

City Newsletter

APRIL 2024



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AVOCA CLEAN UP DAY FRIDAY, APRIL 26



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Get your large ticket stickers by Thursday April 25

YELLOW LEVEL WATER MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS NOW IN PLACE!

- A. Outdoor watering or irrigation of lawns is prohibited.
- B. Outdoor watering of any kind is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily.
- C. Water or irrigation of flower and vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs less than 4 years old, and new seeding or sod is permitted once per week with an application not to exceed one inch.
- D. Car washing is prohibited except in commercial establishments that provide that service. In these cases, hours of use will be restricted to 8:00 am to 8:00 PM.
- E. *No water shall be used to fill private/residential swimming pools, children's wading pools, reflecting pools, or any other outdoor pool or pond.*
- F. No water shall be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or building exteriors.
- G. Large volume water users, including industries, motels, hotels, and eating establishments may be requested to scale back services.
- H. Schools will be required to cancel their physical education activities and inter-scholastic competitions that require showers or attract crowds and take other actions to reduce water consumption at sport complex.
- I. Water shall be served at restaurants only upon the request of the customer.

Please call City Hall at 712-343-2424 option 1 to be informed about WATERING NEW SOD. If you are a LARGE VOLUME WATER USER, and have any questions, please call our City Administrator, Tyler Trout, at the same number as listed above.



Avoca Public Library
 213 N Elm Street
 Avoca, IA 51521
 Phone: 712-343-6358

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME
 Every Wednesday 10:30am
FRIDAY CLUB Every Friday 1:00pm
MONDAY MOVIE for Adults April 29th 10AM

See Page 6 for
TRIVIA NIGHT Information

City Property Tax Levy to Decrease

Following a successful budget planning season, Avoca's proposed property tax levy for the next fiscal year 2024-25 shows that property taxes are expected to decrease compared to the current 23-24 FISCAL YEAR rates.

3/5/24, 8:48 AM

Local Government Property Valuation System

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF AVOCA - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY **CITY #:** 78-729
AVOCA **Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 4/3/2024 Meeting Time: 05:30 P.M Meeting Location: Avoca Fire Hall

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)
www.cityofavoca.com

City Telephone Number
 (712) 343-2424 ext: 1

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2023 - 2024	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2024 - 2025
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	72,601,950	71,962,539	71,962,539
Consolidated General Fund	637,083	637,083	631,471
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	77,226	77,226	112,514
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	90,326	90,326	89,326
Other Employee Benefits	124,637	124,637	137,463
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	72,971,336	74,791,258	74,791,258
Debt Service	165,126	165,126	47,882
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	1,094,398	1,094,398	1,018,656
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	15.06242	15.12109	14.13021
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	774,567	846,168	846,168
Ag Land	2,327	2,327	2,542
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00375	2.75004	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year Certified 2023/2024	Budget Year Proposed 2024/2025	Percent Change
City Regular Resident	823	655	-20.41
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year Certified 2023/2024	Budget Year Proposed 2024/2025	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	823	655	-20.41

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$100,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

Liability and other employee benefits increased due to increases in insurance expense, but overall levy is down .93 per 1000 for property evaluation



Annual Spring Clean Up Day

Friday, April 26

All non-appliance items must be contained in garbage bags or receptacles. Loosely piled garbage constitutes a NUISANCE and will result in a minimum \$85 CODE VIOLATION FEE.

Citizens will be responsible for purchasing large item stickers that must be placed on appliances in order for them to be removed during the clean-up day. Large item stickers are currently available for purchase at City Hall.

Large item stickers cost \$30.00 and are required for appliances to be removed.
NO REFUND ON STICKERS
BUT CAN USE THE NEXT YEAR

ATTENTION:
Citizens are responsible for purchasing large item stickers that must be placed on appliances in order for them to be removed during the clean-up day.

OTHERWISE, THE ITEM WILL NOT GET PICKED UP.

Appliances: Appliances will be accepted with a \$30 fee. Appliances REQUIRE a large item sticker:

- | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| -Stoves | -Freezers | -Air Conditioners |
| -Washing Machines | -Water Heaters | -Microwave |
| -COMPUTERS | -Dryers | -Refrigerators |
| -Dehumidifiers | -Humidifiers | -All TV's |

Prohibited Items: NONE of the following items will be accepted:

- | | | |
|--|--|-------------|
| -Household garbage | -Animal Refuse | -Chemicals |
| -Cement | -Batteries | -Yard Waste |
| -Building wood in pieces larger than 4 foot. | | -TIRES |
| -Medical Waste | -PAINTS | -OIL |
| -Hazardous Waste | -Dangerous or Sharp Building Materials | |

Call R & S Waste with any questions: 800-730-3471

Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue

MARCH CALLS FOR SERVICE through the 28th:

6 Fire Calls

16 EMS

3 Good Intent Calls

**To view the Avoca IA Community Calendar
please refer to our city website:
<https://cityofavoca.socs.net/vcalendar/>**

City of Avoca Lifeguards Wanted

REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Minimum age of 15 year old
- ◆ Current Lifeguard Certification
 - (Must include CPR/AED training)
- ◆ Hours include Late Mornings, Afternoons and Evenings
- ◆ Opportunities for leadership experiences, development of decision making and customer service skills.

BENEFITS

- ◆ Hourly Wage of \$10
- ◆ Flexible Schedule
- ◆ Need Recertification

(City will reimburse fee at conclusion of season IF LIFEGUARD FINISHED THE SEASON IN GOOD STANDING.)



Job Application form can be found on the City of Avoca webpage OR
Please pick up at City Hall, 201 N Elm St.

