

BELLE PLAINE NEWSLETTER

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April 2025

Garbage/Recycling Pick-up Information

Serious Sanitation
Garbage & Recycling
collection dates for April!



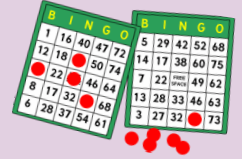
- April 2nd- Recycling Collection
- April 3rd- Garbage Collection
- April 10th- Garbage Collection
- April 16th- Recycling Collection
- April 17th- Garbage Collection
- April 24th- Garbage Collection
- April 30th- Recycling Collection

Please remember to have your bins curbside on their respective collection dates by 6:00AM to avoid being missed.

APRIL NURSING HOME EVENTS:

April 12th- Easter Egg Hunt (BY RSVP) at 10:00am- see included flier

April 16th- Night Bingo with Youth Group at 6:45pm



April 17th- BPS Easter Egg Filling at 3:00pm

April 29th- Travel Program at 2:00pm

April 30th- Resident and Food Council Meeting at 2:00pm



Resident Birthdays for April

- Deane S. April 10th
- Richard E. April 15th
- Dennis N. April 16th
- Ellen S. April 27th

Belle Plaine Fire Department



Sunday April 27th



**Fireman's Pancake
Breakfast 7:00 AM- NOON**

FREE WILL DONATION!!

Spring is here, and we have been very busy with grass fires. If you are doing any type of outdoor burning, please pay attention to the weather conditions and pick a favorable day to do your controlled burns. We have received our new air compressor and cascade system for filling SCBA bottles. We could not have done this without your support. Stop down to check out our new gear, and have some breakfast! We thank everyone for their support!

If you would like to receive the City Newsletter electronically please send an email to bpclerk@belleplaineiowa.gov and you will be added to the monthly email list! Printed copies will continue to be available at City Hall!



Belle Plaine Community Development is springing into action on our goals and projects! Check out what we have been up to in the last month:

Spring is on the way, along with the new season of downtown's Bio Cells needing their annual makeover! Last year, BPCDC on behalf of the City, created the Belle Plaine Bio Cell Committee. Its mission is to REVITALIZE our downtown bio cells as they were designed to absorb and filter surface water from rain and snow.

2024 was a successful year with the Bio Cells. We accomplished uniformity for the most part and did replant many cells. Remington Seeds employees volunteered to help execute our first phase, and now it is time to complete the remaining cells planting and maintenance.

The Bio Cell Committee would like individuals or businesses to consider adopting one or more cells along 12th Street (Main Street)!

Adoption guidelines for those considering adopting a cell:

- Maintain the plants and keep cell tidy by removing trash and debris.
- Take time bi-weekly to check for weeds, Brian Baumgartner or Emma Peebles will send out reminder texts.
- Work with the Bio Cells Committee and BPCDC in meeting expectations and execution of plans and offer recommendations for your cell to the committee.
- Do not alter the cell without first contacting a committee member.

We hope that you consider helping our city by adopting a Bio Cell for 2025. Adopters will be recognized with a sign in your cell! We as a committee are extremely excited about the future of downtown Belle Plaine. If you are interested in adopting a cell, please contact the BPCDC Director, Emma, at director@bpcdc.net or 319-434-6481

You may start to notice new signs in storefronts about accepting Belle Plaine Bucks! We are refreshing the BP Bucks program and are excited to help keep our commerce here in town. You can find the list of participating businesses on growbelleplaine.com. BP Bucks are purchased at City Hall, spent at participating businesses, and then businesses take the spent BP Bucks to MidWestOne Bank to have a check written to them for the amount of the BP Buck. They are a great idea for gifts, giveaways, raffles, or rewards!



Planning for July 3rd and 4th Celebrations has begun! We, along with the Belle Plaine Lions Club, are so excited to make this year's festivities even better than before! Please keep your calendars marked for July 3rd's Car Show and July 4th's Parade, Park Activities, and Firework Show! We are currently making a list of interested vendors to participate in the July 4th Vendor Fair. Please email Emma at director@bpcdc.net if you'd like to have a booth at the fair.

We wish to thank Judy Schlesselman for her service on our board of directors for the last three years. As she steps off the board, she will continue to volunteer with BPCDC events and coordinate the downtown flags and hanging baskets project.



