

In the Middle

May 2024 NEWSLETTER



City Council Meetings

Tuesday, May 14th and May 28th

City Hall

Visit the City of Peosta [website](#) for [Agenda and Minutes](#).



Peosta Storm Sirens

With the Midwest being in the middle of spring, we are surely going to be getting more inclement weather, so I felt this is the time to talk about severe weather storm sirens. First, we have three and they are located at the following addresses.

- By the power station on Burds Road (Parkview Estates).
- Well #2 (19179 Kapp Drive).
- Oakpark Lift Station (off Lone Drive).

So, who has authority to sound the alarms? The city does not have authority to sound the alarms. The only entities that have authority to do so are the Dubuque County Dispatch and our local volunteer fire department.

If you ever wondered what does Dubuque County and the Centralia/Peosta volunteer fire department use as criteria to sound the alarms, they use the following.

- Severe weather, including tornado warning and/or severe thunderstorm warning with winds in excess of 70 mph and/or golf ball sized hail.
- Major hazardous material or chemical spill in the local community.

To make sure that the sirens are working, they are tested on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9:30am. If you do not hear them at this time, or at any time, please contact the City at 563-556-8755, because we want to make sure that they are in working order for when we do need them to be.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 563-556-8755, or email me at aernst@cityofpeosta.org.

Sincerely,

Annette Ernst, ICMA-CM
City Administrator

OPEN HOUSE

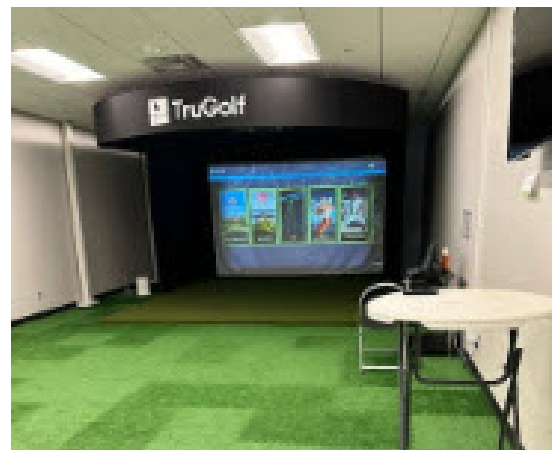
Thursday, May 23rd
3:00pm to 6:30pm

Stop by to take a tour of the new City Hall building, view the future plans for Kelly Oaks Park, and learn more what the Peosta Community Centre has to offer.

Location: City Hall and the upper level of the Peosta Community Centre (Banquet Room Entrance)



Take a tour of the new City Hall addition.
City offices were added along with a council room for meetings.



The new golf simulator is now available for reservations. Multiple sports are offered.



Kelly Oaks Park is a community project that is a venue to bring residents together as a community. The goals of the projects are to build a structure that creates a community identity, is a centerpiece for the city, is a visible presence in the community mainstream, is sustainable, improves space needs issues and adds cultural opportunities to our park system.



Police Department

ROAD CLOSURES



Saturday, May 18th-Outrun the Rays 5K Walk/Run. Map is posted below. Roads will be closed from 8:45am-10:30am (approximately). We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding to keep our participants and community safe during these events.

[Outrun the Rays](#)



Now Available! Summer Single Memberships



Are you a college student back for the summer, or just looking for a membership over the summer? Stop at the Peosta Community Centre front desk today to sign up.

This membership will be valid from now through September 1st and will cost \$125.



Nutrition/Health TIP OF THE MONTH:

Eat fatty fish! Fish is a great source of high-quality protein and healthy fat. This is particularly true of fatty fish, such as salmon, which is loaded with anti-inflammatory omega-3 fatty acids and various other nutrients. Studies show that people who eat fish regularly have a lower risk for several conditions, including heart disease, dementia, and inflammatory bowel disease.



Home Buyers Seminar

Fidelity Bank and Trust is hosting a Home Buyers Seminar on May 9th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Peosta Community Centre meeting room. They will be going over: home shopping vs. bank timeline, money logistics, your ideal credit score, first-time home buyer benefits, and financing new constructions. For more information please visit back.fidelitybank.com.

Events/Announcements

- **Day Camp** - Registration is ongoing. Days are filling up so if you are still interested register today. Forms can be found online at www.cityofpeosta.org or at the PCC front desk. For any questions, please contact Stacey at stacey@cityofpeosta.org.
- **Pickleball Injury Prevention Class** will be held at the Peosta Community Centre on May 13th at 8 a.m. Dubuque Physical Therapy is hosting this class for \$20 per person which includes: handouts, access to videos and resistance bands for you to keep! For additional information email info@dptherapy.com.

