

# City Newsletter

MAY 2024



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## IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT GARBAGE SERVICES

(Effective on the June Utility Bill due on June 15th.)  
**PLEASE SEE PAGE 8**



## 2024 Avoca Aquatic

**Center Pass Application**  
can be found on PAGE 7

## YELLOW LEVEL WATER MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS

- A. Outdoor watering or irrigation of lawns is prohibited.
- B. Outdoor watering of any kind is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily.
- C. Water or irrigation of flower and vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs less than 4 years old, and new seeding or sod is permitted once per week with an application not to exceed one inch.
- D. Car washing is prohibited except in commercial establishments that provide that service. In these cases, hours of use will be restricted to 8:00 am to 8:00 PM.
- E. ***No water shall be used to fill private/residential swimming pools, children's wading pools, reflecting pools, or any other outdoor pool or pond.***
- F. No water shall be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or building exteriors.
- G. Large volume water users, including industries, motels, hotels, and eating establishments may be requested to scale back services.
- H. Schools will be required to cancel their physical education activities and inter-scholastic competitions that require showers or attract crowds and take other actions to reduce water consumption at sport complex.
- I. Water shall be served at restaurants only upon the request of the customer.

Please call City Hall  
at 712-343-2424  
option 1 to be  
informed about  
**WATERING NEW SOD.**  
If you are a LARGE  
VOLUME WATER  
USER, and have any  
questions, please call  
our City Administrator,  
Tyler Trout, at the  
same number as  
listed above.



Avoca Public Library  
213 N Elm Street  
Avoca, IA 51521  
Phone: 712-343-6358

**CHILDREN'S STORYTIME**

Every Wednesday 10:30am

**FRIDAY CLUB** Every Friday 1:00pm

**MONDAY MOVIE for Adults** MAY 20th 10AM

**Check out the BIKE RODEO event  
on Wednesday, May 29th!**

**SEE PAGE 3**

**Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue**

**APRIL CALLS FOR SERVICE through the 29th:**

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>9 Grass Fires</b>      | <b>16 EMS</b>           |
| <b>5 Good Intent</b>      | <b>2 Structure Fire</b> |
| <b>2 Vehicle Accident</b> |                         |

**City of Avoca Lifeguards Wanted**

**REQUIREMENTS**

- ◆ Minimum age of 15 year old
- ◆ Current Lifeguard Certification
  - (Must include CPR/AED training)
- ◆ Hours include Late Mornings, Afternoons and Evenings
- ◆ Opportunities for leadership experiences, development of decision making and customer service skills.

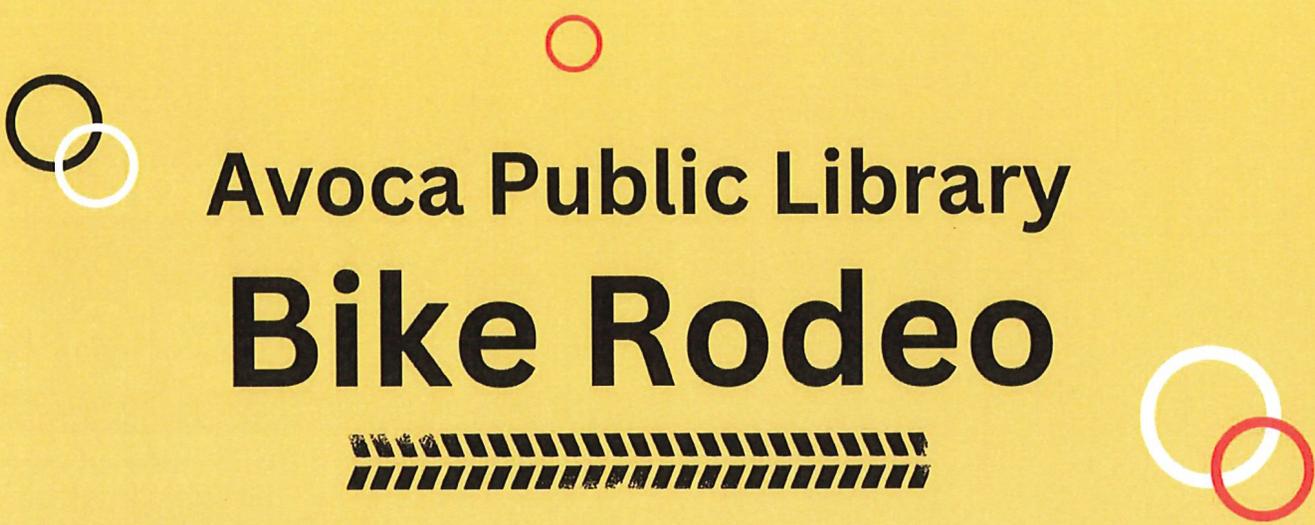
**BENEFITS**

- ◆ Hourly Wage of \$10
- ◆ Flexible Schedule
- ◆ Need Recertification

(City will reimburse fee at conclusion of season IF LIFEGUARD FINISHED THE SEASON IN GOOD STANDING.)



