

BELLE PLAINE NEWSLETTER

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Garbage/ Recycling Pick-up Information

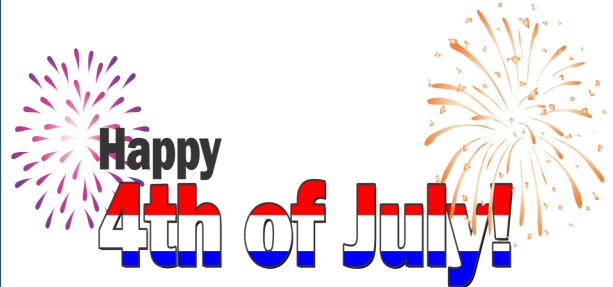


Here is the Serious Sanitation garbage and recycling schedule for July!

July 3rd	Garbage Collection
July 9th	Recycling Collection
July 10th	Garbage Collection
July 17th	Garbage Collection
July 23rd	Recycling Collection
July 24th	Garbage Collection
July 31st	Garbage Collection

Any questions, please contact city hall at 444-2200.

City Hall and City Shed will be **CLOSED** on July 4th for Independence Day



LIBRARY EVENTS:



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

Adult Summer Reading Program – Turn in your completed game cards by August 1. We will draw for prizes at 1pm on that day. Need not be present to win!

Kids Summer Reading Program will also end on August 1. You can only redeem 5 squares for a prize per visit, so keep reading!

The Library will close at 3:00pm on July 3 and be closed on July 4 & 5. We will open again on Monday, July 7 at 10:00am. **We will start accepting books/puzzles for our used book sale on July 7.** Maximum of 40 books per person please. Book sale will begin on August 11 and end on August 29.



Belle Plaine Area Ambulance Annual Sweet Corn Festival

Saturday July 19th @ 4-7

Drive Through OR Sit Down Style at Franklin Park

2 BBQ Pork Sandwiches,

2 Ears Sweet Corn

2 Slices

Watermelon

\$12.00



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.

Other benefits: Health, Vision, Dental Insurance are available; IPERS retirement; ten paid holidays per year; two paid personal days per year; one week vacation after 90 days, two weeks' vacation after two years and goes up from there; uniforms and duty equipment are paid for by the City - if you need it we buy it; we have newer patrol vehicles, in-car computers and mostly updated equipment.

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.



PARKS & REC DIRECTOR April Kressley

We have had a very busy season! Park and Rec T-ball, baseball, and softball have come to a close. I want to wish all of our volunteers a HUGE THANK YOU! We could not give our athletes such great opportunities without their time and effort. We also just finished up our Fun in the Sun program. Our kids enjoyed crafts, bike riding, games, playground fun, and our high school helpers. We hosted our final session at the Belle Plaine Pool. We will continue with our golf league through July with more golf lessons beginning after the 4th of July.

Fun in the Sun photo (L-R)-Brock Flack, Mason Walter, Derek Kressley, Brenten Walter, Peyton Dostal, Brea Matherly, Geneieve Knapke, Riley Hartz, Maren Danker, and Sean Cochran



BELLE PLAINE FIRE DEPARTMENT

8TH ANNUAL CATFISHING TOURNAMENT

PAY-OUT

- FIRST: \$750
- SECOND: \$450
- THIRD: \$350
- BIG FISH: \$300
- LIGHTEST STRINGER: \$100
- BIGGEST CARP: \$100

You Take It Back

NOTE: IF 50 PLUS TEAMS ENTERED FIRST PLACE WILL RAISE TO \$1000.00!!

DETAILS:

- *\$80.00 PER 2 PERSON TEAM (ONE SENIOR/MINOR ALLOWED EXTRA)
- BANK FISHERMEN WELCOME, SAME RULES APPLY AS BOAT FISHERMEN

REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN:

- REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN STARTS AT 2:00 P.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M. ON JULY 12TH, 2025 @ BELLE PLAINE FIRE STATION, 504 13TH STREET, BELLE PLAINE, IA, 52208.

