

BELLE PLAINE NEWSLETTER

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November 2024

2025 PET LICENSES ARE IN!

The new pet licenses are in for next year. 2025 tags are **BLUE!**



You can register your cats and dogs for next year any time after November 1st at City Hall.



Reminder to make sure we have a copy of the current rabies certificate!

Belle Plaine City Hall and City Shed will be **CLOSED** on November 28th & 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We want to wish all our customers a Happy Thanksgiving!



LIBRARY EVENTS:



Friday, November 1st- Friday Fun @1:00pm

Friday, November 8th- Storytime @ 9:30am

Friday, November 22nd- Storytime @ 9:30am

Tuesday, November 26th- Board of Trustees Meeting @ 4:00pm

Wednesday, November 27th- Closing at 4:00pm

Closed the 28th, 29th, and 30th. Happy Thanksgiving!

CAST YOUR VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOV. 5 POLLS OPEN 7AM - 8PM

Take time to cast your vote in the General Election on Tuesday, November 5th. Voting locations for residents of Belle Plaine are as follows:

BP Precinct I **Community Center**
BP Precinct II **Community Center**
BP Precinct III **Fire Station**

If you do not know your precinct you can check @ belleplaineiowa.gov under the government—elections tab.



Garbage/Recycling Pick-up Information



Here is the Serious Sanitation garbage and recycling pick-up schedule for the coming weeks!

November 7th	Garbage Collection
November 13th	Recycling Collection
November 14th	Garbage Collection
November 21st	Garbage Collection
November 27th	Recycling Collection
November 29th	Garbage Collection

* indicates a date change due to holiday

Any questions about garbage and recycling collection or bulk item pick up's please contact city hall (444-2200).

NURSING HOME EVENTS:

- November 8th- Music by Jim @ 11:45am
 - November 11th- Veterans Day Program @ 2pm
 - November 12th- Travel Program by Karen Bradley @ 2pm
 - November 13th- Bingo Night with Youth Group @ 6:45pm
 - November 19th- Food Council Meeting & Resident Council Meeting @ 2pm
 - November 20th- Bingo with St. Michael's CCD @ 7pm
 - November 27th- Resident Birthday Party @2pm
- Activities are subject to change. Weather permitting.



November Birthdays

Henry Girard 11/3

REMINDER City Hall Hours are Monday- Friday 8:30AM- 5:00PM, effective November 1st, 2024



REMINDER to set your clocks BACK one hour on November 3rd for the end of Daylight Savings Time!

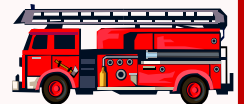
PARKS & REC DIRECTOR April Kressley



We had another wonderful fall volleyball season! We had 15- 5th and 6th graders participate. We want to say thank you to our coaches Katie Stull, Jules Stamp and Alli Hoover. The future of Belle Plaine Volleyball looks very bright!



FROM FIRE CHIEF JASON KAPLAN



Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Please take time to enjoy the holidays and spend time with your friends and family. A reminder that cooking is the leading cause for house fires so please be careful cooking this year. If your going to fry your turkey in a large pot of oil a good reminder is to never place a frozen turkey in hot oil. Second, cook that turkey outside away from your house and deck. If the hot oil spills over and ignites you don't want to catch your house on fire. Please be safe and enjoy the holidays. May God bless you and safe travels! -Chief Kaplan

FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Steve Beck

There are so many things to love about our community and the region we live in. We are a somewhat secluded and self-sufficient rural community, but that does not mean we are disconnected from others. We are so close to many larger towns if for some reason we cannot find the things we may need here. Shopping locally for the things we need supports our community in ways that build up the entire local economy which in turn allows us to become even more resilient and self-sufficient. Many things that we may run to a larger local town to purchase can often be ordered locally and at competitive prices. If we find a product we need is not available in town another good option is ordering online. Purchases made in Belle Plaine (or Benton County) mean the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) stays in our community and doesn't end up in a larger community. Local Option Sales Tax pays for so many great things in our community. A certain portion goes to the Belle Plaine Fire Department, Belle Plaine Ambulance, and The Belle Plaine Police Department. Our local match for larger grants, business grants and community clean-up/housing initiatives utilize LOST funds. The Community Center, the Library, and Parks & Rec are partially funded through LOST. We use a percentage of LOST to pay down loans (debt service). Another way to look at it is, shopping locally is investing in our community's interests; shopping in the city is investing more in theirs. As we approach the holiday season, please consider these things. Your community is grateful to you for choosing to support local when you can.