The City of Avoca follows all Child Labor Laws and is an Equal Opportunity Employer



# Avoca Public Library Bike Rodeo



**Wednesday, May 29, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Join us outside the courthouse for the inaugural Avoca Bike Rodeo, where kids will learn basic cycling safety and maintenance from local experts.  
Hosted by the Avoca Public Library.

*Thank you to our sponsors at State Farm, Golden Hills RC&D, and the City of Avoca, for helping us fund and execute this important program!*



**Bike  
Stickers**



**Door  
Prizes**



**Completion  
Certificate**

**MAY FLOWERS BRING JULY PLANNING!**

***Hello to all our fantastic volunteers  
from our 2023 July 4<sup>th</sup> Community Event!***



**THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU**



**July 4<sup>th</sup> is on Thursday this year and we are planning on having all our celebratory activities from morning to night!**

Last year we received donations that went toward the supplies for the Color Run and Midway prizes. We are **seeking donations** again, as well as recruiting **volunteers to run a midway game/activity**. The 100 block of Elm St will be used again for this event. **Please let us know at your earliest convenience your plans for the 2024 Midway and at least by MAY 20<sup>th</sup> with your intent to donate funds or volunteer on the Midway.**

Also, if you know of anyone who would like to **coordinate a softball or volleyball tournament**, please contact City Hall (343-2424 option 1) and ask for Susan.

**The City of Avoca and Avoca Main St. Inc. received an abundance of positive feedback and helpful suggestions. We are excited to bring these activities to the Avoca community.**

**Avoca Fourth of July**

**Fireworks at Dusk Thursday, July 4 2024**

**Rain date will be Sunday, July 7, 2024**

**More information regarding Thursday’s celebration will be in the June newsletter.**

## **REMINDER Cemetery Standards :**

**Artificial flowers, decorations or other ornaments are allowed on the ground during the day immediately before and after Memorial Day.**



### **ALL Decorations must be removed by JUNE 15.**

- Artificial flowers are only permitted in monument vases.
- 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 potted plants from funerals not be left in the cemetery since they will be discarded.
- Decorating a grave with fresh cut flowers arrangements, shepherds hooks, 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 mowing and maintenance.

## **NOTICE FOR YARD/MOWING CODES**

### **9.108 Nuisance.**

Any condition that 1) contributes to blight, or 2) is injurious to health, or 3) is indecent or offensive to the senses, or 4) is an obstruction to the free use of property so as essentially to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

### **THIS IS ONLY THOSE NUIANCES ASSOCIATED WITH YARD/GRASS**

**Trees, Vegetation, and Grass. Trees, vegetation, and grass will constitute nuisances as follows:**

1. Dead or Diseased Trees. Any dead, diseased damaged or deteriorating trees that could fall or harbor insects or rodents.
2. Obstructing View at Intersections. All trees or hedges which prevent persons from having a clear view of
3. traffic approaching an intersection from cross streets in sufficient time to bring a motor vehicle driven at a reasonable speed to a full stop before the intersection is reached.
4. Dense Growth. Dense growth of all weeds, grass, vines, brush or other vegetation in the City so as to constitute a health, safety or fire hazard, or which otherwise constitute a nuisance. For purposes of this paragraph, all growths of grass or weeds in excess of six inches (6") in height shall be deemed to be a nuisance.

## May 19-25, 2024 marks the 50th Anniversary of EMS Week.

This year's theme, "Honoring Our Past. Forging Our Future," reminds us to acknowledge the foundational work of those who came before us, while also striving to build and lead the EMS system we envision for our future.



EMS is usually all about the moment. Thinking about your last patient could distract you from what's happening to the person lying on the stretcher in front of you right now. Worrying too much about the next call isn't too helpful, when you have no idea what it might bring.

