

BELLE PLAINE NEWSLETTER

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August 2025

FROM THE DESK OF PARKS & REC DIRECTOR- April Kressley

Pictured (Left-Right)

Myles Danker (2nd Place), Kinnick Leonard (1st Place), Kinsley Jacobi (3rd Place)

Another great summer with lots of different opportunities to learn the basics of golf, and/or getting the opportunity to play several rounds of golf. We started the summer with two weeks of lessons in June. Our first group consisted of 10 kids. We then started another round of lessons in July that consisted of 5 more kids. Also, throughout the summer the kids had the opportunity to play in a golf league on Tuesday mornings throughout June and July. We want to thank Brock Flack and some of our park crew for showing the kids the ropes and leading them throughout these activities. We would also like to thank the Belle Plaine Country Club for the use of the course throughout these programs. We finished the summer with a youth golf tournament, which was to host 9 different players. Again, thank you to everyone that contributed and helped throughout the different programs. Check out the photo to see our top 3 place winners in our youth golf tournament!



2025 City Election

The process for the 2025 City Election is underway. The following city offices are open for election during the upcoming Election being held on November 4, 2025



- Council Ward 1: 4 year term
- Council Ward 3: 4 year term
- Council At Large: 4 year term
- Park Board: 6 year term

Nomination papers (petition & affidavit of candidacy) can be picked up at Belle Plaine City Hall or are available on the Iowa Secretary of State website. All candidates must have a minimum of 10 valid signatures on their nomination petition.

Deadline for turning in nomination papers is 5PM on September 18th, 2025. Turn in all papers to Belle Plaine City Hall Clerk's office.

Garbage/ Recycling Pick- up Information



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

AUGUST 6TH	RECYCLING COLLECTION
AUGUST 7TH	GARBAGE COLLECTION
AUGUST 14TH	GARBAGE COLLECTION
AUGUST 20TH	RECYCLING COLLECTION
AUGUST 21ST	GARBAGE COLLECTION
AUGUST 28TH	GARBAGE COLLECTION

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

Moments Hospice is Growing in Benton County!

Moments Hospice is proud to extend our compassionate care into the Belle Plaine and greater Benton County communities. Our team is honored to support individuals and families during some of life's most tender moments, offering exceptional, personalized hospice care that honors dignity, comfort, and connection.



If you or a loved one is in need of support, please reach out to Stacey Bowden to learn more about our services and how we can walk alongside you.

Stacey Bowden

Email: stacey.bowden@momentshospice.com

Direct Phone Number:(763) 900-5817

We also welcome members of the community to join us in making a difference through meaningful volunteer opportunities—whether you're a Veteran wanting to connect with fellow Vets, a kind soul interested in offering companionship, or someone who finds joy in sharing time through pet therapy, music, or art.

To learn more about how you can help bring light to someone's day, please contact Alyssa James.

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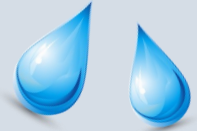
Together, we can build a network of care and comfort, right here at home.

FROM THE ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.....

Attention BP Residents! As many of you know, I have accepted a new position with Iowa County and this will be my last city newsletter! In my 5 years here, I have learned so much about Belle Plaine, city government, ordinances, policies & procedures, and the people coming and going! Let me tell you, Belle Plaine is BUSY! The “behind the scenes” stuff that happens everyday is simply amazing. There are so many little things that happen daily, weekly and monthly that I never even knew took place. There is a great group of people working to make sure Belle Plaine is the best place to live and work. I tried to always meet you with patience and understanding, and I hope that you all know how much I enjoyed our visits at the window or over the phone. It has been a great experience to be able to work for you all, and I am lucky enough to be able to continue to grow and learn professionally. There is always something to be grateful for, and a reason to smile. So Belle Plaine, it's not good-bye, its “See you Later.” Remember to help your neighbor, support your local businesses and thank those who put their time and talents to use volunteering to make Belle Plaine great! - Ashly Parizek

FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

STEVE BECK



We have been blessed with good rains this year. Our neighboring communities upstream have as well. This has led to more water moving and standing in areas that have been dry for several years. This stormwater in the river and streams can have runoff that could be unhealthy to ingest. I am writing this to remind folks that are young and old alike to use caution around the river, ponds, lakes, and streams. Also, please do not drive through flood waters to avoid being stranded, vehicular damages or worse. For possible road closures please check out the City of Belle Plaine Facebook page or sign up for the USGS alert system at <https://accounts.waterdata.usgs.gov/wateralert/>

The IDOT & contractors will be in town hopefully the middle of August to complete the remaining road repairs from Dollar General through the 4-way stop to El Catrin. Please find alternate routes to give the workers room.

We have been receiving some concerns and reports regarding the lack of parking in the downtown central business district. Many of the folks that are struggling to find parking are older and/or have limited mobility. I would like to ask any business owners/managers to consider asking staff that work downtown all day to not park in front of other storefronts.

Thank you to all the members on City Council and School Board who have been serving our community! I am unsure which incumbents might be running for re-election so I will include these notes if anyone is interested in how City Council works reach out to me, City Hall, Mayor Morrow or any current council members.

City & School Elections to be held November 4, 2025.

Filing Period for individuals wanting to be on the ballot is August 25, 2025, through September 18, 2025, until 5:00 p.m.

Open City Council Seats:

Council - Ward 1 (4 years)

Council - Ward 3 (4 years)

Council - At-Large (4 years)

Park Board (6 years)

All Candidates must file a State of Iowa Nomination petition for Non-Partisan Office form and a State of Iowa Affidavit of Candidacy form at

Belle Plaine City Hall prior to 5:00 p.m. on September 18, 2025.

Both forms can be found on the Secretary of State's website at <https://sos.iowa.gov/city-elections> or at

Belle Plaine City Hall, 1207 8th Ave.

The Candidates Guide to the Regular City Election can be found at <https://sos.iowa.gov/city-elections> or at Belle Plaine City Hall, 1207 8th Ave.

I would like to sincerely thank Ashly Parizek for her years of service to our community, you did an amazing job!!! Best wishes on your new role, we will sure miss seeing you every day at City Hall!

THANK YOU!

LIBRARY EVENTS:

1000 Books read before kindergarten program – Stop in the library for details



August 11-29: Annual Used Book Sale

Library will be closed August 30 & September 1 for Labor Day.

Friday Fun Begins again on September 5 at 1:00pm

Preschool Storytime will be moving to Wednesday mornings at 9:30am beginning September 10. Storytime will meet 2 times per month.

Elementary Kid's programming will be moving to Friday afternoons 1:00pm-2:00pm beginning September 12. Kids must register to participate in this once per month activity.



Join us for our Firemen's Dance

Saturday, September 6, 2025

7 PM to 11 PM

@Franklin Park, corner of 10th Ave and 11th St

ADMISSION | \$10 at the gate

(12 & under FREE)

Proceeds go to buying gear for the Belle Plaine Fire Department.



Live Music



Visit our facebook page for more information
Belle Plaine Fire Department



74th Annual

**Belle Plaine
Fireman's Dance**

Feel free to bring your lawn chairs!

FROM THE FIRE CHIEF Jason Kaplan

Congratulations to this year's winners of the 4th of July cow chip bingo, Abby Herman and Gene Meck with the winning ticket #1!



This years annual catfish tournament has been delayed from original date of July 12th due to weather conditions. It will now be held on August 9th. If you are interested, registration/ check in is between 2-3PM on August 9th at the fire station. Follow our Facebook page for more details and information "Belle Plaine Fire Department"