

# City Newsletter

OCTOBER 2024



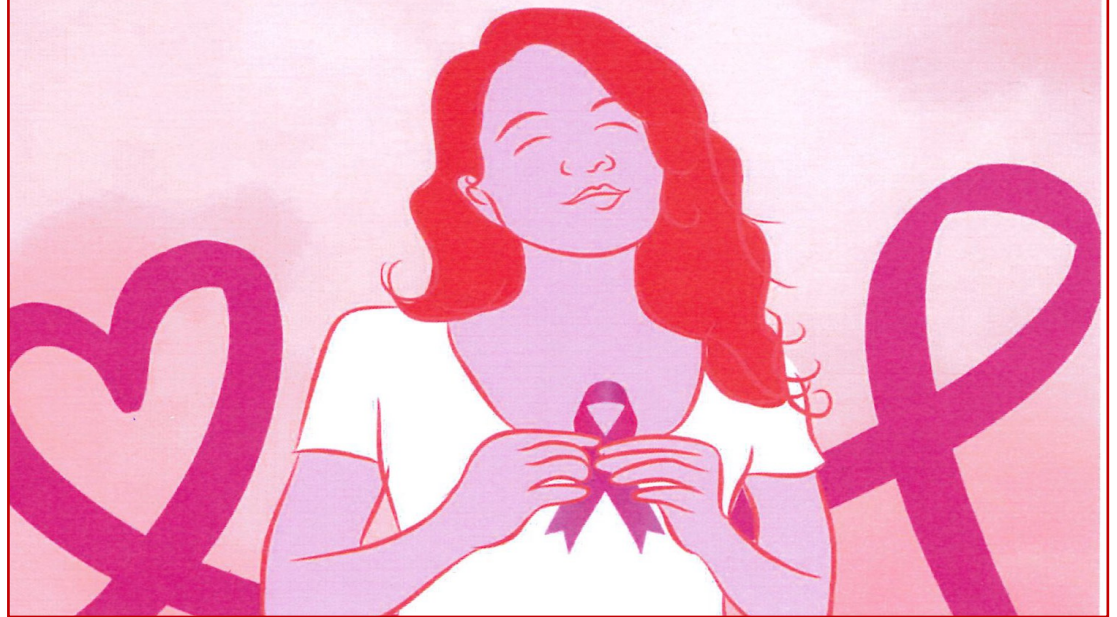
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**2nd Annual  
Spook Fest  
Fundraiser  
for our  
Avoca  
Volunteer  
Fire  
Department  
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## **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

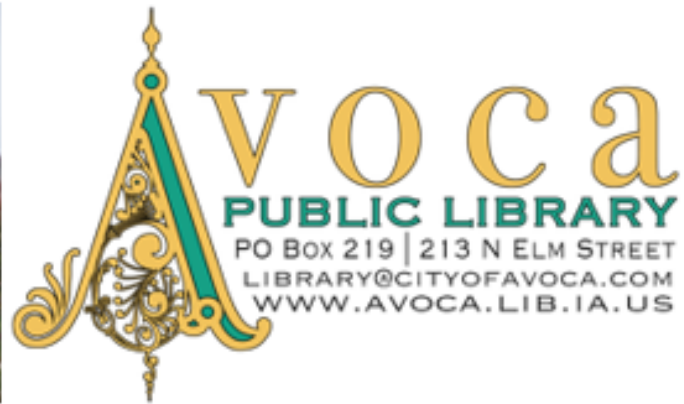
Angels Care Home Health will be speaking at the Avoca Public Library, **October 10th, at 5:00 pm.,** to offer information on this important topic that continues to touch so many lives.



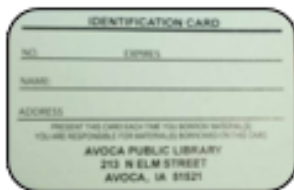
## **Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue**

SEPTEMBER CALLS FOR SERVICE through the 29th:

- 1 Avoca Fire
- 1 Grass Fire
- 7 Good Intent
- 19 EMS Avoca
- 2 EMS Oakland



### Library Card Sign-Up Month



September was Library Card Sign-Up Month, and Avoca

really showed how much they love using their library. We processed 39 new card requests for the month and renewed even more longtime user's cards. We love being a part of this community as much as you enjoy making use of our services!

And remember, we're more than just books! Your library card also grants you access to audiobooks, movies, puzzles, games, cake pans, sports equipment, and so much more! Stop in or check out our website to learn more about our online affiliates: Libby and Hoopla.

