

City Newsletter



DECEMBER 2018

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TIPPER CARTS AND RECYCLING BINS

Are you interested in having a 96-gallon tipper cart or curbside recycling service from R&S Waste? If so, you can sign up for a tipper cart or recycling service at any time.

Tipper carts cost an extra \$1.50 per month. For that price you receive a sturdy 96-gallon waste container from R&S Waste. If the container is lost, stolen, or broken R&S Waste will replace the tipper.

Curbside recycling is \$5.00 per month and the container is provided.

Please contact City Hall for more information at 343-2424.

Utility Billing & Newsletter Mailing to Change in 2019

Beginning January 2019 monthly utility bills will be sent in a postcard form - there will be no change to the due date or penalty dates. As before, Avoca residents should receive their postcard bills the first of the month.

*The City of Avoca will be sending out an **electronic newsletter** beginning in January. You may request your email be added to the distribution list, visit the City Webpage or find it on our City Facebook page*

Pet Owners will need to take notice, as the licensing form will be in the January newsletter.

2018 END OF THE YEAR DONATION DRIVE

Each utility customer will soon receive our end of year donation opportunity. Three projects have been selected for donations, including the Fire Department and Main Street Program.

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Please make a pledge or donation to the worthy causes.

*When you give to your community,
you strengthen your community.*



Enjoy all the celebrations of the season:

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

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

City of Avoca

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:



City Office, Library & other City Departments will be CLOSED on Tues., Dec. 25 and Tues., Jan 1.



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. For example: July 4 falls on a Tuesday; therefore, your trash would be picked up on Saturday and so on.

R&S WASTE OBSERVES CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S DAY—

Trash Pick ups for Avoca will be the following :
Sat., DECEMBER 29 AND Sat., JANUARY 5

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.)

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.

Fire Department

In the last few years, our department has experienced changes in our membership, as well as in the advancements in our medical care services and rescue equipment. Currently, all but one of our members are trained at the Firefighter 1 level or EMT-B. We are committed to proper training to make our department function well.



HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR:

• Personal Protective Equipment

The most important asset of our Fire Department is our terrific volunteers. For our volunteers to be safe, we must provide them proper protective equipment like boots, jackets, pants, helmets, etc. Providing this personal protective equipment is a large expense and the department is raising funds this year to purchase such equipment. Each volunteer needs \$4,000 worth of equipment and it must be replaced every ten years. Currently we have 10 members needing new equipment.

Please consider making a year-end gift to the Avoca Fire Department to help us provide needed safety equipment for our volunteers.

Main Street

Twelve new businesses have opened up on Elm Street. The Main Street Program has also assisted downtown through over 8,500 volunteer hours and with projects that have resulted in over \$1.2 million being invested into downtown spaces.

RECENT GROWTH:

- Two major rehabilitation projects were completed at 106 S. Elm Street and 154 S. Elm Street.
- New businesses in Avoca have located in the downtown area, including The Latest Thing, The Fog Zone, and Pollyanna Pete's.
- The Avoca Main Street Program was recognized at the state level for "Excellent Exterior Renovation" (152/154 S. Elm Street) and "Exceptional Special Event" (Avoca Main Street Longest Table).
- Ongoing successful programs that drive customers into the district and allow entrepreneurs to test their market such as the Avoca Main Street Farmers Market.



All of this comes from the hard work of our volunteers and the support of our community. *Please consider a tax-deductible investment of monetary support, or a pledge of your time and talent to one of our committees.*





City Code 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.

The City of Avoca would like to remind you that it is time once again to license your cat or dog for the 2019 year.



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

After March 1st there will be a \$3 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.

REMINDER: CEMETERY RULES

To better serve all families who entrust their loved ones to our care and visit this cemetery, and to maintain Graceland cemetery in a neat and presentable manner, we have instituted the following guidelines:

Decorating a grave with fresh cut flowers arrangements 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 maintenance. Artificial flowers are only permitted in monument vases. Regardless of the foregoing, artificial flowers, decorations or other ornaments are allowed on the ground during the days immediately before and after Memorial Day.

- ◆ No planting of any kind may be done in the ground at grave sites.
- ◆ 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 that potted plants from funerals not be left in the cemetery since they will be discarded.
- ◆ Each week during the growing season cemetery personnel will remove unsightly (wilted flowers) decorations.
- ◆ Spring clean-up will begin in early March, weather permitting, and all winter decorations are removed at this time. Fall clean-up begins in October and all summer decorations are removed at this time.

It is not possible for cemetery employees to attend to all areas of the cemeteries during normal cemetery hours. As a consequence, there are occasions when flowers and decorations have been stolen. The cemetery cannot assume any liability for decorations placed on burial sites. We recommend that families take this into consideration when selecting flowers or decorations for graves.

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.

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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.



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.

MAIN STREET UPDATE NEWSLETTE
NOVEMBER 2018

Avoca Main Street Welcomes Three New Board Members

Avoca Main Street, Inc. had two of our founding board members rotate off the board this year. *We thank Linda Schumacher and Kris McCarthy for their dedicated service in starting the organization and setting the standards of success for others to follow.*

Linda served first as Secretary, then as Vice President, and concluded her service in the role of President. She served the Promotions Committee as Chairperson, and founded our very successful Farmers Market, as well as acting as Market Manager. Linda will continue to serve our organization as a member of Promotions and as Market Manager.

Kris served as Secretary for two terms, Co-chaired the Farmers Market special committee, and will continue to serve on Promotions where she has been active since our inception. We are very grateful for their contributions and especially glad that they will continue to offer their talents to the organization through committee work.

Lance Brisbois has moved from Vice President to President for the final year of his first term, and his excellent community connections will continue to serve Avoca Main Street well.

We welcomed the new board members: Secretary and Organization Chair Deb Calhoon, Shelly Coon, and Annie Keupp.



Deb Calhoon

Deb is a long-time resident of Avoca and is looking forward to working and volunteering in her community after many years of commuting. She brings excellent partnerships and organization skills to her board and committee work.

Shelly Coon is an Avoca Main Street business employee at Medicare MarketPlace, which opened in 2017. She will bring a diverse professional perspective to our Business Improvement Committee as well as serving on the board.

Shelly Coon



Annie Keupp

Annie Keupp is well known as the band instructor at AHSTW Community School District, and has been serving on Promotions and Farmers Market for several years, where she will continue to participate. Her enthusiasm and partnership with educators will be continue to be tremendous assets as she serves her terms.

We are very fortunate to have these committed and skilled individuals working for our organization. Please lend them your welcome and thanks when you see them on Main Street!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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