- **Healthy Recipe Board** - Have a healthy recipe that you would like to share? Email it to Stacey at stacey@cityofpeosta.org or give it to the front desk to be shared in our shadow box in the hallway.





SUMMER HOURS

Starts Friday, May 24th!

Monday-Thursday ~ 5:00am-8:00pm
Friday ~ 5:00am-7:00pm
Saturday ~ 7:00am-3:00pm
Sunday ~ 7:00am-12:00pm

CLOSURES FOR THE MONTH:

- The Peosta Community Centre will be closed on Monday, **May 27th**.
- **May 18th** - The Peosta Community Centre will be open; however, *Out Run the Rays* annual 5k is held from approximately 8:45-10:45 a.m. During this time there will be road closures for Peosta Community Centre Parkway and Burds Road.

Have Question? Contact Us

563-556-8751

7896 Burds Rd #9646
Peosta, IA 52068

New Summer Hours Beginning May 24th

Monday - Thursday

5:00am-8:00pm

Friday: 5:00am-7:00pm

Saturday: 7:00am-3:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am-12:00pm

Peosta Community Centre Website

Phone: 563 556-8751



Join the Peosta Optimists and Peosta Police Department in our 1st Annual Bike Safety Rodeo

- When: May 11th
- Where: Peosta Community Centre Upper Lot
- Ages: All Ages welcome
- Time: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

- What to Expect:
 - Bring your bike!
 - Helmet Check
 - Free helmets available (while supplies last)
 - Bike Safety Check
 - Following Rules of the Rd
 - Obstacle Course
 - Meet Police Officers and Peosta Optimist Members



Public Works

Compost Site-New Location

The site is now located at the end of Kapp Drive. There are signs directing where the materials should be placed. We ask that you please respect the property and do not leave any trash at the Compost Site. Please be courteous by placing grass clipping and leaves on one side of the bin and branches on the other side. The compost site is for **City of Peosta Residents ONLY**. Residents of Thunder Ridge Subdivision are not allowed to use the City compost site. Materials accepted Tree Branches Leaves Garden waste Grass clippings Materials Not Accepted Garbage Demolition or Construction Materials

Grass Clippings Reminder

Blowing grass clippings in the street is considered a nuisance and therefore prohibited.

Mowing Reminder

Peosta City Code section 3-2-1(1)(nn) states "No person shall allow any plants to grow uncultivated and out of context with the surrounding plant life when such a plant has a seed head formed or forming and with a height of 8 inches or more, nor shall any person allow their grass to grow unattended with a consistent height above 10 inches". It is the property owner's/renter's responsibility to keep up the property. If a property owner/renter does not keep the property free of weeds, grasses, vines, brushes or other vegetation, the City will contract the mowing and bill the property owner for the charge.

Letters will be sent out to any property owners who violate this ordinance. Property owners will need to mow within 5 days from the date of the letter.

2023 Water Quality Report for Peosta Water Supply

A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and is available for viewing.

2023 Quality Water Report



East Central Iowa Transportation Safety Plan

A plan for 58 cities in Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque,
and Jackson counties

OVERVIEW

East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) and the Institute for Transportation at Iowa State University (InTrans) are developing a transportation safety action plan to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries for all roadway users - pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and drivers.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Use the QR code or link
below to take the survey and
share your thoughts on how
to make your community's
roadways safer.



https://eciatrans.org/transportation_safety_plan/surveys.php

CONTACT US



www.eciatrans.org/transportation_safety_plan



563.556.4166

OUR MISSION

Reduce and eliminate traffic fatalities
and serious injuries for everyone in the
plan study area.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Once completed, actions and projects identified in
this plan will help eliminate traffic crashes and
address issues like reckless and distracted driving
and high traffic speeds. Your input is critical to our
success and will determine which transportation
safety projects to prioritize.

PROJECT GOALS

- Adopt a Transportation Safety Action Plan
- Determine physical infrastructure projects, strategies, and policies that address and reduce traffic crashes
- Apply for Federal Safe Streets and Roads for All funding. If awarded, implement safety projects.

Surveys

[Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study & Regional Planning Affiliation \(eciatrans.org\)](http://eciatrans.org)

For your Information



Black Hills Energy Requests Rate Review for System Investments in Iowa

GRIMES, Iowa – May 1, 2024 – Black Hills Energy today submitted a regulatory rate review proposal to the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) to recover investments made in safety, reliability and system resilience for natural gas service to over 163,000 customers across 133 Iowa communities.

