

City Newsletter

July 2017



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HOUSING PROGRAMS

Please turn to page 8 to review the City's new housing programs! These programs are the centerpiece of our efforts to grow and maintain the community!

FIREWORKS DONATIONS

Dear Supporter:

The community fireworks display is a well-established and popular tradition.

It will continue this year with fireworks in Avoca beginning at dark on July 4.

Fireworks will be most visible at the golf course and park.

The fireworks display costs nearly \$5,000 and donations have historically funded the fireworks display.

We are again asking for your support and know we can count on you!

We appreciate all of your past contributions to our community and know that your donation will help this 4th of July's fireworks to be another success.

The enclosed utility envelope will allow you to make a donation to fireworks in Avoca and your donation will be recorded.

All donors will be thanked in the Avoca Journal-Herald.

Thanks again for your help.



The Splash Aquatic Center is preparing for the 2017 Season! Opening day will be June 1 and will close August . Pool hours will be from 12:30 PM to 7:30 PM daily.

A season pass form is located on the next page. The information below will help you complete the membership form correctly.

Q: Who can have an individual pass?

A: Any person 11 years old or older may have an individual pass. It is important to remember that if you are buying a family pass, an adult ages 18 or older must be on the pass with any person under the age of 11 years old.

Q: Who can be on a family pass?

A: "Family" is defined as "parents (2 adults maximum) or legal guardians (2 adults maximum) residing together as a couple, and also including their children ages 18 and under, foster children ages 18 and under, or stepchildren ages 18 and under." Children 19 years of age and older may not be included on their parents or guardians family membership; they must obtain their own membership once they turn 19. Multiple families living together, extended relatives living together, or grandparents living with their children over age 18 may not be on the same pass, in that situation each set of parents must purchase their own membership for themselves and their children less than 19 years of age. Baby sitters or day care employees cannot be included on a family membership. Grandchildren cannot be included on a membership, unless the grandparents are the legal guardians and can provide proof upon request.

Q: How much does a family membership cost?

A: The cost depends on the size of the family. See the chart on the form on the next page.

Q: Is there a senior discount?

A: Persons 62 years and older may purchase an individual membership or a two-person family membership at a 25% discount.

DAILY RATES PER PERSON WILL BE \$6.00 AND 10-ENTRY PUNCHCARD IS \$50.00

Avoca Aquatic Center Membership Form

ADULT FIRST MEMBER/INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION

First Member Name: _____
 Age: _____
 Address (Street, City, ST, Zip): _____
 Cell Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS (FAMILY ONLY)

Additional Family Members (Name, Age, Address if Different)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number: _____

Individual	\$90
Two Person Family	\$130
Three Person Family	\$170
Four Person Family	\$210
Five Person Family or Larger	\$250
62 and Over Discount	25%

AMOUNT DUE	
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CALCULATE RATE

I
 AGREE THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS ACCURATE AND TRUE. IF I AM APPLYING FOR A
 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP AND FRAUDULENTLY SUBMIT INFORMATION THAT VIOLATES THE
 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP STANDARD, I UNDERSTAND PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS CAN
 APPLY.

Build a Better World • July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July - Building Book Bingo Game - Win a Prize	July - Book in a Jar Game - Win a Prize	AVOCA	PUBLIC	LIBRARY	Read 20 minutes at Library - get a sucker!!	1
2 Read a book a week for a prize	3	4	5 Scratch Art 5th Grade & Up 1:00	6	7 Toddler Story Time 10:00	8
9 Read a book a week for a prize	10 Virtual 1-3 pm 5th Grade & up	11 Reality 1-3 pm 5th Grade & up	12 with 1-3 pm 5th Grade & up	13 Judy Griffin 1-3 pm 5th Grade & up	14 Toddler Story Time 10:00	15
16 Read a book a week for a prize	17	18	19 Tiny Houses 5th Grade & Up 1:00	20	21 Toddler Story Time 10:00	22
23 Read for	24	25	26 Chalk Poetry 5th Grade & Up 1:00	27	28 Toddler Story Time 10:00	29
30 a prize	31					

CURBSIDE RECYCLING SIGN-UP SHEET

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

BEST PHONE NUMBER: _____

Please activate a voluntary curbside recycling for the address above. I understand the price of the program is \$5.00 per month and will be billed on my Avoca Municipal Utilities account. I also understand the program will begin immediately and that the contractor will provide me a recycling bin.

SIGNATURE DATE



CLIP AND RETURN TO CITY HALL

95 GALLON TIPPER-CART SIGN-UP SHEET

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

BEST PHONE NUMBER: _____

Please activate a voluntary tipper cart account for the address above. I understand the price of the program is \$1.50 per month and will be billed on my Avoca Municipal Utilities account. I also understand the program will begin immediately and that the contractor will provide me with a tipper cart.

