

City Newsletter

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HOLIDAY PICKUP SCHEDULE

R&S WASTE will pickup garbage and recycling on Saturday, Dec. 28th and Jan., 4th

Remember, weather can play a factor in pickup.

Enjoy all the celebrations of the season:

Boxing Day, Christmas, Fiesta of Our Lady Gaudalupe, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Omnisoka and HAPPY NEW!

Please, make sure “you and yours” have no regrets!



CITY OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS WILL BE CLOSED for the Holidays on Dec. 24 and 25th and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2025.



Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue

NOVEMBER CALLS FOR SERVICE through the 26th:

**9 EMS Avoca
1 Shelby Fire**

**1 EMS Oakland
2 Good Intent**

As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart! 1 in every 5 home fire deaths involves heating equipment. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters. PLEASE check alarms at least once a month.



THERE IS NO SERVICE FEE OR CONVENIENCE FEE FOR SIGNING UP FOR ACH BETWEEN HOUR BANK AND THE CITY.

CITY OF AVOCA
UTILITY AUTOMATIC PAYMENT REQUEST

NAME: _____ TODAY'S DATE: _____

UTILITY ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

BANK NAME: _____

BANK LOCATION: _____

BANK ACCOUNT #: _____

BANK ROUTING #: _____

TYPE OF ACCOUNT: _____ CHECKING _____ SAVINGS

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

Bills are processed and mailed on the last day of the month.

Automatic payments will be presented to your bank on the 15th day of each month or the following Monday, if the 15th falls on a weekend.

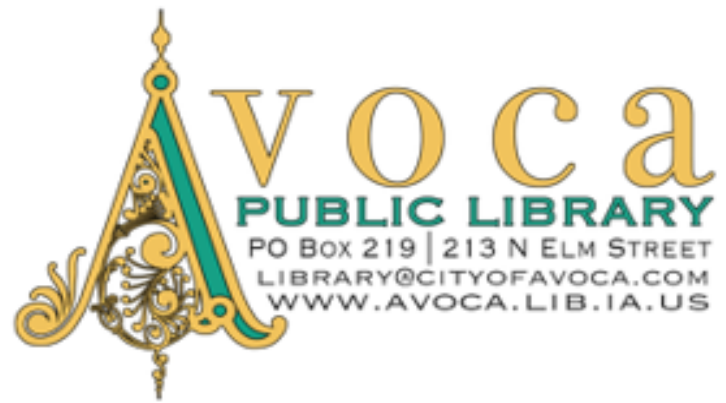
If a draft or automatic bank debit is not honored by the financial institution for any reason when presented the first time, the utility account shall immediately be deemed unpaid and delinquent, as if the customer had no payment at all. Customer shall be notified by ordinary mail that the account is in default by the amount of dishonored draft or automatic bank debit. Utility services will be disconnected as of the date specified in the notice. The notice shall also state the fees that will be due for reconnection of service and dishonored check charge. After such notice, only payment in cash, certified check or money order for the delinquent amount shall be accepted.

The City reserves the right to pursue all their collection remedies available under law and to discontinue automatic payments at any time.

I hereby authorize the automatic payment of my utility billing on the 15th of each month.

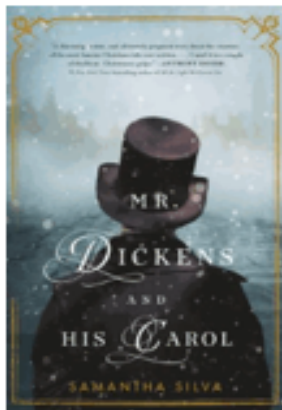
Customer Signature

Date



December Staff Pick

by Pam Paulson



Call me a scrooge, but I was never really a fan of *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens. I have, however, learned to appreciate it since reading *Mr. Dickens and His Carol*, by Samantha Silva. This historical fiction tale takes us back to Dickens's day and draws us into his world, where we meet his family and the daily pressures of his life as he is forced to write a Christmas novella. Silva has woven fiction with facts that pulled me through the story to the end, entertaining me all along the way. I highly recommend this

story if you want a unique Christmas read for this season.

(And if you've never read the original, you can also find copies of Dickens's novella *A Christmas Carol* here at the library.)



Did you know... Dickens wrote *A Christmas Carol* in just six weeks, under financial pressure. Reportedly Dickens wrote the story while taking hours-long nighttime walks around London.



Did you know... *A Christmas Carol* was first published on December 19, 1843, with the first edition sold out by Christmas Eve. By 1844, the novella had gone through 13 printings and continues to be a robust seller more than 175 years later.

"Did you know..." facts from arts.gov



Stop in at the Avoca Public Library this month to see the parade of trees, including the Avoca Memory Tree, all of which will be up through the new year!

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

Upcoming Events

12/4:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
12/6:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
12/9:	1:00 p.m. –3:00 p.m.	League of Human Dignity visitation
	6:00 p.m.	Library Board Meeting
12/11:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
12/13:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
12/18:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
	7:00 p.m.	Read-It-or-Not Book Club
12/20:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
12/24:	LIBRARY CLOSED	
12/25:	LIBRARY CLOSED	
12/27:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
12/31:	LIBRARY CLOSED	
1/1:	LIBRARY CLOSED	



Library StoryWalk®

Be sure to check out the library's new StoryWalk® book, going up this month on the Mez Buttermilk Flat Park trail, beginning near the West Marquardt Street entrance.

October by the Numbers

Visitors to the library:	1,233
Physical check-outs:	1,230
Digital items:	308
New items to the collection:	106
Number of programs:	15
Program attendees:	579



THIS AVOCA RETAILER IS A SHOP SMALL, WIN BIG! PARTICIPANT!

THE MORE YOU SPEND SHOPPING LOCAL FOR THE 2024 HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON, THE MORE LIKELY YOU ARE TO WIN \$25 MORE FROM YOUR FAVORITE DOWNTOWN AVOCA RETAILER!

***IT'S AN AVOCA-DO!**

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**APPLY AT
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CITY OF AVOCA

THE AVOCA AQUATIC CENTER IS HIRING

ASSISTANT MANAGER AND MANAGER NEEDED

- Must be 18 years of age
- Full time
- Schedule: Varied
- Seasonal employment
- Assistant Manager: \$13 - \$15 / hour
- Manager: \$15-\$16 / hour



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THE AVOCA AQUATIC CENTER IS HIRING LIFEGUARDS

- Must be 15 years of age
- Pay: \$10 / hour
- Flexible scheduling
- Seasonal employment

APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 15, 2025



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Animal Control Service Through Pott. County

- Pottawattamie Animal Control Officers work with the community to identify animals in distress, at risk, or who are a disturbance.
- Animal Control will also help owners looking for lost animals.

Contact Pott County Animal Control at:

712-328-5851 or 712-366-1143

You can also call the non-emergency number:

712-328-5737

Follow Animal Control at:

<https://www.publichealth.pottcounty-ia.gov/>

Look for the paw print !



AVOCA PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT OFFERS RESIDENTS “VACATION CHECKS”



Office Heiny would like to remind City of Avoca residents they can sign up for homes to be monitored while they are on vacation.

THIS LIST IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

Applications can be found on the city forms page of the website and City Hall.

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.