

# In the Middle

May 2026 NEWSLETTER



**Joshua Dausener**

## **City Council Meetings**

### **Planning and Zoning**

**May 4th**

**6:00pm**

Council Chambers  
City Hall

### **Work Session**

**May 6th**

**6:00pm**

Council Chambers  
City Hall

### **City Council Meetings**

**May 12th and May 26th**

**6:00pm**

Council Chambers  
City Hall

[Agenda and Minutes](#)

## **Press Release: Peosta Names City Administrator**

The City of Peosta has named its next City Administrator. Joshua Dausener, current Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Janesville, Wisconsin, will assume the role on May 18, after members of the Peosta City Council approve an agreement for his employment at a City Council meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Dausener is replacing Annette Ekhoﬀ, who resigned in January after joining the City of Peosta in May of 2021. Dan Gifford has been serving as Interim City Administrator for Peosta since Ekhoﬀ's resignation in January.

Dausener is originally from New Vienna, Iowa, and received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and received his Master's in Public Administration from the University of Northern Illinois.

Dausener brings a variety of experiences working in City Administration. In addition to his current role in economic development for the City of Janesville, Dausener also worked as a Management Analyst for the city of Downers Grove, Illinois, working in a variety of roles in city administration. Prior to his full-time work experiences in city administration, Dausener also did multiple internships working for the City Administrator of Dyersville and Downers Grove, Illinois.

Gary McAndrew, with the McAndrew Search Group assisted the City of Peosta with the search for the new City Administrator. There were 22 applicants for the position.

## **Work Session Highway 20 Corridor**

There will be a discussion about the Highway 20 corridor at the next work session on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at City Hall. We invite anyone who wants to hear where we are and share any input—Mayor and Council would love to have you there.

# Kelly Oak's Park



## Kelly Oaks Pavilion

**Pavilion Coming Soon!**  
**Rental available starting Spring 2027. Additional details forthcoming.**  
click below for more information on Kelly Oaks.  
[Kelly Oaks Park Development | City of Peosta](#)

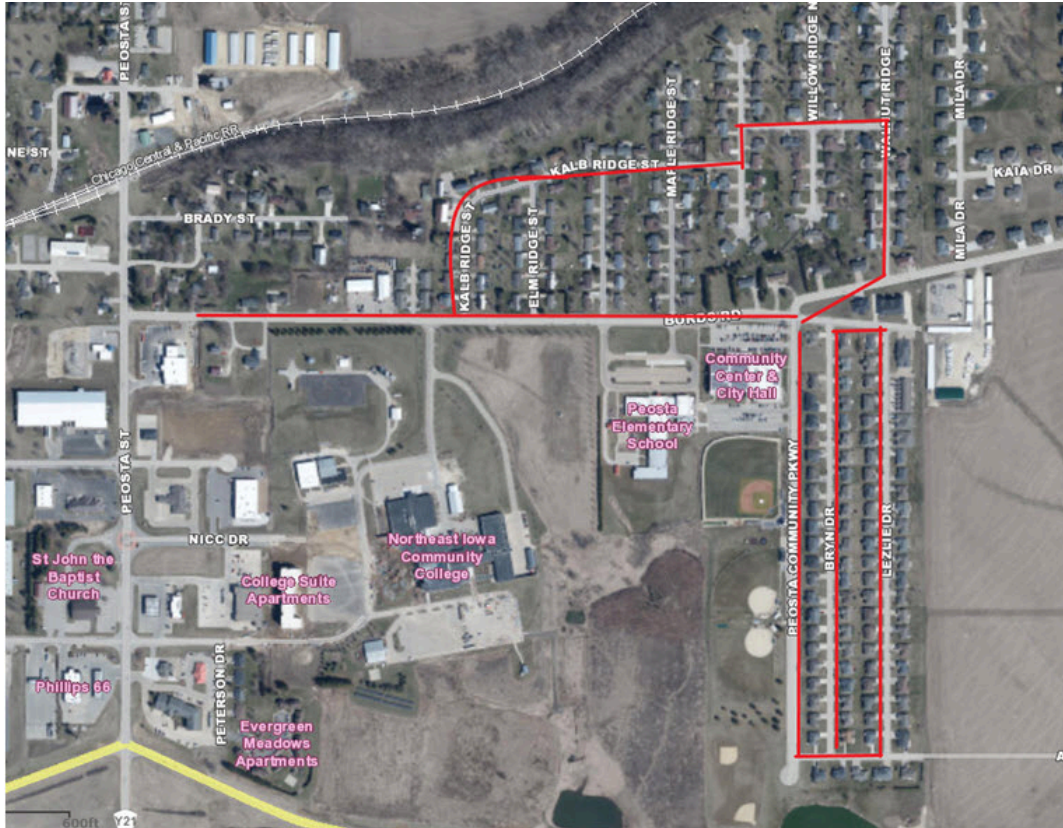


# Peosta Police Department

## Road Closures

**Saturday, May 16th**-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 5K Walk/Run & Bike Ride!](#)



## Join the Peosta Police Department and the Peosta Optimists and in our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bike Safety Rodeo

- When: May 30th
- 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



# BIKE RODEO



Registration Link: [http://apm.activecommunities.com/peosta/Activity\\_Search/2876](http://apm.activecommunities.com/peosta/Activity_Search/2876)

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## Crosswalk Reminders

When you see flashing lights at a crosswalk, please pay close attention—someone has pressed the button to indicate they need to cross. Please allow yourself extra time to get to and from work, slow down, and watch for pedestrians. The safety of our children is our number one priority. As always, stay safe, and please contact our department if you have any questions.



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## Public Works Department

### 2025 Water Quality Report for Peosta Water Supply

A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and is available for viewing by clicking the link below. The report will not be mailed; however, residents are welcome to stop at during City Hall hours for a paper copy.

