



November 14, 2017  
 Fall/Winter  
 Newsletter

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**SATURDAY, DEC. 2 EVENTS**

- EagleRock! Cookie Walk
- Wilson Memorial Library Holiday Party 9:00 am
- Holiday Market at Holy Trinity Hall, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Tour of Homes, 2:30 to 7:00 pm
- Keota Speech Soup Supper at Lagos Acres Club House, 4:30 to 7:30 pm

**SATURDAY, DEC. 3 EVENT**

- Ss. Peter and Paul Clear Creek Concert, 2:00 pm

**SATURDAY, DEC. 30 EVENT**

- Magic Show at KHS School, 7:00 pm

**CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

- Thanksgiving Holiday: November 23 & 24
- Christmas Holiday December 25 & 26
- New Year's Holiday January Jan. 1 & 2

# City of Keota

## UPDATES FROM CITY HALL

This past few months have brought about some changes for the City of Keota. Niki Osweiler, City Clerk of Keota for the last seven years, took a position as the City Clerk of Williamsburg in July 2017. Tomisha Hammes, Library Director at Wilson Memorial Library, moved into the Keota City Clerk position in late July. The Director vacancy at the library was then filled by Toni Greiner at the end of August.

The Sewer Project, at the lagoons, is near substantial completion which means that a majority of the project has been completed. There will be some items worked on through the winter and by late spring the project is scheduled for completion.

The Keota City Pool has been a hot topic discussion for a number of years. A community committee has been set up by the Keota City Council to look into options for renovations to keep the pool open and in good working condition.

Habitat For Humanity may be an upcoming possibility for Keota. A Council appointed committee has been formed to look into bringing this organization to Keota and doing a community build on a city owned property.

Finally, a need for daycare has been a subject frequently talked about in Keota. The council felt that this was a topic that needed community input and therefore, appointed a committee to look into options for a facility, research the need in the community, and find ways to make this project come to fruition.

As always, all the above information is open to the public. If you would like a list of the members of each of the above committees or updates on any of the projects, feel free to stop by, email, or call city hall to find out that information.

## ASH TREE PROBLEMS

The Keota City Council asks the residents of Keota to be aware of the types of trees you have in your yard. Ash trees can have a number of problems outside of possible Emerald Ash Borer. Symptoms to look for in your ash trees are the following: Branch dieback, Thinning canopy, Epicormic sprouts, D-shaped exit holes, S-shaped larval galleries, and Woodpecker damage. For more information about these issues go to the Iowa State Extension website at [www.extension.iastate.edu](http://www.extension.iastate.edu) or stop by Keota City Hall to pick up the information.

## FALL & WINTER GUIDELINES

The autumn leaves continue to fall and with that comes the need to rake and remove leaves and/or sticks from your lawns. The City Council reminds residents that it is unlawful to burn trash, leaves, rubbish, and any other combustible material within city limits. There is a compost pile located just outside the Keota city limits on the northeast side of town for residents of Keota to haul their leaves, brush, and sticks to each year. For detailed directions to the compost location, please stop by Keota City Hall.

Other item: Code of Ordinance 6-15-4 Duty to Trim Trees states: "The owner or agent of the abutting property shall keep the trees on, or overhanging the street, trimmed so that all branches will be at least fifteen (15) feet above

the surface of the street and eight (8) feet above the sidewalks.

Winter is upon us and with that comes the first snowfall of the season. The City Council and Mayor want to remind residents of Keota that Code of Ordinances 6-23-3 Removal of Snow, Ice, and Accumulations states: "It is the responsibility of abutting property owners to remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice, or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax."

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*"Thank you to the residents of Keota for supporting our City Council and for making Keota a wonderful place to live." Mayor Anthony Cansler*

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## WHERE TO FIND NEWS

It seems the most frequent phone calls to city hall are about events in the Keota community. A majority of the events will be advertised in *The Keota Eagle* newspaper. The city clerk and the library director try to make sure city events are posted at their buildings, the bank, post office, and grocery store. If city hall is going to be closed during the week, a sign will be posted on the front door.

Other ways to find out what is going on in or around town is online. The City of Keota has a website: [keotaiowa.org](http://keotaiowa.org). There, you can find all kinds of information about Keota and also links to other organizations' websites or Facebook pages. Wilson Memorial Library, the Keota Pool, Keota Volunteer Fire Department, Keota Schools, and the Keota Education Foundation all have links on our website.

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Keota will once again celebrate the holidays early with a weekend of activities on Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3.

Saturday, December 2 will start off with the EagleRock! Cookie Walk. This is a pre-order event only. Contact an EagleRock! member to order your cookies before all the boxes are spoken for!

Wilson Memorial Library will host their annual Holiday Party at the library starting at 9:00 a.m. There will be crafts, a story, and maybe, just maybe, Santa and Mrs. Claus will show up!

The Holiday Market will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. There will be many vendors returning from last year and many new ones will be there as well. Lunch will be available to purchase .

The Tour of Homes will take place from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. This year's homes will be John and Janie Hammes, Keaton and Jaclyn Greiner, Jim and Karen Dickinson, and tree displays by the KHS students at the Keota High School Student Lounge. The Eagle Advocates will be sponsoring the Holiday Market and Tour of Homes.

The Keota Speech Soup Supper will be at Lagos Acres Country Club from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a free will donation event.

On Sunday, December 3 the festivities continue as Ss. Peter and Paul Clear Creek will host the Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra starting at 2:00 p.m.

Finally, on Saturday, December 30 the Keota Advocates will host a Magic Show at the Keota Schools starting at 7:00 p.m.

For more information such as Tour of Homes addresses, ticket prices, etc. for these upcoming events check out the upcoming issues of *The Keota Eagle*.