

BELLE PLAINE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF PARKS & REC DIRECTOR– April Kressley

July has been a very busy month with lots of great camps. We started the month with wrestling camp, taught by Brady Jacobi! Then we got into boys and girls basketball camps. We were very fortunate to

have coaches Brock Flack and Brant DeMeulenaere instructing, along with lots of HS basketball players. Brock Flack also instructed our July golf lessons. We finished the month off with football camp! These kiddos were excited to get ready for their seasons coming in August!

Thank you to all our coaches and volunteers!



POLICE CHIEF Kris Hudson



The City of Belle Plaine (pop. 2330) is accepting applications for Police Officer. Current starting salary for non-certified officers is \$24.05/hr, and \$28.23-\$32.44/hr for certified officers, plus benefits. ILEA certified preferred, not required.

When fully-staffed, officers work a 12 hour shift schedule. We prefer applicants who are already certified officers, but will consider the right person if not ILEA certified.

For a small rural community, we keep very busy, with over 3400 calls for service last year. Interested candidates can send resume and cover letter to Chief of Police, 1207 8th Avenue, Belle Plaine, Iowa 52208. Our employment application packet is available for pick-up at Belle Plaine City Hall, 1207 8th Avenue, Belle Plaine, IA 52208 or by calling (319) 444-2200 to request one. It is also available on the City's website at www.belleplaineiowa.gov.

Garbage/ Recycling Pick- up Information



The following are the collection dates for garbage & recycling in August!

AUGUST 1ST	GARBAGE COLLECTION
AUGUST 7TH	RECYCLING COLLECTION
AUGUST 8TH	GARBAGE COLLECTION
AUGUST 15TH	GARBAGE COLLECTION
AUGUST 21ST	RECYCLING COLLECTION
AUGUST 22ND	GARBAGE COLLECTION
AUGUST 29TH	GARBAGE COLLECTION

Please have your bins curbside by 6AM on their collection dates!



It's hard to believe we are closing in on one month since Belle Plaine Community Development and the

Lions Club hosted its first joint July 3-4 Celebration at Franklin Park. We've heard many positive comments from car show participants and those who enjoyed all that went on during the two days. Many, many, thanks go to our event sponsors and all who volunteered their time so the fun could go on. The committee is considering all input it received as it looks to add more activities and fine-tune the festivities for 2025.

The biocell plantings done this spring are looking great as that project continues. A grateful thank you goes to the Mansfield Foundation for its \$10,000 donation, and to Remington Seeds for its labor and \$3,500 gift.

Signs noting the individuals or businesses who volunteered to adopt a biocell to keep it weed and debris-free are now in place. Thank you for your time and efforts to beautify our main street!

THANK YOU!

We are pleased to announce an upcoming Ribbon Cutting and Open House for Jen Lewis Photography, 702 12th St. The Ribbon Cutting will be at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, with the Open House following from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to meet Jen and her staff, tour the studio and welcome her to our business community.

Upcoming events include the first annual Belle Plaine Cider Stroll set for Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on our main street. Hosted by BPCDC and Nettiannes, the event will feature multiple vendors, pumpkins, food, music and fall fun. Admission is free.

The BPCDC annual golf outing is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Belle Plaine Country Club. Watch for details coming soon.

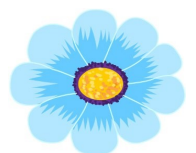


We'll see you out and about!

Belle Plaine Community Development Corp. Board of Directors: Amber Hoover, President; Mindy Atkinson, Vice President; Heather Carl, Treasurer; Judy Schlesselman, Secretary; Sara Johnson, Steve Beck, Brian Baumgartner, Mitch Jacobi, Ryan Devereux.



AUGUST



FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**STEVE BECK**

- **Water:** The wellfield water table levels are holding steady. We are so thankful for the rains we have received this year so far. Our region is still about 4' behind on precipitation spanning the last several years.

Well #2: Well cleaning and rehabilitation has taken place. We had to have the pump rehabilitated and a newer motor installed. Well 2 is up and running again!

Well #4: Well cleaning and rehabilitation will begin soon.

We are currently using wells 1, 2, & 3 in sequence.

Well 6 is not in operation. I get asked that periodically. We have not ran the deep well since the heavy rains we received in early May.

Main/Hydrant Flushing: We have flushed a majority of the mains in town. The plan is to resume flushing more in the fall if we continue to get regular rains. We have not received any reports of water quality issues for a while and we hope that you all continue to have good experiences. If you have any water quality questions or concerns let us know.

Boil Advisory: Has been lifted. We had a main break and a leaking valve to repair in the same area. That area lost pressure--due to the nature of the repairs, we had to kill the main. I called the IDNR to alert them of the situation and told them the plans—they had no issues with the operation. The water was never unsafe or harmful to anyone, we had a good chlorine residual throughout the area. It is still important to follow the procedures that are attached to codes and laws. Due to the timing of the leaks and the hold time on the tests after the weekend it slowed things down. If we have repairs like this in the future, we will follow these same protocols.

- **Hwy 21:** Things are going a lot better with traffic and congestion due to the level of completeness. The remaining concrete will not be overlaid with blacktop, they will be repairing the existing concrete. A map of the entire project is located on the wall at City Hall if anyone is interested in seeing the size and scope.
- **U.P. Railroad Crossings:** In the middle of the highway 21 project the railroad scheduled to work on the crossings at 8th and 9th Ave. We as the City rarely get more than a weeks' notice for such activities. In this case we got maybe a couple days but they closed things down a day early. The RR project seems to be winding down. If we hear of any additional construction on the RR line we will give you all as much notice as possible.



Council Meeting Camera: I have some rough pricing on Audio/Video equipment for council chambers. I am looking for some more specific numbers so I can present ideas regarding options.

BP NURSING HOME EVENTS:

- August 9th- Music by Jim @ 11:45am
 - August 13th- Travel Program by Karen Bradley @ 2:00pm
 - August 10th- Games with Amy @ 10am
 - August 19th- Music by Jolene @ 11:45am
 - August 20th- Food Council Meeting & Resident Council Meeting @ 2pm
 - August 22nd- Picnic at Hannen Park @ 11am
 - August 30th- June Birthday Party @2pm
- Activities are subject to change. Weather permitting.



LIBRARY EVENTS:



- Used book sale continues through August 16th during regular Library hours!
- Wednesday, August 21st- Book Club at 10:00AM
- Tuesday, August 27th- Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:00PM

Faith in Christ Church will be having their 2nd Annual Pork Loin Drive-thru dinner in October. Tickets will be pre-sold for the event. Official date coming soon!

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF Jason Kaplan

July is over and we had a busy month! The winners of the cow chip bingo contest from July 4th are Julie Mantz and Wes Pippert with the winning number of 77.

On July 13th-14th, we hosted our annual fishing tournament. First, a huge thank you to all the sponsors who supported us! We couldn't do it without you :) This year we had a total of 64 teams, the most we have ever had. If you would like to read more about the winners check out our Facebook page, Belle Plaine Fire Department. Here is the biggest fish winner- check out that nice looking fish!



1ST ANNUAL
**BELLE PLAINE
 CIDER STROLL**
Hosted by BPCDC & Nettiannes
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
9AM-4PM
**ON BELLE PLAINE'S
 HISTORIC MAIN STREET**
 ~MULTIPLE VENDORS~
 ~LOCAL SHOPS~
PUMPKINS~FOOD & MUSIC
 ~FALL FUN~