

City Newsletter

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**CITY-WIDE
GARAGE
SALE**

AVOCA CITY-WIDE Garage Sale

Friday August 2 thru Saturday, August 3

Hours 7am–5pm

(NOTICE: hours will vary at some sellers.)

Following the discussion on the Facebook as an event: [Avoca City-Wide Garage Sale](#)



FARMER'S MARKET

It's an
Avoca-Do!

**WEDNESDAYS
5-7 PM
JUNE THRU SEPT**

FRESH LOCAL FOODS, PLANTS &
FLOWERS, FINE CRAFTS, FOOD
TRUCK, ENTERTAINMENT &
FAMILY FUN

N 200 Block of Elm Street,
Avoca, IA

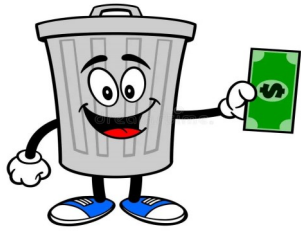


From the Avoca Ladies Golf Club:

Get your team together for a fun night of golf in support of the AHSTW school district!

Taking the first 18 teams 🏌️👩🏫✂️🍷🍷





AVCC Trash to Cash FUNdraiser

Trash to Cash \$ilent Auction

Wednesday, August 21st at the Farmers Market

- ◆ Creations will be displayed at various businesses prior to August 21st.
- ◆ Here's a chance at the unusual. It's like having Etsy in your own backyard! Come see our local artists at their finest.
- ◆ It's Trash to Cash! Come shop the unique!

Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue

JULY CALLS FOR SERVICE through the 30th:

2 Avoca Fire

16 Avoca EMS

1 Good Intent

2 EMS Oakland

1 EMS to Walnut

**THANK YOU - THANK YOU -
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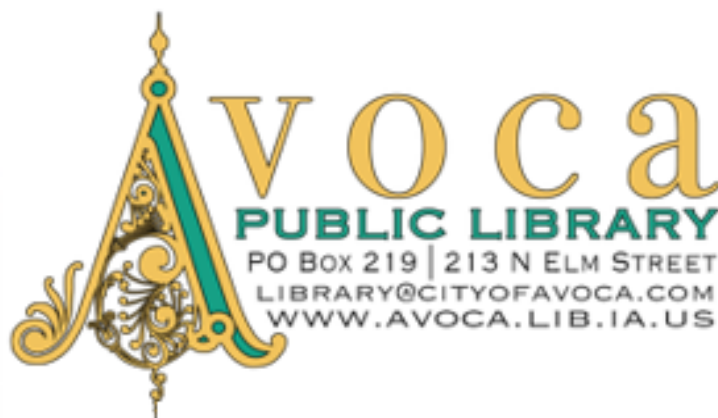
Not even the heat could stop the generosity and fellowship at our annual golf fundraiser!

From our hole sponsors, tourney teams, volunteers, and clubhouse staff, the 2024 summer fundraising event was a success!

Your support is very much appreciated!



DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ALL YEAR ROUND



Upcoming Events

8/1:	12:30 p.m.	Summer Reading 5 th -8 th graders
8/2:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
8/7:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
8/9:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
8/12:	6:00 p.m.	Library Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	BBB Book Club
8/14:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
8/16:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
8/21:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
	7:00 p.m.	Read-It-or-Not Book Club
8/23:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
8/26:	10:00 a.m.	Movie Monday
8/28:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
8/30:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club



July Staff Pick

by Pam Paulson

One book that I can read again and again is *The Thirteenth Tale*, by Diane Setterfield. It is a kind of tale within a tale that has me stumped as to how the author surprised me with her ending. Even as I reread the story every five years or so, watching for the cues I missed the first time, she has woven everything together so seamlessly . . . she gets me every time, even though I know what's coming!

The story is about a reclusive author, Vida, who is famous for a collection of twelve stories. Having spent six decades writing a series of alternate lives for herself, she is finally ready to reveal the truth about her tragic past and asks a young biographer, Margaret (with her own painful past), to write this thirteenth tale. Margaret is entranced by Vida's story of willful Isabelle, feral twins, a ghost, a governess, a topiary garden, and a devastating fire.

You can find all of the library's staff picks on our website, in the Reading Suggestions section under the Services tab (<https://www.avoca.lib.ia.us/services/reading-suggestions>).



Please note that we'll be closed Monday, September 2,

in observation of the national holiday.

Happy Labor Day!

