

City Newsletter

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YES WE ARE in the
YELLOW LEVEL
MANDATORY
Water Restrictions.
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Public Safety Department Offers Vacation Home Checks

The Avoca Police Department will be offering vacation checks to citizens that are in need. If a person or family going on vacation and would like a daily check of their residence, please stop at City Hall and fill out the required paperwork. **This information is confidential.**



Chief Heiny will drive by and watch for any suspicious activity. However, mail pick up is not a part of the program. Always let a trusted neighbor know you are away also.

Any questions/concerns regarding this program, please contact Chief Heiny at City Hall 712-343-2424 option 1.

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Reminder to have Officer Jay Heiny dispatched:

- ⇒ Please call **911** or Pottawattamie County non emergency number (712-328-5737) depending on the severity of the crime, accident or complaint.
- ⇒ The City of Avoca city hall can take names and numbers for nuisance or code violation reports. **712-343-2424 option 1**

Until Further Notice:

YELLOW ACTION LEVEL MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

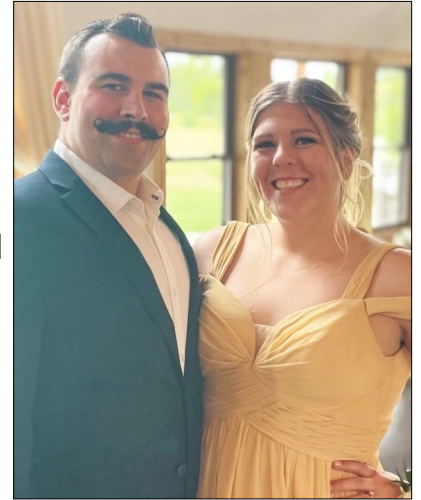
- A. Outdoor watering or irrigation of lawns is prohibited.
- B. Outdoor watering of any kind is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily.
- C. Water or irrigation of flower and vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs less than 4 years old, and new seeding or sod is permitted once per 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.

Water reclaimed or recycled after some primary use, such as water that has been used for washing or cooling, may be used without restriction. Additionally, water derived from other sources other than the city water utility, such as water condensed from the atmosphere by air conditioners or collected from rain or snow, may be used without restriction.

Welcome Tyler and Tessa Trout

Tyler's first day on the job as Avoca City Administrator was on Monday, July 24th. Tyler and his wife Tessa, moved to Avoca the week prior and are awaiting the arrival of their first child in September. Also making the move to Avoca are their pets Chester and Dixie.

Tyler and Tessa are Iowa natives and left Mason City with great anticipation for the next chapter in their lives. Currently, Tessa is working as the Social Media Specialist for MercyOne. She also served as the Vice President of Main Street Mason City. Tyler was working full-time as a correctional officer at the Cerro Gordo Co. Jail and looking to stay in the field of law enforcement. He served as a Union Steward for the Cerro Gordo Co. Sheriff's Office.



And then he had an epiphany - he would follow in his father's footsteps and go into city administration. He began taking online classes at Arizona State University and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelors of Science in Public Service and Public Policy with a concentration in Leadership and Management. During this time he interned at the City of Mason City and specifically under the city administrator.

While preparing for the arrival of his daughter, Tyler and Dixie are unpacking as Tessa finalizes things in Mason City and they wait for their baby daughter to arrive safely. Tyler enjoys activities involving the great outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.



R & S Waste WILL pick up your recyclables ONLY IF the following rules are followed:

Food & beverage jars and bottles only

- Empty and RINSE jars and bottles
- Throw away the lids
- Labels are okay

Aluminum foil containers, tin food & beverage cans

- Empty and RINSE cans.
- Labels are okay.
- Place lid inside rinsed can.

Clear & colored plastic containers 1&2symbol.

- Empty and rinse all jugs and bottles.
- Flatten all milk jugs and detergent bottles.
- Throw away all lids.
- Most symbols are on the bottom of the bottle. **NO OTHER NUMBERS!**



Newspapers (including all inserts), phone books, magazines, catalogs, office paper and box board containers (cereal boxes, gift boxes, shoe boxes).