### Angel's Care Home Health

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Angels Home Health will be coming to present some valuable information. Join us at the library, on October 10, at 5:00 p.m. for this live-saving event.

### Halloween Party!



Join us October 31, at the Avoca Public Library,

for a family-fun-filled trick-or-treating experience. We'll be open late, until 5:30, to hand out treats and host some fun activities as part of the Trick-or-Treat Main Street event.

### Upcoming Events

10/2:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
10/4:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
10/7:	5:30 p.m.	STEM Night @AHSTW
10/9:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
10/10:	5:00 p.m.	Breast Cancer Prevention Talk
10/11:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
10/14:	1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.	League of Human Dignity visitation
	6:00 p.m.	Library Board Meeting
10/16:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
	7:00 p.m.	Read-It-or-Not Book Club
10/18:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
10/23:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
10/25:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
10/28:	10:00 a.m.	Movie Monday
10/30:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
10/31:	4:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m.	Halloween Trick-or-Treating

### Library Staff Pick

For October, each staff member will be posting a suggestion for a great fall read. You can also find Paige's September pick and all the previous staff picks on our website, in the Reading Suggestions section under the Services tab (<https://www.avoca.lib.ia.us/services/reading-suggestions>).

### 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

### August by the Numbers

Visitors to the library:	959
Physical check-outs:	1,264
Digital items:	294
New items to the collection:	83
Number of programs:	15
Program attendees:	137





For more information  
or to sign up as a  
vendor, contact  
Melissa Wisniewski at  
402-672-0869



**October 26**

**10-4**

**Pottawattamie County Fairgrounds**

**301 W Lincoln St**

**Avoca, IA 51521**

**50+ Vendors**

**Coffee & Mixologist Trucks**

**Food Trucks**

**Musician**

**Photo Op's around the Fairgrounds**



# TRICK or treat ON MAIN STREET October 31st

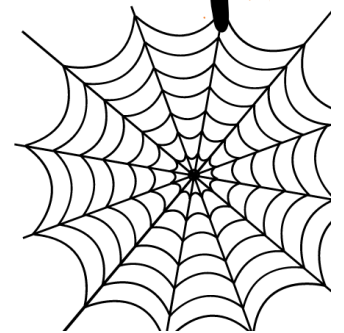
Wear your costume & bring your bag!



**4-5 pm** Trick-or-Treat our Main Street businesses & Trunk-or-Treat outside-of-district businesses on Elm Street, & family selfies at the Spooktacular Decorated Bump-outs  
**4-5:30 pm** Treats & activities at Avoca Public Library  
**4:30-8 pm** Spook & Feast at Fire Hall to benefit Avoca Fire & Rescue, hosted by Wicked Moon Tattoo & Piercing, OBOS, & Midwest Masterpiece



It's an Avoca-BOO!



## AVOCA Citywide

# TRICK OR TREAT

**THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 31st  
Suggested Hours  
5 — 7pm**

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



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.



# SPOOKTACULAR BUMP-OUT DECORATING

DECORATE A DOWNTOWN BUMP OUT FOR HALLOWEEN!

REGISTRATION OPEN BETWEEN  
OCTOBER 1-21, 2024

DECORATE BETWEEN  
OCTOBER 21-25, 2024

TRICK-OR-TREAT ON MAIN STREET  
OCTOBER 31, 2024

RULES AND APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT  
[AVOCAMAINSTREET.COM/NEWS](http://AVOCAMAINSTREET.COM/NEWS)

OR BY EMAILING  
[MAINSTREET@CITYOFAVOCA.COM](mailto:MAINSTREET@CITYOFAVOCA.COM)

IT'S AN AVOCA-BOO!  
[BUT IT CAN BE CUTE, TOO.]



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# BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

## Chapter 4: Offenses Subject to a Municipal Infraction Penalty



### 4.1 Municipal Infraction Penalty.

A violation of this Chapter or the omission or failure to perform any act or duty required by the same, is a municipal infraction punishable by civil penalty not to exceed seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) for the first offence and not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each repeat offense. Each day that a violation occurs or is permitted to exist constitutes a repeat offense.

### 4.19 Placing Debris on Street or Sidewalk.

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.

## R & S Waste WILL pick up your Recycables from their Recycling Bins 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.
- 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.

## 6.8 RIGHT OF WAY REGULATIONS

The purpose of this section is to ensure that all public grounds, utility easements, streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, culverts, overpasses, underpasses, grade crossing separations and approaches, public ways, squares, and commons are open, in repair, and free from nuisance.

