

City Newsletter

OCTOBER 2023



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“Cooking Safety Starts with YOU” October 8 – 14, 2023



The City of Avoca would like to give a “shout out of thanks” to our Volunteer Fire Department!

Please take time to say thank you to all Fire and Rescue crews during this week!

Find more information on page 3!



Back row L-R: Abby Anzalone, Katie Anzalone, Justen Tooley, Dawson Martin, Brent Kiesel, Jaie Radd, Derek Becker, Drew Becker, Jim Stanley. Middle Row L-R: Jaedan Rasmussen, Jessie Tooley, Gale Kiesel, Jordan Jacobsen, Melissa Jacobsen, Schuyler Kiesel, Seth Kiesel, Gary Claussen. Front Row L-R: Catilyn Becker receiving a grant from Shelby County Community Health Foundation member Kristen Lund.



Avoca Public Library
213 N Elm Street
PO Box 219
Avoca, IA 51521
Phone: 712-343-6358

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME
Every Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAYS CLUB

Every Friday 1:00 p.m.

MONDAY MOVIE for Adults is the last Monday every month. Next movie is Oct., 30th at 10:00am

PAJAMA STORYTIME



Join us at the Avoca Public Library for a new program, where we'll gather in our jammies the first Wednesday of each month, from 7:00-7:30 p.m. We'll read two cozy bedtime books and learn a new lullaby that parents can sing to their littles.

October 4:

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

Goodnight Goon by Michael Rex

AVOCA
Citywide
TRICK OR TREAT
TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 31st
Suggested Hours
5 – 7pm

RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO TURN ON THEIR PORCH LIGHT FOR TRICK OR TREATERS.



COOKING SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!

Unfortunately, year after year, cooking remains the leading cause of home fires,” said Fire Chief, Drew Becker. The City of Avoca Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Cooking safety starts with YOU,” added, Becker. “A cooking fire can grow quickly. I have seen many homes damaged and people injured by fires that could easily have been prevented.”

The Avoca Fire and Rescue Department offers these key safety tips to help reduce the risk of a cooking fire:

- ◆ Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking AND set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- ◆ Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- ◆ Have a “kid- and pet-free zone” of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove or grill and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

The Avoca and Walnut Fire and Rescue Departments rotate visiting AHSTW schools.

This year, Avoca will be promoting Fire Prevention on Friday, October 13.

Children will receive a special gift bag to bring home.

If you have an interest in joining the Avoca Fire and Rescue Volunteers, please call City Hall at 712-343-2424 OR 402-658-0695 for more information.

Applications can be found on the city website and dropped off, emailed or snail mailed.





THE MONTH OF OCTOBER HAS TWICE AS MANY COLLISIONS AS ANY OTHER MONTH.
The most common time of day for collisions is from 4-8pm.

Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau and City of Avoca Police Chief, Jay Heiny, give the following tips for approaching farm equipment on the roads:

- ⇒ Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.
- ⇒ Be alert. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.
- ⇒ Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.
- ⇒ Do not try to pass a slow-moving vehicle on the left without ensuring that the vehicle is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over for you to pass when it is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.
- ⇒ Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.
- ⇒ Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.



This local farmer continues to harvest beans by the AHSTW sports complex.



TRICK or treat ON MAIN STREET October 31st

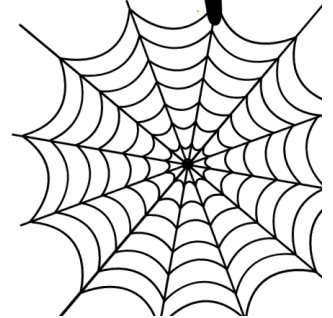
Wear your costume & bring your bag!



- 4-5 pm** Trick-or-Treat our Main Street businesses & Trunk-or-Treat outside-of-district businesses on Elm Street
- 4-6 pm** Treats & activities at Avoca Public Library
- 4-8 pm** Chili Feed Fundraiser at Fire Hall hosted by Wicked Moon Tattoo & Piercing to benefit Avoca Fire & Rescue, serving chili, hotdogs, mac & cheese, & drinks
- 6 pm** Deliver your vote for your favorite decorated bump-out at the Fire Hall



It's an Avoca-BOO!



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

IT IS AGAINST OUR CITY ORDINANCE 4.13 D

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into the public sanitary sewer or stormwater sewer systems any materials such as trash, garbage, rubbish, litter, offal, leaves, cement, or grass which could clog the system.



- ⇒ There will be no warnings.
- ⇒ Violators will be ticketed.





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

OCTOBER 2023



SPOOKTACULAR DECORATING CONTEST

DECORATE A DOWNTOWN BUMP OUT FOR HALLOWEEN!

REGISTRATION OPEN BETWEEN
OCTOBER 1-21, 2023

PUBLIC VOTING HELD DURING TRICK-OR-TREAT ON MAIN STREET
OCTOBER 31, 2023

WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE HELD ON
NOVEMBER 1, 2023

RULES AND APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT
AVOCA MAIN STREET'S FACEBOOK PAGE
OR BY EMAILING
MAINSTREET@CITYOFAVOCA.COM

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[BUT IT CAN BE CUTE, TOO.]



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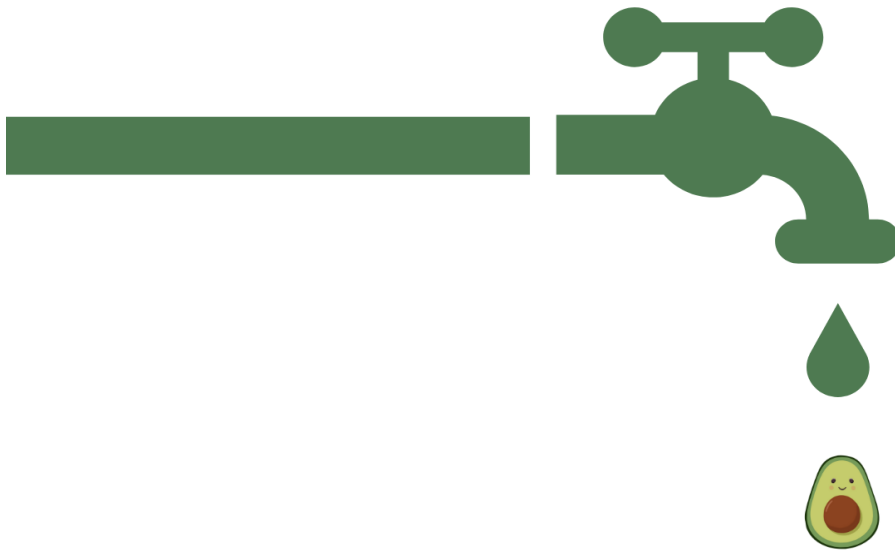
Avoca Main Street, Inc. Board of Directors for 2023: President Annie Keupp, Vice President Chelsie Madden, Treasurer Linda Hansen, Secretary Sabrina Lewis, Chantelle Harre, Josie Pierce, Jaie P Radd, and Ty Thornock.

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.



Every Drop Counts

Conserve water and urge others to do the same.
It's an Avoca-Do.

SPREAD THE WORD ON SIMPLE WAYS TO SAVE WATER.

Please follow Yellow Level Water Restrictions outlined at
<https://rwrwa.org/alerts>