[2025 Quality Water Report](#)

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## Did you know that Peosta has a Meadowscaping Ordinance?



### What is meadowscaping?

Meadowscaping is an eco-friendly practice of replacing traditional turf lawns with native grasses, wildflowers, and perennials to create sustainable, biodiverse habitats. It reduces water usage, eliminates chemical fertilizers, supports pollinators, and offers a low-maintenance, colorful, and wild aesthetic for residential and commercial landscapes.

### Why did Peosta create an ordinance?

Peosta heard from Community Heart and Soul that the residents and community of Peosta wanted more walking trails, trees and beautification of the city. To encourage residents and businesses to

develop native pocket prairies (Mowing to Monarchs) and larger native prairies (greater than 130 square feet) within city limits, an ordinance was created to protect those residents and businesses who wanted to beautify their property with a native prairie.

Check out the link below to learn more about the Peosta city ordinance and Meadowscaping.  
[City of Peosta Meadowscaping Application Guide.docx](#)



Check out the Peosta Community Centre newsletter and website.

[Newsletter](#)

[Website](#)

## Peosta Business News



*A ribbon cutting and open house took place on Wednesday, April 29th*



Peosta welcomes Community Savings Bank to the community. A ribbon cutting took place on April 29th at the new Peosta location in the Peosta Square Building. The Peosta branch offers a 24/7 ATM inside the front door. A mortgage loan officer an ag/commercial loan officer will be on staff to assist customers. Follow Community Savings Bank on social media to stay up to date on upcoming promotions and offerings.

#### Location Details

8411 Peosta Commercial Ct #5  
Peosta, IA 52068  
Phone: (1) 800-828-2318

#### Lobby & Drive-Thru Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am -  
4:00pm  
Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm



*Hannah Bergeron (Customer Service Associate), Stacy Rissman (VP Mortgage Officer), Wil Roling (Ag/Commercial Loan Officer) and Maci Clemen (Customer Service Associate)*



## Peosta Business Spotlight for May: Trackside Bar and Grill

This month, we're proud to shine the spotlight on Trackside Bar and Grill as they celebrate an impressive 20 years of serving the Peosta community! Housed in one of Peosta's oldest remaining structures—a barn built in 1935— Trackside has become a beloved local landmark. In April 2006, Shannon and Charlie Lundgren purchased the historic building and poured their hearts into its renovation. Just one month later, on May 5, they proudly opened the doors.

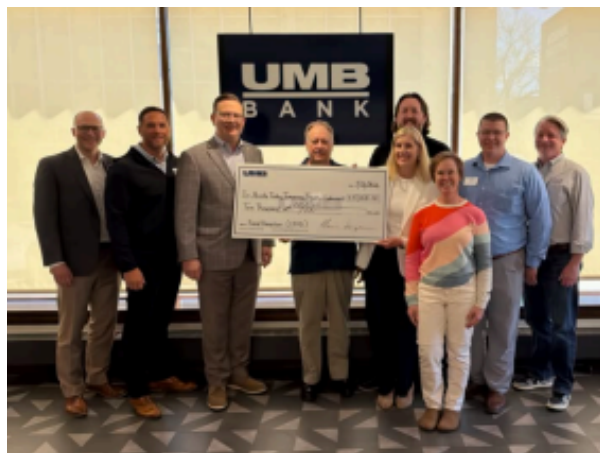
The Lundgren family relocated to Peosta with their two young daughters and quickly put down roots. Today, the business remains family-owned and operated by Shannon and Charlie, now proudly working alongside their eldest daughter, Lexi. What started as a dream has grown into a true family legacy.

Throughout their 20 years, the Lundgrens have been steadfast supporters of the community. From sponsoring local events and sports teams to raising funds for the CPF, Peosta Police Department, the food pantry, and many other worthy causes, they have consistently given back to the town that embraced them.

The family is deeply grateful for the loyal support they've received and thankful for the opportunity to be part of such a strong, caring community. For two decades, Trackside Bar and Grill has served delicious meals, cold drinks, and warm hospitality. Here's to many more years of great food, good times, and continued community spirit! Congratulations on 20 years, Trackside!



Check out the Community Heart and Soul/Small Town Dreams landing page on the city website! <https://www.cityofpeosta.org/community-heart-and-soul> We're grateful to Dupaco Community Credit Union, Fidelity Bank and Trust, Community Savings Bank and UMB bank for their generous contributions to the Peosta: Today, Tomorrow, Together Endowment. Their support helps grow a permanent resource dedicated to strengthening Peosta. It means a lot to have local partners who believe in investing in the people and ideas that make our town special. Keep watching for more updates as we continue building a lasting fund guided by the priorities our residents shared through Community Heart & Soul.





## Dubuque County Library District

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Email |  
[library@dubcolib.lib.ia.us](mailto:library@dubcolib.lib.ia.us)

[Calendar](#)

### Silent Book Club

**Tuesday, May 5**

5:30 pm — 7:00 pm

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 reading, 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 something to do with your hands while you listen, that is welcome, too! If you have questions, please email [gabbym@dubcolib.org](mailto:gabbym@dubcolib.org). For teens and adults.

### Toddler Playtime

**Tuesday, May 12**

9:00 am — 10:00 am

Join us at the library for an hour of play and crafts for kids age 2-5!

### Craft Club: Yarn Flowers

**Thursday, May 14**

5:30 pm — 6:30 pm

No green thumb is required to make these yarn flowers! For adults. RSVP recommended, but not required.

### **Summer Reading Program starts June 1st!**

[Beanstack: Reading Challenges and Personalized Recommendations](#)

(563) 556-8755

[City of Peosta Website](#)



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