FISHING:

- FISHING STARTS AT 3:00 P.M. SHARP! NO EARLY DEPARTURES
- BOUNDARIES ARE FROM THE KOSZTA ACCESS UP TO THE LONG POINT ACCESS ON THE IOWA RIVER ONLY!

WEIGH-IN:

- WEIGH-IN WILL START AT 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 10:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY JULY 13TH, 2025 @ THE BELLE PLAINE FIRE STATION. THERE WILL BE A FREE WILL DONATION BREAKFAST DURING WEIGH-INS.

ALL CURRENT IOWA DNR LAWS & REGULATIONS APPLY

FOR MORE INFO: FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK @ <https://www.facebook.com/BellePlaineFireDepartment>

FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR Steve Beck

Street repairs:

We have completed a large majority of our street repairs for the season. We were able to complete around 8-9 blocks of sealcoating. Other minor repairs will continue on throughout the season. The small bridge on 19th St between 11th and 13th Ave has had some nice improvements to make it safer and to accommodate stormwater much more effectively.

The intersection on Highway 21 at the 4-way stop is still being discussed with the IDOT as it will need to be completely closed down for repairs. They are looking for a suitable detour route for out-of-town traffic, mainly over-the-road truck traffic that cannot be routed through side streets in town easily. The detour will likely be through highway 63 for major through traffic.

Water Project:

Our engineers will be coming to give updates on all our projects this month. It's very exciting to see things falling into place as we continue building on our plans and as we are attaining permitting for each component.

3rd & 4th of July Celebration:

Hoping we have good weather for the car show, street dance, parade and all the super fun activities planned for the celebration. I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe time in the community!!

Solar Panel Companies:

This is a message to remind citizens interested in Solar panels to be savvy and discerning when it comes to hiring folks to perform installations on your homes.

There are several solar companies sending salespeople door-to-door throughout town pushing for solar panel installations. There are several that are sending major marketing campaigns throughout our community. There are multiple citizens that had bad experiences over the past few years with some of these types of companies. They typically have a high-pressure sales strategy, want to close the too-good-to-be-true deal quickly, are not from an established company in a local community, and may not provide good service nor installation.

Before agreeing to a solar project on your home be sure to do some homework on the company. It'd be best to work with trusted local companies from our local communities. It's always a good idea to get pricing from at least two companies. When dealing with technology or any improvements we invest into our homes it's important to be sure the company will provide and honor warranties, service the equipment, and be available if something isn't working correctly in the future.

Address/House Numbers:

A very important component to your home or business is having the correct address number displayed in a location visible from the street. This topic has come up several times by citizens, mail carriers, and parcel services like UPS and FedEx. Over the years as siding has been replaced or other improvements have taken place the address numbers have been removed from houses, businesses, and mailboxes. Emergency services also rely heavily on address numbers when responding to calls.

At a recent meeting, the City Council asked me to start communicating these things to the community to help increase awareness of the issue. Please check to make sure your address number is clearly displayed.

There are municipal penalties for not having address numbers clearly displayed. We would like to give people a chance to get this accomplished before the City starts sending out letters and engaging in enforcement actions.

Have a very fun and safe holiday weekend!

**REGISTRATION
OPENS AT 3PM
\$20 PER ENTRY**



**FUN AND
FOOD FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!**

Franklin Park
10th Avenue & 11th Street
Belle Plaine, Iowa 52208

PRIZES & TROPHIES

CAR SHOW DOOR PRIZES.....7PM
DOOR PRIZE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE STAGE. IF YOUR TICKET NUMBER IS DRAWN, PLEASE TAKE YOUR TICKET TO THE REGISTRATION TABLE TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE.

