

# City Newsletter

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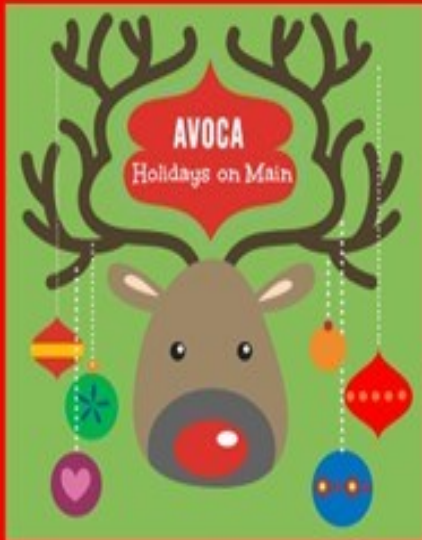
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## ATTENTION:

Due to technical difficulties, all water reads were estimated using the last 6 months for averages.

*Thank you in advance for your understanding.*

Call City Hall 712-343-2424 option 1 if you need more information.



**11th Annual  
Holidays on Main  
Saturday, November  
30th**

See pages 2 and 3 for complete schedule  
and Ugly Sweater 3K Fun

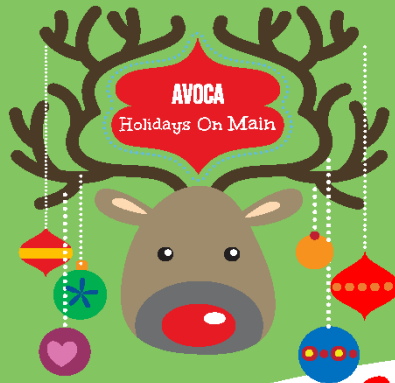
## **Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue**

OCTOBER CALLS FOR SERVICE through the 30th:

5 Avoca Fire  
2 Harlan Fire  
12 Good Intent

18 EMS Avoca  
1 EMS Shelby  
5 Traffic Accidents

1 HazMat



# 11th Annual Holidays on Main

## Saturday, November 30th, 2024

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1-6 pm** Vendor Craft Fair at United Church (304 N Elm St.)
- 2:30 pm** Ugly Sweater Race (2:00 registration)
- 3-5 pm** Iowa National Guard Rock Climbing Wall on Elm St  
Free Lil' Ponies Riding and Painting on Elm St  
Inflatable Axe Throw at Exchange Lot
- 3:45 pm** Performers in front of City Hall; Trinity Lutheran Youth & Sue's Stepper-ettes
- 4 pm** Reindeer Races in front of Courthouse
- 3-5:30 pm** Santa at Olesen's Garage  
Main Street Stores Open  
Hayrack/Trolley Rides to Inflatable Wonderland in front of Siever's Plumbing  
Little Tyke Coupe Rides and Bouncy Horses in front of Courthouse  
Putt Putt Golf, facepainting and balloon artist at Fire Hall  
Girl Scouts Craft at Community 1st Credit Union  
Cub Scouts selling hot chocolate at Charlie's Barber Shop  
Petting Zoo behind Post Office  
Child's Barrel Train Rides in front of State Farm  
Antique Firetruck and S'mores at Courthouse  
Library has Parade of Trees
- 5-7 pm** Legion Supper and Riverside Drive Acoustic Duo  
at Avoca Veterans Community Center
- 5:45 pm** Bethlehem Walk/Live Nativity followed by Tree Lighting



SCAN ME

#### THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SUPPORTING THIS WONDERFUL EVENT!!

**Sponsors:** Community Foundation of Western Iowa, Meighan McCarthy Johansen Hope Fund, Knights of Columbus, Community 1st Credit Union, Mt Nebo Lodge, Agri-Metro Realty, Avoca Flower Shop, Avoca Seed & Chemical, Avoca Veterinary Clinic, Brewed Awakening, D&S Services, Feekes Heating and A/C, FNIC, Grace & Wellness Massage, Griffin Plumbing, Hair Factory, Holtz Service, House of Colour, Iowa Kid's Outfitters, Lil' Vikes Child Care, Marne Elk Horn, Martin & Sons Construction, McCarthy Trenching, Midstates Bank, Olesen Auto Center, Pauley Jones, Rhonda Hope State Farm Ins, Shelby County State Bank, Tillie's, Avoca Foodland Casey's, Subway

**Special Thanks:** American Legion, Claire Petersen Photography, Iowa National Guard, AHSTW Youth, Avoca Fire Dept, Avoca Historical Society, Avoca Jr. Federated, Avoca Main Street, Botna Valley Achievers 4-H club, Boy Scout Pack 97, Cub Scout Pack 97, Girl Scout Troup 61, Hansen House, East Pottawattamie County Fair Board

