

In the Middle

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



Mayors Message

Hydrant Flushing
October 5-October 21

City Council Meeting
October 13th & 27th

6:00pm, City Council
Chambers

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

Trick Or Treating

Saturday,
October 31st
6:00pm-7:30pm

City-Wide Clean Up
(Large Garbage Pick up)

Saturday, November 7th

As we welcome October's cooler weather this month our comprehensive planning is moving right along. We have had great participation in the survey and you will get to see the results of that input later this month. Keep your eyes open for the interactive map that RDG will make available later this month at www.peostaplan.com where you will be able to explore the emerging vision while continuing to provide YOUR input!

You may be interested to know that our citizen-driven comprehensive planning process is gaining state-wide recognition! Cityscape Magazine is published by the Iowa League of Cities and focuses on items of interest to the 947 cities in the state of Iowa. The [October cover story](#) highlights the way we are managing our current growth while laying the foundation for the future! (The direct link to the article is: <https://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?m=26842&i=675384&p=16>)

We continue to experience many "firsts" as a growing city. This past month brought the conclusion of our first 3rd party audit. ([City of Peosta Audit Report](#)). Our city staff has done a great job managing our financial affairs resulting in a favorable audit report. There are a few specific items that are common for small cities where there are limited opportunities for redundancies and separation of duties. These are generally accepted as 'normal' for municipalities our size, but we will work to improve on them nonetheless. I am very proud that this report reflects our culture of transparency, accountability, and fiscal conservatism!

As for the ongoing COVID challenges, by now everyone knows the four pillars of success: wash hands frequently, socially distance, wear masks when you must be close, and isolate if you feel ill. The city is keeping city hall closed to walk-up traffic and maintaining the policies for employees and rec center patrons. We have appropriate cleaning practices in place and recently purchased new

Fall Hydrant Flushing

The public works department will be flushing all of the hydrants in Peosta

October 2nd-October 21st.

Customers may experience rusty colored water and low water pressure while flushing occurs in your area of town. You may want to bypass all water softeners and purification systems. The water is safe to drink, but caution should be taken when doing laundry to prevent staining of clothing.

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A new way to be connected

Be "in the Middle" and sign up for Text Message updates from the City of Peosta

There are 2 simple ways to register for City of Peosta mobile text messages.

1. Text "Peosta" to 81257

Or

2. Sign up by using the link below

<https://mobile-text-alerts.com/subscribe/Peosta1>

equipment so we can better sanitize community spaces. We are also investing in technology that will enable us to have effective council meetings with a combination of people online and in the council chambers, hoping to have it functional as early as December. Looking forward, I am engaging with numerous county and state authorities in pursuit of more reliable data that is as specific to Peosta as possible. This is a difficult challenge and many people are doing their sincere best to keep the public accurately informed. Please be quick to appreciate and slow to criticize. In the meantime, it is best to stay the course. Remember the four pillars and look for new and more specific information in the coming weeks.

This is also a good opportunity to talk about Halloween. This holiday represents an important event for our children and ideally it can be seen by them as some form of normalcy in an otherwise very abnormal year. As such the city is not taking any specific action unique to this year, recognizing that each well-informed individual has the responsibility to decide what is right for themselves, their family, and their neighbors. Please take a few moments to read the [guidance provided by the Iowa Dept. of Public Health](#) for suggestions on *how* you can safely celebrate Halloween this year and what to expect from others. I am expecting that we will see a lot more grab bags this year.

Sincere constructive feedback is one of the greatest gifts you can receive. I have concluded my 9th month as your Mayor and would appreciate hearing from you! How am I doing? I am happy to receive direct feedback face-to-face, by phone (563.213.8206), or by email (jmerten@cityofpeosta.org). Shawndee Winandy is also happy to take any anonymous feedback if you prefer (563.556.8755). Regardless of your method, please take a moment to let me know what you think I am doing well, what you think I can improve on, and what would you do differently if you were the Mayor.

Stay Healthy and Happy!



New Wastewater Treatment Facility

Ground was broken in September for the new wastewater treatment facility. The new plant will support recent growth and pave the way for continued development. A big thank you to all those in this picture who have worked so hard to bring this project to life!



Saturday, October 31st
6:00pm-7:30pm



Adult Coed Volleyball League Registration is open! Team applications and rosters are due by Wednesday, October 14th by 5:00pm. Games will be held on Sundays (No games November 8th, December 20th, or January 10th).

Adult Volleyball League application

Open Basketball-Starting October 5th.

every Monday and Thursday night from 7-9 p.m. the back court will be reserved for anyone who wants to come and play full court basketball on the back court. Free for members, \$8 for non members

Starting October 1st all reservations for the gym and the batting cage will have to be done online at activenet.active.com/Peosta. There are step by step instructions on our website to walk you through the reservation process, if you need additional assistance please feel free to contact Stacey at sbauer@cityofpeosta.org, Vicky at vdolphin@cityofpeosta.org or Ty at ttroutman@cityofpeosta.org.

October Fitness Class Calendar



Dubuque County Library
PEOSTA / NICC BRANCH

8342 NICC Drive
Peosta, IA 52068

Phone | 563-556-5110 ext.2224
Email | library@dubcolib.lib.ia.us

The Peosta branch is now open and there are many new programs available for children, teens, and adults. Registration is available online.

October Library Program Calendar

HOURS

Monday-Thursday:

7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sunday: CLOSED

Citywide Fall Clean-UP November 7th

Citywide Fall cleanup day will be on **Saturday, November 7th**. Please have all items to be picked up at the curb before 7:00 am. Bi-County Disposal will make one trip through town.

If you have any questions please call City Hall or [email](#) City Hall.

Each appliance, computer monitor, television, or tire to be picked up will require a sticker. Stickers can be purchased online through our website or by calling City Hall at (563) 556-8755. Tags will be mailed.

Appliance: \$12.00

Car Tires: \$6.00

Truck Tires: \$12.00

Tractor Tires: \$27.00

All Monitors & Televisions: \$17.00

There are 3 ways to pay and register .

*PAY AND REGISTER ONLINE [HERE](#) (Your Sticker will be mailed to you)

*Register [HERE](#). Drop your payment in the City of Peosta Drop box which is located in the upper level of the Peosta Community Centre parking lot. (Your Sticker will be mailed to you once payment is received)

*Call City Hall. (Your Sticker will be mailed to you)

REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY 4:00 PM ON NOVEMBER 4 to allow for proper mailing time

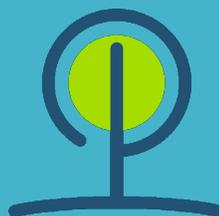
Items that won't be picked up:

Yard waste (please use City compost site), stockpiled daily garbage, rocks, concrete, large amounts of building and construction materials, railroad ties, paint (unless the can is completely dried out and open, chemicals, motor oil, shingles, fencing, fluorescent bulbs



(563) 556-8755

[City of Peosta Website](#)



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