

BELLE PLAINE NEWSLETTER

www.belleplaineiowa.gov

July 2024

Garbage/Recycling Pick-up Information



If you have any questions about garbage collection please call City Hall!
Please note the day change due to holiday on July 4th!

****JULY 5TH- GARBAGE COLLECTION****

JULY 10TH- RECYCLING COLLECTIN

JULY 11TH- GARBAGE COLLECTION

JULY 18TH- GARBAGE COLLECTION

JULY 24TH- RECYCLING COLLECTION

JULY 25TH- GARBAGE COLLECTION



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

NURSING HOME EVENTS:

July 12th- Music by Jim @ 11:45am
July 13th- Games with Amy @ 10am
July 15th- Music by Jolene @ 11:45am
July 23rd- Food Council Meeting & Resident
Council Meeting @ 2pm
TBA—Picnic at Hannen Park @11am
July 31st- Birthday Party @2pm

Activities are subject to change. Weather permitting.



July Birthdays
Mary Evens 7/7
Caroline "Carol" Potter
7/18

LIBRARY EVENTS:

Wednesday, July 10th: "Renew Bottle Caps" (making flowers) at 5:30PM

Wednesday, July 17th: Book Club at 10:00AM

Tuesday, July 23rd: Board of Trustees 5:00PM

Monday, July 29th: Used Book Sale- Now through August 16th



Happy July 4th

BELLE PLAINE AREA AMBULANCE



16th Annual BBQ Pork & Sweet Corn Festival

Drive Thru & Carry Out

Delivery Available in Belle Plaine: Call 319-444-0161



16th Annual BBQ Pork & Sweet Corn Festival ★ July 20, 2024 ★ Starting at 4 PM

BELLE PLAINE FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF JASON KAPLAN....

The Belle Plaine Fire Department is excited to announce that the City Council has approved the purchase of a new 6 passenger custom cabover fire truck from Toyne! This truck will be delivered approximately September 2026. This fire truck will be our new frontline pumper, taking the place of our current 2010 Freightliner, which is a 5 passenger fire truck. When this truck arrives, we will be selling our 1995 Freightliner pumper and using the funds to help pay for the new truck. The purchase price of approximately \$711,000 will be funded by \$30,000 from the Fire Department, \$100,000 from the equipment city budget, \$40,000 from indebted funds and a discount of \$57,000 for early payment. The remainder will be bonded through tax funds. We are trying to minimize the remainder needed by any means possible.

Thank you to all those that participated in our annual golf outing, we really appreciate your support and hope you all had a great time!

Our next fundraiser will be the cow chip bingo, \$10 per ticket for a chance to win \$1000. The event takes place on July 4th at the Franklin park at 4:00 pm. See a fire fighter to purchase tickets! We will again be hosting our annual catfishing tournament on July 13th. Stop by the fire station on July 14th to check out the raffle prizes available to the public, the drawing for those starts at 10:00 am.

Chief Kaplan





FINANCED BY DONATIONS



**BELLE PLAINE STREET
DANCE**

MUSIC BY

DJ BOSTON MIKE RYAN

**8 PM - MIDNIGHT ON MAIN
STREET - NO COVER/DONATE
FOR 2025!!!!**



BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS

DRINKS WILL BE COLD

STREET WILL BE CLOSED AT 6 -- BRING DANCING SHOES



4PM- 8PM

Registration opens at 3pm - \$20 Fee

Franklin Park

10th Ave., Belle Plaine, IA 52208

Prizes & Trophies

CAR SHOW DOOR PRIZES.....5PM. 6PM. 7PM
Names of Door Prize winners will be announced at the stage. If your ticket number is drawn, take your ticket to the registration table and claim your gift.

TROPHY PRESENTATION.....7:30PM
Trophy Winners will be announced and presented at the stage. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN TROPHIES.**

Raffle

50/50 RAFFLE.....7:30PM
Following trophy presentation. Need not be present to win.

Entertainment

CHICKEN CHIP BINGO.....4PM- 7PM
\$10 ticket per game. Winner Receives cash prize of \$250. Multiple games throughout the evening. Tickets purchased at event.

BAGS TOURNAMENT.....5PM- 8PM
Enter a team for \$20 for your chance to win **CASH PRIZES.** Registration starts at 4PM at Franklin Park.

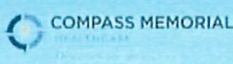
Food & Drink

FIREBOX ON MAIN
Texas style smoked meat BBQ and southern comfort food.

BEER TENT.....
Sponsored by July Celebration Committee.



A special thanks to our corporate sponsors



BELLE PLAINE

4th of July

Franklin Park

10th Ave., Belle Plaine, IA 52208

Schedule of Events

- 5K RUN OR ONE MILE WALK/RUN**..... 8:00AM
Registration at Franklin Park. Sponsored by BP Athletic Boosters. For info and early sign up contact Clara Kienitz 319.530.6222 or ckienitz@belle-plaine.k12.ia.us
- PARADE ON MAIN STREET**..... 10:00AM
- FLAG RAISING**..... 12:00PM
- MIDWAY GAMES AND RIDES**..... 11:00AM- 3:00PM
- BINGO**..... 12:30PM- 3:00PM
Sponsored by BP Music Boosters.
- ROLLE BOLLE TOURNAMENT**..... 1:00PM
\$5 per player. Contact Jason DeBrower 319.210.2035
- DOLLAR SWIM BP CITY POOL**..... 1:00PM- 4:00PM
- KIDDIE TRACTOR PULL**..... 1:30PM
Sponsored by BPHS FFA. 12:30PM register at tennis courts.
- COW CHIP BINGO**..... 4:00PM
Sponsored by BP Fire Dept.

Other Entertainment

- SPOTLIGHT STUDIOS PERFORMANCE**..... 12:00PM
Performances will start following flag raising on the baseball field.
- BEAU TIMMERMAN MUSIC**..... 12:00PM- 3:00PM

Raffles

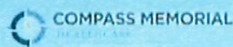
- 50/50 RAFFLE**..... DRAWING AT 4PM
Need not be present to win.
- RAFFLE PRIZES**..... DRAWING AT 4PM
Tickets available at the gate.

Food & Drink

- MAIN FOOD BOOTH**.....
Sponsored by BP Athletic Booster Club.
- SNOW CONES AND FUNNEL CAKES**.....
Sponsored by BP American Legion.
- BEER TENT**.....
Sponsored by July Celebration Committee.



A special thanks to our corporate sponsors



FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR Steve Beck

Highway 21 Overlay and 3-Lane Conversion: The Iowa DOT and L.L. Pelling will be mobilizing more equipment into BP for the HWY 21 project the week of July 1. They are scheduling to have that completed before school starts, weather dependent. The new HAWK system school crossing has been ordered now for some time but may not be delivered until October. We have asked everyone involved to try expediting the arrival and installation of the new signal equipment ASAP. Fortunately, the existing system should work better with the three-lane installed.



We are halting on flushing to let things settle out and see how our pumping usage is trending. We will not resume flushing until after the Fourth of July holiday. Water quality complaints have dropped off all around town and the flushing process is going as well as it is able. The wellfield levels have dropped some so taking a short break during the first part of the month will hopefully help things equalize. We welcome more rain; it all adds up and helps build our reserves.

Please stay connected with the City's "Text 'em All" system to keep up-to-date with all things happening around the City. Please also like, follow, and share The City of Belle Plaine, Iowa Facebook page which we have been updating often. Interacting with the posts and sharing them will help get the word out faster and help more people understand what is happening around town. Happy 4th of July!!

Happy Independence Day from Belle Plaine Community

Development Corporation! This is the month when many hours of planning by the new July 4th Committee will come together in the two-day event set for July 3rd & 4th at Franklin Park. Visit our Belle Plaine July Celebration Facebook page for a run-down of events sponsored by BPCDC and the Lions Club. Additional holiday activities are planned by other groups, so watch for their advertising as well.



The BPCDC Biocell Committee, along with 11 Remington Seeds employees, a few other volunteers and city workers Nick Viall and Jay Hamilton, put in a long day May 29th replanting several corner biocells in the downtown district. The plan to revitalize these cells is ongoing with more work to continue this fall and beyond.

Ownership of the Larry Schlue Memorial Sound Park will soon transfer from BPCDC to the City of Belle Plaine. This unique pocket park will be redesigned to facilitate maintenance and safety. Keep an eye out for the transformation.

Welcome to two new businesses to our community: The Regal Fritillary, coffee bar and healing boutique at 806 12th St., and FurnitureWorks, 1406 Sunset Drive. Belle Plaine Community Development hosted ribbon cuttings for these newcomers in June and wishes them well.

We anticipate making an announcement soon that our organization has hired a new director!

Please note our office is now located in the lower level of the Tippie-Mansfield Center, 1214 Ninth Ave. Office hours will be established when a new director comes onboard. To reach us, email:

director@bpcdc.net or call 319-434-6481. From all of us at Belle Plaine Community Development Corp., have a safe and fun Independence Day. We hope to see you at the park!

FROM THE DESK OF 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. It is also available on the City's website at www.belleplaineiowa.gov.

PARKS & REC DIRECTOR

April Kressley



If you can believe it all of our T-Ball and Little League games have been completed. We want to thank all of our volunteers and coaches that helped all of the kiddos have a great season!

