

In the Middle

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



PEOSTA

Middle of everywhere

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Work Session

March 4th
6:00pm
City Council Chambers

City Council

Meeting
March 10th
March 24th
6:00pm
City Council Chambers

Open Forum

Monday, March 23
5:00pm-7:00pm
City Council Chambers

Garage Sale Registration

Deadline
April 10th
Register Here

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 29th
11:00am
Peosta Community
Centre Lower Level

Spring Garage Sales **April 16-18**

Spring Clean Up

April 25th
Tags can be purchased
at City Hall.

Deadline to purchase
tags **Friday April 24th-**
11am

Fee Changes for Online and ACH Payments

Beginning March 30th, 2026, the payment processing fees will change.

Please note that the fees are charged by the processor that the software company uses. The city does not receive any of those funds, nor do we determine what those fees will be.

ACH fees

Payments up to \$500-\$3 fee
Payments up to \$500.01 to \$1,000 - \$4 fee
Payments up to \$1,000.01 - \$5,000 - \$5 fee
Payments over \$5,000.01 - \$10 fee

Utility customers have the option of logging into **FrontDesk** to remove the autopay option from their account.

There are no fees for payments made by check or cash. Payments can be made via mail to PO Box 65, by stopping in City Hall during business hours, or by dropping payment off at the utility payment box located in the upper parking lot of the Peosta Community Centre under the canopy.

Please contact City Hall at (563) 556-8755 or email info@cityofpeosta.org if you need help or have any questions.

Peosta Uncensored: Your Questions, Our Mic

Join City Hall office staff, Interim City Administrator Dan Gifford, and Public Works Director Dean Ludwig for an open forum on Monday, March 23 from 5:00pm–7:00pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. This is your chance to ask anything, from ordinances to operations, council votes to city services. If we don't have the answer, we'll find it and follow up. No scripts, no filters, just real talk with your local government. Let's make transparency loud. See you there.



We are after mid School year, and the police department strives on keeping our children safe on their routes to and from school. We have school zones in our community to protect all motorists and children to reach their destination. Many believe that the speed zones are 25 mph in the school zones if no school is in session. **In fact, per Peosta ordinance, all posted school zone speed areas are ALWAYS 20 mph in all school zones.** You ask why is this in the summer and after school? Because school parks are for public use yet even when school is not in session and our children and adults still use these facilities in the summer and after hours as there are many day camps/after school enrichment programs which many travel by walking to their destinations. When on your daily commute we ask to please watch your speeds in these school zone areas.

Chief Mike Comer
Peosta Police Department



City of Peosta Garbage/Recycling customers: Please have all items to be picked up at the curb by 6:00 am. Bi-County will make one trip through town. Each appliance, computer monitor, television, or tire to be picked up will require a sticker.

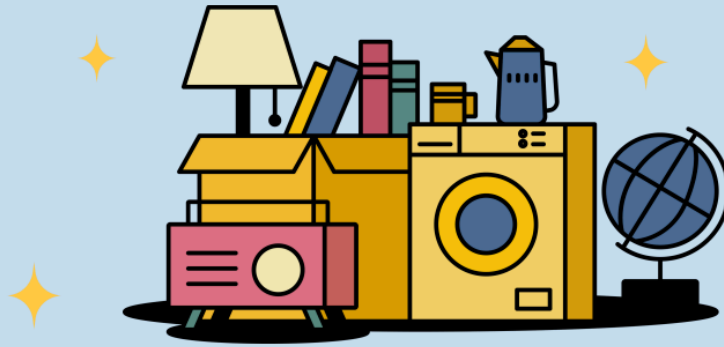
Only Cash or Check payment accepted.

- Appliance: \$12.00
- Car Tires: \$6.00
- Truck Tires: \$12.00
- Tractor Tires: \$27.00
- All Monitors & Televisions: \$17.00

Stickers can be purchased at City Hall. DEADLINE TO PURCHASE AT CITY HALL is Friday, April 24th at 11:00am

Please call City Hall (563) 556-8755 or email info@cityofpeosta.org if you have questions.

PEOSTA CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE



April 16th – 18th

- Registration forms due to Fidelity Bank & Trust, Peosta branch by April 10th.
- Map and listing available April 13th at Fidelity Bank & Trust, Peosta branch.
- For more information, call 563.556.3002 or scan QR code for online form.



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Community Heart and Soul

Small Town Dreams

Through hundreds of surveys, dozens of interviews and meaningful conversations at Community Heart & Soul events, we gathered insights from residents across town. Below are the action items that you told us would make Peosta even better. With a clear vision in hand, we are now building an endowment fund to ensure that projects inspired by our community's values have the resources to grow. This fund will support initiatives that reflect Peosta's Heart and Soul values for years to come. Our team is working with the Parks and Rec department to make one of these action items a reality in the near future. Stay tuned

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!

YOU TOLD US HOW WE CAN MAKE PEOSTA EVEN BETTER. HERE'S WHAT WE HEARD.

