

City Newsletter



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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.

CITY OF AVOCA PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Best Wishes for a learning and growing AHSTW school year.

Walking to school is a fun, easy way to add exercise to the day, but it's important to stay safe on your way there.

Safety tips to follow on a walk to school include:

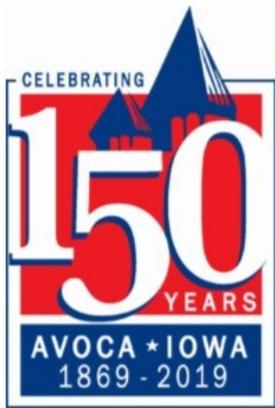
- Parents should plan a safe route
- Don't take shortcuts
- Young children should walk with an adult
- Older students should walk with a friend
- Don't push, shove, or chase each other when near the street
- Don't take rides from people if it wasn't arranged by a parent
- Wear bright-colored clothes
- Watch for cars at every driveway and intersection

Crossing the street

With cars turning the corner to drivers not paying close attention, it can be hard for children to cross the street. The best rules to follow:

- Stop at the curb or edge of the street.
- Look left, right, left, behind you, and in front of you for traffic, and don't cross until the coast is clear.
- Keep looking for traffic until you are done crossing.





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 Mid-States 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!

The Sesquicentennial Committee will be selling them every Wednesday evening at the Farmers Market from 5-7pm.





DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC

Schools are beginning a new year, and then, right around the corner will be Labor Day – the traditional end of summer. This is one of the busiest travel times of the year as many people try and squeeze in one more vacation destination. Others will host or attend end-of-summer social events where alcohol will be served. However you decide to observe the end of summer remember this: it is NEVER okay to drink and drive! If your plans include activities where alcohol will be served make sure you have a plan before you arrive on how you will be getting home.

Last Labor Day's three-day weekend resulted in 10 fatalities in Iowa. That was the highest Labor Day fatality count since 1995. Four of those 10 fatalities were alcohol related. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that during the 2016 holiday (the last year data is available) there were 433 crash fatalities nationwide with 36% involving drivers who were drunk. Almost one in five children (14 and younger) killed in traffic crashes were killed in drunk-driving crashes and 54% of the time, it was the child's own driver who was drunk.

To combat end-of-summer alcohol related fatalities law enforcement agencies in Iowa and across the nation will be stepping up enforcement from August 17 – September 3, 2018. They will especially be watching for impaired and unbelted drivers and there will be zero tolerance to noncompliant drivers.

The Iowa Department of Public Safety and the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau remind you that drinking and driving is a choice, and it is a choice that should not be made.

NO LEAVES, GRASS, and Other DEBRIS allowed in STREETS or ALLEYS !

⇒ IT IS AGAINST OUR CITY ORDINANCE

⇒ There will be no warnings.

⇒ Violators will be ticketed.



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

City of Avoca – Dog/Cat Tag Application									
Owner Information (Please Print & Fill out completely)				Veterinarian Information					
Full Name				Clinic name and address:					
Address			Apt #						
City		State		ZIP					
IMPORTANT: The following will be used to contact you if your pet is found.				Verification of Spayed/Neutered Pet (For New Applicants Only)					
Home Phone			Cell Phone						
Email Address				I, _____, (print veterinarian's name) verify that the pets listed below as sterilized are, in fact, spayed or neutered.					
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. _____				Vet or City Employee may verify (please refer to Vaccination Sheet from Veterinarian's Office).					
Pet Information									
Pet Name	Breed	Color(s)	Species <small>(Circle One)</small>	Gender <small>(Circle One)</small>	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			
			Dog / Cat	M / F	\$12.00	\$18.00			
Please make check payable to: "City of Avoca"					\$ _____ + \$ _____ Sterile + Fertile		= Total Paid: \$ _____		
Questions: Please call 1-712-343-2424 or visit our website at www.cityofavoca.com									

CITY CODE REMINDERS

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 your cooperation in following our local ordinances.



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
SEPTEMBER 2018

Join Us for the Avoca Main Street Longest Table—Local Foods—Outdoor Dining Event

Avoca Main Street, Inc. is once again planning a chef-hosted, locally-sourced, five-course meal to be held outdoors right in the middle of the town's main street on September 29, 2018. The Avoca Main Street Longest Table event is designed to celebrate the rural city's agricultural heritage, enhance community fellowship, and recognize the vendors who provide local produce for the seasonal Avoca Main Street Farmers Market. The 2017 event was awarded "Exceptional Special Event" at the 2018 Main Street Iowa Awards.

Businesses on the city's Main Street have provided funds to sponsor tables, and producer partners are do-

inating a portion of their farm product to make the event economical for residents to attend. Tick-



ets are \$35 per plate and available for purchase online at Brown Paper Tickets (<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3583539>).

Robert Poeling, chef working at Milk & Honey Restaurant in nearby Harlan, Iowa, is planning and executing the menu for the evening. Milk & Honey sources all of the resta-



urant's food from Iowa and eastern Nebraska.

The event will highlight the beautiful Main Street district as much as the food. McCarthy Trenching, a contemporary ragtime band out of Omaha, will be providing live entertainment through a grant by Pottawatomie County Community Foundation. The band and is named after an Avoca Main Street trenching business owned by the McCarthy family and features musicians Dan McCarthy and James Maakestad.

The menu will be determined based on available produce from nearby farmers.

Put these events on your calendar now!

Wednesdays through September 27—**Avoca Main Street Farmers Market** 5-7 p.m. North Elm Street

September 14-23—**Main Street Iowa Restaurant Week**

September 15-16—**Southwest Iowa Art Tour**, Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun 12-4 p.m. Avoca Courthouse

September 22—**Avoca Main Street Golf Tournament** 12 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. CountryView Golf & Grille

September 29—**Avoca Main Street Longest Table** 6-8 p.m. Elm Street



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