

# City Newsletter

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## CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR

City Office, Library & other City Depts  
**CLOSED**

Friday Dec. 24 & Monday, Dec. 27  
Friday, Dec. 31, 2021 and Jan. 2, 2022

*Enjoy all the celebrations of the season:*

**Boxing Day, Christmas,  
Fiesta of Our Lady Gaudalupe, Hanukkah,  
Kwanzaa, Omnisoka and HAPPY NEW!**



**Please, make sure “you and yours” have no regrets!**

## HOLIDAY PICKUP SCHEDULE



**R&S WASTE will pickup garbage and recycling on  
Friday, Dec. 24th and Friday, December 31st—  
however, will BEGIN PICKUP EARLY!**

Remember, weather can play a factor also, call R&S Waste with any questions:  
Phone: 712-748-3471 or 800-730-3471

**The CITY OF AVOCA would like to remind you  
IT IS TIME to LICENSE your cat(s) or dog(s) for  
the 2022 YEAR.**



*A completed application form and up-to-date rabies vaccination is required.*

**Pet Owners have the months of January and February to license pets. Starting on March 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a \$5 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.**

*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 SNOW RELATED ORDINANCES***

**4.8 Operation of Snowmobiles:** The following regulations shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles within the City:

- a. Operation of Snowmobiles Restricted. Unless a street, highway, or area is specifically restricted below, snowmobiles may be operated on public ways within the incorporated limits of the City as follows:
  1. By any person authorized to operate snowmobiles by the laws of the State of Iowa; and
  2. In a single-file manner in the proper lane of traffic, but as close to the curb as possible under existing circumstances; and
  3. Snowmobiles traveling on permitted public streets, highways and areas shall not exceed the posted speed limits; and
  4. Snowmobiles must be operated in conformance with all traffic controls which would otherwise apply to automobiles; and
  5. All snowmobiles operated in permitted areas or streets shall be equipped with a muffler in good working order to prevent excessive and unusual noise; and
  6. Snowmobiles may not be operated upon the following public streets, highways or areas within the municipal limits of the city:
    - a. Public parks and recreation areas, or
    - b. Graceland Cemetery, or
    - c. Highway 59, or
    - d. Highway 83, or
    - e. Crocker Street from Highway 59 west to Maple Street, or
    - f. Lyon Street from Highway 59 west to Maple Street, or
    - g. Maple Street from Lyon Street north to Crocker Street, or
    - h. Elm Street from Lyon Street north to Wool Street, or
    - i. Any public sidewalk or any area between a street and the sidewalk.

**5.6 P Snow Emergency Parking:** No person shall park, abandon or leave any unattended vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned or leased off-street parking area during any snow emergency for a forty-eight (48) hour period after cessation of such storm. The fine for this violation shall be \$25.

**6.8 J Removal of Snow and Ice Accumulations:** It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within twenty-four (24) hours after being deposited, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

**The Avoca City Burn Site will accept discarded Christmas trees the first two weeks in January.**

PLEASE: Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and other non-organic materials.  
(This includes tree stands.)



**The burn site is located south 300 block of Locust St.**

**Important:** Never burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove. Pines, firs and other evergreens have a high content of flammable turpentine oils. Burning the tree may contribute to creosote buildup and risk a chimney fire.

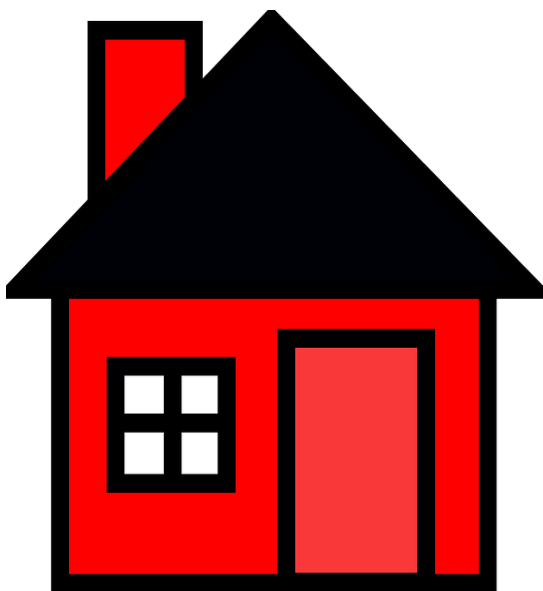


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**AVOCA PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT OFFERS RESIDENTS “VACATION CHECKS”**



**Office Porter would like to remind City of Avoca residents they can sign up for homes to be monitored while they are on vacation.**

Applications can be found on the city forms page of the website and City Hall.

