area and is excited to help provide their services locally. They love working in a small town, and all the opportunities they have to build relationships with patients and customers.



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Peosta, IA 52068

Phone: (563) 557-2950

Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

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

Art with Preschoolers

Registration

Feb. 16th. This process-focused program will introduce developmentally appropriate art activities designed to encourage imagination and increase hand strength.

Family Trivia

February Registration

Feb. 4th & 20th. Join us for monthly Family Trivia, about a variety of topics. These programs will be offered virtually, and registration will be open until the day before the program.

Homemade Toys for Toddlers



The library is currently working to develop a new strategic plan, and your input is invaluable. We would appreciate your assistance, which can be given by **completing our online community survey**.

Ultimately, the goal is to identify unmet and under-met needs, and to serve YOU – the Library’s patrons – as well as possible. Please take a few minutes to complete our community survey. It is comprised of 15 core questions plus 5 completely optional demographic questions. On average, it takes just 12-15 minutes to complete.

NOTE: This questionnaire was created and is overseen independently by Library Strategies Consulting Group. Your individual responses are confidential. Only total, aggregate responses will be reported to the board and administration of Dubuque County Library District. Please take part by end of the day on February 12, 2021. Thank you!



(Ages 18months -3 years old)

February Registration

Feb. 24th. Together you and your child can make fun and developmentally appropriate toys and games from things around the house or in the recycling bin.

Kids Book Group

February Registration

Feb. 24th. Join Miss Kayla to discuss a children’s book each month at this Book Discussion Group geared towards 3rd – 5th Grade.

Story Starters (Early Elementary)

February Registration

Feb. 18th & 25th. Sit down at home with drawing or painting supplies, Legos or blocks, or just lean back and listen as Miss Teresa reads the first one or two chapters of a book aloud.

Story Starters (Upper Elementary)

February Registration

Feb. 10th & 24th. The first one or two chapters of an upper-elementary level book read aloud by Miss Kayla. Hear a different book each time.

Story Time (Ages 3-5)

Full Program Calendar

February 2021 Calendar

Online Resources

Winter/Spring Program Registration



(563) 556-8755

City of Peosta Website