Hours of Operation

Monday	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

June by the Numbers

Visitors to the library:	1,196
Physical check-outs:	1,556
Digital items:	243
New items to the collection:	66
Number of programs:	18
Program attendees:	215



2024 Tournament List

712-343-6979



<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Fri., Aug. 2 nd	Joe Ellis Tournament	8:00 am
Sat., Aug. 10 th	Knights of Columbus Fundraiser	11:00 am
Sat., Sept. 7 th	Stacy's Tournament	11:00 am
**Sat., Sept. 21 th	BROWN-NELSON MEMORIAL BENEFIT	11:00 am
Sat., Oct. 5	Viking Booster Club Fundraiser	TBA
**Sat., Oct. 12 th	COURSE BENEFIT END OF SEASON	10:00 am

GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS

4.15 Golf Cart Operation on City Streets. It shall be unlawful to operate a Golf Cart upon a public right-of-way unless the following requirements are met:

- A. The Golf Cart is operated on a public street or alley between sunrise and sunset, and
- B. The Golf Cart is equipped with a slow moving vehicle sign and a bicycle safety flag, and
- C. The Golf Cart is equipped with adequate brakes.

**NO LEAVES, GRASS, and Other DEBRIS
allowed in STREETS, SIDEWALKS or ALLEYS !**

IT IS AGAINST OUR CITY ORDINANCE

4:19 It shall be unlawful for any person to throw or deposit on any street or sidewalk any yard waste, glass, glass bottle, nails, tacks, wire, cans, trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, or any other debris, or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle.





Registration for 2024-25

Thursday, August 1st through Monday, August 5th

To register your student please follow the steps below using a desktop or laptop computer—not a phone or tablet.

1. Log into JMC Parent at the following link: [JMC Parent Lin](#)

*Helpful Hint: your username is most likely the parent's last name

2. On the left side of the JMC screen click on the link for Register for School

3. Click on the Start/Continue Registration Process

4. The site will walk you through the online registration process

***For help logging into the JMC Parent or registration questions please call our school offices at the numbers below:**

Grades PK-6: 712-343-6364 Ext. 7400 Grades 7-12: 712-343-6364 Ext. 7600

Hours for Students

Elementary Grade Levels PK-6

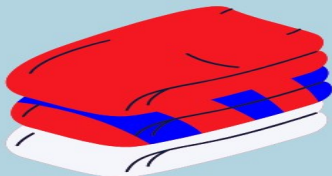
- PK-6 can arrive no earlier than 7:50 a.m.
- Breakfast served 7:50-8:20
- Students go to classrooms at 8:15
- Students are tardy after 8:30
- After 3:30, PK-6 students must be supervised by an adult to stay after school for events.



AUGUST 21, 2024 5-7 P.M.
During the Avoca Main Street
Farmers Market at 203 N Elm Street,
Avoca, IA

SCHOOL SPIRIT

SWAP



Rebuild your back-to-school wardrobe the sustainable way!
Bring your gently-used AHSTW gear and swap it out for someone else's.



2024-2025 School Calendar

Summary of Calendar:
 Days/Hrs. in classroom:
 First Semester..... 85 / 548.0
 Second Semester..... 90 / 580.5
TOTAL DAYS/HRS 175 / 1128.5

CALENDAR LEGEND

- Beginnings
- Staff In-Service
- Quarter
- Holidays
- Vacation Days
- Conference Comp. Day

Does not include Professional Development days/hours.

HOLIDAYS:

- Labor Day (9/2)
- Thanksgiving Day (11/28)
- New Year's Day (1/1)
- Memorial Day (5/26)

School Cancellations:

• 1st or 3 Student School Cancellations will not be made up.

Calendar Adjustments:

- Prof. Dev. Days may be modified to Student Learning Days, if necessary due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Additional Snow Days will be added to the end of the calendar.

Note: In-service Days may be classified as Career Development and/or Professional Development depending on the content of the activities being performed.

