

City Newsletter

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ATTENTION ALL AVOCA UTILITY CUSTOMERS:

A large number of utility customer accounts are in need of updated information.

This includes contact numbers and mailing addresses, and specifically PO BOX #'s.

Please call City Hall 712-343-2424 option 1

The City of Avoca would like to remind you to complete your cat or dog license application for the 2023 year ASAP.

A completed application form and up-to-date rabies vaccination is required.



Pet Owners have the month of February to license pets. Starting on March 1st there will be a \$5 fee placed on each pet for each month that it is not licensed on time.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call City Hall.

If your pet is no longer living with you or you have suffered the loss of your pet, please notify us and we will remove you from our records.

ATTENTION ALL LANDLORDS:

All rental dwellings (including those to family members) within the City of Avoca are subject to the 2023 registration fee of \$10 - - due upon the written notice to the owner. Letters have been mailed. If you have purchased an additional or sold a dwelling, please inform the city as soon as possible.



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 NEW YEAR

Trash Pick ups for Avoca will be the following day: January 7, 2023

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

The Avoca City Burn Site will accept discarded Christmas trees the first two weeks in January.



PLEASE: Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and other non-organic materials.
(This includes tree stands.)

The burn site is located south 300 block of Locust St.

Important: Never burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove. Pines, firs and other evergreens have a high content of flammable turpentine oils. Burning the tree may contribute to creosote buildup and risk a chimney fire.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

City Office, Library and other City
Departments **CLOSED**

Friday and Monday, Dec. 30, 2022 & Jan. 2, 2023

Enjoy the New Year!

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



The Avoca Public Library is proud to host:



MOON, MARS *and* **BEYOND**

Nov 21, 2022 - Jan 13, 2023

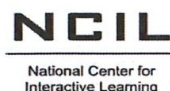
Join us in exploring *Moon, Mars, and Beyond!* This exhibit aims to excite and educate the community about human spaceflight, the International Space Station, and NASA's next big step to land the first woman on the Moon. Get ready for some STEAM and NASA programs, everyone!

**Avoca Public Library
213 N Elm Street
Avoca, IA 51521**



We will be hosting a variety of programs during the exhibit. Please check out the Avoca Public Library Facebook page for specific program details, dates and times.

For more information call: (712) 343-6358
<https://avocapubliclibrary.weebly.com>





Train Together Work Together SAVE TOGETHER



1. Do you want to make a difference in the community while protecting and serving those who live around you?
2. Do you like working as a team and in turn supports you 24/7?

AVOCA FIRE AND RESCUE is looking for those who can answer YES to the ABOVE two questions!

If you have an interest and would like more information, Please call City Hall at 712-343-2424 and ask for Caitlyn or Drew. They look forward to hearing from you!



Remember, the City Code has long required that residents, landlords, etc scoop their walks as soon as possible after a snow event ends.

6.8 J Removal of Snow and Ice Accumulations:

It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within twenty-four (24) hours after being deposited, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

Any questions, please call City Hall at 712-343-2424 option 1

CITY OF AVOCA SNOW RELATED ORDINANCES



5.6 P Snow Emergency Parking: No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned or leased off street parking area during any snow emergency for a forty-eight (48) hour period after cessation of such storm. The fine for this violation shall be \$25.

4.8 Operation of Snowmobiles: The following regulations shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles within the City:

A. Operation of Snowmobiles Restricted. Unless a street, highway, or area is specifically restricted below, snowmobiles may

be operated on public ways within the incorporated limits of the City as follows:

1. By any person authorized to operate snowmobiles by the laws of the State of Iowa; and
2. In a single-file manner in the proper lane of traffic, but as close to the curb as possible under existing circumstances; and
3. Snowmobiles traveling on permitted public streets, highways and areas shall not exceed the posted speed limits; and
4. Snowmobiles must be operated in conformance with all traffic controls which would otherwise apply to automobiles; and
5. All snowmobiles operated in permitted areas or streets shall be equipped with a muffler in good working order to prevent excessive and unusual noise; and
6. Snowmobiles may not be operated upon the following public streets, highways or areas within the municipal limits of the city:



- a. Public parks and recreation areas, or
- b. Graceland Cemetery, or
- c. Highway 59, or
- d. Highway 83, or
- e. Crocker Street from Highway 59 west to Maple Street, or
- f. Lyon Street from Highway 59 west to Maple Street, or
- g. Maple Street from Lyon Street north to Crocker Street, or
- h. Elm Street from Lyon Street north to Wool Street, or
- i. Any public sidewalk or any area between a street and the sidewalk.



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.

Avoca Main Street, Inc. Committees Open to New Volunteers

Avoca Main Street works with businesses in the designated downtown district to promote economic development through historic preservation and community engagement. The organization began in 2014 in partnership with the Iowa Department of Economic Authority.

Avoca Main Street is a volunteer-driven organization that involves not only the downtown neighborhood constituents, but citizens throughout the city. In addition to the Board of Directors, who serve three-year terms, volunteers may serve on five different committees:

- 1) Economic Vitality Committee, which develops businesses and entrepreneurs,
- 2) Design Committee, which cultivates places and spaces,

- 3) Organization Committee, which stimulates partners & opportunities for funding the organization,
- 4) Promotions Committee, which creates markets and customers
- 5) Farmers Market Committee, which executes the Wednesday evening Markets June to September.

Avoca Main Street is part of Main Street Iowa and is nationally accredited with Main Street America. The Mission 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.

To get involved, contact mainstreet@cityofavoca.com or 712-307-0172 for more information, or speak to President Annie Keupp.

Business Transitions and New Openings in January 2023

NEW BUSINESS Meadow and Charm at Studio 176 will have Grand Opening events January 19-22 at 176 S Elm Street. Ribbon-cutting will be January 19, watch the Avoca Main Street Facebook page for details and times.

NEW BUSINESS Styles by Sarah will be opening at 101 N Elm Street. Ribbon Cutting announcement will be made on the Avoca Main Street Facebook page.

RELOCATED BUSINESS Broker Karns & Karns Insurance will open at 101 N Elm Street. Ribbon Cutting will be January 19, watch the Avoca Main Street Facebook page for details and times.

CONGRATULATIONS to retiring business owners Darlene Eggers of Hoffmann Insurance LLC, Jennifer Haynes of Polish'd Nail Salon, and Peggy Hobus of Family Health Walk In Clinic.



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Avoca Main Street, Inc. Board of Directors for 2022: President Annie Keupp, Vice President Chelsie Madden, Treasurer Linda Hansen, Secretary Josie Pierce, Chantelle Harre, Sabrina Lewis, Jaie P Radd, and Ty Thornock.