### **C. Maintenance of Area Between Lot Line and Curb Line.**

It shall be the responsibility of the abutting property owner to maintain all property outside the lot and property lines and inside the curb lines or edge of public streets, except that the abutting property owner shall not be required to remove diseased trees or dead wood on the publicly owned property or right-of-way. Maintenance includes timely mowing, trimming trees and shrubs and picking up litter.



### **I. Responsibility for Maintenance of Driveways and Sidewalks.**

It is the responsibility of the property owners abutting any public right-of-way to repair, replace or reconstruct, or cause to be repaired, replaced, or reconstructed, all broken or defective driveways and sidewalks and to maintain it in a safe and hazard-free condition.

### **K. Responsibility for Sidewalk Maintenance and Liability for Injuries.**

It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to repair, replace or reconstruct, or cause to be repaired, replaced or reconstructed, all broken or defective sidewalks and to maintain in a safe and hazard-free condition any sidewalk outside the lot and property lines and inside the curb lines or traveled portion of the public street. An abutting property owner who fails to maintain or repair defective or broken sidewalks as set forth in this section shall be liable for damages caused by said failure to repair, replace or reconstruct broken or defective sidewalks. The City's general duty to maintain public places pursuant to Section 364.12 of the Code of Iowa does not include a duty to remove natural accumulations of snow or ice from sidewalks or to repair, replace or reconstruct all broken or defective sidewalks. However, when the City is the abutting property owner, it has the specific duty of the abutting property owner as set forth in this section.



# 2024 Tournament List

712-343-6979



<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
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Sat., Oct. 5	Viking Booster Club Fundraiser	11:00 am
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**Sat., Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>	COURSE BENEFIT END OF SEASON	10:00 am
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## GOLF CARTS ON CITY OF AVOCA 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.



**ADDITIONALLY ALL DRIVERS MUST MEET**

**THE STATE OF IOWA CODE:**

Under Code Section 321.174

It is unlawful for anyone to operate a “motor vehicle”, including a golf cart, upon streets and high-ways unless the operator has a valid driver’s license.

Under Section 321.20B

Golf carts cannot be operated on high-ways or city streets unless financial liability coverage (insurance) is in effect for the vehicle and the driver has proof of insurance in his/her possession.



## 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.



# SUPPORT OUR LOCAL HEROES!

4:30pm - 8pm

GOOD FROM SEPT 5 THRU OCT 31

Join Us for the **2nd Annual Spook & Feast!**

Help us raise funds for the **Avoca Fire Department!**

With your purchase of the shirt pictured, all profits will be donated to support the brave men and women who protect our community.

In addition to great food, there will be a Silent Auction

with exciting items up for grabs! Don't miss your chance to bid and contribute to a great cause.

OBOS, Wicked Moon Tattoo and Piercing, and Midwest Masterpiece will be serving Walking Tacos, Hot Dogs, and Mac & Cheese to fuel you up before Trick-or-Treating!

You can purchase your shirts by scanning the QR code or stopping into:

OBOS

Wicked Moon Tattoo and Piercing

Midwest Masterpiece

Available items:

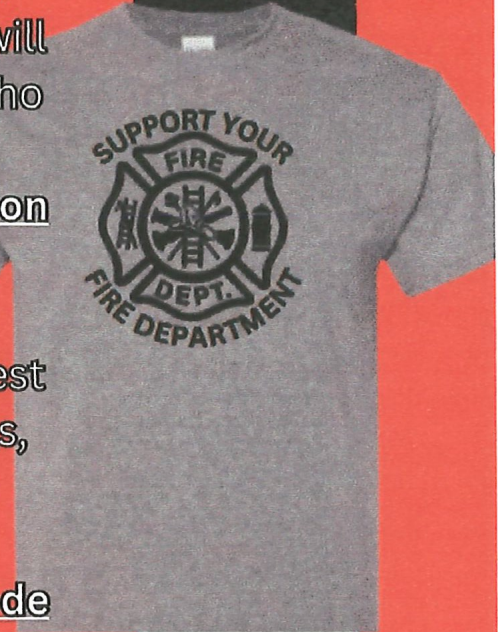
T-shirt - \$25

Long Sleeve - \$25

Crewneck - \$30

Hoodie - \$35

Join us for a day of fun, food, and giving back to support our local heroes!



Fundraiser for our **Avoca Fire Volunteer Department** is going on NOW through October 31st.