

# 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?

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.

## Did You Know?

A number of Avoca's early residents were German immigrants, including Gustav Diederich.

He originally ran a grocery mercantile in Davenport after he arrived in the United States in 1862. He relocated his grocery store across the state to Avoca in 1870.

Diederich would eventually be elected the town's first Recorder and later elected Mayor of Avoca. Serving several terms.

He was elected as a member of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, being a Democrat in political faith. He made Avoca his permanent home until his death in 1912.



Submitted by Clint Fichter, City Manager

## Winter Sidewalk Nuisance Notice:

Remember, the City Code has long required that residents, landlords, etc scoop their walks as soon as possible after a snow event ends.

The City will give ample time for this to be completed and will give out reminder notices to citizens as needed.

The fee to have the city clean sidewalks is a minimum of \$85 or \$85 per hour.



## 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.

Visit the City Webpage: <http://www.cityofavoca.com>  
or find it on our City Facebook page:

Pet Owners will need to take notice, as the licensing form can be found in this edi-

### Gift Certificates available!



Avoca Aquatic Center

and

Avoca CountryView Golf and Grille



### ATTENTION ALL LANDLORDS:

All rental dwellings within the City of Avoca are subject to the 2019 registration fee of \$10 - - due upon this written notice to the owner. **If you have purchased an additional dwelling, the inspection fee of \$15 is due upon this written notice to the owner and you must set an appointment for inspection as soon as possible.** (If your dwelling was inspected in 2016, the expiration is 2019 and you will need to make an appointment for inspection.

## TO ALL PET OWNERS:

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. If a completed application form and up-to-date rabies vaccination is mailed-in or dropped off in drop box **before March 1<sup>st</sup> you can deduct a \$1 off each pet you license.** The City of Avoca will then mail your dog/cat tags back to you.



**After March 1<sup>st</sup> 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 343-2424.

*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.*

### City of Avoca – Dog/Cat Tag Application

<b>Owner Information</b> (Please Print & Fill out completely)		<b>Veterinarian Information</b>	
Full Name		Clinic name and address:	
Address	Apt #		
City	State		
<b>IMPORTANT:</b> The following will be used to contact you if your pet is found.		<b>Verification of Spayed/Neutered Pet</b> (For New Applicants Only)	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	I, _____, (print veterinarian's name)	
Email Address		verify that the pets listed below as sterilized are, in fact, spayed or neutered.	
<b>Affirmation of Owner:</b> 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).	
Signature of Owner	Date	City Employee	Date

#### Pet Information

Pet Name	Breed	Color(s)	Species (Circle One)	Gender (Circle One)	Sterile Fertile		Rabies Tag #	Vacc. Expires	City Tag #
					\$12.00	\$18.00			
			Dog / Cat	M / F	\$12.00	\$18.00			
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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](http://www.cityofavoca.com)



# GOLF COURSE 2019 SEASON PASS APPLICATION

**PRIMARY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list name and date of birth for each person to be listed on season pass.

- |          |            |          |            |
|----------|------------|----------|------------|
| 1. _____ | DOB: _____ | 4. _____ | DOB: _____ |
| 2. _____ | DOB: _____ | 5. _____ | DOB: _____ |
| 3. _____ | DOB: _____ | 6. _____ | DOB: _____ |

**Fees for tournament, special events and large group outings ARE NOT included in full season passes.**

**PRICING FOR ALL OPTIONS ON REVERSE PAGE.**

Check all appropriate options:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Golf Pass Option:</b> _____ 31 and over Single      | <b>Golf Cart Options:</b> _____ Cart Shed Gas |
| _____ Age 23 - 30 Single                               | _____ Cart Shed Electric                      |
| _____ Up to Age 22 Student                             | _____ Cart Off Site Path Fee                  |
| _____ 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Family                      | _____ Season Golf Cart                        |
| _____ Under 30 Family                                  | _____ Locker Rental                           |
| _____ Half-Season Single (After July 4 <sup>th</sup> ) |   |
| _____ Half-Season Family (After July 4 <sup>th</sup> ) |   |

**20% discount available for person living 20 miles or more from Avoca. Ask for details.**

**FORM OF PAYMENT:**

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit/Debit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ CC/DC Four Installments: \_\_\_\_\_

The City can also accept payment in **FOUR INSTALLMENTS** if you sign up with a credit or debit card. A Credit Card Processing form must be completed and **Payments will be taken on March 20th, April 19th, May 20th, and June 20th.** If a payment is declined due to over limit or insufficient funds the remaining balance will be due immediately. Enrollment must be **completed by MARCH 13th** to participate in this program.

