

In the Middle

November 2021



Mayor Resignation Letter

November 9, 2021

To the respected representatives on the Peosta City Council,

It is important that I carefully balance my time commitments between my family, my career, and my community. As I have shared previously, I am experiencing increased demands in my professional career that are not likely to end soon, therefore I must once again resign from the mayor role.

I am humbled by the responses I have received since my first resignation. This is clearly a community of people who care about their neighbors and their city. While my previous resignation letter unfortunately left the door open to interpret much worse scenarios, I want to be clear that my family is fine and this is simply a reflection of changes in my professional career. I appreciate the overwhelming show of concern and support that we received in response.

Admittedly the recent series of events has been a bit awkward. Thank you to the people who voted for me once again as their action will allow an opportunity for the Peosta community to get to know their Mayoral candidates before casting their votes in a special election.

This city is at a point in its growth where it will need to be deliberate in not only setting a vision, but also negotiating the difficult situations where the vision does not (yet!) fully align with every stakeholder's thoughts of what direction we should go. This takes a significant amount of time in building and maintaining many collaborative relationships at the local, county, and state levels.

I am excited to see the talented community members who step forward to serve in this capacity. They will have my full support as I continue serving this community albeit from a slightly different seat in the council chambers.

Sincerely,



James Merten



Light Up Peosta!

2nd Annual Holiday Decorating Contest



City Council Meetings

November 23rd and
December 14th
Peosta Community Centre
Council Room
6:00pm

Thanksgiving

Garbage/Recycling Pickup
Saturday, November 27th

Milk/Cookies with Santa Peosta Community Centre Banquet Room

December 16th
6:00pm-7:00pm

Santa Holiday Parade

December 16th
7:15pm (Approximately)
Peosta City Streets



Here's what you need to do.....

- Decorate the exterior of your home or business with loads of holiday sparkle!
- Email your address to info@cityofpeosta.org (Deadline is **December 1st** to Register)
- Stay tuned to the City of Peosta Facebook page & website for the list of participating homes & businesses.
- Take your family on a tour of holiday sites!
- Vote for your three favorites using a link on our Facebook page.
- Winners will receive prizes/gift certificates to our local businesses!

Winners will be announced at the December 16th Milk and Cookies with Santa event! Be sure to watch for Santa as he travels through the neighborhoods after he fills his belly with Milk and Cookies.



Save the Date!

Milk and Cookies with Santa will be held at the Peosta Community Centre Banquet Room on Thursday, December 16th from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Santa Parade will follow

Election Results



Three Council seats were filled during the November 2nd election by 1 incumbent

at approximately 7:15pm. Santa and friends will make a trip through town spreading Christmas Joy! More information will be posted in the December Newsletter and on the PCC and City of Peosta Facebook pages and website.

Gym/Volleyball/Tennis Court Closures

The basketball/volleyball/tennis courts will be closed on the following dates for tournaments:

November 21st

December 4th

December 11th

December 18th and 19th

Vendor Show

Holiday Cheer Vendor Show

PCC Banquet Room

December 4th

10am-3pm

and 2 newcomers. Incumbent John Kraft was reelected for a 2nd term. Newcomers Alexis Lundgren and Justin Lau will be joining the Peosta City Council in January.

We would like to thank both Karen Lyons and Mike Ackerman for serving on Council. Karen Lyons has served on City Council for 8 years. Mike Ackerman filled a vacant seat in December 2020 and has been serving the City this past year. Thank you both for your service!

Details on filling the Mayor seat will be posted on the City of Peosta website and Facebook when more information is available.

Snow Emergency Information

Winter is right around the corner which means we may be seeing snow soon. The Public Works and Police Departments will make a decision to issue a snow emergency when needed.

If a "**Snow Emergency**" is declared all vehicles must be moved off of the streets. Extra parking is available in the Northeast corner of the upper level parking lot of the Peosta Community Centre. Stay tuned to local media outlets, City Facebook page, and the City website for announcements.

Residents are also welcome to sign up for text messages to be informed of snow emergencies. This service is free to alert residents of important information, such as road closures, trash pickup day changes, snow emergencies, special events, and much more. Scan the QR Code below or text "Peosta" to 81257.

Garbage/Recycling Reminders

Holiday Garbage/ Recycling Pick Up

Bi-County will be picking up on **Saturday, November 27th** during Thanksgiving week. Please be sure to have everything out before 7:00am.

The compost site will be closing December 1st.





In the Spotlight

Business Spotlight for November



Cathy Kenneally-Branch Manager/Lending Officer



Brenda Bildstein-Customer Service Supervisor



Fidelity Bank & Trust is your hometown bank in Peosta, Iowa; offering a wide variety of deposit and loan products, mortgages, electronic banking services, and an outstanding customer experience. The Peosta branch is conveniently located near the entrance to Hwy 20 and has thrived in the growing hometown for 15 years. The staff is active in the community; participating in local events and volunteering.

For Fidelity Bank & Trust, it all began in 1910 when opening the doors to the branch that still exists in nearby Luxemburg, Iowa. The bank has since expanded to over thirty hometowns across the tri-state area. Currently employing over 300 people, Fidelity Bank & Trust is an inclusive environment where staff finds it fun and rewarding to work. The bank's mission is to be an upstanding corporate citizen, grow conservatively, and

Samantha O-Dell-Customer
Service Representative



Erin Vaske-Loan
Administration Assistant

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Peosta, IA 52068
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ext.2224
Email |
library@dubcolib.org

During construction the Peosta/NICC branch is accessible through NICC's North Entrance. Look for the new outdoor drive-up drop box.

The Peosta Branch will be operating with adjusted services through the month of November while new carpet is installed. The goal is to continue with uninterrupted circulation desk staffing, however, the circulation desk may move temporarily to the coffee bar area across from the internet café.

MON-THU: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
FRI: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
SAT: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
SUN: CLOSED

3-D Pen Ornaments: (2nd Grade & up) Use our Makerspace 3D Pens to create a holiday ornament. You can make a flat 2D ornament or a more advanced 3D ornament. Limited to 10 children per program.
Peosta/NICC Branch (Room 203) – Saturday, Dec. 4th, 10:30-11:30am

Children's Yoga: (Ages 6-11) Young yogis age 6-11 will join Miss Sandra for some gentle yoga, including easy poses, breathing exercises, and relaxing activities. Registration is open until the end of the day before. Please bring your own towel or yoga mat.
Peosta/NICC Branch (Room 203)- Monday, Dec. 6th, 4:30 – 5:30pm

[More program information](#)
[Registration](#)
[Library Program Brochure](#)

(563) 556-8755

[City of Peosta Website](#)

