

# City Newsletter

OCTOBER 2017



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## HOUSING PROGRAMS

Please turn to page 4 and 5 to review the City's new housing programs! These programs are the centerpiece of our efforts to grow and maintain the community!

## RENT THE AVOCA COUNTRYVIEW GOLF AND GRILLE CLUBHOUSE FOR YOUR HOLIDAY EVENT:

The facility rents for \$200 and outside catering, beer and wine will be permitted. Ask for details.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT AVOCA PUBLIC LIBRARY



**Wed., Oct. 11 beginning at 6:30**

*"We as individuals must do our part to help humanity survive the inhumanity that some have toward others. We cannot stand by while people are being tortured and killed for their differences, whatever they may be. I hope this presentation will make us all better students, teachers, friends, and community members. Please allow me the opportunity to try and make this difference. " - Brad Wilkening -*

## MUNICIPAL BURN SITE

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.



### CURBSIDE RECYCLING SIGN-UP SHEET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

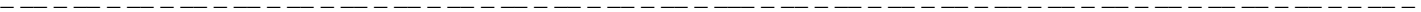
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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





# Pancakes and Pumpkins

## Wed., OCTOBER 25, 2017

### 4pm – 7 pm

## Avoca Fire Hall and Bay Area

Proceeds to benefit Avoca Volunteer  
Fire and Rescue Department



The infamous Jim Kuper aka “The Pancake Man” will be flipping and serving up pan cakes from 5 –7 pm. All you can eat buttermilk pancakes, 2 sausage links, and choice of juice, milk or coffee. Adults \$7 and Children \$5.

Pumpkin carving with the assistance from members of the Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue Dept. beginning at 4 pm. One pumpkin per child.

1<sup>st</sup> graders and younger must to be accompanied by caregiver.



**Bring your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors!**

**There will be plenty of food and pumpkins!**

**Fire Trucks available for viewing and pictures!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !**



The Avoca Fire and Rescue Department is not a social club, members give freely of their time to provide emergency services, tend to fires, attend meetings, participate in drills, and work on various committees. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter or join the rescue personnel, please contact City Hall at 712-343-2424 for more information.

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# Halloween Trick or Treat and Costume Party

## Tues., October 31st 2017

Trick or Trunk Treat on  
Main Street 4 – 5 p.m.

Park your car in front of library to hand out treats!



### Costume Party

at the

### Library 4-6 p.m.

Hot dogs & drinks — Bouncy House

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKET**

**Sponsored by**

**AVOCA PUBLIC LIBRARY & CITY OF AVOCA**

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Don't forget to talk about Halloween Trick or Treating Safety!

Plan a route in advance. ...

Wear comfy shoes. ...

Stay well-lit. ...

Make sure all costumes are short. ... Avoid masks that cover eyes. ...

Use flexible props. ...

Check your child's candy.

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# COMMUNITY HELPING COMMUNITY

## Free Information Fair

*Sponsored by the Avoca American Legion  
Fred Funston Post 227*

**FRIDAY, OCT. 27 9 AM –7 PM**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 28 9 AM –NOON**

American Legion Hall 112 N Elm St

Free coffee and donuts and light lunch at noon

VENDORS INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| American Legion      | Girl Scouts                 |
| Angel Care           | Homestead Senior Care       |
| Avoca Food Pantry    | Iowa Works                  |
| Avoca Main Street    | Promise Partners            |
| Avoca Public Library | TeamMates                   |
| Botna Bend Park      | Veterans Administration     |
| Boy Scouts           | Visiting Nurses Association |
| Catholic Charities   | West Central Comm. Action   |
| City Of Avoca        |                             |
| Family Inc.          |                             |

# COMMUNITY HELPING COMMUNITY

## CITY CODE REMINDERS

**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.
- 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.**

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**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

800-292-8989



# AVOCA 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](mailto:citymanager@cityofavoca.com) if you would like more information. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT CITY HALL AT [frontdesk@cityofavoca.com](mailto:frontdesk@cityofavoca.com) OR 343-2424.**



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

OCTOBER 2017

## LONGEST TABLE CELEBRATES FARMERS MARKET FOOD PROVIDERS, FARMERS, VOLUNTEERS, & LOCAL FOOD CULTURE



Seating hostesses Sandy Petersen and Darlene Eggers.

Hundreds of volunteer hours went in to planning and executing the September 9th Avoca Main Street's Longest Table event. One hundred tickets were sold offering diners a five-course meal featuring the best of the season from Avoca Main Street Farmers Market vendors and other Iowa farmers and food producers.



James Maakstad and Dan McCarthy perform. PCCF provided grant funds for entertainment.

and covers throughout the meal. The band was named for the local Avoca business over twelve years ago when Dan McCarthy found himself with his first gig and no band name, but a supply of McCarthy Trenching koozies to pass out to audience members. This was the band's first performance in Avoca.

Chef Kelly Littlefield, of Milk & Honey Restaurant in Harlan, worked with farmers market vendors and coordinated with food procurement service FarmTable Delivery to obtain all the ingredients needed for the meal. Fifteen Avoca Main Street businesses sponsored tables in support of the event, and diners came from all over In Iowa and Nebraska.



Chef Kelly Littlefield and farmer Catie Thomas of Thomas Farms assemble the final course deconstructed raspberry cheesecake.

McCarthy Trenching, a modern ragtime two-piece ensemble out of Omaha, performed their original music

and covers throughout the meal. The band was named for the local Avoca business over twelve years ago when Dan McCarthy found himself with his first gig and no band name, but a supply of McCarthy Trenching koozies to pass out to audience members. This was the band's first performance in Avoca.

The weather was cooperative throughout the evening and Avocans mingled with out of towners taking in the beauty of our downtown Main Street and sharing the assets of our community in general.



More than thirty volunteers contributed time to ensuring the event's success.

Thank you to everyone who worked or attended the event. We hope to host you again on Avoca Main Street!



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