No Preschool

August 2024					Student Days/Hours		175 days / 1,128.5 Hours Calendar
M	T	W	Th	F			
19	20	21	22	23	1	6.5	Aug. 23 First Day of School
26	27	28	29	30	6	39	
September 2024							
2	3	4	5	6	10	65	Sept. 2 Labor Day (No School)
9	10	11	12	13	15	97.5	
16	17	18	19	20	19	123.5	Sept. 20 Staff In-service [No School]
23	24	25	26	27	24	156	
30					25	162.5	
October 2024							
	1	2	3	4	29	188.5	
7	8	9	10	11	34	221	Oct. 24 End 1 st Qtr. (43 days / 279.5 hrs.)
14	15	16	17	18	39	253.5	Oct. 25 Staff In-Service (No School)
21	22	23	24	25	43	279.5	Oct. 28 & 29: PT Conferences [2 PM Early Out]
28	29	30	31		47	302.5	Nov. 1: No School
November 2024							
				1	48	309	
4	5	6	7	8	53	341.5	
11	12	13	14	15	58	374	
18	19	20	21	22	63	406.5	Nov. 27: Staff In-Service [No School]
25	26	27	28	29	65	419.5	Nov. 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
December 2024							
2	3	4	5	6	70	452	
9	10	11	12	13	75	484.5	Dec. 20: 2 PM Early Out
16	17	18	19	20	80	515.5	Dec. 25 - Jan. 2 Winter Break (No School)
23	24	25	26	27			
30	31						
January 2025							
		1	2	3			Jan. 3: Staff In-Service [No School]
6	7	8	9	10	85	548	Jan. 10 End 2 nd Qtr. (42 days/ 268.5 hrs.)
13	14	15	16	17	90	580.5	Jan. 10 End 1st Semester (85 days / 548 hrs.)
20	21	22	23	24	95	613	Jan. 13 Begin 2nd Semester
27	28	29	30	31	100	645.5	
February 2025							
3	4	5	6	7	105	678	
10	11	12	13	14	109	704	Feb. 14 Staff In-service [No School]
17	18	19	20	21	114	736.5	
24	25	26	27	28	119	769	
March 2025							
3	4	5	6	7	124	801.5	Mar. 13 End 3 rd Qtr. (43 days / 279.5 hrs.)
10	11	12	13	14	128	827.5	Mar. 14: Staff In-service [No School]
17	18	19	20	21	133	857	Mar. 18 & 20: PT Conferences [2 PM Early Out]
24	25	26	27	28	138	889.5	Mar. 21: No School
31					139	896	
April 2025							
	1	2	3	4	143	922	April 17: Staff In-service [No School]
7	8	9	10	11	148	954.5	Apr. 18 & 21: No School
14	15	16	17	18	151	974	
21	22	23	24	25	155	1000	
28	29	30			158	1019.5	
May 2025							
			1	2	160	1032.5	
5	6	7	8	9	165	1065	May 16: Senior Last Day of School
12	13	14	15	16	170	1097.6	May 18: Graduation
19	20	21	22	23	175	1128.5	May 23: Last Day of School - [2 PM Early Out]
26	27	28	29	30			May 23: End 4 th Qtr. (47 days/ 301 hrs.)
							May 23: End 2nd Semester (90 days / 580.5 hrs.)
							May 26: Memorial Day
							May 27: Staff In-Service
June 2025							
2	3	4	5	6			

Lead Hazard Reduction Grant

*assistance is in the form of a five year forgivable loan

Was your home constructed before 1978?

Do you have children under age 6 that reside in the home?

Yes?

Then you could be eligible for exterior and/or interior improvements involving lead based paint removal.



Criteria Include:

- Homeowner and rental units qualify
- Property Insurance (or able to obtain) required
- Participants can qualify for temporary relocation assistance.
- Work conducted by Lead Safe Certified Contractors
- Owners of rental units must be financially involved

***MUST MEET INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

To learn more about the program or obtain an application, contact: **Nicole Rhodes** at Southwest Iowa Housing Planning Council, 1501 SW 7th Street, Atlantic, IA 50022, email: Nicole.Rhodes@swipco.org, 712-243-4196 ext. 240 or 866-279-4720 (toll free)

Customer Questionnaire for Lead and Copper Testing of Drinking Water

The City of Avoca Water System is required to do Lead and Copper testing at least every three years at different locations within our distribution system. In order to compile a database of the materials used in our customer's service lines and plumbing required by our sampling plan, please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire and return to:

Attn: Susan Harris, Deputy City Clerk
 City of Avoca
 201 N Elm St
 Avoca, Iowa 51521
 Or you may drop it off at the city clerks office

We thank you for your cooperation in helping us with this to continue to serve clean and safe drinking water to our customers.