**THIS LIST IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL**

**AVOCA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TRINITY LUTHERAN YOUTH  
VIKING FELLOWSHIP  
AHSTW SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

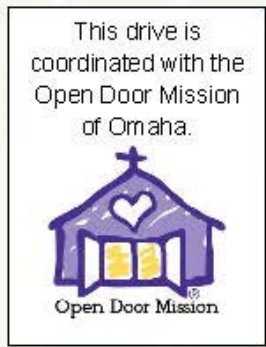
*Sponsoring a drive for*

# **Holiday Hygiene Kit**

**DECEMBER 7 AT AHSTW HOME BASKETBALL GAME  
THROUGH DECEMBER 14 AT TRINITY LUTHERAN**

*Drop off items at Avoca City Hall 201 N Elm St  
During business hours 9 am – 4 pm.*

- Hand Sanitizer**
- Shampoo**
- Toothbrush**
- Toothpaste**
- Deodorant**
- Shaving Cream**
- Plastic Disposable Razors**



For more information call City Hall 712-343-2424  
and ask for Police Chief Mike Porter

# Avoca Public Library

Call us at 712-343-6358

Mon., Tues.,	10am - 5pm
Wednesdays	10am - 8pm
Thurs., & Friday	10am - 5pm
Saturdays	9am-Noon

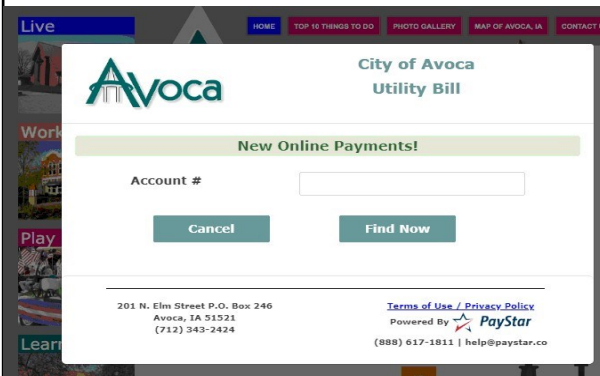
Southwest Iowa Center for Independent Living and League of Human Dignity, Jessica Johanns, Independent Living Coordinator, will be at the Library on the following days: Mondays, December 6th, 13th, and 20th.

Anyone can stop by and visit with her 11:00am - 12:30pm.



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The City of Avoca offers ONLINE PAYMENT system for the convenience of our Utility Billing customers.



Go to [www.cityofavoca.com](http://www.cityofavoca.com) and click the PayStar button on the bottom left of the home front page.

Next enter your account number.



This is a fee based pay system and the fee will appear as a separate charge on your credit/debit statement.

As always, customers can sign up for a Bank ACH (automatic payment) from their checking or savings at NO CHARGE.

We still offer in person payments Monday through Friday 9 am to 4 pm. We are open over the noon hour. After hours a payment can be dropped in the outside drop box slot.

**THERE IS NO CHARGE/FEE WHEN CUSTOMERS SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENT**



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.

## New Year Resolutions for Downtown Businesses

***YES—YOU READ THAT CORRECTLY! You can do this!***

***Congratulations on a successful fourth quarter! You've earned some rest and rejuvenation for yourself and your staff, but you also deserve to perform even better in fourth quarter 2022. We've got some ideas to help you meet those goals, and the best news is that they'll not just help YOUR business, but the entire Avoca Main Street district!***

### **Resolution #1**

Create or update your Travel Iowa business page! The official tourism marketing website for the state of Iowa is FREE and hosts more than a million visitors annually. So much of Iowa's tourism dollars are spent within the state (Iowans traveling elsewhere in Iowa to spend their time and money). Visitors to your business site will also be shown other nearby businesses and attractions, so you'll be helping yourself and your neighbors by maintaining an attractive listing. Travel Iowa exclusively promotes only those places with official listings. If you want to be included in their Travel Iowa guide, or as part of one of those great lists on social media posts, it's up to you to tell them who you are and what you offer. Help build Avoca's itinerary by logging in to [traveliowa.com/register](http://traveliowa.com/register) and clicking the "Submit a Listing" box!

### **Resolution #2**

Become a vendor on Shop Iowa! Shop Iowa ([shopiowa.com](http://shopiowa.com)) is a statewide online marketplace that sells throughout the United States. It is another FREE resource for Iowa's small businesses. You can sell products or gift cards easily while receiving free marketing support for your business. Just visit [shopiowa.com/sell](http://shopiowa.com/sell) and see how easy it is. If you think you can't figure it out, know that they offer live support via email, phone, text, and online training to get you started and keep you going!

### **Resolution #3**

Coordinate with your neighboring businesses or similar-style businesses to magnify your promotions and events! Avocans love to support all their businesses, and cross-promotions pay off very well in our district. Premiering a new product? Changing up your menu of services? Let your neighbors know and get collaborating on how to support each other and drive customers to other businesses in the district. The Avoca Main Street Promotions and Economic Development Committees would love to help!

### **Resolution #4**

Finally, keep Avoca Main Street informed of your business plans! Whether you are thinking of starting up, expanding, renovating, or transitioning, there are FREE technical support services available to you as a Main Street District Member. Additionally as a Main Street business or property owner, you have access to competitive grants that can magnify the impact of your investment. Avoca Main Street is currently administering \$193,000 of granted funds to businesses and properties in our district, and over \$35,000 worth of professional design services were rendered in 2021 at NO cost to the business or property owners. Being a member of a Main Street district has value, and we want to help you capitalize on that. Make sure you start any plans with an email to [mainstreet@cityofavoca.com](mailto:mainstreet@cityofavoca.com) or a phone call to Amber at 712-307-0172.

**Cheers to 2022 being your best year yet on Avoca Main Street!**

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