# 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 and gift certificates for best dressed.

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



**3K RUN/WALK**


**AVOCA COURTHOUSE**

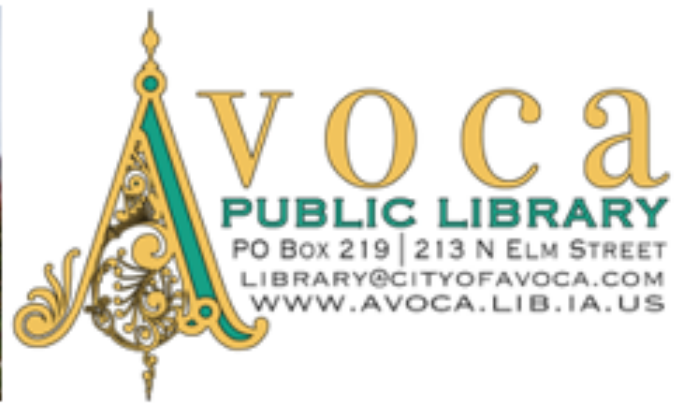
**SAT, NOV 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:30**

**REGISTRATION AT 2:00**

**(PLEASE BE EARLY!)**

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

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



### Holidays on Main



The Avoca Public Library will be part of Holidays on Main again this year! Stop in between 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., on November 30, to see the parade of trees and for some holiday cheer!

### Book Sale!

The Avoca Public Library will be hosting an Autumn book sale from Nov. 4 through Nov. 16, pricing all books at just a dollar a bag. Stop in to stock up on winter reading ahead of the holiday rush!

### Library Staff Pick

Be sure to check out the Avoca Public Library's website for a fantastic November read. Sabrina has a great recommendation for you! As always, you can find any previous picks there that you may have missed. Find them all in the Reading Suggestions section under the Services tab (<https://www.avoca.lib.ia.us/services/reading-suggestions>).

**Angel's Care Home Health**  
November begins Open Enrollment for Medicare. Join Julie Karns for a discussion at the library, on Saturday, November 9, at 10:00 a.m.



Join us at the library, with Golden Hills RC&D, for a screening of the Arkansas PBS documentary *Dirt*, about the importance of soil health, on Wednesday 11/6, at 5:30 p.m. A short discussion will follow with local farmer Andrew Miller.



### Upcoming Events

11/1:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
11/6:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
	5:30 p.m.	Dirt screening
11/8:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
11/9:	10:00 a.m.	Medicare Open Enrollment Talk
11/11:	6:00 p.m.	Library Board Meeting
11/13:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
11/15:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
11/18:	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	League of Human Dignity Visitation
11/20:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
	7:00 p.m.	Read-It-or-Not Book Club
11/22:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
11/25:	10:00 a.m.	Movie Monday
11/27:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
	LIBRARY CLOSED at 5:00	
11/28:	LIBRARY CLOSED	
11/29:	FOR THANKSGIVING	
11/30:	3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Holidays on Main

Please note the library will be closed for Thanksgiving beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Wed. 11/27, and will Reopen for normal hours on Sat. 11/30.



### 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

### September by the Numbers

Visitors to the library:	771
Physical check-outs:	890
Digital items:	275
New items to the collection:	50
Number of programs:	13
Program attendees:	163

## Avoca Main Street, Inc. Welcomes New Board Members, & Thanks to Outgoing Member

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 October 24, 2024. Ending her term on the Board of Directors was **Annie Keupp**, who concluded two consecutive three-year terms, four of them as Board President, and continues to serve as a member of the Promotions Committee.

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** has expanded her role on the Board to include Chair of the Promotions Committee. Beach brings entrepreneurial expertise to our Board, and is a

vendor at the Avoca Main Street Farmers Market and other district-wide events.

**Josie Pierce** returns to the Board after a sabbatical and was elected Vice President and Chair of the Organization Committee. Pierce's experience in organizational finances will be an asset to her both of these roles.

**Chelsie Madden** also returns to Board service after a break. With experience as a district employee and business operator, Madden will continue her work on the Economic Development Committee along with her Board service.

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, contact 712-307-0172, [mainstreet@cityofavoca.com](mailto:mainstreet@cityofavoca.com) or visit [www.avocamainstreet.com](http://www.avocamainstreet.com) for more information.

### Small Business Saturday & 4th Quarter Retail Incentives

Saturday, November 30, 2024 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 Celebrations** 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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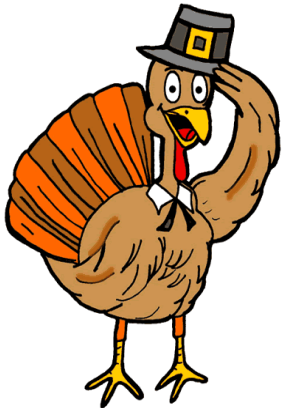
REMINDER:  
Daylight  
Savings  
Time

Sunday 2AM  
Nov. 3, 202  
“FALL BACK”



# General Election

**Tuesday, Nov. 5**  
City of Avoca residents  
will vote at the  
**AVOCA VETERANS  
COMMUNITY CENTER**  
(American Legion Hall)



## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

City Office, Library and other City Departments  
will be closed on  
Thursday & Friday, Nov. 28 and 29, 2024

## HOLIDAY PICKUP SCHEDULE



Anytime there is a National Holiday 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 day:  
Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024

Remember, weather can play a factor also, call R&S Waste with any questions:  
Phone: 712-748-3471 or 800-730-3471

# 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.

## 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.