Easter Egg Hunt



Join us for an Easter egg hunt at Belle Plaine Specialty Care!

Come celebrate with us and share the spirit of Easter with our beloved residents. All ages are welcome to participate and enjoy the festivities!

12th APRIL	Belle Plaine Specialty Care 1505 sunset Drive, Belle Plaine IA, 52208	10 AM START TIME
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RSVP by the 6th To Brianna
(319)4442500
BGriffith@careinitiatives.org

FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR Steve Beck



I am excited to announce an update to our new water meter program, which began in the Northeast quadrant of our community. This initiative aims to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of our water services, benefiting both the water customers and the water utility.

Key Benefits of the New Water Meters:

- **Increased Accuracy:** The new meters will provide more precise readings, ensuring fair billing for water usage.
- **Water Conservation:** By detecting leaks early, we can help conserve water and reduce waste.
- **Remote Monitoring:** The new system allows for remote monitoring, reducing the need for manual meter readings and the system will alert us of leaks quickly.

We believe this program will greatly improve our water management and service quality. Installation in the Northeast quadrant will began on April 21st. Letters will be sent the week of April 7th to those properties in Phase 1 to call and schedule an appointment for installation.

You should be receiving a letter soon (if you have not already), discussing a partnership for water and sewer service line protection coverage. The letter will come from SLWA or Service Line Warranties of America. This collaboration addresses a huge need in our community for folks whose homeowner's insurance policies may lack service line coverage or may have inadequate coverage.

The initial letter does say reply by 4/7/2025, that is not a hard fast deadline.

If you have any questions about the program please call 844-257-8795.

Our annual CCR - Consumer Confidence Report is now available On our website and posted at City Hall. This report reviews the water quality for the community over the last year. It includes testing and data collection as well as any areas of concern regarding the water sources. An item to note on the report is the presence of naturally occurring fluoride levels from well 6. We have not been running well 6 for about a year but we still discuss it in the report. When we are in heavy drought conditions and needing to utilize well 6, we blend that water with our regular well water to ensure the fluoride levels are compliant with safety regulations.

https://belleplaineiowa.gov/vertical/sites/%7BF37ABF16-F9F0-4833-BC4B-02A515708CC9%7D/uploads/2024_BP_Water_Quality_Report.pdf



I will be working on an updated timeline for our comprehensive water projects with our engineers and will be sharing that very soon. I am excited to get started on the first phases in the coming months and we are all hopeful for a good construction season while still being hopeful for regular rains!

FROM THE DESK OF PARKS & REC DIRECTOR—April Kressley

Park & Rec Board Member Spotlight: Lon Weber

Years on the Park and Rec Board: 1 year

Full-Time Job: Retired!

Family Members: Jody (wife) 3 children, 2 grandchildren.

What are you most passionate about outside of work? Family, community & leisure time.



Do you have any hidden talents or unique hobbies? Home improvement & woodworking.

What's a fun fact about yourself that most people wouldn't know? I have 12 siblings, grew up on a small farm NE of Traer.

Why did you decide to be on the Park and Rec Board? I really love BP's parks and I want everyone in our community to be proud to show them off to their out of town friends and relatives.



LIBRARY EVENTS:



National Poetry Month – Kids of all ages can come in and do a poetry activity and receive a treat/prize!

Friday, April 4th- 4:00pm: **Friday Fun – Container Planting with Missy Kriegel**

April 6-12 is **National Library week... “Drawn to the Library”** How do you utilize our library?

-Draw a picture of a favorite book cover or a part in a story OR do any drawing/writing that captures the theme, “Drawn to the Library.” Prizes awarded for best entries in various age categories.

Friday, April 11th- **Preschool Storytime**
9:30am

Wednesday, April 16th- 3:30-4:30pm: **Grades 1st-6th After School Fun**

Friday, April 25th- **Preschool Storytime**
9:30am

Friday, April 25th- 6:00-8:00pm: **Grades 6th-8th Movie & Munchie night**

The City of Belle Plaine will be doing a water meter change over to Itron water meters starting in April. We are dividing the town into sections, and will be working on one section at a time. This project will take place over the next several years. Beginning in April residents in the Northeast section will get letters from the City regarding making arrangements to switch over to the new water meters. Please follow the instructions on this letter to get this completed or call us with any questions that you may have!

