

# In the Middle

May 2025 NEWSLETTER



## Community Summit Open House

ALL PEOSTA RESIDENTS WELCOME!



Wednesday, May 21 5:30-7:00  
Peosta Community Center  
Meeting room, first floor



Free pizza and ice cream, kids' station, drawing for gift cards



JOIN US IN  
IDENTIFYING WHAT  
MATTERS MOST TO  
OUR COMMUNITY



We've received about 300 responses to our Community Heart and Soul survey - thank you for your input! It is important that we hear from a variety of voices about your hopes and dreams for the future of our community. While still collecting survey responses, we have begun interviewing residents to hear their stories about Peosta. We welcome everyone to our Community Summit Open House on Wed, May 21 from 5:30-7:00 at the Peosta Community Center. Community Heart and Soul draft statements, based on the themes generated from the data, will be shared. All residents are invited to give input into those

statements and help determine what matters most to our community. From the data we have already collected, some of the prominent themes are small town feel, safety, schools, “green spaces”, and amenities. In June, we will host another community event to set priorities for projects...projects that residents want to see happen in Peosta



### **City Council Meetings**

#### **Public Hearing Board of Adjustment**

Thursday, May 8th

5:30pm

Council Chambers City Hall (Upper Level of Peosta Community Centre)

#### **Tuesday, May 13th and May 27th City Hall**

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



## **Board of Adjustment Opening**

The City of Peosta has an opening on our Board of Adjustments (BOA) for a five-year term. The BOA meets on an as needed basis to review the following:

**Appeals From Administrative Official:** To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of any ordinance adopted pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 414, as such may be amended from time to time.

**Conditional Uses:** To hear and decide applications for conditional use permits upon which such board is required to pass under the provisions of this title.

**Variances:** To authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the bulk regulation provisions of this title, parking and sign requirements of this title as will not be contrary to the public interest, where owing to special conditions a literal enforcement of these provisions will result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of these provisions shall be observed, and substantial justice done.

**Special Exceptions:** To hear and decide applications for special exceptions to the terms of this title, in accordance with the general regulations of the zone in which the property is located and specific standards contained herein

If you have any questions, please contact City Administrator Annette Ekhoﬀ at (563) 556-8755 or [aekhoff@cityofpeosta.org](mailto:aekhoff@cityofpeosta.org)

## **Garbage/Recycling Customer Survey**

Garbage/Recycling Customers for the City of Peosta-We would love to hear from you. **Please only fill out once garbage/recycling customer.** Kluesner Sanitation (Bi-County) is proposing a new collection time.

[Survey Link](#)

## **Its construction season, so let's have some Fun with Flags!**

Why are there utility flags in my yard?

Living in Peosta, many of you have seen these flags adorning Peosta Street more recently than any other time, so I thought I would take some time and talk about what they are for and what each color means.

First, let me answer “Why” part of the equation. There are typically only a few reasons these types of little colored flags will appear on any street, and perhaps in your yard. The primary reason is

because there is a planned “dig” in the vicinity of your property. Relax, this doesn’t mean that there will be an excavator tearing up your property, it could be something as simple as repairing the fire hydrant across the street or your neighbor is putting up a new mailbox.

Other reasons could be that the city is planning to do some work, such as repairing or replacing water or sewer main lines. If you remember back in summer of this year, there were plenty of flags up and down Peosta Street and Burds Road. The city will be undertaking a “turn lane” project that will be going out to bid here shortly and will hopefully commence at the end of the school year next year. Stay tuned for more information on that project!

Secondly, “What do the colors stand for?”. The color of the flags is typically going to follow this legend:



I have also been asked, “Can I move the flag(s) in my yard”? Unfortunately, no. Iowa’s One Call Law, Iowa Code Chapter 480 prohibits this, and this law has been in effect since 1993. It’s best to call Iowa One Call at (800) 292-8989 for any questions that you may have.

In closing, be patient as the flags won’t be there for long and usually have a validity of 30 days.

