



LEADERSHIP LETTER

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Welcome to the New Year! 2020 will be a year of opportunities here in Pella, and challenges as

well. One of these challenges is three new Council members. We had a great field of candidates in the election last fall, and I'm sure the people that you elected will do a fine job. I well remember being a freshman Council member. It is a fast learning track! You honestly don't know what you don't know in that first year. The good news is we have a great team that keeps our City running on a daily basis. This team will continue doing the great work we

are accustomed to while the newly elected officials get up and running.

Looking forward to the tasks ahead, of particular interest to me is the Community Center. Strong participation in the cultural and recreational programs points toward a need for significantly more space. At the same time, there is a lot of sentiment for renovating and continuing to use the existing building. Whatever decisions are finally made, a lot of money is going to be invested. We must make sure that we settle on solutions that will serve us for years to come.

SNOW REMINDERS

The purpose of the City's snow ordinance is for citizens to move their vehicles from public streets and parking lots allowing for effective snow removal.

Receive snow ordinance notifications by visiting <https://pellaia.regroup.com/signup>

Property owners must remove snow and ice from public sidewalks next to their property within 24 hours after snow stops falling or ice stops forming. Snow and ice should not be blown, pushed, or placed upon a City street or right-of-way.



CALDWELL PARK ICE RINK

The frigid winter temperatures finally decided to make their appearance in January, which allowed City staff and volunteers enough time to build ice and open the Caldwell Park rink for the season. Dependent upon weather and ice conditions, the Caldwell Park ice rink is open daily from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In addition, the following times have been designated for ice hockey:

- Tuesdays 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Thursdays 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Fridays 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Saturdays 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Limited sizes and quantities of youth ice skates are available for rent from the Community Center office at 712 Union Street. The office is open during normal business hours.

For more information, call 628.4571 or view the full list of ice rink rules and hours online: www.cityofpella.com/icerink

MEETING DATES

Meetings are held at the Public Safety Complex (614 Main Street) unless otherwise noted
View meeting agendas on our website at www.cityofpella.com/calendar.aspx

Board of Adjustment

City Hall
2/11 – 6:00 p.m.

City Council

2/4 – 7:00 p.m.
2/10 – 6:00 p.m.
Budget Work Session #1
2/11 – 6:00 p.m.
Budget Work Session #2
2/18 – 7:00 p.m.

Community Development Committee

2/12 – 5:30 p.m.

Community Services Board

Community Center Room 206
2/15 – Noon

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
2/10 – 5:30 p.m.

Library Board

Pella Public Library
2/11 – 4:00 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission

2/24 – 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL DATES

Free Bundled Brush Pick-up
2/19 – 7:00 a.m.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

The City has several Facebook pages to keep citizens up-to-date on what is happening within our community. Find and follow us on Facebook today!

- City Hall @PellaCityHall
- Community Services @PellaCommunityServices
- Fire Department @PellaFire
- Police Department @PellaPolice
- Public Library @PellaPublicLibrary

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LIBRARY EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

FOR CHILDREN

- **Saturday Story Time**
Weekly – 10:30 a.m.
- **Tinker Tuesday**
2/4 – 4:00 p.m.
- **Pajama Story Time**
2/10 – 6:30 p.m.
- **Home Reads Book Club**
2/13 – 6:30 p.m.
- **Chutes and Ladders: life size board game**
2/15 – registration required for various time slots
- **Chapter Chat: grades 3-5**
2/17 – 6:30 p.m.
- **Pages and Popcorn: grades 3-5**
2/25 – 4:00 p.m.
- **Book Worms: grades 1-2**
2/25 – 6:30 p.m.

FOR ADULTS

- **Culture Night: Dominican Republic**
Community Center Room 206
2/10 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Conversations in Spanish**
2/11 – 7:00 p.m.
2/26 – 11:00 a.m.
- **Photo Digitizing (registration required)**
2/17 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- **Cooking and Eating Tips:
keep your heart strong**
2/17 – 6:30 p.m.
- **American Sign Language classes
(registration required)**
This 8-week class begins 2/18 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Brown Bag Book Club**
2/27 – noon

WINTER READING PROGRAM: TIMELESS TALES

Two reading programs, one for families and one for adults, begin on February 1st. Reading logs and review slips are available at the library.

YOUR GENEALOGY

Beginning and experienced genealogists will find useful tips to create and expand knowledge regarding their personal genealogy during this 3-session series. Topics include what information to look for and demonstrations will be provided to show where to find useful information. Classes will be held from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on February 13, 20, and 27.

GERI-FIT® VIDEO CLASSES

Geri-Fit® video classes are currently being held at the library through April 15. Registration required.

For additional details about all events, or to register, call 628.4268 or visit our website: <https://pellalibrary.libcal.com/calendar/main>

WELCOME NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Zach Nelson recently joined the Police Department as a full-time Police Officer. Zach grew up in Urbandale and graduated from Dowling Catholic High School. Zach attended Simpson College where he received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice. In his free time, he enjoys playing tennis, fishing, watching sports, and spending time with family and friends. Zach looks forward to getting to know the citizens of Pella and keeping the community safe.



Keetah Dodson recently joined City Hall as a Customer Service Manager. Keetah brings 18 years' experience working in the Telecommunications industry, primarily in Customer Service. Keetah, her fiancé Auston, and their six children currently live in West Des Moines with plans to relocate to the Pella area in the near future. In her free time, Keetah enjoys spending time with her family watching baseball, particularly the Boston Red Sox.

Brian Conner recently joined the City of Pella as a full-time custodian at the Aquatic Center, City Hall, Community Center, and Memorial Building. Brian and his wife have called Pella home for the past 11 years. In his free time, Brian enjoys riding his bike, going for walks, and enjoying time with his three grandsons.



ART CENTER PROGRAMS



The Pella Community Art Center is offering the following classes with all materials provided. Pre-registration is required by calling 628.4571 or emailing bross@cityofpella.com.



LLAMA PAINTING

February 3
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Fee: \$30/resident
or \$36/non-resident



GIANT PAINTED WOODEN TULIP

February 14 or 21
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$21/resident
or \$25/non-resident

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS

Several 6' x 20' garden plots are currently available for rent within Kiwanis Park. The garden area is fully enclosed with water available. Those interested in renting should stop by the Community Services Office at 712 Union Street to complete the rental agreement form and pay the \$25 rental fee and \$25 deposit.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

The Aquatic Center is offering lifeguard training classes in February. Participants must be at least 15 years old.

Cost: \$130. Reimbursement is possible if the employee works the entire summer (end of May to mid-August) at the Pella Aquatic Center.

February classes (must attend all classes):

- 2/17: 3:45 - 6:45 p.m.
- 2/18: 3:45 - 6:45 p.m.
- 2/19: 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- 2/20: 3:45 - 5:45 p.m.

If you have conflicts with any of the dates above, contact the Aquatic Manager. To register, call the Aquatic Center at 628.1882.

