

In the Middle

JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER



City Council Meeting

**June 22nd,
July 13th, July 27th
6:00pm,**
City Council Chambers
Visit the City of Peosta
[website](#) for Agenda and
Minutes.

Movie Night!
June 11th
SING!
Ballfields 6:00pm
concessions open
8:00pm Movie
(Free hotdogs for the first
250 people)

Save the Date!
Peosta Days is back!
Theme: Pirates of Peosta
August 28th

Mayors Message

I am excited to announce that our new city administrator Annette Ernst starts this month! I am excited because of what Annette is bringing to Peosta professionally and personally, and also because the elected officials and staff have experienced first-hand how much this role does for the city. Even with great help from our Interim City Administrator Doug Herman, it has been very, very busy trying to cover the bases. I am sure that Doug will appreciate the opportunity to hand the reins off to Annette as he shifts his focus back to the City Attorney role that he will continue to fulfill. Thank you Doug for your commitment to our success!

Please make time to stop by city hall to say 'Hi' and welcome Annette to Peosta. She will relocate here from Coal Valley, IL, where she developed a solid municipal finance background and an effective leadership style as their Village Administrator for the past 5 years. Prior to that, Annette served for 10 years as the Economic Development Director for the Village of Milan, IL. The skills and experience she gained in this role directly support the amazing growth that we are all seeing here in Peosta.

It was noteworthy at our June 8th City Council meeting that the council considered five separate development agreements, each representing a new amenity being created in Peosta. We also celebrate Steve's Ace Hardware's recent announcement that they will be building a store in Peosta. We are the envy of many other similar-sized cities with the amount of current and planned construction from people that have decided Peosta is not only a good place to live, learn, work, and play, but it is also a great place to invest. Hats-off to the staff, elected officials, and community partners who continue to cultivate an environment that fosters growth.

I also want to encourage everyone to take a sneak peek at our recently adopted **PEOSTA FORWARD! comprehensive plan**. We have invested significantly in this effort as it will shape decisions we make for the next 20+ years, and it is the essential tool for encouraging growth in an aligned and coordinated way that

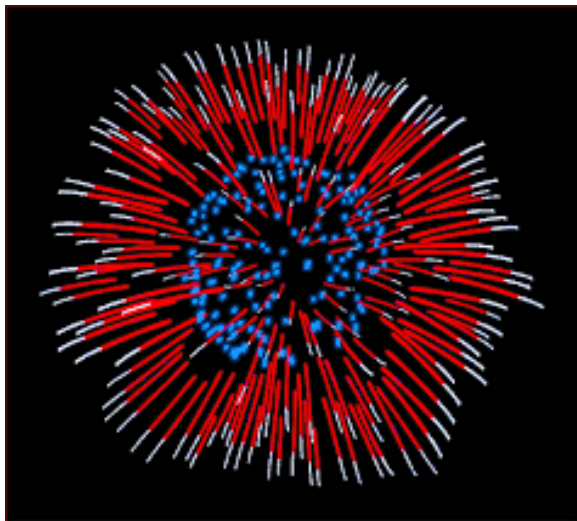


achieves our vision for Peosta. Its foundation is based on extensive surveys conducted over a year ago including all facets of our community, developed and refined by the specialists at our planning and design firm RDG, and guided along the way by a steering committee representing targeted roles in and around the city. Do keep in mind that while this document may look like it is rather specific, it is in fact attempting to communicate a general desired outcome without being overly prescriptive. Individual elements need to be interpreted as an expressed intent and not a commitment to create any specific item at a specific location. Take a look at it on our city website (www.cityofpeosta.org) and watch for an upcoming public event to celebrate this monumental accomplishment.

Thank you all for making Peosta a wonderful place to be! Be safe and be happy.

Jim Merten, Mayor

Peosta Police Department News



Fireworks Reminders

July 4th is approaching! Please be safe when using fireworks and know the laws provided below:

The City of Peosta currently follows the state law for fireworks. If you plan on purchasing and setting off fireworks please read the following. Respect your neighbors and understand that if



New Speed Bumps/Signage

We heard the concerns of safety with vehicles and pedestrians from the citizens of Peosta on Peosta Community Parkway near the ballfields. We have just installed more signage and speed bumps throughout the street in front of the ballfields. Later this month we will also install a

your fireworks end up on someone else's property, it is a violation of this code.

