

# City Newsletter



OCTOBER 2018

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## Pancakes & Pumpkins

### Monday, OCTOBER 29, 2018 Fire Hall and Fire Bay

Proceeds to benefit the Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department

### 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.

“The Pancake Man” will be flipping and serving up pancakes from 5-7 pm. All you can eat butter-milk pancakes, 2 sausage links, and choice of juice, milk or coffee.



\$5 per son 4 years and older. 3 years and under FREE



**Pumpkin carving: 4–6:30 pm** with the assistance from members of the Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue Dept. beginning at 10 a.m. One pumpkin per child. 1<sup>st</sup> graders and younger must to be accompanied by caregiver/adult.

LOOK \* LISTEN \* LEARN  
October 7-13, 2018



**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™**



The City of Avoca would like to give a “shout out of thanks” to our Fire Dept! Please take time to say thank you to all fire and rescue crews during this special week!

**TO ALL PET OWNERS:**

**The City of Avoca would like to remind you 2018 Pet Licenses are now PAST DUE. There is a \$3 fee placed on each pet for EACH MONTH pet is not licensed.**

**PLEASE** complete an application form with up-to-date rabies vaccination to mail or dropped off in drop box. The City of Avoca will then mail your dog/cat tags back to you. Application can be emailed or faxed upon request. Available online at: <http://www.cityofavoca.com> and under city forms tab.

- \* A POT-BELLIED PIG MUST BE LICENSED      \* NO MORE THAN 3 OF ONE SPECIES (CAT OR DOG)
- \* NO MORE THAN 4 OF A MIXTURE OF PETS

**If you have any further questions, please feel free to call City Hall 343-2424.**

## Avoca Fire and Rescue participates in the Project Austin program through Children's Hospital and Medical Center.



- Children with special healthcare needs have unique medical histories and require special medical treatment. Ideally, pediatric tertiary care centers, such as Children's Hospital & Medical Center, are the home hospitals for these children and are prepared to care for their complex medical needs.
- In an emergency, many of these children are cared for by local EMS and emergency departments that may not be familiar with their special needs, leading to an increased risk of delayed treatment, unnecessary tests, and even serious preventable errors.
- The overall goal of Project Austin is to provide continuity of care to children with special healthcare needs as they transition from the hospital to home by creating community awareness and providing education to local EMS and emergency departments regarding your child.
- Families can enroll a child in Project Austin – free service – by filling out an emergency information form, available at [ChildrensOmaha.org/Project Austin](http://ChildrensOmaha.org/ProjectAustin). Health care professionals also can make referrals.
- The form includes basic information about the child's diagnosis and special needs and how to stabilize the child. The form is sent to the closest emergency responders and hospital, with a letter of introduction.



**Children's Hospital & Medical Center**  
**Project Austin Directors**  
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 402-955-5733

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# AVOCA 150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION

## Commemorative Banners Sponsorships Available

Now selling \$250 sponsorships for AVOCA 150<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Banners. Banners will be displayed on light poles along Main Street starting in January 2019. **Your business, family, or memorial name will be printed on the banner and be given to you for a keepsake after the 2019 celebration.** The name would appear at bottom of banner . (see example)

Deadline for sponsoring—November 1, 2018

*Please make checks payable to:  
City of Avoca, 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration*

Mail your Sponsorship Name and \$250 check (with  
“BANNER” written on memo line) to:

City of Avoca  
Box 246  
Avoca, IA 51521

Contact Amber Mohr of Avoca Main Street  
712 307-0172 for more info



STOP! before you build that deck, fence, garage or any outside improvement to your home....

PLEASE check with the city and see if you need a building permit. 712-343-2424

Don't Forget BEFORE YOU DIG call Iowa One Call: 811 OR

800-292-8989



# Halloween Costume Party

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 2018

Trick or Treat on Main Street 4 - 5 p.m.

**Bring your lawn chairs or blanket**

**AVOCA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**FUN GAMES at the library**

**Free Hot dogs & drinks until 6 p.m.**

**Remember: Toddler Story  
Time every Friday 10 a.m.**



## AVOCA SESQUICENTENNIAL FUNDRAISER

"Main Street Memories," is an original print by artist JD Speltz, and includes the sleigh and car displayed in Avoca's Sweet Vale Museum.

This is a Limited Edition Print, with only 150 available. It is on display at Avoca Library and MidStates Bank.

Contact the following committee members to order your print!

Sondy Dea 343-5013 or 402-960-8861  
Mike Ohm 343-2194

Order yours before they are gone!

## MUNICIPAL BURN SITE RULES

- ⇒ No Illegal Dumping – Illegal Dumping Violated the City Code
- ⇒ The burn site may only be used by residents and businesses within the City of Avoca.
- ⇒ The burn site will open Friday – Sunday in the months of April - October.
- ⇒ The burn site will be open by appointment at any time of year.
- ⇒ The burn site will be open for 7 days prior to the Spring Clean-Up on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of April.
- ⇒ The burn site will be open the first 2 weeks of January to receive Christmas trees.
- ⇒ City staff shall make a key available for high-frequency, high volume users, such as lawn and tree contractors, so that they may access the site without setting an appointment.



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  
OCTOBER 2018

## Avoca Main Street Welcomes Pollyanna Pete's

In 2017, the Avoca Main Street New Business Incentive Grant was awarded to four businesses planning to open in 2018. The Latest Thing is the second of these to open their doors to customers in May 2018.

The grant program was a partnership with the City of Avoca's Urban Renewal Board, who agreed to focus on the Main Street district and its goals of obtaining more retail businesses and social spaces. These gaps had been identified by customers in the 2015 Downtown Avoca Market Study.

Pollyanna Pete's is now open at 175 S. Elm Street. The retail spaces offers "a little bit of everything" including new and used clothing, jewelry, artwork, toys, small appliances, and more.

Owners Shawna Miller Tyson Madding are mother and son, and have been doing the interior renovation themselves. They hope to eventually occupy the upper story of the

building as full-time residents. For several years they have also owned and operated the party rental company Hoppykidz, and will continue to do so from Avoca. Avoca has hosted Hoppykids at previous events, in-



*A small sampling of the "little bit of everything" customers can expect to find at Pollyanna Pete's, 175 S. Elm Street, Avoca IA*

cluding the recent Bounce House Party/Glow Run event sponsored by the Avoca 150th Committee.

Customers can expect to find antique, retro, vintage, and collectible items for purchase as well as rent one of their inflatables or

food machines for their next celebration.

Miller emphasizes that she wants the store to suit Avoca customers. "I am looking forward to getting input from town residents. My strength is being flexible to change and having the knowledge of where to find many unique items." Pollyanna Pete's will also offer customers a layaway program for their purchases.

Pollyanna Pete's celebrated their opening on September 27th with an open house that included free hot dogs, chips, and drinks for shoppers and some of the Hoppykidz inflatables outside. They plan to schedule an official ribbon-cutting ceremony in the near future, so watch this space for news.

Stop in to Pollyanna Pete's to add your welcome to this new Avoca business as well as future town residents, and consider Hoppykidz party rentals for your next event!



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