

In the Middle

May 2023 NEWSLETTER



City Council Meetings

**Tuesday, May 9th and
Tuesday, May 23rd.**

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



Officer Mitch Jipson was sworn in at the Tuesday, April 11th City Council Meeting. Welcome to the City of Peosta!

*“All things seem possible in May.”
— Edwin Way Teale*

Happy Belated May Day!

As I write this, we are getting showers in the area. This will lead us to greener yards, blooming flowers and plantings for our gardens!

In case you missed it the city of Peosta received a \$100,000 matching grant for the Wellmark Foundation to use towards our trail that will be part of the Kelly Oaks Park project! This will go a long way to moving that project forward.

The Peosta Square building is nearing completion and I understand that there are already many of the apartments signed ready to lease. Still very little information on the commercial suites on the first level but I'm sure Merit Development is working to bring some new and exciting businesses to Peosta!

Speaking of apartments, I wanted to take some time to address what the Council and I are working on in regards to the Thunder Valley Estates and Callahan apartments. The city had previously agreed (2018) with Thunder Valley to allow the construction of 15 apartment building on Thunder Valley Drive. This past year we had worked closely with Callahan on his 5-building plan. The council recently decided to control the growth of these apartment and put a moratorium on building permits while we work through this. The reason for having these apartments in Peosta is to assist the businesses that call Peosta home and allow their employees the ability to live in Peosta. Without their success it would be a struggle to provide services to the city.

We are also now providing the basic agenda for our council meeting on the Peosta Facebook page with a link to be able to view a more detailed agenda on the Peosta website. This is to allow the citizens of Peosta easier access to see what the council is working on.

Have a great May!!

Peosta is truly the Middle of Everywhere and always a hub of activity!

Russ Pfab
City of Peosta Mayor

May

Peosta Community Centre/City Hall Improvement Project Update

Contractors are wrapping up the second month of construction, and the project continues to move along nicely. This past month, as you're driving by, you see quite a bit of exterior work being done. Contractors are finishing up with the roof, and patiently waiting on Mother Nature to decrease the wind speed so they can safely reinstall the solar panels. Excavation of the area for the elevator and addition on the north side have started. The north side addition will be a canopy, and I briefly talked about this in last month's newsletter. Here is a rendering of what that will look like. The benefits to having this will help keep guests dry when it's raining, provide an area to safely drop off and pick up folks so they don't have to walk as far, and allow an area to unload/load goods for those who rent the banquet room.

Excavation for the elevator has also been completed and weather pending, the footings will be poured the week of May 1 or May 8. On the west end, contractors have completed the 900 square foot addition. The brick portion that you see will be two City Hall offices and below that will be the new golf simulator room with an additional room to west (cannot see it as it is underground) will be the new racquet ball area. Kids Zone will also be located on the lower level.

You may also have noticed that there are sections of the (north side) are being cut out for windows. As for the interior work, I believe that the contractors are ready to run the wiring for City Hall either late the week of May 1 or beginning of May 8.

So, this concludes the update for this month, but feel free to reach out to me with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Annette Ernst, ICMA-CM
City Administrator



[2022 Water Quality Report for Peosta Water Supply](#)

Peosta Storm Sirens

With the Midwest being in the middle of spring, we are surely going to be getting more inclement weather, so I felt this is the time to talk about severe weather our storm sirens. First, we have three and they are located at the following addresses.

A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and is available for viewing.

2022 Water Quality Report



- By the power station on Burds Road (Parkview Estates).
- Well #2 (19179 Kapp Drive).
- Oakpark Lift Station (off Ione Drive).

So, who has authority to sound the alarms? The city does not have authority to sound the alarms. The only entities that have authority to do so are the Dubuque County Dispatch and our local volunteer fire department.

If you ever wondered what does Dubuque County and the Centralia/Peosta volunteer fire department use as criteria to sound the alarms, they use the following.

