

In the Middle

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



PEOSTA

Middle of everywhere



City Council Meeting

January 9th & January 23rd

City Council Chambers
Visit the City of Peosta [website](#) for Agenda and Minutes.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

January 11th

(Tags can be purchased at City Hall for \$3.00)

Happy New Year!

My New Year's Resolution List usually starts with the desire to lose between ten and three thousand pounds.

Nia Vardalos

Ah – New Years Day – the annual resolution “Holiday.” What exactly is a resolution? It is a firm decision to do or not to do something. It is a formal statement or a decision to take action. We all participate in this annual expectation for a new me. If you are saying to yourself “But Russ I don’t make New Year’s resolutions” your participation is in the form of saying/thinking you don’t do resolutions. Kind of a resolution in itself!

I am proposing that we get away from making resolutions as these seem so absolute, we inevitably break them. Once broken we give ourselves a pass until next New Years Day because we’ve already broken this year’s. Maybe we need to look at things we can do daily to improve ourselves, our families, our town, etc. If we are conscious of this daily, we are more likely to improve each day without an ultimatum. As a friend of mine said as I was discussing writing this “We need more balance – use the 80/20 rule.” I think this is sound advice because if we have more balance, we are more content with ourselves and less likely to need a resolution. If 80% of the time we are working positively towards improvement, we can forgive ourselves the 20% we are not.

Looking ahead to 2024 the council and I will be looking at ways to stretch the next budget. We do not have our available number yet, but expectations are it will be tight this year. Decisions will be made about what needs to be done while other items will be able to be delayed. Let your council know if there are project the city needs to work on to help make these decisions.

I wish you all a prosperous and fulfilling new year and daily contentment.

*Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book.
Write a good one.*

Brad Paisley

Peosta is truly the Middle of Everywhere and always a hub

of activity!

Russ Pfab
City of Peosta Mayor

Light Up Peosta!

Thanks to all the businesses who donated to our **4th annual Light Up Peosta!** We appreciate all who entered their home and those who voted for their favorites! Peosta sure knows how to enjoy the Holiday Spirit! Bring on the lights and cheer!

Congratulations to Light Up Peosta Winners

1. 1162 Hansel Circle
2. 882 Kinzlee Court
3. 7630 Kaia Drive

Winners can pick up their prize at City Hall.

Special Drawing Winner for Entering
9456 Cashel Drive East

Business Winner
Trackside Bar and Grill

Special thanks to Round2, Trackside Bar and Grill, Darkbird Taphouse, and the Peosta Community Centre for prize donations.



City of Peosta Police Department

Snow season has arrived and will here for the next couple of months. The Peosta Police Department has a few reminders for residents to help make street cleanup safe and more efficient for our Public Works Department.

When possible, please remove vehicles from streets during snow falls. Parking is available for residents at the northeast corner of the Peosta Community Centre (upper lot). Stay tuned to local media outlets, City Facebook page, and City website for announcements of "snow emergencies." There will be no parking allowed on streets during this time. 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

In order to provide a safe community, it is important to maintain clear and safe sidewalks during the winter months. Walkers/runners/and children walking to school or bus stops are

still utilizing the sidewalks daily. Property owners are responsible for removal of snow and ice from all sidewalks that abut their private property within 24 hours after snowfall ends.



Snow Emergency Information

During a Snow Emergency there will be no parking allowed on City streets to allow for snow removal. Parking on lawns is prohibited as well as shoveling/blowing snow into the street. Snow Emergencies will be posted on the City Website, Facebook, through the City text messaging service. If you would like to sign up for text messages up **HERE** text "Peosta" to 81257.

Peosta Utility Customers: Iowa DNR/State Requirement

The City of Peosta is updating its records of water service lines as a part of an Iowa DNR/State requirement. The City needs your help to identify private service line material. If you have already completed the survey, please disregard. If you have any questions, please call public works at (563) 581-5551 or email bbooth@cityofpeosta.org

[Water Line Survey](#)

[Sign Up for an Appointment with Public Works](#)



Front Desk Instructions for Paying for your Dog License

Click on the Link Below
[Home | gWorks - FrontDesk](#)
 [\(frontdeskworks.com\)](http://frontdeskworks.com)

- Left side Click on "Forms"
- Right Side "Select a Form to Begin"
- Scroll down and choose Dog License

Dog license payments were due January 1st. If you have not paid for your dog license, please do so as soon as possible. You can pay online or by dropping your payment off at the payment box which is located in the upper parking lot of the Peosta Community Centre. Licenses will be mailed to residents who pay online through [FrontDesk](#), mail in their payment (PO Box 65), or drop off in the Utility payment box. Dog licenses are \$20 per dog. The new utility payment box is located under the canopy in the upper-level parking lot. Thank you!

· We will approve your permit through FrontDesk and send you a total amount due

Payment can be made through FrontDesk by using your checking account, debit, or credit card. Credit card fees apply for debit and credit cards. There are no fees for paying with your checking account.

Questions: Call City Hall at (563) 556-8755 or email info@cityofpeosta.org

Garbage/Recycling

The Wheels/Handles on new cans must be facing the house and the opening of the lid must face the road. Please keep the cans at least two feet apart and away from mailboxes and other obstructions.



CITY HALL

Jeff Buxton and Brian Schatz were both elected to serve on City Council starting on January 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2028.





City Clerk Marcie Winkelman swearing in Brian Schatz.

Jeff Buxton was sworn in at the December 12th City Council meeting.



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Peosta, IA 52068
Phone | 563-556-5110 ext.2224
Email | library@dubcolib.lib.ia.us

January Monthly

Calendar Storytime

(Recommended for ages 2-5) Join Ms. Teresa for a half hour with some reading, rhymes, and playing with friends. No registration required.

9:30 AM-10:00 AM

Baby & Toddler Storytime

Songs, stories and socializing for children 0-2 and their big siblings and caregivers.

9:00 am-9:30am

Interactive Movie: Super Mario Bros.

Tuesday, January 16

5:30 pm — 7:30 pm

Get a script and a bag of props to use during the movie to make it come to life!

Snack on Science: Mars Rover

Tuesday, January 23

6:00 pm — 6:45 pm

Learn about a science topic and do an experiment you can eat to go along with it. January's topic is the Mars Rover.

Culture Club: England

Wednesday, January 31st

4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Learn about countries all over the world! Try a snack, do a craft, and play games from this month's culture: England



Gym/Volleyball/Tennis Court Closures

The basketball/volleyball/tennis courts will be closed on the following dates for tournaments:

January 7th

January 13th

January 21st

January 27th

January 28th

Peosta Prairie League Baseball and Softball registration is now open. Enroll at the PCC front desk or [online](#) today.

Pre-School Workshops

Under the Sea- January 20th

Valentines' Day Fun- February 10th

Rainforest Day- March 9th

Sign Up [Here](#)



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