

BELLE PLAINE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF PARKS & REC DIRECTOR April Kressley

Belle Plaine Parks and Rec is excited about the finalized Pickleball courts and tennis court resurfacing. We now offer 4 pickleball courts and a tennis court. The nets are movable, and you can use the courts as wanted. We will start new pickleball leagues in May and throughout the summer. If you are interested in league, stop into City Hall and sign up. Leagues will be played on Sunday afternoons/evenings. Looking forward to this new activity in our community!



Garbage/Recycling Collection Information



Below are the dates for Serious Sanitation residential garbage & recycling collection! Please have your bins curbside by 6AM to avoid being missed!

May 1st- Garbage Collection

May 8th- Garbage Collection

May 14th- Recycling Collection

May 15th- Garbage Collection

May 22nd- Garbage Collection

May 28th- Recycling Collection

May 29th- Garbage Collection

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

From Chief of Police Kris Hudson....

A reminder to stay on top of lawn care so we can all enjoy a clean, safe and welcoming Belle Plaine. Tall grass and overgrown weeds can attract pests, hide trash or hazards, and even become a fire risk during the hot summer months. Violations receive a 72-hour abatement notice.

Also, a reminder that it is unlawful to blow grass or weed clippings into the street.

The police department has begun issuing ten-day abatement orders for nuisance properties. If you are uncertain if you have a nuisance on your property, or to report a nuisance in your neighborhood, please contact the police department and an officer will stop and take a look.

If you notice a property that could use a little upkeep, feel free to report it to the police department at (319) 444-2323 or city hall (319) 444-2200. Have a good and safe month of May!

**City Hall & City Shop will be
CLOSED Monday May 26th in
observance of Memorial Day**

**HAPPY
MEMORIAL
DAY**

LIBRARY EVENTS:

National Cartoonist Month –

Kids of all ages can come in and do a Cartoon activity and receive a treat/prize!



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

Adult Summer Reading Program – Stop in the library for a game card

Friday, May 9: **Preschool Storytime** 9:30am

Friday, May 9, 1:00pm: **Friday Fun – Cookies & treats with Patti Henning**

Monday, May 12: **Registration for Summer Reading Program begins**

Saturday, May 24 & Monday, May 26:
CLOSED for Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 28: **Advanced Care Planning** – living wills, power of attorney, etc.

Thursday, May 29, 5:00-7:00pm: **Family Fun Night** – Hotdogs & Fun Family Activities

NURSING HOME EVENTS:

BINGO EVERY MONDAY!

May 2nd Rummy Card Tournament

Nursing Home Week 12th-17th

May 13th- **BPHS GRADUATES WALK @ 8:45AM**

May 14th- **Sweet Pea Visit @ 10AM**

May 15th- **Lutheran Ladies Bingo @ 2PM**

May 16th- **Live Music 2-4PM**

May 21st- **Sweet Pea Visit @ 10AM**

May 23rd Rummy Card Tournament

May 7th- **Resident and Food Council Meeting @ 2PM**



Resident Birthdays:

Sharon H. May 4th

Jeff O. May 9th

Elaine D. May 14th

Jackie B. May 15th

Fire Department Chief Jason Kaplan:

Thank you to all that came out and supported the Belle Plaine Fire Department during our pancake breakfast. We had a great turnout, and your donations are much appreciated. Last month we installed our new air compressor, SCBA fill station and storage tanks. This system is used to fill our air bottles that we use during a fire for fresh breathing air. This was made possible from two grants and your donations.

Thank you, Chief Kaplan



CITY ADMINISTRATOR STEVE BECK.....

Water Main/Hydrant Flushing :

With the spring rains we received so far, the wellfield wetland area is recharging the aquifer nicely. The aquifer is not full, but it is filling more with each rain, and we are headed in the right direction! We are managing our water supply closely and will be flushing areas around town starting this month. Flushing will remove sediment that can cause discolored water.

While we are flushing the water mains, sediment will be stirred up and we recommend checking water at the cold tap every time before doing laundry. The City will put out text alerts as a reminder. If you are not signed up for text alerts, please contact City Hall.

Flushing will be done slowly as to minimize wasted water.

We are about halfway completed with the first phase of our new water meter program. The project began in the Northeast quadrant of our community. This initiative aims to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of our water services, benefiting both the water customers and the water utility.

Key Benefits of the New Water Meters:

- **Increased Accuracy:** The new meters will provide more precise readings, ensuring fair billing for water usage.
- **Water Conservation:** By detecting leaks early, we can help conserve water and reduce waste.
- **Remote Monitoring:** The new system allows for remote monitoring, reducing the need for manual meter readings and the system will alert us of leaks quickly.

We believe this program will greatly improve our water management and service quality.

A representative from the meter company or a member of City staff will be in communication with you to coordinate the installation.

General Construction:

Construction projects around town can sometimes seem annoying and we may feel inconvenienced in some way, but the inconvenience is temporary, and the improvements are long term. We can look around our community and see the massive amounts of investment coming in to continue building up our home. It is great to see new things being built and infrastructure being improved. This is all proof that people believe in our community and want to see it grow and thrive into the future. If you are seeing locate flags in your yard or the right-of-way in front of your property, chances are there is a project headed your way. Please leave the flags when you are able and mow around them when possible. Please drive slowly in construction areas—keep an eye out for workers and machinery.

Telecommunications Build-out Updates:

Several telecom companies will be performing build-out projects in town again this year. It is great to see this type of infrastructure improved in the community.

Alliant Energy - Gas & Electric Build-out Updates:

Various neighborhoods around town will be getting new upgraded electrical and natural gas mains and services. Please be communicative with Alliant and respond to their letters, calls, and door tags to ensure your home does not lose 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.

Animals At Large:

I have been posting messages and articles here and there about some issues we are having in several areas of town with stray cats or animals running at large. 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.



April showers will bring May flowers! BPCDC Bio Cell Committee will be completing phase two planting of our downtown Bio Cells on May 14th. If you would like to volunteer to help us accomplish this, please reach out to Emma at director@bpcdc.net. The beds are ready for plants thanks to Service Learning Day with the High School on April 23rd. The kids really helped us and did an amazing job. Thank you all again!



The July 3rd and 4th Committee is also getting planning underway for our iconic two days of celebration! Please save the date for the July 3rd Car Show and July 4th Celebration at Franklin Park. The Committee has been working hard to make this year even better than years before! This event couldn't be possible without the great collaboration between BPCDC and Belle Plaine Lions Club, along with our 2025 Event Sponsors: Compass Memorial, Chelsea Savings Bank, Friedman Distributing, and MidWestOne Bank. Thank you for Investing into Belle Plaine's July Celebrations!



Belle Plaine Bucks program is up and running. If your business would like to be listed as a participating location, send me an email and I will drop off a window cling for you to advertise. Belle Plaine Bucks are currently accepted at: Hartig Drug, Verizon Belle Plaine, Grieder Oil & Standard, TJ's Moonlight Auto Repair, Friedman Distributing, Harris Greenhouse, Ice House Drive-In, Fire Box on Main, Grieder Beverage Depot, The Regal Frittary, Nettiannes, Belle Plaine Hardware, Breathe, Divine Arcana, Jen Lewis Photography, King Theater, Hair by Halle, Hillside Solutions, Mike Beck Landscape & Garden, Drahos Shoe Store, Back Road Kennels, and the soon-to-open Udder's Burgers & More!

I launched the "Community Calendar" last week as a way to gather all of Belle Plaine's happenings in one easy to find place. You can find it on the website at growbelleplaine.com to find information on events in town from local businesses, organizations, and BPCDC! If you or your organization/business has a listing you'd like published, please let me know at director@bpcdc.net.



The whole town Directory is still in progress. We are finalizing website formatting and design, so keep an eye out for that!

Always remember to shop small, shop local, and take pride in our Belle Plaine!

