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A Biannual Insight Into What Is Happening in Keota

City of Keota

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News from City Hall

There are now more options on ways to pay when it comes to your monthly water bill!

The City of Keota recently added the credit card payment option for paying water bills. The payments can be done in office or online under city services on the city's website www.keotaiowa.org. There is a GovPayNet fee 2.65% fee assessed to the credit card payment that the customer is responsible to pay.

Sometimes it is necessary to cut down trees and this year that is the case at the Wilson Park. There are about thirteen trees that the city is cutting down due to the Emerald Ash Borer. The Council and Public Works Department are looking into replacing some trees at the park in the near future.

Anytime property owners are tearing down or rebuilding a permanent building, sidewalk, or fence a building permit is required. Stop by city hall to pick up a building permit if you are looking to build in the near future.

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Downtown Revitalization Restore, Reuse, Revive!

As the Ramsey Building at 204 East Broadway Avenue is in the beginning stages of its revitalization. Penny Stout and Tiffany Greiner have also maticulusouly been restoring the old "Slim's Station" to open a Keota location of Miss Emma's at 103 West Broadway Avenue.

Penny Stout and Tiffany Greiner, owners of Miss Emma's, that will be located at the old "Slim's Station" are hard at work remodeling their new location.

Previously located outside of Washington, Iowa, this duo has been selling vintage and antique home decor seasonally since 2012. The owners wanted to keep the charm of the old building in tact, so the outside entrance to the restrooms will stay the same, they are keeping the curved glass display window along with new windows, exposed ceiling and new paint and electrical. Renovations will likely be finished in May 2019, but no show date has been set...yet. For more information about Miss Emma email Penny or Tiffany at hellomissemma@yahoo.com or follow them on social media.

Progress takes time in a small community and after months of work, plans are coming together.

The Ramsey Building, owned by Scott Flynn – Flynn Law Office PLC., should start construction by June 1. The lower floor will be new office space, with added space that will allow for the possible addition of an attorney and/or paralegal in the future. The office space will provide a conference room for client meetings and more file room. The upper level of the building will be remodeled to provide a 1-bedroom apartment and a 2-bedroom apartment. The storefront will be restored to replicate the original storefront of the building when constructed in 1895, with many of the original features preserved, including the original entry doors with hardware.

Future progress >>>

Raising Money for the New Keota Pool

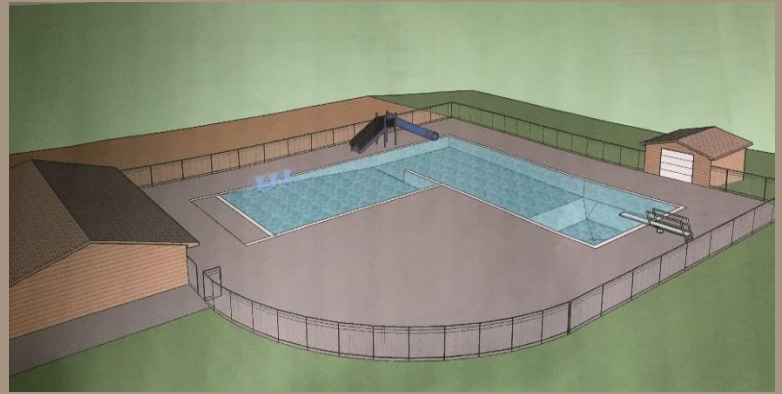
The Keota Pool will be closed for its second season this year, so the Pool Committee looks to raise money for a new pool.

Pool Plans

The Pool Committee has been meeting frequently to go over the pool plans and decide what would best be suited for the Keota Community. The new pool will have the same layout as the previous pool, but will feature a diving board, slide, and water geysers. It will also be a zero entry pool, allowing for all ages to use it.

The next step in the process of building a new pool is securing the funding. The Pool Committee is looking into different grants to apply for and also into fundraising ideas for this summer as well.

Pool Committee Members are Rod Hill, Mike Bender, Linda Werger, Robyn Morgan, Andi Klein, Kathy Davis and Tom Hahn.



Keota Daycare Facility

The Daycare Committee is still working on the possibility of a daycare in Keota. Numerous conversations have happened in regards to location, plans, and funding. Like all projects, this one is taking time and the Committee wants to make sure everything is done in the best interest of the community.



Upcoming Events

Summer months are fast approaching!

Wilson Memorial Library

Check with the library on dates for the Summer Reading Program!

Keota City Wide Garage Sales

Friday, April 26 - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Keota City Wide Clean Up

Saturday, April 13

Items to Curb by Friday, April 12

Keota Education Foundation Golf Tourney

Sunday, June 2 – 11:00 a.m.

Keota Fun Days Celebration

June 14 & Jun 15

Keota Historical Museum Open House

Saturday, June 15

9:00 to 10:45 a.m. & 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

For more information go to

www.keotaiowa.org

Community Ordinances >>>

Spring & Summer Guidelines

The snow has finally melted and that means that the grass will be starting to green up and grow! The Council wants to remind residents that you are to mow and maintain your yards. If you do not maintain and mow your yard, you will receive a letter from the city, the City will mow it and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

Code of Ordinance Title VI, Chapter 15, 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.

Trash, debris, and junk also needs to be picked up from yards in accordance with City of Keota Code of Ordinances Title III, Chapter 2, Section 1.p: Nuisance – “Accumulation of rubbish or trash tending to harbor vermin, rodents, and rank growth of weeds or other vegetation and plants which is conducive to hazard.”

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 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”

Also, according to City of Keota Ordinances dogs are prohibited to run at large. This means that if a dog is off owner’s property it is to be leashed, under the control of a competent person, in a motor vehicle, or kenneled.

Burning of leaves, trash, rubbish or other combustibles is prohibited in city limits. There is a compost site outside of the city limits for yard waste only. Stop by city hall if you are unaware of the location and the city clerk will have a map for you. If using a fire pit for a camp fire in town, only untreated wood is allowed to be burned.

