

City of

JULY 2018

Pella



Leadership Letter

The Fourth of July is a time to uphold our city, our state and our nation with patriotism, pride and pomp. Let's remember our predecessors who had the bravery that made the move to independence 242 years ago in 1776. Especially remember those that sacrificed their lives for our cherished freedoms today. The Fourth of July parade, the evening fireworks and all of the other events are always fun community events, and we welcome participants and spectators from miles around.

Currently the city staff and employees have been busy with summer duties. Thank them when you see them, as things don't simply fall into place. Organizing and supervising on the part of hard-working employees and volunteers make the flowers and parks look great, and Thursday Nights in Pella are fun and inspiring, as usual.

Besides numerous housing developments, many other things are happening around the city. The windmill in Sunken Gardens Park will be getting a much needed facelift to welcome locals and tourists. The north water tower (both the interior and exterior) is being painted. Continuing east of Madison Elementary, the bike trail is going to be extended north to Vermeer Manufacturing along 240th Avenue. After the 92% voter approval on May 1st, the City Council approved a contract with FARR Technologies to review both short-term and long-term strategies to implement current service levels and a fiber optic infrastructure in Pella for both businesses and residents. Stay tuned for more. I'm excited for a continued great summer!

— Harold Van Stryland

Municipal Telecommunications Survey

On May 1, 2018, the citizens of Pella approved the authorization of a telecommunications utility with a 92% support level. Due to the overwhelming support, the City is in the process of developing a business plan for our new telecommunications utility. The proposed business plan will focus on developing both a short-term plan and a long-term strategy. The short-term plan will focus on the City's existing fiber optic infrastructure and its ability to serve customers in the near future. Likewise, the long-term plan will involve developing a plan to extend services to our entire community.

As part of the business plan, our consultant, FARR Technologies, has developed a broadband survey that is intended to aid us in developing our business plan. The survey will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete and will be available online until August 1st. Access the survey via this link: <http://www.ourbroadbandfuture.com/pella.html>. We would appreciate if you could complete this survey as it will be a key factor in the development of our business plan.

Finally, on behalf of the City of Pella, we would like thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sewer Cleaning & Inspection Program

The City's ten-year Sewer Cleaning and Inspection Program is scheduled to begin early to mid-July. This project is a proactive approach that will identify and prioritize future repairs and maintenance in the sanitary sewer collection system. This project includes cleaning and televising the City's sewer mains and inspecting manholes. For a map of affected areas, please see the City's website. Contact the Pella Public Works department at 628-1601 with any questions.

July Meeting Dates

7/3: 7:00 p.m.
City Council
Police Training Room
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

7/9: 5:30 p.m.
Historic Preservation
Commission
City Hall Conference Room
825 Broadway Street

7/9: 7:00 p.m.
Special P&Z Commission
Police Training Room
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

7/10: 4:00 p.m.
Library Board
Pella Public Library

7/11: 5:30 p.m.
Community Development
Committee
Police Training Room
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

7/17: 7:00 p.m.
City Council
Police Training Room
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

7/20: Noon
Community Services Board
Community Center
Room 206

7/23: 7:00 p.m.
P&Z Commission
Police Training Room
614 Main St. (rear entrance)

7/29: 7:00 a.m.
Airport Committee
Airport Terminal
Meeting Room

July Special Dates

City Offices Closed July 4th:
City Hall, Community
Services, Electric Distribution,
Planning and Zoning, Public
Library, and Public Works

Yard Waste Pick-up:
The July 4th regular pick-up
of yard waste will be moved
to Thursday, July 5th

7/18: All Day
Free Bundled Brush
Pick-up by City

City of Pella Independence Day Activities – July 4, 2018

9:00 a.m.	Food stands open in Central Park
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Fishing at Caldwell Park (poles and bait provided)
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Plume Hill horse and carriage rides in Central Park
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Games, activities and crafts in Central Park (times may vary for each activity throughout the day): Pella Cub Scout Pack 374 ninja warrior course, arts/craft station, bag toss, bounce house, and dunk tank.
1:30 to 3:00 p.m.	Parade on Franklin Street from E. 1st Street to West Market Park
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Swimming at the Aquatic Center (\$7 adult and \$6 youth/senior)
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Pella City Band on the Tulip Toren
Dusk/10:00 p.m.	Fireworks launched east of Madison school <i>Fireworks rain date is July 5th</i>

Parade Information

Would you like to be in our 4th of July parade? Please contact Paul Kingma at 780-6785 to submit entries or for more information. Find us on Facebook at “Pella 4th of July Celebration.”

