



Meet Avoca's Newest Sub-Committee

Welcome to May! Spring has finally sprung and here comes the sun!! What a fantastic time to get out and walk the trails, brush off those golf clubs, or visit the park. Winter was just a bit too long, so grab a friend and enjoy our city's many amenities.

This month's city newsletter is brought to you by our newly formed Avoca City Marketing Committee. Assembled under the city council's recommendation, this new committee has been developed to inform the public of the city's actions and communications, while promoting the well-being of our community. Chaired by Deputy Clerk, Susan Harris, Susan is assisted by committee members Janet Graham and Lezli Griffen. Diane Stamp is the council liaison.

You are currently receiving our monthly city newsletter as it is being sent to all boxholders of Avoca 51521. However, the newsletter is emailed to interested citizens each month. Do you have an email address? Let us know so you can get on the list! Don't have an email address? No worries! Stop by city hall and we certainly will give you a copy. As always, we encourage you to be an interested, informed citizen! And, while you're at it, don't hesitate to offer any suggestions or new ideas for future newsletters. Just let us know! We'd be happy to consider them for future issues.

THE SPLASH - AVOCA AQUATIC CENTER We Are Pleased to Announce:

It might not feel quite like it's time for fun in the sun at The Splash, Avoca's Aquatic Center, but it soon will be.

Manager Danielle Clingerman and assistant manager Erin Ronnfeldt want to let everyone know they are excited for the 2023 season and hope to bring back some of the old traditions that were put on hold during Covid threats. With that behind us they have several ideas for the pool and its patrons - one is bringing back **Family Movie Night**.

They also hope to bring back the chaise lounge chairs for our sun worshippers. We are also pleased to this year's guards are Sienna Christian, Kaden Jorgensen, Charles Lane, Isabel Luna, Zoey Miles, Tucker Osbahr, Tyson Osbahr, Saydi Paulsen, Luke Sternberg, Macy Thornton, Isabel Wheatley, and Lauren Yates.



Stay tuned for more updates! We want to make 2023 a memorable summer for everyone and hope you will make The Splash Aquatic Center a big part of your summer fun.

TENTATIVE OPENING DAY: 5/27/2023

PHONE: 712-343-2171

HOURS: 11:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday-Saturday

2023 pool pass applications can be accessed from cityofavoca.com within the Live/Work/Play section of the site or will be available at the pool when open.

AVOCA COUNTRYVIEW GOLF & GRILLE WELCOMES NEW MANAGEMENT



Anyone who previously had the pleasure of dining at the popular Flour Mill in Elk Horn, IA are in for a treat. Tyler and Melissa Morris are now leasing the Avoca CountryView clubhouse and have moved their Flour Mill operation there. Its claim-to-fame menu item is pizza, but the options don't stop with that. They also serve a "build your own" burger, several hot pasta dishes along with other sandwiches, salads, and appetizers. Or if you just want to stop in for a drink or soda, there is a full bar to quench your thirst.

Tyler and Melissa have been working hard to get their new endeavor up and running. Melissa said

"Everyone has been so great and patient as we get this all figured out. We greatly appreciate it and look forward to serving you."

Originally from Iowa they moved to Illinois for a few years. "Iowa was calling us back home and when this opportunity came up we decided to move our family back." The Morris' have 3 children, Mason who is 12 and twins Elliot and Finley who are 10. Please stop by the clubhouse and welcome the Morris'. You don't have to play golf to enjoy a meal at the Flour Mill and take in the beautiful view of the course!

COUNTRYVIEW KITCHEN HOURS:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday - Saturday	11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

CLUBHOUSE IS OPEN EVERY DAY.

The Avoca Community Center Project

The Avoca City Council and the Avoca Veterans Commission are excited to announce that the plans for the Avoca Veterans Community Center are progressively moving forward. Thanks to the generous contribution from the Dr. Roy and Janice Schultz family, the Avoca Legion Hall will soon undergo an extensive transformation and our dreams of a newly renovated community center will turn into reality. Peter Franks from Frank’s Design has been hired to be our architect, and HGM has been engaged to be the engineer. Grants and community participation will be needed to complete this project, so the public is encouraged to participate in future fundraisers. Sometimes it takes a village – and this project is one of those. Keep your eyes and ears open for future developments!

Water Rates...

Effective June 1, 2023, water bills will be a bit higher. This is due to an agreement which was made between the Utility Board and Rural Water in 2018. That agreement was made to ensure the revenue collected would be sufficient enough to offset the expenses of the operation and maintenance of the water utility. The rates discussed and adopted at that time are shown below:

Water Utility	Effective:		Effective:	Effective:	Effective:	Effective:	Effective:
Gallon Ranges	7/1/18		5/1/19	6/1/20	6/1/21	6/1/22	6/1/23
0 – 1,000	21.83		24.73	27.20	28.02	28.86	29.72
	Cost per 1,000 gal.		Cost per 1,000 gal.	Cost per 1,000 gal.	Cost per 1,000 gal.	Cost per 1,000 gal.	Cost per 1,000 gal.
1,001 - 5,000	5.05		5.72	6.29	6.48	6.68	6.88
5,001 - 10,000	4.74		5.38	5.92	6.09	6.28	6.47
10,001 – 15,000	4.28		4.85	5.34	5.50	5.66	5.83
15,001 – 25,000	3.97		4.50	4.95	5.10	5.25	5.41
25,001 and up	3.83		4.33	4.77	4.91	5.06	5.21

Sewer Calculations...