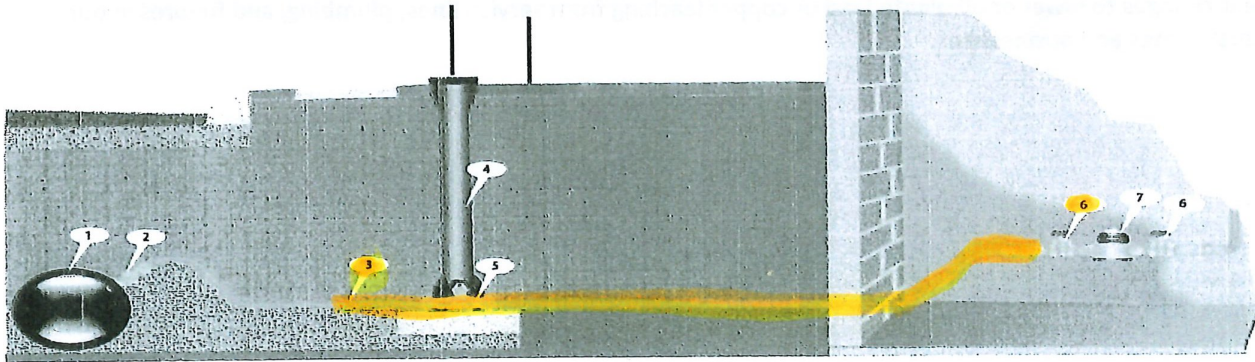
Contact Information

Name of Person filling out this questionnaire: _____
 Phone Number should we have questions: _____

Property Information

Address (use separate sheet for each property): _____
 Type: Single Family Multi-Family Commercial Industrial
 Year Built: Before 1982 After 1982

Water Service Components



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|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water main 2. Corporation stop (service is tapped to main) 3. Service line 4. Curb box (allows access to curb-stop valve) 5. Curb-stop valve (usually located on/near property line) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. House shut-off valve before meter (located in basement) 7. Water meter 6. Optional valve to keep household plumbing from draining, after meter |
|---|---|

Materials List

1. What material is your service line (3) made of? (Check all that apply)

 Lead Copper Galvanized steel P.E. (polyethylene) Unknown
2. When was the service line going into your house or business installed?

 Before 1982 After 1982
3. What material are the pipes in your house or business made of? (Check all that apply)

 Lead Copper Galvanized PVC PEX
4. How old are the pipes inside your house?

 Installed before 1982 Installed after 1982
5. Do you have a water softener or a whole home water purification system or any other treatment device installed in your house or business?

 Yes No
6. If you answered yes to question 5, do you have an untreated, cold water kitchen or bathroom faucet?

 Yes No
7. If your home or business meets the criteria for lead and copper sampling, would you be willing to participate in this testing? During testing, a Water Supply Employee would bring an empty bottle to your house, provide you with documentation and instructions on collecting the sample, and pick it up the next morning. Sampling frequency is typically every three years.

 Yes No

Thank you for participating in this survey; the data collected will allow us to provide accurate sampling and test results to determine the level of lead and copper found in our homes and businesses and to make appropriate treatment changes to lower or eliminate lead or copper leaching from service lines, plumbing, and fixtures in our customers' homes and businesses.



BACK to SCHOOL

Be SAFE Be SMART

- Watch for school zones
- Put your phone away – don't get distracted
- Drop off and pick up in designated areas
- Carpool so there are less vehicles on the road
- Watch for children around parked cars
- Stop for buses loading or unloading students
- Watch for warning signs and signals



For more Back to School Safety Tips go to:
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/back-school-safety>



Radon is an odorless, colorless, radioactive gas that is produced from the decay of naturally occurring uranium in the soil. Indoor levels can be very high. It doesn't matter where you live, how old your home is, or what type of foundation it has.

The only way to know the level of Radon gas in your home is to perform a test.

Radon enters buildings through cracks in the floors or walls; usually, the highest concentrations are in the basement or crawlspace. Most exposure to Radon comes from being indoors. Licensed daycares and schools are required to test and mitigate by law, but we have no current regulations for our homes.

Hopefully, we will have an Iowa policy in the future – to test for Radon prior to the transfer of ownership so that new owners are aware of the health risks for their families and can mitigate them.

- 7 of 10 homes in Iowa have an unacceptable level of Radon.
- The average indoor radon concentration in Iowa is more than six times the national average.

By breathing in radon gas, it gets trapped in our lungs and damages the lung tissue.

Exposure to Radon gas causes lung cancer, in fact, it is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. (second only to smoking).

Radon testing is very easy and inexpensive. Kits are available to pickup at the Pottawattamie County Public Health Clinic or Planning Department office at a cost of \$12.50.

- Pottawattamie County: (712) 328-5792
- Iowa Radon Hotline: (800) 383-5992



Are You Part of the Network Yet ?

Sign up for the alerts you want to receive. Messages can be delivered via text, email and/or voice message. Additional language options for messaging are available.

[CLICK HERE](#) to be taken to the sign up page.

YELLOW LEVEL WATER MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS

Please remember that the recent rainfall is not filling the aquifers that supply the water towers.

Top soil or sub-soil may have benefited from past rainfall, but Regional Water has not removed their 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.

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.