**Annette Ekhoﬀ, ICMA-CM**  
City Administrator

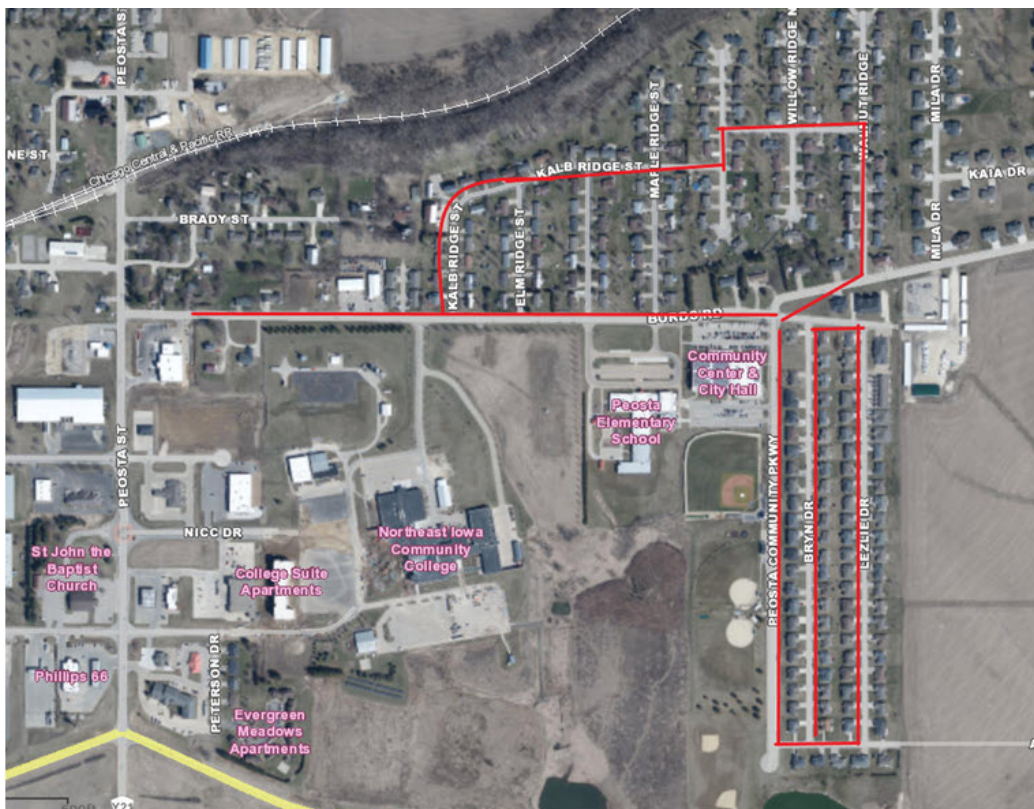
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## **Road Construction**



ROAD CONSTRUCTION: Ulyana Drive will be closed from the corner of Wyatt Drive to Thunder Hills Road for construction for Thunder Valley Estates Phase 4. Dates are subject to change.

## Police Department ROAD CLOSURES Saturday, May 17th



**Saturday, May 17th**-Outrun the Rays 5K Walk/Run. Map is posted below. Roads will be closed from 8:45am-10:30am (approximately). We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding to keep our participants and community safe during these events. Please expect delays!




[Outrun the Rays](#)

# 2nd Annual Bike Rodeo

Join the Peosta Police Department and the Peosta Optimists and in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bike Safety Rodeo

- When: May 31st
- Where: Peosta Community Centre Upper Lot
- Ages: All Ages welcome
- Time: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

- What to Expect:
  - Bring your bike!
  - Helmet Check
    - Free helmets available (while supplies last)
  - Bike Safety Check
  - Following Rules of the Road
  - Obstacle Course
  - Meet Police Officers and Peosta Optimist Members



Join us for the 2nd Annual Bike Safety Rodeo May 31st! All are welcome show up that day or Enroll today: [http://apm.activecommunities.com/peosta/Activity\\_Search/2739](http://apm.activecommunities.com/peosta/Activity_Search/2739)

**YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!**



**THERE IS NO BETTER REASON TO JOIN!**

Informational Meeting  
**05.28.25**  
6:00-7:30 PM  
Peosta Station



Drop-in to learn more about joining our team as a volunteer EMT and/or Firefighter!



If you cannot make it and would like more information, email [haverlandj@gmail.com](mailto:haverlandj@gmail.com).

Hey Fire Department volunteers! The Iowa Legislature recently passed this bill, and here is a summary that I put together. Please reach out to the Dubuque County Assessor, Billie Selby at 563-589-4432, with any questions that you may have.

**Senate File 635.** This bill establishes a process for volunteer emergency services providers in Iowa to petition for the abatement of property taxes on their homesteads. To qualify, a provider must have served for at least five years, earn less than \$5,000 annually from their volunteer service, and maintain good standing with their volunteer agency. The petition must be filed with the county board of supervisors by October 31, and it requires certification from the chief officer of the

volunteer agency. If the board determines that the criteria are met, the abatement will apply to all applicable taxes and special assessments, except for those that have received objections from taxing authorities.

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Check out the Peosta Community Centre Newsletter for news  
[Newsletter](#)

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## Public Works

### **Compost Site**

Location: North end of Pat Simon Drive. Yard waste may be disposed of at the City compost site on Kapp Drive. Please observe signs directing where the materials should be placed. The compost site is only for City of Peosta Residents and Thunder Ridge Residents ONLY.



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## 2024 Water Quality Report for Peosta Water Supply

[2024 Quality Water Report](#)

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**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)

[Calendar](#)

**Storytime**

Tuesdays 9:00am -9:30am  
(Recommended for ages 2-5) Join Ms. Teresa for a half hour with some reading, rhymes, and playing with friends. No registration required.

**Friends of the Dubuque County Library**

**District Meeting**

Thursday, May 8 @ 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm  
Peosta Branch  
The Friends of the Dubuque County Library will hold their monthly meeting.

**CreateTEEN: Teen Craft Club**

Tuesday, May 13 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Peosta Branch  
Teen craft time with our new teen librarian! Join Gabby to make macrame bracelets.

**Kids Craft Club: Personalized Picture Frames**

Wednesday, May 14 @ 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Peosta Branch  
Join us for a monthly craft project for kids! In May we're making personalized picture frames, perfect for a Mother's Day gift!

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