SIGNATURE DATE



Animal Code Reminders

We have recently received several complaints regarding pets and pet rule violations. The City Code has several responsibilities for pet owners that are for the good of the community. As a reminder to pet owners, the following violations can result in a citation:

- Animals allowed to run at-large. This means your pet is free to roam to another property.
- Unlicensed animals. All permitted animals must be licensed using the form on page 7.
- Possessing pit bull dogs or dangerous animals.
- Pets exceeding the maximum number allowed.
- Incessant barking.
- Allowing or permitting such animal to urinate or defecate on private property without the express consent of the owner of such property.
- Failing to pick up and dispose of any feces deposited by such animal on private property without the express consent of the owner thereof.
- Allowing or permitting such animal to urinate or defecate on public property, including, but not limited to, public property located between curb lines of public streets and adjacent property lines and public property located within parks.
- Failing to pick up and dispose of any feces deposited by such animal on public property

If you have questions please call City Hall at 343-2424.

ATTENTION:

BE AWARE OF Door to Door Sales/Peddlers

- **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER DOOR! If you do, PLEASE Look for an official name tag and ask for identity to match.**
- **ASK FOR CITY PEDDLER PERMIT**



**Concerns Report the following to City Hall or
after hours Pott. County Non-Emergency Number:712-328-5737**

Be prepared to share the Description of Person, Company or Entity representing and the Description of car and License plate #.

City of Avoca – Dog/Cat Tag Application

<p>Owner Information (Please Print & Fill out completely)</p> <p>Full Name _____</p> <p>Address _____ Apt # _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ ZIP _____</p> <p>IMPORTANT: The following will be used to contact you if your pet is found.</p> <p>Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____</p> <p>Email Address _____</p> <p>Affirmation of Owner: Each pet listed below has a current rabies inoculation according to state law. Please enter the rabies tag number in the appropriate box below.</p> <p>Signature of Owner _____ Date _____</p>	<p>Veterinarian Information</p> <p>Clinic name and address: _____</p> <p>Verification of Spayed/Neutered Pet (For New Applicants Only)</p> <p>I, _____, (print veterinarian's name) verify that the pets listed below as sterilized are, in fact, spayed or neutered.</p> <p>Vet or City Employee may verify (please refer to Vaccination Sheet from Veterinarian's Office).</p> <p>_____ City Employee _____ Date _____</p>
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Pet Information									
Pet Name	Breed	Color(s)	Species (Circle One)	Gender (Circle One)	Sterile	Fertile	Rabies Tag #	Vacc. Expires	City Tag #
			Dog / Cat	M / F	\$12.00	\$18.00			
			Dog / Cat	M / F	\$12.00	\$18.00			
			Dog / Cat	M / F	\$12.00	\$18.00			

Please make check payable to: "City of Avoca"	\$ _____ + \$ _____ Sterile + Fertile	= Total Paid: \$ _____
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Questions: Please call 1-712-343-2424 or visit our website at www.cityofavoca.com

NEW BILLING OPTION FOR ANIMAL LICENSES! MONTHLY PAYMENTS ON YOUR UTILITY BILL! We will now bill for your animal license on a monthly basis. For instance, if your license is \$12 per year, we will charge an extra \$1 per month. This will avoid the hassle of writing a check each year. To sign up, please fill out and return the form below:

Animal License

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

UTILITY ACCOUNT #: _____

Please bill me monthly for the pets licensed to my address.

SIGNATURE DATE

Housing Programs

Would you or someone you know like to build a new home for yourself or for rental property? How about purchasing an existing home in the community? Or maybe looking to address code, accessibility, or energy efficiency issues at your current home?

If so, we urge you to learn more about the City's new Housing Programs. Here is some rough details about each of the programs:

New Construction Program: This program helps households and developers build new housing. The housing constructed can be either rental housing or owner-occupied housing. Any lot in Avoca qualifies for the program. Additional details are as follows:

- Eligibility limited to persons earning 120% or less of the county median income based upon family size.
- Qualified households, whether constructing a new home or purchasing a new home from a developer are eligible for a five-year forgivable loan equal to ten percent (10%) of the purchaser's loan, not to exceed \$15,000 and memberships to the municipal golf course and aquatic center for one season.
- Developers pledging to construct housing that will be sold to qualifying households will be eligible for a credit of 2.5% of the purchase cost, not to exceed \$3,500.
- Developers pledging to construct housing that will be rented to qualified persons will be eligible to receive a five-year forgivable loan of an amount equal to \$10 per square feet, not to \$12,500 per unit.

Existing Unit Purchase Program. This program is designed to help households purchase existing homes within the community. Additional details are as follows:

- Eligibility limited to persons earning 120% or less of the county median income based upon family size; provided that a household member has not owned another home within the past three years with an assessed value more than one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the average assessed value for homes in Avoca.
- Incentive is provided as five-year forgivable loan of \$5,000.