Since the last rate review in 2021, the company has invested approximately \$100 million in its infrastructure to modernize its system by updating and replacing aging pipe, safeguarding meters, and connecting to renewable natural gas projects to advance the sustainable use of the natural gas system. These projects have improved safety and reliability throughout Iowa in compliance with state and federal regulations and the obligation to serve.

“We are proud of our strong legacy of providing safe, reliable and cost-effective service to our Iowa communities,” said Kevin Jarosz, vice president of operations for Black Hills Energy. “This winter, we were pleased Iowans saw the lowest natural gas prices we’ve seen in several years. We are very mindful of the impacts of inflation on our customers, and we are carefully managing our costs. This rate review request reflects the critical investments we’ve made to maintain system resilience and keep our customers safe and businesses operating through extreme weather events while also supporting economic growth in our Iowa communities.”

As proposed, the average residential customer bill would increase by \$7.56 per month based on an average monthly use of 63 therms. The increase for customers will vary, based on rate class, load factors and total usage. The rate review does not affect the cost of the natural gas delivered by Black Hills Energy. The cost of the natural gas commodity is a direct pass-through to customers, meaning there is no mark-up or profit.

Customers who would like information about saving energy or bill payment assistance should visit blackhillsenergy.com/assistance or call Black Hills Energy at 888-890-5554.

Under Iowa law, the company can implement a temporary increase in rates that will remain in effect until the IUB completes its review of the proposal. Black Hills Energy will implement a temporary rate increase of approximately \$2.94 per month based on the average residential customer monthly usage of 63 therms on May 11, 2024. Temporary rate increases are subject to refund, plus interest, after the IUB issues a final decision on the request.

For more information about this rate review, please visit blackhillsenergy.com/IA-rates.

About Black Hills Energy

Black Hills Corp. (NYSE: BKH) is a customer focused, growth-oriented utility company with a tradition of improving life with energy and a vision to be the energy partner of choice. Based in Rapid City, South Dakota, the company serves 1.3 million natural gas and electric utility customers in eight states: Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. More information is available at www.blackhillscorp.com and www.blackhillsenergy.com.

Caution Regarding Forward Looking Statement

This news release includes “forward-looking statements” as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. We make these forward-looking statements in reliance on the safe harbor protections provided under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this news release that address activities, events or developments that we expect, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward looking statements, including future anticipated revenues from the new rate increase and the ability to deliver an appropriate return to investors. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions which we believe are reasonable based on current expectations and projections about future events and industry conditions and trends affecting our business. However, whether actual results and developments will





*Ribbon Cutting took place on April 5th. Council member Alexis Goedert, Breanna Uppena, Lucy Rahe, council member Brian Schatz, and council member Jeff Buxton
mayveboutique@gmail.com*

Mayve Shop is located at 742 Peosta Street in the lower level of Ultimate Impressions Salon. Lucy Rahe and Breanna Uppena are the owners of Mayve are excited to bring women's clothing and accessories to Peosta. Mayve will be open during salon hours, typically Monday-Thursday 9-9, Friday's 8-4 and Saturday's 9-1. The owners chose the name Mayve because it means women of power and she who rules. Breanna and Lucy want the space to be where women can uplift and support each other. The shop is equipped with a shelf checkout kiosk to create a relaxed shopping environment. They also plan to host events like women's night out, young girl's birthday parties etc.



Dubuque County Library PEOSTA / NICC BRANCH

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Peosta, IA 52068
Phone | 563-556-5110
ext.2224
Email | [library@dubcolib
.lib.ia.us](mailto:library@dubcolib.lib.ia.us)

[May Calendar](#)

Storytime

Mondays 9:30am -10:00am
(Recommended for ages 2-5) Join Ms. Teresa for a half hour with some reading, rhymes, and playing with friends. No registration required.

Baby & Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays 9:00am - 9:30am
Songs, stories and socializing for children 0-2 and their big siblings and caregivers.

Snack on Science: Solar System

Tuesday, May 14
4:30 pm - 5:15 pm
Learn about a science topic and do an experiment you can eat to go along with it. May's topic is the Solar System.

Summer Kick-Off Party!

Saturday, June 1st
10:30 am - 11:30 am
Read, Renew, Repeat! Start summer off with crafts, games, snacks and more!

(563) 556-8755

[City of Peosta Website](#)



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