CITY UPDATE

As many of you may have seen or heard, the Council accepted Mayor Scheckel’s notice of resignation at the March City Council Meeting. Over the last 15 months we have been under outstanding leadership and have made great strides! I can strongly say that I am proud and thankful to have had the opportunity to see such leadership from Mayor Scheckel during this time. I have no doubt in my mind that Ryan will still be active in our community as his involvement runs in his passion. On behalf of the City of Palo, City Council & the residents of Palo, thank you Ryan Scheckel for your devotion to Palo and the leadership you provided during your time as Mayor.

As Mayor Pro Tem, it has been my goal to make this a smooth transition and to maintain everyday city operations. We have a great team in place who are committed to seeing out the goals that we have set out to achieve.

The City Council intends to fill the Mayor vacancy by appointment at the Special Council meeting scheduled for May 7th, 2019 at 8:00 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Palo. The appointment will be until the next pending election that will be held on November 5th, 2019. If you are interested in filling the Mayor vacancy position, please contact City Hall.

Hope everyone is able to get out & enjoy some good weather (maybe not this weekend!), we deserve it after the winter we had!

Angie Brekke – City Council, Mayor Pro-Tem of Palo

LOCAL LEADERS

Name: Doug Hanover
Palo resident since: 1959
Role in the community: Current City Council Member, Past Fire Chief & Fire Department President, served on Planning & Zoning Board, and was also an active member with the Lions Club Community Group.
How your leadership will help the City of Palo: Doug plays a major part in our City Council team as he is very knowledgeable about our city infrastructure. Doug has been an avid help with our city’s maintenance department and doesn’t think twice about lending a hand where needed. From Doug: “I’ve been part of the past & present building of the future.”
Something most people would not know about you: Doug collects shot glasses (…and he doesn’t even drink!)

FACES IN THE CROWD

4th Annual Stephen Cook Memorial Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, April 28, 2019 – 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Join the Palo Fire Dept this Sunday for breakfast to help support the purchase of new fire equipment, grow the Fire Prevention program for the children & remember our fellow firefighter, Steven Cook. Tickets available at the door:
Adults $8
Children 4-10 $5
Children 3 & under Free
Door prizes & raffle items too!! We’ll see you there!

Cedar River Plaza has officially broke ground at the corner of Blairsferry Rd & Palo Marsh Road!! We look forward to seeing this new commercial development come together this summer! Stay tuned for more updates!

West Linn Community Group along with Palo Savings Bank & Palo Mini Mart held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13th. Thank you to all who made this event possible and to everyone who came out, the turnout was fantastic!!

Send your Event Info for listing to LennaGoodale@cityofpalo.com We will also recap events whenever possible.
City Emails:
The City of Palo has a new resident email system! If you wish to receive city emails, you must sign up AND validate your email address. Go to: https://paloia.govoffice2.com/ and click on Email Alert on the left hand side. Fill out your name, email address & security code. Be sure to follow up and go to your personal email to validate your email address and that’s it! If you have multiple adults that find these emails useful, be sure to complete these steps for each email you would like added. If you have any questions, contact City Hall.

Palo Kids T-Ball League 2019:
Open to boys & girls ages 4-6 years old
League runs Sunday evenings from June 2nd – July 7th
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM @ Zeller Memorial Park Field #2
Registration deadline is Monday, May 12th
You can pick up registrations at Palo City Hall or visit the city website under City Information, then Online Forms. If you have any questions, contact City Hall at (319) 851-2731.

Palo City Wide Garage Sales:
Palo City Wide Garage Sales are right around the corner! Friday, May 3rd – Sunday, May 5th. Use extra caution as there will be heavy traffic in town. Happy treasure hunting!

Palo American Legion:
Looking for the information to join in on the Avenue of the Flags? The local Palo American Legion Post 679 provides flag service in the front yard of your home or business for 5 holidays per year for $35/year. Whether you are a resident or a business, show your patriotism and support by signing up today! You can get the form on the City website at the bottom of our home page. If you have any questions contact the Legion at (319) 851-0158 or Ben Hartweg at (319) 560-8770.

Splash Pad:
The Splash Pad located at Zeller Memorial Park should be up and running with a target open date of Memorial Day weekend!

Golf Cart/ATV Tags:
It’s that time of year again to make sure you have a current golf cart/ATV tag. The cost is $15/year. Forms are located on the City website or available at City Hall. Stop in with your current proof of insurance to grab your 2019 sticker for your unit.

Welcome Clark:
Welcome Clark Robertson to the Maintenance Department! Clark began with us on Monday, April 22nd and we look forward to working with him to get him up to speed with the City of Palo operations. Feel free to introduce yourself to Clark if you catch him out & about!

Telephones were first installed in 1903, using a crank ringer on the switchboard. When electricity came to Palo in 1917 they began to use an electric ringer. An operator was on duty from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM seven days a week where the operator lived in the home where the switchboard was located.

Palo Mutual Telephone Company incorporated in 1920 with an elected Board conducting the business affairs. The current Palo Cooperative Telephone Association was incorporated in 1956. At that time subscribers became members of the Cooperative, allowing them a vote at the Annual Meeting. Cable services became available in 1991 and in 2002 the Cooperative was able to offer Hi-Speed Internet. Installation of fiber began in 2012 and by 2014 the entire exchange, including rural members had been updated to fiber optic. Current Board Members are Danny Gardemann, Jay Schultz, Doug Yates, Shirley Harrison & Gordon Bull. Current employees include:
- Erin Petersen – General Manager
- Rachel Hala – Office Manager
- Joe Arp – Technician
- Mike O’Neal – Technician

More about the General Manager, Erin Peterson: Erin became interested in this field as she was looking for a position in a small community and felt the communications industry was very interesting, especially with technology being our future. Her career began in Dyertz, Iowa as part of the front office staff in 2016. She became the Office Manager at Palo in 2018, later becoming the General Manager. Erin still lives near Dyartz with her husband and three children ages 13, 9 & 4.

Erin really enjoys working in Palo and fostering community betterment. She was instrumental in helping obtain a $500 grant for both West Linn Community Group and the City of Palo. The Palo Coop wants the community to know that more grants are available for any non-profit organization within the Palo Coop exchange. Grants are available quarterly and they encourage participation. If interested contact the office.
Phone: (319) 851-3431
Website: www.gopcta.com
Address: 807 2nd St, Palo IA 52324

IF YOU ARE A BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF PALO, WE WANT TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU DO!

For a list of Businesses Located in Palo, visit the City of Palo website: https://paloia.govoffice2.com/

Send your info for listing to LenaGoodale@cityofpalo.com