- Remove all plastic liners from box board containers and flatten the boxes.
- **Do not place paper products loose in your recycling bin or mix with your glass, cans or plastic containers.**
- **SET OUT ONLY ON DRY DAYS** - If it is raining, please hold paper items until next recycling day.

**Library Hours:**

Monday - 10:00-5:00
 Tuesday - 10:00-5:00
 Wednesday - 10:00-8:00
 Thursday - 10:00-5:00
 Friday - 10:00-5:00
 Saturday - 9:00-12:00

Avoca Public Library
 213 N Elm Street
 PO Box 219
 Avoca, IA 51521

Phone: 712-343-6358
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CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Every Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY MOVIE for Adults

the last Monday of every month.

*Free will donation for coffee
and donuts.*



Fix a Leak Fact Sheet

The Facts on Leaks:

- The average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, or the amount of water needed to wash 270 loads of laundry.
- Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons annually nationwide. That's equal to the annual household water use of more than 11 million homes.
- Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.
- Common types of leaks found in the home include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and leaking showerheads. All are easily correctable.
- Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills.
- Keep your home leak-free by repairing dripping faucets, toilet flappers, and showerheads. In most cases, fixture replacement parts don't require a major investment.
- Most common leaks can be eliminated after retrofitting a household with new WaterSense labeled fixtures and other high-efficiency appliances.

Leak Detection:

- A good method to check for leaks is to examine your winter water use. It's likely that a family of four has a serious leak problem if its winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.
- One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 10 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.

Faucets and Showerheads:

- A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. That's the amount of water needed to take more than 180 showers!
- Leaky faucets can be fixed by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary. If you are replacing a faucet, look for the WaterSense label.



PUBLIC SAFETY HOME CHECK DURING VACATION REQUEST FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact #: _____

Dates checks are requested: _____

Please list anyone going to be staying at your residence or on premises during dates requested. Note any activity that will occur on your property while you are gone.

Will ALL doors and windows be locked?



Main Street Update Newsletter

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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.

Avoca Main Street, Inc. Seeks Board Members & Volunteers

As a non-profit organization, Avoca Main Street works with all businesses in the designated downtown district to promote economic development through historic preservation. The volunteer-based organization began in 2014 through a partnership with the Iowa Department of Economic Authority.

Avoca Main Street is a volunteer-driven organization that involves not only the downtown neighborhood constituents, but citizens throughout the city. In addition to the Board of Directors, who serve three-year terms, volunteers may serve on five different committees:

- 1) Economic Vitality Committee, which develops businesses and entrepreneurs,
- 2) Design Committee, which cultivates places and spaces,
- 3) Organization Committee, which stimulates partners & opportunities for funding the organization's goals,

- 4) Promotions Committee, which creates markets and customers
- 5) Farmers Market Committee, which plans and executes the Wednesday evening Farmers Markets held June through September.

The Avoca Main Street program is part of Main Street Iowa and is nationally accredited with Main Street America. The Mission of the organization 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.

If you are interested in getting involved in one of the committees or on the Board of Directors, contact mainstreet@cityofavoca.com or 712-307-0172 for more information, or speak to President Annie Keupp.

Upcoming Events

Farmers Market began in June and continues through the last Wednesday of September. From 5-7 p.m.



Southwest Iowa Art Tour will be on Saturday September 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday the 17th, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Avoca Fire Hall.

The **Longest Table** is planned for Saturday, September 16 with a happy hour at the Avoca Legion Hall 5-6 p.m. followed by a five-course, chef-hosted, all-local feast outdoors (weather permitting) and live entertainment 6-8 p.m.

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Avoca Main Street, Inc. Board of Directors for 2023: President Annie Keupp, Vice President Chelsie Madden, Treasurer Linda Hansen, Secretary Sabrina Lewis, Chantelle Harre, Josie Pierce, Jaie P Radd, and Ty Thornock.