Our Public Works team is still planning on conducting our Fall hydrant/water main flushing. We originally wanted to start in mid-October but we had to adjust our plans due to the number of projects throughout town and hoping we would get a few more rain events. Our priority will be to flush out the water mains as thoroughly as possible while trying not to waste water reserves. Flushing the mains regularly removes iron sediment which occurs in our cast iron mains.



Our initial Lead and Copper Survey service line reporting for the DNR was due last month. We sent out as much information as we had gathered to the DNR to get the process started. We have since sent out letters to homes that had service lines with unknown materials. Examples of water service piping that enter your home may include: polyethylene "plastic" (flexible - usually black or blue color), galvanized steel (hard pipe - silver or gray color), lead (soft pipe - Silver or gray color), and copper (semi-flexible - can have a greenish patina or metallic red-orange color). In the coming months we will continue to inspect possible lead service lines at residences and businesses, then add them to the mandatory list. We appreciate the cooperation of the citizens who have reached out so far, and we look forward to helping get this list updated and completed as quickly as possible. As old lines are replaced with new materials, we will keep those updated as well.

Our crews had a very successful summer finding and fixing water leaks! Over the last year they have found and fixed so many leaks that our daily average pumping rate has decreased by over 200,000 gallons per day. I cannot thank all our City staff enough for everything they do to keep things running around here. Thanks Guys!!



FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR
Steve Beck Cont.....

The Alliant Energy crews are winding down for the season but there are things that still need to be completed. Please be communicative with Alliant and respond to their letters, calls, and door tags to ensure your home does not loose service. Their intention is to replace the service lines with little to no interruption in service. We all want these projects to go smoothly so they can get their work done before we start getting bad weather. Any small round holes they dug in your yard are to physically locate various service lines. They will be filled in once the area is completed.

Please drive slowly in construction areas—keep an eye out for workers and machinery.



The HAWK (High-intensity Activated cross-Walk) system at the school crossing is nearing completion. We are very excited to see that operational for the safety of the community. This system is designed to stop traffic on Highway 21 for the school kids (and anyone) who is crossing the highway at 7th Street.

We are still experiencing some stray cats or animals running at large in several areas of town. To ensure that all animals are in a safe environment and protected from traffic and other dangers, please do not allow pets to run at large or leave your property. Please be good neighbors and help support the critters of Belle Plaine.

Police Chief Kris Hudson.....



Please welcome Officer Benjamin Ecker to our community! Prior to being hired with the Police Department, Ben worked as a correctional officer with the Iowa Department of Corrections. Ben will attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in 2025.

Our second annual winter clothing drive will start November 15th, and run through December 15th. (See included flier) Now is the time to start cleaning out the closets at home and get rid of some clutter! If you have extra coats, gloves, stocking caps, mittens, etc. that are clean and serviceable, please consider donating them to this cause. Last year was a great success and we'd like to help those less fortunate again this year! There will be a donation box set up in City Hall starting November 15th. Those in need can come to City Hall during regular business hours to collect items they need! This directly impacts people in Belle Plaine. Items left after December 15th are donated to a local charity in Vinton that will benefit people in Benton County, so we try to take care of our local people first with this project.

We hope you all have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!





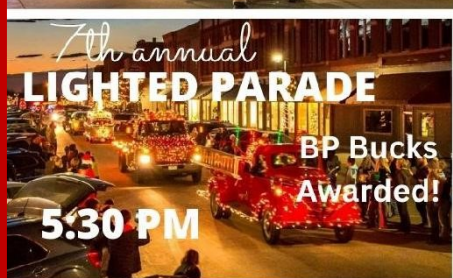
Winter Clothing Drive



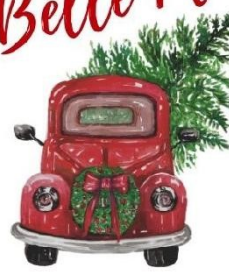
The Belle Plaine Police Department & Foundation 2 are teaming up again to host another winter clothing drive to benefit those in need this winter season. We are collecting winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves, snow pants & boots in sizes ranging from newborn to adult. All items should be new or gently used.

Donations will be accepted until December 15

Donations can be dropped off at
Belle Plaine City Hall. 1207 8th Avenue



Belle Plaine's Holiday Homecoming



November 30, 2024

PRESENTED BY



Schedule of Events

Located on 12th Street

POP UP SHOPS.....	9AM-4PM
SANTA'S WORKSHOP.....	3-5:00PM
HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES.....	3-5:30PM
LIGHTED PARADE.....	5:30PM
TREE LIGHTING.....	FOLLOWING PARADE
LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC.....	DURING TREE LIGHTING



Planning continues for this event!

More details will be announced as they become available.