

City Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2023



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REMINDER:



Daylight
Savings
Time

Sunday 2AM
Nov. 5, 2023
“FALL BACK”



City & School Elections

Tuesday, Nov. 7

City of Avoca residents
will vote at the
Avoca Veterans
Community Center.



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

City Office, Library and other City Departments will be closed on Thursday & Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, 2023

HOLIDAY PICKUP SCHEDULE



Holiday falls on or before the normal pick up day — all trash pick ups will be delayed by one day.

R&S WASTE OBSERVES THANKSGIVING DAY

Trash Pick ups for Avoca will be the following days:

Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023

Remember, weather can play a factor also, call R&S Waste with any questions:

Phone: 712-748-3471 or 800-730-3471



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 NOV., 27th at 10:00am
Free will donation for coffee and donuts.

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.

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Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

A Bedtime for Bear by Bonnie Becker

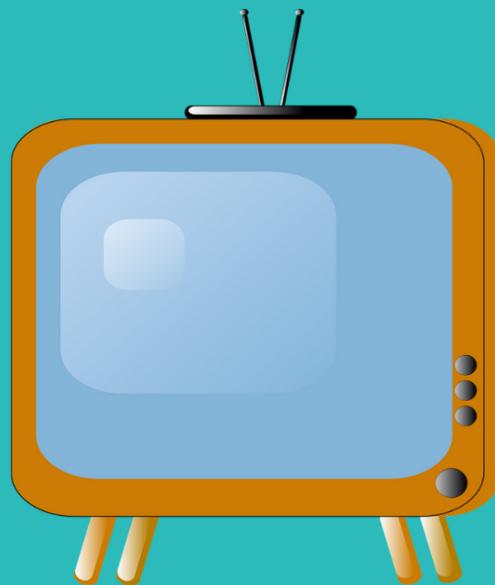
The Memory Tree will be up at the Avoca Library this holiday season!

You may donate an ornament to honor a loved one's memory. These ornaments are put on the tree every year and recorded in the record book. There will be a ceremony to recognize new additions to the tree.



Contact the Avoca Library for more details.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY



FORM GROUPS OF 4 TO 6 AND TEST YOUR
KNOWLEDGE OF POPULAR SITCOMS!

Friday, November 3
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

CALL, EMAIL, OR FACEBOOK MESSAGE
THE AVOCA LIBRARY TO RESERVE
YOUR TEAM'S SPOT TODAY!

712-343-6358

library@cityofavoca.com

Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue

OCTOBER CALLS FOR SERVICE:

- 19 Medical calls in Avoca
- 1 Medical call in Hancock
- 1 Train fire in Hancock
- 2 Medical calls in Oakland
- 1 Field fire in Avoca
- 1 Combine fire in Walnut

Thank you for
continuing to
serve the
Avoca Fire
and Rescue
District!



City Hall and Pottawattamie County Dispatch are fielding a significant amount of calls regarding SPEEDING in residential neighborhoods.

SPEED LIMIT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS IS 25mph

SPEED LIMIT IN THE DOWNTOWN ELM ST IS 20mph

SPEED LIMIT ON HWY 59/WALNUT ST BEGINS AT 45 AND THEN TO 30mph



Please Join Us for
NO SHAVE
NOVEMBER CONTEST
Sponsored by FBLA

November 1st -
November 30th

- ⦿ BEST BEARD
- ⦿ LONGEST BEARD
- ⦿ SHORTEST BEARD

VOTTING WILL START
December 1st

Entry Fee: \$5.00
Vote: 50 cents per vote

Net Proceeds Go to: No Shave November : www.no-shave.org
For Cancer Awareness, Education and Research

Contact a FBLA Member or Mr Sargent for details:

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10th Annual Holidays on Main

Saturday November 25th 2:30—7:00 PM

Live Reindeer!!

Check us out on Facebook
Avoca, Iowa Holidays on Main
#AvocaHolidaysOnMain

Activities include: Santa, Petting Zoo & Live Camel, Bethlehem Walk & Living Nativity, Live Band, Legion Supper, Hot Chocolate & S'Mores, Trolley Rides, Ugly Sweater 3K Fun Run, Reindeer Races Ages 4-8, Crafts & Games, Vendor/Craft Fair United Church, Tree Lighting.