Events brought to you by the 4th of July Committee volunteers and the City of Pella.



JULY ART CENTER CLASSES

Pre-registration is required for all classes. More information can be found at www.cityofpella.com or by calling Community Services at 628-4571.

Clay Flower Bowls	July 10, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Clay Fairy Garden	July 10 and 24, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.
Art Exploration	July 11, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Junior Clay - Session 1	July 12, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Clay Basics	July 12, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Toddler Art - Session 2	July 13, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Junior Clay - Session 2	July 16, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Clay Owl Bobblehead	July 16, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.
Mini Rockets	July 17, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Felt Fluffiness	July 17, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Mini Painting Trading Cards	July 17, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Art Exploration	July 18, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
High Five Tulip	July 23, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Page Decorating	July 23, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Recycled Windmills	July 24, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Art Exploration	July 25, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Adult Classes (ages 16+)	
Record Flower	July 21, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Seasonal Wreath	July 25, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

PICKLEBALL COURTS

Six courts dedicated for pickleball use opened at Caldwell Park on May 25. The courts were added as part of the Caldwell Park improvement project which also included renovation of the shelter house, new skate park, and an ice rink system for use during the winter months. If you would like more information on the courts, or to rent pickleball equipment, please contact the Community Services office at 628-4571.



JULY LIBRARY EVENTS

The Library will be closed Wednesday, July 4.

For Children:

- **Saturday Story Time** is offered every Saturday at 10:30 a.m., suggested for ages 3 and up with parents.
- **Story Time** is offered on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., suggested for ages 3 and up. Parents are encouraged to join the fun.
- **Tot Time** is offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., suggested for children birth to age 3, accompanied by a parent.
- **Lap Sit** is offered on Mondays at 11:15 a.m., intended for babies up to crawling stage, accompanied by a parent.
- July 10 at 6:00 p.m.: **Family Night – Sing Along and Dance Party!** All ages are welcome to join us. We will be watching a family favorite movie and singing along.
- July 11 at 11:15 a.m.: **Weekly Program: Nature Sounds!** This program is for kids who have finished K to 5th grade.
- July 18 at 11:15 a.m.: **Weekly Program: Ukuleles Rock!** This program is for kids who have finished K to 5th grade.
- July 24 at 4:00 p.m.: **Hanson Family Jugglers.** The Hansons will entertain us on unicycles while juggling! All ages are welcome to attend. The program will be held in the JKF Auditorium in the Community Center.
- July 24 at 6:00 p.m.: **Tween/Teen Sing Along Movie.** This program is for anyone in grade 5 and up.
- July 31 at 1:00 p.m.: **Book to Movie Club – Picture Book!** All ages are welcome to join us for a special one-day book club. We will read the book and watch the movie based on the book.
- August 10 is the final day for prizes for the **Children’s Summer Reading Program. Teen Reading Slips** need to be turned in by July 31 to be eligible for the drawing.

For Adults:

- July 16 at 7:00 p.m.: **Paranormal Iowa: Tales of Ghosts, UFOs and Mysterious Creatures.** Chad Lewis has traveled the back roads of the world for over two decades in search of the strange and unusual, and will cover the entire spectrum of Iowa’s supernatural activity. Held in the Library Meeting Room.
- July 19 at 10:15 a.m.: **Genealogy Club** will meet in the Heritage Room.
- July 23 at 6:30 p.m.: **The Great American Read discussion.** Bring your favorite book from the list of 100 and share why it’s your favorite. This program will be held in the Library Meeting Room.
- July 26 at noon: The **Brown Bag Book Club** will discuss *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie in the Heritage Room.
- Don’t forget to turn in your book reviews for the **Adult Summer Reading Program.** To be eligible for the grand prize drawings, reviews must be submitted by August 4.

For more information on any of these programs, please call the library at 628-4268.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will hold a book sale Thursday, July 26 through Saturday, July 28. The book sale will be in the Library Meeting Room during all hours the library is open. Take as many books as you like for the donation of your choice.