But **the past holds immense lessons**—whether it's the experience of the people who train us or the struggles and triumphs from EMS's earliest days. This year, **as we recognize the 50th anniversary of the first National EMS Week, we honor those who came before us, especially those who challenged the status quo and raised the bar for all of us.** And at the same time, we look forward, building on their efforts and **committing ourselves to forge a future for the next generation of EMS professionals to serve their communities.**

## Card shower for Avoca Volunteer EMS Personnel

Please consider sending cards to celebrate, encourage, comfort, or thank our volunteers for their service! Mail to Avoca Fire and Rescue Association, PO Box 301, Avoca, IA 51521 or drop off at City Hall, 201 N Elm St.





**2024**  
**Avoca Aquatic Center**

**SEASON PASS Application**

INDIVIDUAL 11 YEARS OR OLDER - \$100       FIRST MEMBER OF FAMILY PASS - \$100

SENIOR CITIZEN (62 AND OLDER) - \$90.00 (ADDITIONAL FAMIY MEMBERS ADDED BELOW)

**ADDITIONAL MEMBERS (FAMILY PASS ONLY)**

"Family" is defined as parents (2 adults maximum) or legal guardians (2 adults maximum) residing together as a couple, and also including their children ages 18 and under, foster children ages 18 and under, or stepchildren ages 18 and under and the 18 year old must be enrolled in high school or just graduated 2023.

Family memberships are **NOT** allowed for the following:

- Multiple families living together, extended relatives living together, or grandparents living with their children over age 18. Each set of parents must purchase their own membership for themselves and their children less than 18 years of age.
- Baby sitters or day care employees cannot be included on a family membership. A separate membership would have to be purchased based on their official residence. Official proof of address must be provided (school record, driver's license, etc.).
- Grandchildren cannot be included on a membership, unless the grandparents are the legal guardians and can provide proof upon request.

**ALL CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT, GUARDIAN OR UNDER THE CARE OF SOMEONE 16 YRS OF AGE AND OLDER. THIS PERSON MUST BE IN DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN. A SIGN IN SHEET WILL BE PROVIDED EACH DAY.**

Pass Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, ST, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Family Members (Name, Age, Address if Different)**

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| 1. _____ | ADD \$40              |
| 2. _____ | ADD \$40              |
| 3. _____ | ADD \$40              |
| 4. _____ | ADD \$40              |
| 5. _____ | No Charge Maximum Met |
| 6. _____ | No Charge Maximum Met |
| 7. _____ | No Charge Maximum Met |

**Emergency Contact Name and Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

I AGREE THE INFORMATION ABOVE IS ACCURATE AND TRUE. IF I AM APPLYING FOR A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP AND FRAUDULENTLY SUBMIT INFORMATION THAT VIOLATES THE FAMILY MEMBERSHIP STANDARD, I UNDERSTAND PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS CAN APPLY. IN ADDITION, I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE POOL RULES AND WILL ABIDE BY THEM.

Parent or individual Signature \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

AVOCA EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



**R & S Waste Disposal**

**Your locally owned and operated waste collection provider**

## **ATTENTION: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT GARBAGE SERVICES**

- ⇒ All residents of Avoca will receive a free 95-gallon tipper cart from R&S Waste by the end of May.
- ⇒ Beginning in June, the cost of garbage services will be a flat rate of \$18.75/month and \$12/month for any additional 95-gallon tipper carts.
- ⇒ Please use these containers from R&S Waste once they're delivered.
- ⇒ R&S Waste will only collect garbage from the 95-gallon containers they provide with their logo,
- ⇒ The first collection, with this policy in place, will be on Saturday, June 1st after the Memorial Day Monday Holiday, and then every Friday to follow.
- ⇒ These R&S Waste carts will only be delivered to those currently without, those that already have one or more R&S Waste carts will keep them at this new rate schedule. You can return or request additional carts at any time and only be charged for the month(s) used.
- ⇒ The process for special pick-ups has not changed, you can get a Large Item sticker at the existing rate from City Hall.

