

BELLE PLAINE NEWSLETTER

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September 2024

Garbage/Recycling Pick-up Information



September 4th - RECYCLING COLLECTION
September 5th- GARBAGE COLLECTION
September 12th- GARBAGE COLLECTION
September 18th- RECYCLING COLLECTION
September 19th- GARBAGE COLLECTION
September 26th- GARBAGE COLLECTION

For any garbage & recycling questions please call city hall at 319-444-2200. If you have excess garbage that doesn't fit in your bin, purchase your "bag tags" at city hall for \$1.25 each.

LIBRARY EVENTS:



Friday, September 6th-
Friday Fun at 1:00pm

Friday, September 13th- Preschool
Storytime at 9:30am

Wednesday, September 18th- Book Club at
10:00am

Tuesday, September 24th- Board of
Trustees Meeting at 5:00pm

Wednesday, September 25th- Blood Drive
10:00am—1:00pm

Friday, September 27th- Preschool
Storytime at 9:30am

FROM POLICE CHIEF HUDSON:

Officer Logan Garwood started his academy training on August 26 and will graduate on December 13th.



We will have a new patrol vehicle hitting the streets sometime in early September. We purchased a Dodge Durango from Thys Motors and it is currently being upfitted with equipment at Karl Emergency Vehicles in Ankeny. Our Silverado has been a good vehicle and has just shy of 80k miles on it. It will be purchased by the BP Parks and Rec Department.

We may be partnering with the BP Fire Department for a new Halloween event. Stay tuned for that! And for those wondering, we will be doing another winter clothing drive to benefit those less fortunate later this fall and our 2nd annual Holiday With a Cop event sometime in mid-December.

Good luck to all of our Plainsmen sports teams!

From Our Park & Rec Director April Kressley..

We made it! What a great summer season we had! I learned a lot in my first summer season. All the attendance numbers in each program had more involvement than last year! Good job getting your kids out and about. We also had a great season at the pool and I want to thank Alison Newton for all the work she put in as the pool manager. Every day she went above and beyond to have lots of events for everyone! Lastly, I want to thank the Parks Crew this summer, Brock Flack, Ava Parizek, Mason Spear and Derek



Kressley. They did a fantastic job keeping up with all of the activities and keeping our parks looking fantastic! Thank you to all!

Now its time for our fall events, flag football and fall volleyball league. Please register on our new website at belleplaine parks and rec.com



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~

Join us helping our community....
BELLE PLAINE
Cider Stroll
Food Drive
Non-perishable
foods & personal
care items
September 21
Special Requests for: **9am-4pm**
Flour, Sugar, Oil, Drop-off location:
canned pasta, Main Street Belle
rice & pasta side Plaine in front of
dishes, & BP Chiropractic
disposable razors
Find us on Facebook at South Benton County Food Pantry in Belle Plaine

BELLE PLAINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
**GOLF
OUTING**
• 4 person best shot
• 18 holes
• \$50 per person
• Breakfast & dinner included
• Registration at 8am
• Tournament begins at 9am
To sign up please e-mail:
director@bpcdc.net
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

Belle Plaine Community Development
Golf Outing- Sign-up now or that day at
the Belle Plaine Country Club!
Belle Plaine Community Development
Corp is searching for a part-time
Director who will collaborate with the
board to plan community events and
support local businesses. Please email
director@bpcdc.net if interested in
learning more about this opportunity.

FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE BECK

Summer is winding down and already soon it will be time for fall. We most definitely had a very busy summer around the community and completed some great projects. There are several still underway and moving along nicely. Our very large projects are still in planning stages, but we are getting close. I will be working on an updated timeline with our engineer Nate Kass soon. He will be reporting at the next council meeting regarding water projects.

The kids are back in school, and it is looking like we are off to a great start so far! You will see some construction projects going on around the schools so please pay special attention to equipment, materials, and workers when driving in these areas. The HAWK (High-intensity Activated cross Walk) system will replace the RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon) at the 7th Street pedestrian (Longfellow Elementary School) crosswalk on Highway 21 within the next several weeks (hoping for October completion). We are currently waiting on the pole and mast arm to arrive for final installation. Thank you so much for the patience of the community. This project is a long time coming and we are looking forward to having this buttoned up. For anyone new to the community: This intersection originally had a full 4-way stop light/traffic signal from the 1950s that was heavily damaged during the Derecho in 2020. The IDOT (Iowa Department of Transportation) would not allow a new stop light/traffic signal to be reinstalled at this intersection due to federal traffic regulations. We were initially advised to install a Flashing Beacon to slow/stop traffic, we are unhappy with the performance of that beacon for that application and location. Since that time, we have been working with the insurance company, the DOT, and other agencies to get the next best option (HAWK system). YouTube has a lot of examples of functions and operations, Here's one from Mt. Pleasant WI. The video speaks to both the HAWK system and the ways they perform better at stopping traffic that the RRFB system. <https://youtube.com/watch?v=IeWgzegOZDk&si=hngjShEVzQnlTn9o>

The 4-to-3-lane conversion on Highway 21 will continue with concrete repairs being made to smooth out the cracks, bumps, and potholes. The IDOT and their contractors are responsible for the project and the City is doing our best to assist along the way. As this is a state highway, we are not in charge of the design, construction methods nor timeline of construction. The 4-way stop area of the project will be quite the project due to traffic volume and trying to get everyone through the turn as out of town travelers and semi traffic are passing through town. I encourage any locals to avoid this area and take alternate routes to decrease congestion once the construction resumes in this area. A full map of the proposed project is located in the north hallway in City Hall.