The City of Avoca follows all Child Labor Laws and is an Equal Opportunity Employer



AVOCA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thank You To Our

Partners in Safety

Cobblestone Inn & Suites

Avoca Seed & Chemical

Martin & Sons Construction Inc.

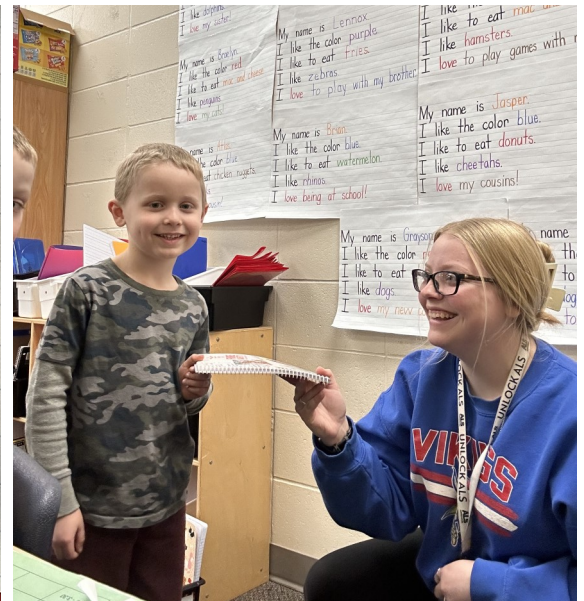
Pauley Jones Funeral Home

Tinik Inc.

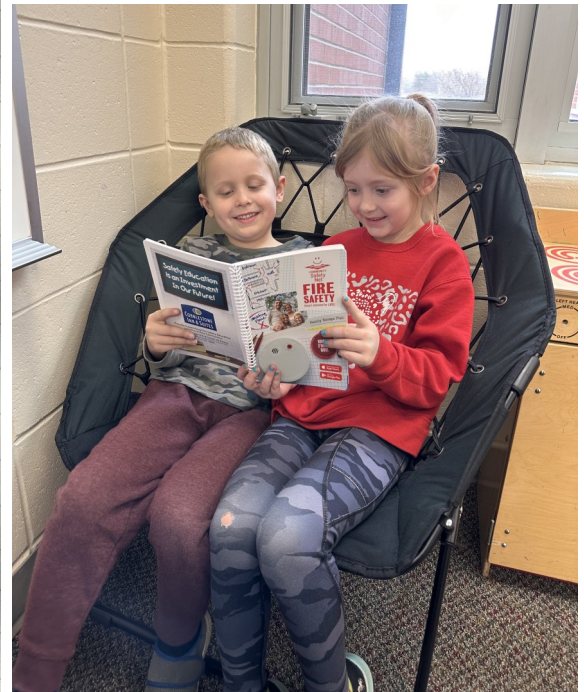
Midstates Bank

Myrtue Medical Center Avoca

Total Farm Solutions



Kindergarten para and firefighter, Miss Abby, distributed the Fire Safety books to grades K, 1st & 2nd.



AHSTW students look through the new book.

We would like to thank these businesses for their support in funding the fire safety books that were distributed to AHSTW Community School kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade students. Enough funding was donated to cover 171 students!

Thank you again to these businesses!!!

**APR. 7
2 P.M.**

**JIGSAW
PUZZLE
COMPETITION**



**DOORS
OPEN
AT
12:30
P.M.**

**20
TEAMS**

**500
PIECE
PUZZLE**

AVCC

112 N Elm St.
Avoca, IA 51521

**50/50
PAY
OUT**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CITY HALL

PUZZLE | CONCESSIONS | FUN

[PRE-REGISTER TO GUARANTEE YOUR TEAM A PUZZLE](#)

Use the Link Above



TRIVIA NIGHT

AT THE LIBRARY

APRIL 12, 2024, 7:00

JOIN US FOR FIVE ROUNDS OF
HOLLYWOOD-THEMED TRIVIA!



Register your team with the library today!



Mission of the Avoca Main Street is to sustain our downtown district as the economic cultural and social center of our community by utilizing the four point approach of Main Street America.

Main Street Update Newsletter

APRIL 2024

Economic Vitality Committee Plans Second Avoca Main Street “Meet & Mingle” Dining and Retail Event

After a successful 2023 Event that included 23 participating businesses and organizations, including six pop-up shops and two new-business previews, Avoca Main Street’s Economic Vitality Committee is preparing for another springtime boost to downtown retailers and dining establishments.

This year, we plan to add several new ribbon-cuttings for new businesses as well.

Avoca Main Street will aggregate participants and promote the district-wide event through our website, social media, print marketing, press releases, and downtown signage.

Businesses are encouraged to be open on Saturday, May 4, 2024 and offering a sales or service promotion to visiting customers that day. Business owners can expand the eco-

nomic potential by inviting an entrepreneur without a commercial storefront to use some of their retail space by hosting a pop-up shop. Extending usual business hours is also an option for increased economic activity, as is promoting the event directly to business customers through social media and Locable.

Shoppers will find updated participant lists at avocamainstreet.com as information is gathered!

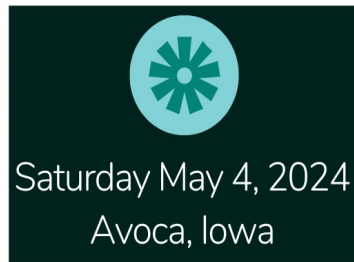
If your business or organization would like to participate and be included in advertising and media distribution, please contact Avoca Main Street at 712-307-0172 or email mainstreet@cityofavoca.com.

Be sure to include your open hours for Saturday, May 4, 2024 and any unique offerings or sales that will be available on that day.

We look forward to meeting and mingling with you on Saturday, May 4, 2024!



MEET & MINGLE ON MAIN STREET



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