- Severe weather, including tornado warning and/or severe thunderstorm warning with winds in excess of 70 mph and/or golf ball sized hail.
- Major hazardous material or chemical spill in the local community.

To make sure that the sirens are working, they are tested on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30am. If you do not hear them at this time, or at any time, please contact the city at 563-556-8755, because we want to make sure that they are in working order for when we do need them to be.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 563-556-8755, or email me at aernst@cityofpeosta.org.

Sincerely,

Annette Ernst, ICMA-CM
City Administrator

Police Department **ROAD CLOSURES**

Saturday, May 20th-Outrun the Rays 5K Walk/Run. Map is posted below. Roads will be closed from 9:00am-10:30am (approximately). We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding to keep our participants and community safe during these events.

[Outrun the Rays](#)



New Hours

Beginning begin May 15th

May 27 - September 30

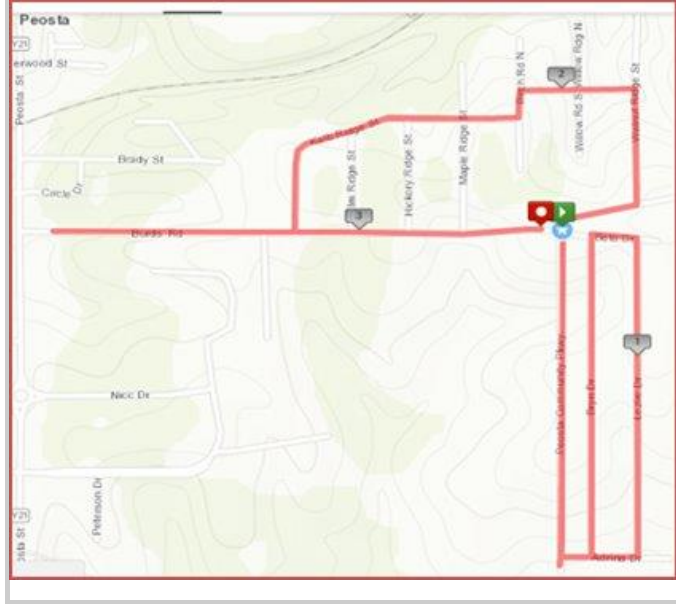
Monday - Thursday

5:00am-8:00pm

Friday: 5:00am-7:00pm

Saturday: 7:00am-3:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am-12:00pm



Mobile Food Vendors

The 2023 approved Mobile Food Vendors for the City of Peosta are listed on the City of Peosta [website](#) on the Permit and Fees page. Please follow the Mobile Food Vendors social media pages for schedules. Food Vendor applications can be applied for on the City of Peosta [website](#).

Mowing Reminder

Peosta City Code section 3-2-1(1)(nn) states “No person shall allow any plants to grow uncultivated and out of context with the surrounding plant life when such a plant has a seed head formed or forming and with a height of 8 inches or more, nor shall any person allow their grass to grow unattended with a consistent height above 8 inches”. It is the property owner's/renter's responsibility to keep up the property. If a property owner/renter does not keep the property free of weeds, grasses, vines, brushes or other vegetation, the City will contract the mowing and bill the property owner for the charge.

Letters will be sent out to any property owners who violate this ordinance. Property owners will need to mow within 5 days from the date of the letter.

Grass Clippings Reminder

Blowing grass clippings in the street is considered a nuisance and therefore prohibited.



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Snack on Science: (K-3rd Grade)

The May science topic with edible experiment is the Mars Rover.

Peosta/NICC Branch: Wednesday, May 17th, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Perler Crafting:

Choose from several dozen patterns to make a colorful charm using perler beads. No registration required.

Peosta/NICC Branch: Wednesday, May 24th, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Cross Stitch Crash Course:

(Ages 14+) Drop in to learn cross stitch basics and start a

BRANCH

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[May Calendar](#)

mini project. If you already have a current project come along and have some company while you craft. No registration required.

Peosta/NICC Branch: Thursday, April 12th, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

(563) 556-8755

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