

# City Newsletter

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*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!*

**buzzed**  
driving is  
**drunk**  
driving  
designate a sober driver

## 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 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Trash Pick ups for Avoca will be the following day:  
Friday, Dec. 23 and Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022  
and 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

## CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR

City Office, Library and other City  
Departments CLOSED

Friday and Monday, Dec. 23 & 26, 2022  
Friday and Monday, Dec. 30, 2022 & Jan. 2, 2023





East Pottawattamie  
County •  
**Passport Day**

**New  
Location**

**Second Wednesday of Every Month**

**Avoca Courthouse**

504 North Elm Street, Avoca, Iowa

Upcoming:

October 12<sup>th</sup>

November 9<sup>th</sup>

December 14<sup>th</sup>

**9 am to 2 pm**

For more information please call Pottawattamie County Recorder's  
Office at 712-328-5609

The Avoca Public Library is proud to host:



# **MOON, MARS** *and* **BEYOND**

**Nov 21, 2022 - Jan 13, 2023**

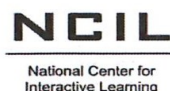
Join us in exploring *Moon, Mars, and Beyond*! This exhibit aims to excite and educate the community about human spaceflight, the International Space Station, and NASA's next big step to land the first woman on the Moon. Get ready for some STEAM and NASA programs, everyone!

**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**



*The City of Avoca is recruiting  
Volunteer Fire Fighter, EMT  
& Registered Nurses  
to serve the citizens of Avoca and  
surrounding communities.*

- ♦ Would you like to serve your community while learning fire-fighting or emergency medical skills?
- ♦ Are you a fire fighter, EMT, or nurse who lives or works in Avoca?
- ♦ Do you have friends or family who serve?



*Volunteers are eligible to receive training at  
no cost to the individual and receive an  
annual stipend via our pay per call system.*

- ♦ Complete the application and/or share it with someone who would like to help.
- ♦ The City provides the training & equipment, you provide the positive attitude and willingness to learn.

*Please call City Administrator, Ted Schoonover at City Hall  
712-343-2424 or Chief Drew Becker at 402-658-0695.*

*Get answers to your questions & we will guide  
you to success in helping your neighbors.*



**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.

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**The CITY OF AVOCA would like to remind you IT IS TIME to LICENSE your cat(s) or dog(s) for the 2023 YEAR. Letters to Pet Owners have been mailed.**



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

**Pet Owners have the months of January and February to license pets. Starting on March 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

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## **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 will be mailed January 1, 2023. If you have purchased an additional or sold a dwelling, please inform the city as soon as possible.

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month or the following Monday, if the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Customer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS PAYMENT METHOD**

## **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.



**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.

## **CITY OF AVOCA AVAILABLE POSITIONS:**

The City is starting to take applications for spring/summer seasonal openings.

*Applications online or City Hall*

### FULL TIME

Public Works Supervisor

### PART TIME SEASONAL

Public Works Personnel

Avoca Pool Manager

### PART TIME SEASONAL

CountryView Clubhouse Manager

Clubhouse Assistant Manager

Clubhouse Staff—cooks/server

Avoca Pool Lifeguards

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



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.

## New Businesses, Transitions and Relocations Anticipated in 2023

***The New Year will bring new faces for familiar businesses and some jostling of storefront space. Avoca Main Street customers can be sure to stay supportive of our new entrepreneurs and longtime businesses by staying aware of these changes.***

Customers of Hoffmann Insurance LLC may already be familiar with Heather Bauerkemper of Bocker Karns & Karns Insurance, as she's been working with Darlene Eggerss for this past year. Eggerss is preparing for retirement after serving Avoca for forty-three years! Bocker Karns & Karns Insurance will be relocating from 176 S Elm to 101 N Elm in January 2023.

Polish'd Nail Salon owner Jennifer Haynes, at 101 N Elm, is looking forward to retirement. Haynes will be passing her business along to Sarah Kiesel of Styles by Sarah. Kiesel is also a hairstylist, so will bring a new service to the space as well as continuing to service Avocans with manicure and pedicure treatments. Haynes plans to return occasionally to serve her beloved customers, so watch for announcements of special "Nails by Jen" days in 2023 and beyond.

And the final change at 101 N Elm will be the departure of the Family Health Walk In Clinic. Peggy Hobus has serviced families with after-hours medical care for several years and will be welcoming retirement. Customers of Primerica Financial Services by Jerrad Popp will continue to find him at his current space in 101 N Elm, along with Bocker Karns and Karns Insurance and Styles by Sarah.

176 S Elm will transition to Studio 176 soon after the New Year and feature Meadow and Charm. Meadow and Charm offers clinical ear and nose piercings and specializes in a client's first ear piercing. They will offer Infinity Jewelry, or permanent jewelry that are custom-fit and clasless. By the end of the first quarter of 2023, Studio 176 will also be the home of a massage therapist. New owners Brandy Gage and Becky Pieken are looking forward to bringing their products and services to Avoca Main Street customers.

***Watch Avoca Main Street's social media for details about a January Ribbon Cutting for these new businesses and transitions. Plan to attend and offer your congratulations to our incoming and outgoing business owners!***



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