

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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I'd like to personally thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this

time of unprecedented circumstances. I can assure you that the City of Pella continues to monitor and develop appropriate plans in response to the COVID-19 pandemic as the health and wellness of our community and team members is a top priority. Currently, all city offices, with the exception of the Police Department, are closed to the public through April 13. While our facilities are closed to walk-in traffic. city staff remains available via email or by phone. Please visit our website at www.cityofpella.com/directory.aspx for specific city department hours and contact information.

As previously mentioned, the Pella Police Department remains open with additional precautions in place. The public is strongly encouraged to call 641.628.4921 for all non-emergencies. Individuals needing emergency assistance should continue to call 911. In addition, the City of Pella is in support of the Pella Historical Society and Tulip Time Steering Committee's difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Tulip Time Festival; making this only the second cancellation in the festival's 85-year history. I want to encourage our citizens to take any reasonable opportunity to support our local businesses, neighbors, and non-profits who have been impacted by this decision and these uncertain times. We, as citizens of Pella, have the ability to join together during these unprecedented times with the goal of making the remainder of 2020, and future years, even more successful within our community.

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled on April 7. We continue to monitor the ever-changing situation and will provide updates regarding this meeting as the date nears. All meeting changes will be posted online at www.citvofpella.com/calendar. aspx?CID=14.

Again, thank you for your continued patience and understanding during this time.

COVID-19 UPDATES

As this situation changes frequently, we are committed to providing updates as they are available. Visit Facebook @PellaCityHall or www.cityofpella.com/COVID-19 for the most recent information.

To receive a notification when future updates are available, visit https://pellaia.regroup.com/signup and elect to receive Emergency Alert

The Marion County Board of Supervisors and local officials will hold press conferences at 1:00 p.m. every Monday and Friday for the foreseeable future to update the public and keep residents informed of the local response in a timely manner. Listen to these press conferences live on 92.1 KRLS.

PROTECT YOURSELF



Meetings are held at the Public Safety Complex (614 Main Street) unless otherwise noted. Public meetings will continued to be monitored in light of the developing COVID-19 pandemic and changes will be communicated on our website at www.cityofpella.com/calendar.aspx

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 4/20 – 6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL 4/7 - 7:00 p.m.4/21 – 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 4/8 – 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Community Center Room 206 4/17 – Noon

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION City Hall 4/13 – 5:30 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD

Pella Public Library 4/14 - 4:00 p.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION 4/6 – 7:00 p.m. 4/27 – 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL DATES

SPRING CLEANUP WEEK 4/6 – 10

GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY 4/10 - City offices closed

FREE BUNDLED BRUSH PICK-UP 4/15 - 7:00 a.m.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS **WASTE DROP OFF** 100 Truman Road 4/18 – 9:00 a.m. to noon

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LIBRARY EVENTS

IN APRIL

FOR CHILDREN

- SATURDAY STORY TIME
 Weekly resuming 4/18 10:30 a.m.
- WEDNESDAY WHATCHAMACALLIT
 Weekly resuming 4/15 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- FAMILY PAJAMA STORY TIME 4/13 6:30 p.m.
- ROLLER COASTER DESIGN CHALLENGE 4/18 – 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (registration required)
- **HEAD TO HEAD RACE TRACK** 4/18 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
- **CHAPTER CHAT: GRADES 3-5** 4/20 6:30 p.m.
- **TINKER TUESDAY** 4/21 4:00 p.m.
- **EGG DROP CONTEST** 4/25 10:00 a.m.
- PAGES AND POPCORN: GRADES 3-5 4/28 4:00 p.m.
- BOOK WORMS: GRADES 1-2 4/28 – 6:30 p.m.

FOR ADULTS

- **GENEALOGY CLUB** 4/16 10:15 a.m.
- **PHOTO DIGITIZING (registration required)** 4/27 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- CONVERSATIONS IN SPANISH 4/29 11:00 a.m.
- BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB 4/30 – noon

FOOD FOR FINES

April 19-25, the library will accept non-perishable food items in exchange for overdue fines.

For the most up to date event information, call 628.4268 or visit our website: https://pellalibrary.libcal.com/calendar/main

SPRING CLEANUP WEEK

Spring cleanup week, scheduled for **April 6 to 10**, is a means for Pella residential customers to conveniently dispose of bulky items that do not fit inside a garbage tote.

Pick up of bulky waste items will take place on the normal garbage/recycling collection day only. Acceptable items should be placed at curbside no later than 7:00 a.m. Please keep all items at least 4' from the garbage tote.

Although most household bulky waste items may be set out for collection, certain items will not be picked up including appliances and electronics.

If you have questions, contact Public Works at 628.1601 or Midwest Sanitation at 628.2610.



The Pella Community Art Center is offering the following class with all materials provided. Pre-registration is required by calling 628.4571.



HARRY POTTER CASTLE

Magically transform a 12x12 white canvas into your own Harry Potter castle.

4/16: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (ages 7 & up)\$30/resident or \$36/non-resident

COMMUNITY SERVICES SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE

View online at www.cityofpella.com. Registration for all summer programs begins April 15.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS

Two 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 call the Community Services office at 628.4571. A \$25 rental fee and \$25 deposit applies to garden plot rentals.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City will be flushing hydrants throughout the system the week of April 13 to 17. Questions? Contact Public Works at 628.1601.

MOWING AND GRASS CLIPPING REMINDERS

Spring is officially here! With the arrival of spring comes the necessity to maintain an appropriate grass height. Per City Code, grass and weeds must be kept to a height no greater than 8 inches. Grass clippings are also to be kept off sidewalks and roads. Questions or concerns should be directed to our Code Enforcement Officer, Jared Parker, at 628.0043 x4, or jparker@cityofpella.