**Please share this announcement with your neighbors and call City Hall at (712) 343-2424 if you have any questions.**

**Congrats to all the grads of 2024! As GRADUATION PARTIES begin this month, PLEASE remember and remind those you love:**

**BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING**



 <p>Retail promotions, pop-up shops, &amp; new business previews!</p>	 <p>Saturday May 4, 2024 Avoca, Iowa</p>
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# MEET & MINGLE ON MAIN STREET

## DRINK & DINE

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| <b>Casa Mexicana</b>  | 133 N Elm |  |
| Menu specials for Cinco de Mayo all weekend<br>Open 11am-10pm |           |  |
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| <b>Barley &amp; Beans</b>                           | 158 S Elm |  |
| Coffee, treats, and designer drinks<br>Open 8am-1pm |           |  |
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| <b>The Exchange Lounge</b>     | 171 S Elm |  |
| Bar and pizza<br>Open 10am-2am |           |  |
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| <b>Fred's</b>                  | 174 S Elm |  |
| Bar and games<br>Open 10am-2am |           |  |
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|  <b>Raddberry's Bakery</b> | 178 S Elm |  |
| Grab-and-Go baked sweets & savories, artisan breads,<br>boba tea, & lemonade<br>Open 9am-4pm                  |           |  |

## TREAT YOURSELF

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|---|-----------|--|
| <b>Wicked Moon</b>  | 118 N Elm |  |
| <b>Tattoo &amp; Piercing</b>  |           |  |
| Comic Book Flash ranging \$60-\$250, \$5 off any piercing<br>Open 1-9pm |           |  |
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|  <b>House of Colour</b> | 154 S Elm |  |
| Personal Stylist & Color Analysis<br>Open 9am-Noon<br>Ribbon Cutting 11:30 a.m.                            |           |  |
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| <b>Meadow &amp; Charm</b>  | 176 S Elm |  |
| Stylish infinity jewelry, piercings, permanent makeup &<br>more. Walk-ins welcome<br>Open 10am-2pm |           |  |
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| <b>Grace &amp; Wellness Massage</b>             | 176 S Elm |  |
| Drop-in head and neck massages<br>Open 10am-2pm |           |  |
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| <b>The Hair Factory</b>  | 228 W Lyon |  |
| Spring Retail Specials: 20% off any single item or BOGO half off<br>Mother's Day Special: \$50 gift certificate for \$45 or \$100 for \$90<br>Open 9am-1pm |            |  |

## FREE FAMILY FUN

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| <b>Avoca Public Library</b>             | 213 N Elm |  |
| Create Your Own Comic!<br>Open 9am-Noon |           |  |



-  New Business Preview
-  Pop-up Shop

## SHOP & SAVE

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|  <b>OBOS</b> | 131 N Elm |  |
| Gently used items, antiques, & so much more<br>Open 7am-7pm<br>Ribbon Cutting 11 a.m.         |           |  |
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| <b>Tillie's Salon &amp; Boutique</b>                       | 107 N Elm |  |
| 15% off in-store, salong products 50% off<br>Open 10am-1pm |           |  |
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| <b>Iowa Kids Outfitters</b>                                | 101 N Elm |  |
| 25% off all items priced \$1.75 to \$4.75<br>Open 10am-2pm |           |  |
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|  <b>Comic &amp; Toy Happening</b> | 112 N Elm |  |
| Second Impressions Comics Free Comic Book Day,<br>merchants, 2 pm auction, and after-hours gaming<br>Open 10am-6pm  |           |  |
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|  <b>Midwest Masterpiece</b> | 118 N Elm |  |
| Custom gifts and more<br>Open 1-9pm  |           |  |
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|  <b>(B)Worn Clothing</b> | 228 W Lyon |  |
| Spring retail specials<br>Open 9am-1pm  |            |  |
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|  <b>Silver Valley Craft Corner</b> | 180 S Elm |  |
| Home decor & planter pots<br>Open 9am-Noon  |           |  |
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| <b>Avoca Flower Shop</b>                            | 180 S Elm |  |
| 25% off indoor house plants & pots<br>Open 9am-Noon |           |  |
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| <b>Holtz Service &amp; Small Engine</b>             | 331 W High |  |
| \$100 off any new riding lawnmower<br>Open 8am-Noon |            |  |
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| <b>Road Rage BikeWorks</b>  | 401 W High |  |
| Motorcycle service, engine performance, Dyno tuning, parts,<br>accessories, tires, & audio<br>Open 9am-Noon |            |  |
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| <b>NAPA Auto Parts</b> | 219 W Lyon |  |
| Open 8am-1pm           |            |  |

## HEALTH & SERVICES

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| <b>Family Connections, Inc.</b>                     | 106 N Elm |  |
| Information on counseling services<br>Open 10am-2pm |           |  |