Housing Rehabilitation Loans. This program is designed to help property owners rehabilitate existing units for code deficiencies, accessibility/elder friendly design, or energy efficiency. This program is a true loan to the property owner. Additional details are as follows:

- Benefits limited to persons earning 120% or less of the county median income based upon family size.
- Owner Occupied Units: Up to \$10,000, no interest loan for rehabilitation; max term is 5 years; 20% match required.
- Rental Units: Up to \$5,000, no interest loan for rehabilitation; max term is 5 years; 50% match required.

Please call City Hall at 712-343-2424, Option 1 or email citymanager@cityofavoca.com if you would like

CITY CODE REMINDERS

Spring and summer seasons are the peak time for complaints about City Code violations. This article will explain the nuisance code abatement process and common violations.

When a property has a City Code violation, the City generally tries to work with a property owner to eliminate the violation. The process begins with a letter or direct notice that a violation exists on the property and a property owner is always given a chance to rectify a situation before receiving a notice to abate or a citation.

If a property owner fails to come into compliance with the code on their own, the City will initiate the abatement process. The first step to abate a nuisance is for a notice to be sent to the property owner. The notice is usually sent via certified letter, although the police chief may also serve notice to a property owner or occupant. The certified letter describes the violation and provides a reasonable time frame for the owner to remove the nuisance. If the nuisance is not abated the City may either remove the nuisance and assess costs to the owner or may also prosecute the violation in District Court.

Residents may not be aware of the nuisance code regulations. Common nuisance violations include the following:

- Grass and weeds that exceed 6 inches in height.
- Storage of junk vehicles or other vehicles that may not be lawfully operated upon a public road.
- Dilapidated buildings that have safety hazards, structural deficiencies, fire damage or other obsolete characteristics.
- Tree limbs that are less than eight (8) feet above the surface of any public sidewalk or are less than fourteen (14) feet above the traveled way of any public St..
- Broken sidewalks or sidewalks that are uneven.
- Accumulating junk, rubbish, or trash on a property.
- Parking vehicles in the yard.
- Parking vehicles across a sidewalk are in violation of this provision.
- Parking vehicles on the St. for more than 24 hours
- Leaving recreational vehicles and boats hauled on a trailer in the St. for more than 24 hours.
- Permitting pets to urinate or defecate on public property, including, but not limited to, public property located between curb lines of public streets and adjacent property lines and public property located within parks.
- Swimming pools greater than 18 inches in depth that are not surrounded by a four foot fence.
- Depositing mud and other debris on city streets.

All complaints remain anonymous and the City will act on every complaint received. The City Code is set up to protect the neighborhood and maintain the City for generations to come. Thank you for



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 the National Main Street Trust.

Main Street Update Newsletter

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AVOCA MAIN STREET RECEIVES 2017 NATIONAL MAIN STREET ACCREDITATION

Avoca Main Street has been designated as an accredited Main Street America™ program for meeting rigorous performance standards set by the National Main Street Center. Each year, the National Main Street Center and its Coordinating Program partners announce the list of accredited Main Street America programs in recognition of their exemplary commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization through the Main Street Approach®.

“It is a great honor to recognize this year’s 828 nationally Accredited Main Street America programs for their outstanding work to transform downtown and neighborhood commercial districts,” says Patrice Frey, President & CEO of the National Main Street Center. “Main Streets are the heart of our communities, and the work they do to create quality public spaces, catalyze local entrepreneurship, and support downtown housing is more important than ever. Across the county, Main Street America programs truly strengthen the economic, social, and cultural fabric of their entire communities.”

The organization’s performance is annually evaluated Main Street Iowa, which works in partnership with the National Main Street Center to identify the local programs that meet ten performance standards. Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts and include standards such as fostering strong public-private partnerships, securing an operating budget, tracking programmatic progress and actively preserving historic buildings.

“The standards for accreditation are rigorous, but the results are substantial.” said Avoca Main Street Board President Linda Schumacher. In Avoca, seven new businesses have opened in the district since the inception of the Avoca Main Street program, and in 2017 Avoca Main Street will administer up to three \$10,000 matching grants sponsored by the City of Avoca Urban Renewal Board for new business start-ups in the district. Since the designation as a Main Street community, over \$700,000 has been invested by the private sector in property improvements in

Avoca Main Street. In 2015 a \$75,000 Challenge Grant was awarded for façade improvements at 152 S.

Elm, which will be completed in October 2017.

The Mission of 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 the National Main Street Trust.

Main Street America has been helping revitalize older and historic commercial districts for more than 35 years. Today, it is a network of more than 1,000 neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban, who share both a commitment to place and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. Since 1980, communities participating in the program have leveraged more than \$71.35 billion in new public and private investment, generated 583,869 net new jobs and 131,974 net new businesses, and rehabilitated more than 267,800 buildings. Main Street America is a program of the nonprofit National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

AVOCA, U.S.A. Fourth of July Festivities

Parade at 2 p.m. on
Avoca Main Street



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