SMALL TOWN FEEL

- Create a "Friends of Peosta" 501c3 group - a group of volunteer residents to assist the city in an advisory capacity for the needs of the community. Having a 501c3 helps when writing and applying for grants.
- Update the city's welcoming document/packet for newcomers.
- Create a Veteran's Memorial. Establish a community garden.
- Create events that foster community connections - such as farmer's market, food trucks/movie nights at ball fields or PCC parking lot, bingo, etc.
- Plant trees throughout the city.
- Create ways to keep residents informed about existing zoning changes and moratoriums that prevent the construction of new apartments.
- Determine feasibility of building and developing a city center.
- Host a local farmer's market that would showcase local crafts, foods, etc.
- Offer additional activities for senior citizens.

LOCATION

- Improvements to infrastructure as the city grows - water, sewer, garbage, streets, public safety services, etc.
- Create ways for residents to engage more in city council meetings so they are better informed.
- Inform residents of the new housing study and find opportunities for engagement and feedback.
- Encourage city council to make affordable housing a strategic goal in their next plan or create a city commission that will address housing affordability.
- Create a resident-driven committee to explore affordable housing in Peosta.

AMENITIES

- Highlight the opportunities for small businesses to come to our growing city - coffee shops, bakeries, non franchise restaurants and retail.
- Provide resources to help local businesses get started through partnership with the Peosta Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) - business planning, getting connected with the right bankers, navigating the financial challenges, proper financing, etc.
- Perform a feasibility study for bringing fast food restaurants and other franchise businesses into the community (such as a movie theatre, Culvers, Taco Johns, Chick-fil-A), etc.
- Review the housing study and meet with developers about the feasibility for building a 55+ housing facility.

SCHOOLS

- Ask Western Dubuque school system what the plan is for district growth.
- Create more PreK openings so all Peosta 4-year-olds have an opportunity to attend.

PARKS & RECREATION

- Collaborate with incoming hotel owner/manager, to be built on the east side of town (Thunder Valley Drive), to invest in and leverage the swimming pool for community use.
- Establish a dog park.
- Develop facilities for outdoor pickleball and basketball courts, and soccer fields.
- Perform a study to determine need, use, and cost of a splash pad or pool.
- Create additional sidewalks, and walking, biking, and hiking trails.
- Build a community pavilion/green space for community gatherings.
- Upgrade baseball fields.
- Complete Kelly Oaks Park.

SAFETY

- Meet with the city council about changing 20 mph flashing school zones to be in effect on school days, during school hours.
- Participate in/keep informed of the DOT study: intersection of Cox Springs/Hwy 20 and Thunder Hills/Hwy 20. Develop facilities for outdoor pickleball and basketball courts, and soccer fields.
- Research another way to connect the north side of town to the south side of town.
- Confirm with DOT that the roundabout is the correct diameter for semis.
- Confer with DOT to manage road access to Hwy 20 - converting 2 lanes to 4 lanes, and/or adding a turn lane. Upgrade baseball fields.
- Confer with DOT for solutions to traffic waiting on Hwy 20 off/on ramps when industrial park shifts end.



Check out the [Peosta Community Centre Newsletter](#) for information on upcoming events!



Dubuque County Library District

Peosta Storytime

Tuesdays

9:00am - 9:30am

Join Ms. Teresa for a half hour with some reading, rhymes, and playing with friends. Designed for children 2.5 – 5, but younger and older siblings or friends are welcome.

Silent Book Club

Tuesday, March 10th

5:30pm-7:00pm

Readers and introverts unite! Join us for an hour of silent reading followed by half an hour of (optional) casual conversation. There's no assigned book, and you can read whatever you like! All readers are welcome. (If you're an audiobook listener, we ask that you wear headphones or earbuds.) If you'd like to bring a craft, or something to do with your hands while you listen, that is welcome, too! For teens and adults. If you have questions, please email gabbym@dubcolib.org.

Teens @ the Library: Teen Chefs

Thursday, March 12

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Learn how to make your own pizzas in a toaster oven! Eating your creations is encouraged. For ages 13-17

DCLD Kids: Lucky Slime

Monday, March 16

4:15pm - 4:45pm

Mix up some slime to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! For kids 5-12

Mango Languages Information Session

Monday, March 16th

5:30pm-6:15pm

This award-winning language-learning platform engages learners of all levels with features that build speaking skills and retention.

With Mango, DCLD patrons have free access to:

- Over 70 world languages
- More than 20 ESL/ELL courses
- Listening & Reading Activities
- Grammar and culture insights
- Personalized review that adapts to you
- Study Reminders to keep you on track and motivated!

Learn all about this FREE library resource!

DCLD Kids: My Scrapbook Page

Tuesday, March 24 @ 4:15pm - 4:45pm

Come make your own scrapbook page! Bring your own pictures or we can take one with our instant camera for kids 5-12.

Tuesday, March 24 @ 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Craft Club: Terracotta Pot Painting

Thursday, March 26

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Get ready for spring by painting your own terracotta pot! You'll also get to choose some herb seeds to take home with you. RSVP encouraged, walk-ins welcome while supplies last. For teens and adults.

RSVP

Egg Decorating

Monday, March 30

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Celebrate spring with some egg-tastic fun at the library. A limited amount of wooden eggs will be available, attendees are welcome to bring their own hardboiled eggs from home. For children and families.

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[What's New at Dubuque County Library District](#)

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