Iowa State Code 727.2 reads:

4. Limitations.

a. A person shall not use or explode consumer fireworks on days other than June 1 through July 8 and December 10 through January 3 of each year, all dates inclusive.

b. A person shall not use or explode consumer fireworks at times other than between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., except that on the following dates consumer fireworks shall not be used at times other than between the hours specified:

(1) Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on July 4 and the Saturdays and Sundays immediately preceding and following July 4.

(2) Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. on December 31 and 12:30 a.m. on the immediately following day.

(3) Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on the Saturdays and Sundays immediately preceding and following December 31.

c. A person shall not use consumer fireworks on real property other than that person's real property or on the real property of a person who has consented to the use of consumer fireworks on that property.

d. A person who violates this subsection commits a simple misdemeanor. A court shall not order imprisonment for violation of this subsection.

permanent radar speed sign which will collect data speeds which the police department will monitor. Officers will continue to patrol in the area to combat the speeds. As we are doing proactive things to keep the community safe I am asking in return to slow down and watch for pedestrians in the area.



Cones From Cops Summer Program



Summer for the kids is now in full swing. With sponsorship from Dairy Queen in Peosta, Peosta police officers will be patrolling the neighborhood's this summer and looking for children wearing their safety bicycle helmets or any other safety gear, or doing good deeds throughout the community. With the good deeds and preventive safety comes a reward. The police officers will be handing out a free ice cream cone voucher to any child doing a good deed. See you all out this summer!

Stay Safe!
Chief Comer



-Peosta- Summer Movie Nights

June 11th

July 16th

Aug 6th



@ Peosta Ballfields

Celebrate this summer with your friends and family @ our summer movie night series! Grab a blanket, some lawn chairs, and your neighbors & join us!

6PM- Concessions Open
8PM- Movie begins

FREE HOTDOGS for the first 250 people!

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The June Peosta Business Spotlight is **The Dubuque County Farm Bureau** which is located at 8479 Peosta Commercial Court. This business relocated to Peosta in December of 2015. Sherry Horsfield is the insurance agent for this branch and has been with Farm Bureau since 1982. She is married to her husband Steve and they live south of Peosta. They have four grown children and 8 grandchildren. You can contact Sherry by calling the office at (563) 583-7309 or by email sherry.horsfield@fbfs.com.

Karen Loney also works with Sherry as the office sales associate. She lives in Epworth with her husband Doug. Karen can also be reached by calling the office at (563) 583-7309, email, karen.loney@fbfs.com or by visiting the office Monday-Thursday from 8:00am-5:00pm and Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Both Sherry and Karen are available to help you protect what matters most in life. They would love the opportunity to help customize your coverage to fit your specific needs.



Dubuque County Library PEOSTA / NICC BRANCH

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PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

Starting June 14, register yourself and your family members at dubcolib.readsquared.com or find the READSquared app in the app store to easily log in from your phone or other mobile device. If you do not have access to a device at home, stop by the library to use one of our computers, or call your local branch and a librarian can log your reading and activities.

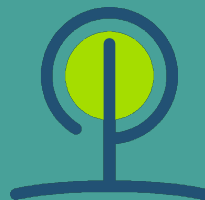
Earn points by reading, listening to audiobooks, attending programs, and completing challenges. Points earned go toward badges. When a badge has been earned by meeting the points goal, a prize is awarded. There are two sets of dates for prize pick-up—July 8-10 for prizes earned by July 1 and August 12-14 for prizes earned during the rest of the summer.

If you are new to READSquared or need a refresher from last summer there will be two opportunities to participate in a how-to demonstration with Jenn and Kayla. Tuesday, June 1 at 6 pm / Thursday, June 3 at 1 pm **Registration**



(563) 556-8755

[City of Peosta Website](#)



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