**The application for the 2019 Season Pass must be signed by the Primary Applicant. If Student under 18, PLEASE have Parent or Guardian sign.**

Primary Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed form or drop off at City Hall along with your payment to:  
Avoca CountryView Golf 201 N Elm St PO BOX 247 Avoca IA 51521

**AMOUNT PD** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rec'd by** \_\_\_\_\_

# 2019 SEASON PASS OPTIONS



		<u>Over 20 miles dis- count</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
<b>SEASON PASSES OPTIONS:</b>			
* FAMILY SEASON PASS	\$575.00	\$460.00	
<i>* Husband, Wife and children who have not yet graduated from High School</i>			
UNDER 30 OR FIRST YEAR FAMILY	\$350.00		
UP TO AGE 22 STUDENT SEASON PASS	\$105.00		
AGE 23-30 SINGLE SEASON PASS	\$175.00		
AGE 31 AND OVER SINGLE SEASON PASS	\$350.00	\$280.00	
HALF-SEASON FAMILY (AFTER 7/4)	\$315.00		
HALF-SEASON SINGLE (AFTER 7/4)	\$175.00		
 <b>CART RENTALS (CHOOSE ONE)</b>			
CART SHED FEE – GAS	\$200.00		
CART SHED FEE – ELECTRIC	\$240.00		
SEASON GOLF CART RENTAL	\$450.00		
<i>(For use <b>ONLY</b> when the Club House is open for the Season and their hours)</i>			
PASS HOLDER OFF SITE GOLF CART PATH FEE	\$60.00		
	\$25.00		
LOCKER RENTAL	0		

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, March 17**

**St. Patrick's Day Breakfast  
Kids Games and Raffle**

TOTAL DUE



**Hosted by  
Avoca Main Street**

## FY 2020 Budget

The City's budget and planning process is designed to ensure the community remains viable and keeps progressing. We think that we have identified a good plan for the City, which includes 1) continued housing growth as a primary goal, 2) updating, repairing, or replacing infrastructure to avoid or prevent future problems, 3) improving recreational opportunities, and 4) economic development.

We hope that you find this budget and planning information helpful. Like all small towns, the City faces some tremendous challenges, but we have a plan, resources, and opportunities that are greater than those challenges. It is a long term effort, that is only just beginning to pay off, but sticking to the plan will really pay dividends in the long-run. It is amazing what can be accomplished with the proper planning and follow-through.

Small towns have to make big changes, invest in themselves, and attract new residents in order for their schools, businesses, and neighborhoods to stay viable. As with all times, there are always negative or misinformed people that make it more difficult for the community as a whole to get things done. However comforting their negativity or resistance to change may be to some people, it will never accomplish anything that is needed to maintain the town. It takes positive, future oriented people who are willing to sacrifice time and resources to keep a community progressing.

Here are some important facts about the FY 2020 Budget:

- **Tax Rate:** The tax rate stays at the rate of \$14.83783 per \$1,000.
- **Operations:** No changes to operations are contemplated by the budget.
- **Solvency:** The budget includes a proposed surplus contingency of \$243,136. This amount is 6% of regular revenue. This amount is higher than normal, mainly due to the lack of a bond payment this year in the Water Fund.
- **Employee Wages:** Health insurance costs will decrease 2% over current cost. Management is recommending a 3% Cost-of-Living-Adjustment to all wages.