TROPHY PRESENTATION.....7:30PM
WINNERS WILL ANNOUNCED AND PRESENTED AT THE STAGE. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO CLAIM YOUR TROPHY!**

RAFFLE

50/50 RAFFLE.....7PM
WINNER ANNOUNCED AFTER TROPHY PRESENTATION. **NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

ENTERTAINMENT

CHICKEN CHIP BINGO.....4-7PM
\$10 PER TICKET PER GAME. WINNER RECEIVES CASH PRIZE OF \$250. MULTIPLE GAMES THROUGHOUT THE EVENING. TICKETS PURCHASED AT EVENT.

BAGS TOURNAMENT.....5-8PM
\$20 PER TEAM. CASH PRIZES. REGISTRATION AT 4PM AT FRANKLIN PARK.

PETTING ZOO.....4-7PM
SPONSORED BY CHESHIRE MOON FARMS.

9SQUARE.....5:30-CLOSE
PRESENTED BY GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, OPEN TILL END OF EVENT.

FOOD & DRINK

FIRE BOX ON MAIN.....
TEXAS STYLE SMOKE BBQ MEAT AND SOUTHERN COMFORT FOOD.

EL CATRIN MEXICAN CUISINE.....
AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD AND BEVERAGES.

BEER TENT.....
SPONSORED BY BELLE PLAINE LIONS CLUB.



BELLE PLAINE'S

FOURTH OF JULY

Franklin Park
10th Avenue & 11th Street
Belle Plaine, Iowa 52208

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5K/ONE MILE RUN OR WALK.....8AM
REGISTRATION AT FRANKLIN PARK. SPONSORED BY BELLE PLAINE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS. FOR INFORMATION AND EARLY SIGN UP CONTACT CLARA KIENITZ AT 319-530-6222 OR CKIENITZ@BELLE-PLAINE.K12.IA.US
PARADE ON MAIN STREET.....10AM
TRACTOR SHOWCASE.....FOLLOWING THE PARADE-3PM
GET AN UP CLOSE VIEW OF THE TRACTORS THAT ARE IN THE PARADE.
MIDWAY GAMES AND RIDES.....11AM-3PM
PETTING ZOO.....11AM-2PM
SPONSORED BY CHESHIRE MOON FARMS.
VENDOR FAIR.....11AM-3PM
CARICATURES AND FACE PAINTING.....11AM-3PM
SPONSORED BY DIVIE ARCANA TATTOO. SEE BOOTH FOR PRICING.
PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT.....12PM
SPONSORED BY BELLE PLAINE VOLLEYBALL, CONTACT APRIL KRESSLEY TO REGISTER 319-404-2442
BINGO.....12-2:30PM
SPONSORED BY THE BELLE PLAINE MUSIC BOOSTERS.
ROLLE BOLLE TOURNAMENT.....1PM
\$5 PER PLAYER. CONTACT JASON DEBROWER FOR MORE INFORMATION AT 319-210-2035.
BELLE PLAINE POOL DOLLAR SWIM.....1-4PM
TUG OF WAR.....1-3PM
\$20 PER TEAM. CONTACT MORGAN GOSLIN AT 541.980.4687 TO REGISTER. SPONSORED BY BELLE PLAINE SOFTBALL.
KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL.....1:30PM
SPONSORED BY BELLE PLAINE HIGH SCHOOL FFA. REGISTRATION AT BASKETBALL COURTS AT 12:30PM.
COW CHIP BINGO.....2PM
SPONSORED BY THE BELLE PLAINE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
RAFFLE PRIZES.....DRAWING AT 3PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE GATE.
FIREWORKS.....STARTING AT DARK

FOOD & DRINK

- MAIN FOOD BOOTH.....
SPONSORED BY BELLE PLAINE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS.
SNOW CONES AND FUNNEL CAKES.....
SPONSORED BY BELLE PLAINE AMERICAN LEGION POST 39.
BEER TENT.....
SPONSORED BY BELLE PLAINE LIONS CLUB.