Big Boy 4014 Steam Locomotive – The Union Pacific will be shutting down the tracks for a very special event in Belle Plaine. Big Boy will be stopping on Thursday September 5th around noon but he won't be there

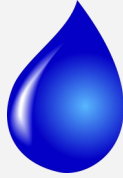
for long so find your spot ahead of time and use good sense around the railway lines before and after the event. Please stop up and check out the main street businesses that day for lunch and shopping needs.



FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE

BECK continued....

The Public Works crew found several buried water leaks that brought our daily pumping and overall water usage down significantly. The most recent leaks were old, abandoned service lines that began leaking at some point and ended up finding their way into the adjacent sewer service. Since the leaks never surfaced, they were difficult to find. Fixing these leaks will save millions of gallons of water each year.



It is so important that we make sure the proper steps are followed when removing old buildings and homes. Two of the leaks were former private lines that were not terminated at the main correctly by City staff and/or contractors at the time of demolition. They were both on 13th Street, which used to be a state highway (Hwy 131) years ago. That would have required coordination with the DOT, which could have complicated the project. Over time they both got forgotten and no one knew they were there anymore. Big lessons for our crew to learn from all of this and why we must do things correctly and completely as we go along. We are all seeing what can happen when maintenance and improvements get pushed down the road. It is so important that we continue to strive toward being more proactive to stay ahead of public utility needs. There is a lot to learn and a lot of work to do ahead of us. We can be so thankful for our Public Works Team and their willingness to accept all the daily challenges they are faced with!

There are so many super fun activities to do in and around the community (and regionally) this month, too many to mention here but they will be included in the full City Newsletter. Please be sure to keep an eye out for school activities and sporting events, the students love our support and seeing us show up and cheer them on. Go Plainsmen!!!

Wishing everyone a safe and fun Labor Day weekend and I look forward to all the fun things we have coming up in September!

SEPTEMBER NURSING HOME EVENTS:

September 5th- Big Boy Steam Engine

September 13th- Music by Jim @ 11:45am

September 16th- Music by Jolene @ 11:45am

September 16th- Trivia with Care Initiatives Hospice @ 2pm

September 24th- Food Council Meeting & Resident Council Meeting @ 2pm

September 25th- Bingo with St. Michael's CCD @ 7pm



September 27th- September Birthday Party @2pm

September 28th- Games with Amy @ 10am

Activities are subject to change. Weather permitting.

September Birthdays

Robert "Bob" Reinburg 9/7

Sarah Tackenberg 9/14

Terrence Macek 9/23

Ruth Squiers 9/24

Happy Birthday

City Hall & City Shed will be CLOSED Monday September 2nd for the holiday! Thank you

Join us for our Firemen's Dance

Friday, September 13, 2024
8 PM to Midnight

@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.



Visit our facebook page for more information
Belle Plaine Fire Department



Live Music



73rd Annual

Belle Plaine Fireman's Dance

Feel free to bring your lawn chairs!



**BENEFIT
HOMECOMING
SUPPER**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BILL MALL

SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

4:30 TO 7 PM

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1523 SUNSET DRIVE
BELLE PLAINE, IOWA

FREE WILL DONATION

**BEEFBURGERS, SALADS,
BEANS, CHIPS AND DESSERT**

CARRY OUT AVAILABLE

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING BY THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Belle Plaine Area Ambulance Service &
Belle Plaine Municipal Airport
Annual Pancake Breakfast
Saturday September 14th
7AM - 11AM

Join us for a delicious breakfast for a good cause!

Iowa Army National Guard Helicopter Viewing!

Airplane Rides!



The University of Iowa Army ROTC will kick off its 36th GBR event on September 06, 2024. The first Army ROTC Game Ball Run occurred on September 19, 1987. The Game Ball Run was created to foster camaraderie among cadets from the University of Iowa and Iowa State University. Additionally, it evolved into a fundraising initiative for the Multiple Sclerosis Society after a cadet from the University of Iowa was diagnosed with this challenging disease.

This year the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) will complete the ROTC Game Ball Run from Kinnick Stadium to Ames, Iowa, on Friday, Sept. 6, one day prior to the Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series football game between Iowa and Iowa State. Nearly 50 Army ROTC cadets from the University of Iowa will kick off the journey from Kinnick Stadium to Tama, Iowa, on Friday starting at 7:30 a.m. (CT). Once the cadets arrive in Tama, they will hand off the football (symbolic in nature, not a game ball) with cadets from Iowa State's ROTC. Those cadets will finish the second half of the run from Tama to Jack Trice Stadium.

The ROTC Game Ball Run travels by foot and van, and the UI cadets are accompanied on the trip by Herky, Hawkeye cheerleaders, and members of the Iowa Army National Guard. The cadets make stops in Williamsburg, Marengo, and Belle Plaine before arriving in Tama.

The cadets will cover a total of 10-12 miles across various checkpoints, stopping at local schools to collect donations for local food banks. Along the way, they will also recognize our everyday heroes (teachers and staff) by acknowledging their contributions, as well as honoring nominated students for their dedication and hard work.



The Mighty Hawkeye Battalion presents:

FALL 2024

Game Ball Run



FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 06

IOWA CITY ● WILLIAMSBURG ● MARENGO ● BELLE PLAINE ● TAMA



ARMY CADETS FROM UNIVERSITY OF IOWA AND IOWA STATE RUN THE RIVALRY GAME BALL AND PRESENT AWARDS THROUGH YOUR TOWN AND SCHOOLS!

HONORED GUEST
HERKY

PARTICIPATE IN THE FOOD DRIVE

ALL DONATIONS PROVIDED TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES IN HONOR OF YOUR SCHOOL

VISIT US AT @UNIVERSITYOFIOWAARMYROTC

BURNING HOURS



September 1st thru May 31st
4pm - 9pm daily

Remember, you cannot burn garbage at any time!