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## Budget Factsheet Continued

### Possible Capital Projects/Equipment:

- **New Pick-up Trucks.** The five-year plan includes the purchase of 2 new pick-up trucks in FY 2020.
- **Community Center- Legion Club:** Management predicts approximately \$500,000 will be available for the community center project if necessary. Total expected costs are \$1,750,000.
- **East and West Sector Water Projects.** Both budgets contain this project. During FY 2020, the City is expected to complete the North Buttermilk Flat Trail, the East and West Sector Water Project. This project should cost over \$2.5 million.
- **Urban Renewal Programs.** Both budgets includes funding of approximately \$400,000 for urban renewal programs, such as our housing programs.
- **Street Projects.** The five year plan contained several smaller street projects totaling about \$322,000 in costs. Th improvements are mill and overlay of Chestnut Street north of Hwy 83, curb and surfacing improvements on Cherry Street north of Thomas, and widening a section of Locust Street.
- **Kardell Addition.** The second budget assumes the completion of an initial phase of the Kardell Development costing approximately \$600,000.

FY 2020 will be a very busy year for projects and that is expected to continue over the next four years. The ability of the City to fund projects over the ffour-year period is very positive. Staff projects that approximately \$3 million will be available from FY 2021 to FY 2024 to fund the priorities listed above.

Projects currently planned to be completed between FY 2021 to 2024 include the following:

- Five trail projects including resurfacing the Edgington Park Trail.
- New parking areas and additional playground equipment at Edgington Park.
- Reconstruction of Hwy 59.
- Playground equipment for the Mez Buttermilk Flat Park.
- Additional phases of the new housing development.
- Redevelopment of the Scoular site.
- Many other projects.



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AVOCA MAIN STREET

FEBRUARY 2019

# Historic Preservation with High Economic Impact

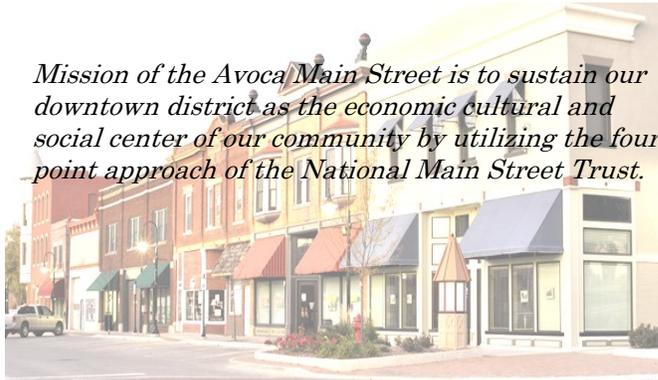
## Investing in Your Avoca Main Street

Since Avoca Main Street was accepted into the Iowa Main Street family and the National Main Street Trust in 2014, we have accumulated over **8,500 volunteer hours** to projects that sustain our district. Over **\$1,200,000 has been invested in downtown projects**, including acquisition and improvement.. **Twelve new businesses** have opened since 2014, with one more opening in 2019. We continue to speak with prospective entrepreneurs to fill in the gaps in the district with more retail offerings and spaces for socialization.

We also had the honor of being recognized by Main Street Iowa in 2018 for Exceptional Special Event for our Avoca Main Street Longest Table, and Excellent Exterior Renovation for work done at 152/154 S. Elm by Hansen Construction.

Avoca Main Street will be returning to you and asking for your continued investment, and in some cases

asking you to consider what you could invest for the first time. Whether you appreciate gathering on Avoca Main Street for social occasions, or you enjoy the service and retail businesses available on Avoca Main Street, or if the preserved beauty of an historic



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rural downtown pleases you, than you are one of our target investors.

Investments of your volunteer time are also extremely valuable, as Avoca Main Street is a volunteer-powered organization.

We have a team of Design volunteers who develop our places and spaces. If you appreciate the aesthetics of Avoca Main Street or have

ideas for more improvement, consider joining Design!

Our Organization team develops our partners and resources for completing our projects. If you enjoy assembling the players of large scale projects or enjoy the challenge of grant writing, we would love to welcome you to Organization!

The Promotion team develops our markets and customers, and many of their projects focus on the social and cultural aspect of our mission. If you think Avocans coming together on our city's Main Street is enjoyable and serves an economic imperative, lend a hand on Promotion!

And our Economic Restructuring team develops businesses and entrepreneurs. If startups and expansions get your gears turning, we could use you on Economic Restructuring!

We are looking forward to speaking with you soon, and if you don't hear from us, make sure we hear from you!



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