Sponsors: Community Foundation of Western Iowa, Knights of Columbus, Meighan McCarthy Johansen Hope Fund, Mt. Nebo Lodge, Avoca Flower Shop, Avoca Seed & Chemical, Avoca Small Engine, Avoca Veterinary Clinic, Barley & Beans, Casey's, D & S Services, Feekes Heating & A/C, FNIC Formerly Thams Agency, Grace & Wellness Massage, Hair Factory, Iowa Kids Outfitters, Lil' Vikes Child Care, Marne Elk Horn, Martin & Sons Const, McCarthy Trenching, Meadow & Charm, MidStates Bank, Olesen Auto Center, Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Rhonda Hope Insurance, Shelby County State Bank, Tillie's, Town & Country Credit Union

Participating Organizations: AHSTW Students, American Legion, Area Youth, Avoca Fire Dept, Avoca Historical Society, Avoca Jr. Federated, Avoca Main Street, BotnaValley 4-H Club, Cub Scout Pack 97, Boy Scout Pack 97, Girl Scout Troup 61, Hansen House

AVOCA HOLIDAYS ON MAIN PRESENTS

THE UGLY CHRISTMAS
SWEATER 3K FUN RUN

Dress up in your best holiday sweaters and join us for a run around town! Includes medals for age group winners, prizes for best dressed, and bells in support of Grace Pauley.

Age Groups: 5 and under, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17, 18-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

More age groups this year!



**3K RUN/WALK
AVOCA COURTHOUSE
SAT, NOV 25TH AT 2:30
REGISTRATION AT 2:00
(PLEASE BE EARLY!)**

We are collecting donations for the Avoca Food Pantry in lieu of race fees. Please bring a donation of your choice. Thank you Paige Heller with "Paige's Pantry Project" for partnering with us.

Contact StephGeraghty@gmail.com with race questions. Follow "Avoca, Iowa Holidays on Main" on  for updates. Check out all the #AvocaHOM festivities after the race.



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

NOVEMBER 2023

Avoca Main Street, Inc. Welcomes New Board Members, Thanks Outgoing Members

As a non-profit organization, Avoca Main Street's Board of Directors oversees staff and volunteer efforts to promote economic development in our downtown district through historic preservation and community development. The volunteer-based organization began in 2014 through a partnership with the Iowa Department of Economic Authority.

Board elections were held on September 27, 2023 at our Annual Public Meeting. Ending their terms on the Board of Directors were Linda Hansen, who concluded two consecutive three-year terms as Treasurer and continues to serve as a member of the Design Committee, and Ty Thornock.

New elected members agree to serve the mission of the organization, to serve on one of our four committees: Design, Economic Vitality, Organization, or Promotions, and to receive Orientation to the Main Street Program through Main Street Iowa.

Laine Beach brings her entrepreneurial expertise to our Board as a district business owner of Soy Soothing, located at 154 S. Elm. Laine also serves on the Promotions Committee where her creative planning skills will be well utilized.

Yvonne Engesser has been a member of the Design Committee for several years and her skills as an artist have been essential to the committee's work. Yvonne was also elected Treasurer of the organization, becoming the third individual to fill the role since 2014.

Rhonda Ryan has also served on the Design Committee for several years, which has benefitted from her attention to craft and presentation. Additionally, Rhonda brings a professional history of grant oversight to her Board expertise.

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.

Small Business Saturday & 4th Quarter Retail Incentives

Sat., November 25, 2023 is Small Business Saturday—a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities.

In Avoca, the Holidays on Main Celebration occur concurrently, so it is a perfect opportunity to thank local retailers and start your holiday shopping early.

Avoca Main Street's Economic Vitality Committee is working with downtown retailers to extend the economic benefits of Small Business Saturday through the remainder of the 4th quarter.

Downtown retailers will have the option to enroll in Shop Small, Win Big, where they will track their business's best customers through Christmas Day and award the top spender with a \$25 gift certificate, or items of the same value, to the top spender. Look for details with your favorite downtown Avoca retailer and Avoca Main Street social media.

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Avoca Main Street, Inc. Board of Directors for 2023-24: President Annie Keupp, Vice President Chantelle Harre, Treasurer Yvonne Engesser, Secretary Sabrina Lewis, Laine Beach, Jaie P Radd, and Rhonda Ryan.

Until Further Notice

YELLOW WATER RESTRICTION STILL IN PLACE:

As a reminder, municipal, residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial users are still required to observe the following mandatory reduction measures:

1. No outdoor watering or irrigation of any kind between the hours of 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. **No watering or irrigation of lawns whatsoever.** Watering of flowers, vegetable gardens, trees or shrubs less than four years old, and new seedlings and sod is permitted once per week, with an application not to exceed one inch and only between the hours of 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM.
2. **No car washing is allowed, except at commercial establishments that provide that service as their only means of income.** In these cases, hours of use will be restricted to 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
3. No water shall be used to fill private swimming pools, children's wading pools, or similar articles.
4. **No water shall be used to clean streets, driveways, sidewalks, etc.**
5. Large volume water users, including industries, motels, hotels, eating establishments, and livestock confinements may be requested to scale back services and/or production. This includes spraying operations.
6. **Schools are strongly urged to cancel their physical education activities and inter-scholastic competitions that require showers or attract crowds and take other actions to reduce water consumption.**

For more information regarding the yellow level, please contact the Regional Water Office at 712-343-2413.