

BELLE PLAINE NEWSLETTER

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February 2025

FROM THE DESK OF PARKS & REC DIRECTOR April Kressley

We would like to thank our Park and Rec Board member, Lon Weber for taking on a new role on the Benton REAP Board. Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) is a State of Iowa program that invests in, as its name implies, the enhancement and protection of the state's natural and cultural resources. Iowa is blessed with a diverse array of natural and cultural resources. REAP provides money for projects in the form of grants. We appreciate Lon stepping in this role to represent the southwest region of Benton county, specifically Belle Plaine.



FEBRUARY LIBRARY EVENTS:

February 5th - World Read Aloud Day – Kids of all ages can read aloud to a member of our staff and receive a treat!



February 5th- Grades 1st-6th
After School Fun 3:30-4:30pm

February 7th- Book Signing & refreshments with local author, Rhonda Mumby @ 1:00pm

February 14th- Preschool Storytime @ 9:30am

February 14th- Adult Brown Bag Lunch Bunch 11:00am-1:00pm
11am-noon: Read or catch up on a craft;
Noon-1pm: Lunch & Laughs
(Please bring your lunch & book/craft of your choice)

February 15th- CLOSED

February 17th CLOSED – President's Day

February 21st- Adult Brown Bag Lunch Bunch 11:00am-1:00pm

February 28th- Preschool Storytime @ 9:30am

February 28th- Adult Brown Bag Lunch Bunch 11:00am-1:00pm

February 28th- Grades 6th-8th Movie & Munchie night 6:00-8:00pm

February

Garbage/Recycling Pick-up Information



Below are the Serious Sanitation collection dates for February 2025!

February 5th	Recycling Collection
February 6th	Garbage Collection
February 13th	Garbage Collection
February 19th	Recycling Collection
February 20th	Garbage Collection
February 27th	Garbage Collection

If you have any questions, please contact city hall (444-2200).

City Hall will be **CLOSED**

Monday, February 17th for Presidents' Day



NURSING HOME FEBRUARY EVENTS:

February 12th- Sweet Pea Visit @ 10:00am

February 12th- Night bingo with Youth Group @ 6:45pm

February 13th- Valentines Jeopardy @ 10:00am

February 14th- Valentine's Celebration @ 2:00pm!



February 19th- Sweet Pea Visit @ 10:00am

February 19th- Night bingo with youth group 7:00pm

February 20th- Tie Dye Group @ 2:00pm

February 25th- Resident Food and Council Meeting @ 2:00pm

February 28th- February Resident Birthday Party @ 2:00pm

Residents Birthdays

Steve M. 2/19

Dolores W. 2/23

City Administrator Steve Beck:

Generator Grant BPF:

I received an update on the emergency generator for the Fire Department and it is tentatively scheduled to arrive this summer for installation. The automatic transfer switch that manages the operational features of the generator will arrive sooner.

Tree Grant:

I received some new guidance on the parameters of our tree grant that I hope to start utilizing this year. As I adjust the plan I will also be looking for additional tree planting grants for street trees located in the right-of-way.



Alliant Energy Utility Build-out Projects:


As we continue to receive mild weather the installation crews are still working around town to improve our infrastructure. It takes a lot of coordinating and planning to get these things done. We are still in the process of working on the next phase of the projects. Please give the crews plenty of space and slow down when you drive near them for everyone's safety.

UnityPoint Health
Family Medicine - Belle Plaine

EXTENDED HOURS
7 AM - 5 PM
MON-FRI, STARTING JAN 6

Same-day appointments available.

UnityPoint Health
Family Medicine - Belle Plaine
105 9th Avenue
Belle Plaine, IA 52208
(319) 444-2840

 **UnityPoint Health**
Jones Regional Medical Center





Happy February Belle Plaine!

BPCDC is working on getting things going for our 2025 goals, which includes our Investment Drive, the Bio-Cells and hanging baskets, events for 2025, and getting Emma trained and settled into her role. We have done a handful of business visits with her in the past couple of weeks and plan to do more! If you haven't been visited yet and want to be, please reach out so we can get to you shortly.

We met Wednesday, January 22nd for our Annual Meeting. Attendees were able to hear about our accomplishments from 2024 which included the success of July 3rd & 4th, the car show, Cider Stroll collaboration with Nettiannes, and the Holiday Homecoming. We also shared goals for this year which we are so excited to introduce to the community in the coming months! Thank you to all of the business and community members that joined us, and the Belle Plaine Area Museum for hosting us, we appreciate all of your support!

Saturday the 25th both Breathe and Main Street Storage celebrated opening with an open house and ribbon cutting at 807 12th

Street. Belle Plaine is so lucky to have two new businesses, and we would like to wish them success and happiness on their new adventure! *Breathe is located on the main floor of the building, while Main Street Storage is on the lower level, accessible from the 12th Street alley.*

Check out their Facebook pages for more information and news!

Investment Drive planning is underway, please watch our Facebook page in the next few weeks for information on support opportunities! We look forward to working with everyone in 2025!

Bio-Cells plants have been ordered for all cells in need of plants. The Bio-Cell committee is looking for any businesses or individuals wanting to adopt a cell or volunteer to help water and weed cells. You can email Emma at director@bpcdc.net if you're interested. Please see our updated contact information and office hours!



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Office Hours
**Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 8:30am - 3pm
Wednesday: 8:30am - 12pm
Thursday: 8:30am - 12pm
Friday: 8:30am - 3pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed**