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 Fall/Winter
 Newsletter

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UPDATES FROM CITY HALL

A new face can be seen helping in the Public Works Department. Craig Frederick recently retired from the City of Keota and Kevin Miller has taken over in the Public Works Department.

The Waste Water Treatment Project, at the lagoons, is near completion as the only item left to do is land apply the rest of the sludge that was taken out of the lagoons. The system is operational and has been working smoothly for the last couple of months.

The Keota City Pool has been a hot topic discussion for a number of years. In the spring of 2018, the city council made the tough decision to close the pool. A Pool Committee was organized and looked into options for the pool. It was decided to use the funds that were originally set aside to run the pool this year to get design plans for a new pool drawn up. Once those plans come back to the Committee, they will release them to the public with information on how they are moving forward with the project.

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. Design plans were formulated, a location was decided on, and the Committee is currently looking into grant and other funding options to proceed with the project. If the funding is acquired, the hope is to open the new Daycare in August of 2019.

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.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1 EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

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

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES

- Thanksgiving Holiday
 November 22 & 23
- Christmas Holiday
 December 24 & 25
- New Year's Holiday
 Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

TRASH PICK-UP

- If a holiday lands on a Monday, Keota Trash Pick-Up will then take place on the preceding Saturday.

MAILBOXES IN TOWN

Recently there have been many calls about mailboxes in Keota. The City of Keota is not responsible for fixing or replacing mailboxes that have been hit, knocked over, or damaged. The recommendation is to call law enforcement about the incident and notify the post office that the mailbox is down. Ultimately, if no one comes forward or is found at fault, it will be up to the homeowner to replace the mailbox.

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."

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

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, gas station, 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. 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 Home for the Holidays on Saturday, December 1, 2018.

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 Scott and Cherie Westendorf, Seth and Jacayla Milledge, Jane Denny, Noah and Sky Hahn, and Ss. Peter and Paul Clear Creek Church.

The Keota Speech Soup Supper will be at Lagos Acres Country Club from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. This is a free will donation event.

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*.

ANIMAL CONTROL

2017 Keota Code of Ordinances—TITLE IV MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CHAPTER 1 ANIMAL CONTROL : Dangerous Animals Prohibited. No person shall keep, shelter, or harbor for any purpose within the City limits, a dangerous animal. The following are animals which shall be deemed to be dangerous animals per se: "...Pit bulls meaning any dog that is an American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, or any dog displaying the majority of physical traits of any one or more of the above breeds (more so than any other breed), or any dog exhibiting those distinguishing characteristics which substantially conform to the standards established by the American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club for any of the above breeds."