The good news is that the sewer rate will decrease. The current rate is 75% of your water bill. The new sewer rate will be 65% of the water bill.

GRACELAND CEMETERY - Avoca, IA

The City of Avoca has had an influx of people purchasing cemetery lots and/or making transfers for a deceased family member. **Due to the time it takes to search for and locate documents, as well as complete paperwork, please call ahead for an appointment.** In case of an unexpected death, exceptions will be made. Other information is below:

Cemetery Lot	\$500.00
Administration Fee- State of Iowa	\$10.00
Sale of Lot Back to City	Cost of original lot
Plot Transfer Fee	\$50.00

REMINDER Cemetery Standards :

Artificial flowers, decorations or other ornaments are allowed on the ground during the **DAYS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE AND AFTER MEMORIAL DAY.**

Must be removed by JUNE 15.

- Artificial flowers are only permitted in monument vases.
 - Flowers, plants and decorations placed on the ground during the mowing season of April through October will be removed weekly in order to carry out the normal lawn care and maintenance procedures.
 - Flowers placed at the time of an interment will be left a minimum of three days. It is suggested potted plants from funerals not be left in the cemetery since they will be discarded.
 - Decorating a grave with fresh cut flowers arrangements, shepherd hooks, or solar lights is welcomed and encouraged, but these decorations must be contained within a monument vase or set/mounted upon the headstone in a fashion that does not interfere with mowing and maintenance.
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Retail promotions,
pop-up shops, &
new business previews!



Saturday May 6, 2023
Avoca, Iowa

MEET & MINGLE ON MAIN STREET

DRINK & DINE

Casa Mexicana 133 N Elm

Menu specials for Cinco de Mayo y Seis
Open 11am-10pm

Kami's Kookies 154 S Elm

Gourmet decorated and drop cookies, additional invited vendors
Open 10am-2pm

Barley & Beans 158 S Elm

Coffee, treats, and designer drinks
Open 8am-1pm

The Flirty Fig 158 S Elm

Bistro Box To-Go Charcuterie
Open 8am-1pm

The Exchange Lounge 171 S Elm

Bar and pizza
Open 10am-2am

Fred's 174 S Elm

Bar and games
Open 9am-2am



Raddberry's Bakery 178 S Elm

Sidewalk bakery sales and preview of service, plus
Wicked Moon Retail pop-up
Open 9am-1pm

TREAT YOURSELF

Meadow & Charm 176 S Elm

FREE cleaning cloth with jewelry purchase
FREE infinity bracelet with microblading service
Open 10am-2pm

Grace & Wellness 176 S Elm

Massage Therapy

FREE raffle entry with purchase of either \$70 or \$100 gift cards
for \$100 worth of wellness products
Open 10am-2pm

The Hair Factory 228 W Lyon

Spring Retail Specials: 20% off any single item or BOGO half off
Mother's Day Special: \$50 gift certificate for \$45 or \$100 for \$90
Open 9am-1pm

Wicked Moon 220 W Lyon

Tattoo & Piercing

Comic Book Flash for Comic Book Day, ranging \$60-\$250
Open 1-9pm



AVOCA
MAIN STREET



New Business Preview



Pop-up Shop

SHOP & SAVE



Annual Flower Sale 203 N Elm

Town & Country Jr. Federated Women's Fundraiser
Open 9am-Noon

Tillie's Salon & Boutique 107 N Elm

Sidewalk Sale, 15% off in-store, FREE gift with purchase
Open 10am-2pm

Iowa Kids Outfitters 101 N Elm

Sidewalk sale and FREE book with purchase
Open 10am-4pm



Free Comic Book Day 112 N Elm

Second Impressions Comics, merchants, auction, and
after-hours gaming
Open 10am-6pm



Cindy's Collectables & More 118 N Elm

FREE vintage marble game for first 50 customers
Open 10:30am-5:30pm



Heaven's Hands Crochet 152 S Elm

Handmade keepsakes
Open 10am-2pm



Rustic Door Boutique 176 S Elm

Candles, car diffusers, and room sprays
Open 10am-2pm



(B)Worn Clothing 228 W Lyon

Spring retail specials
Open 9am-1pm



Midwest Masterpiece 220 W Lyon

Custom gifts and more
Open 1-9pm

Avoca Flower Shop 180 S Elm

25% off indoor house plants
Open 9am-Noon

Holtz Service & Small Engine 331 W High

\$100 off any new riding lawnmower
Open 8am-Noon

FREE FAMILY FUN

Avoca Public Library 213 N Elm

Build-a-Superhero Activity
Open 9am-Noon