

BELLE PLAINE NEWSLETTER

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PARKS & REC DIRECTOR -April Kressley



Belle Plaine Park and Rec started flag football and volleyball. Participation numbers were great for football as we had 5 teams with 5-6 kids on each team. We had some great volunteers that we have to thank as we could not do this league without them! Garrett Mumby, Mike Coffman, Brady Jacobi, Shane Behounek and Austin Danker!



Thank you to everyone!!!



LIBRARY EVENTS:



Friday, Oct. 4th- Friday Fun at 1:00PM

Friday, Oct. 11th- Storytime at 9:30AM

Wednesday, Oct. 16th- Fall tea (must have ticket)

Tuesday, Oct. 22nd- Board of Trustees Meeting at 4:00PM

Friday, October 25th- Storytime at 9:30AM

Faith in Christ Church 2nd Annual Pork-loin Drive-thru Friday, October 11th, 4-7pm!

2 slices of pork loin, baked potato, baked beans, coleslaw and cookies. Tickets are \$15. Call Paul Pink, (319) 350-3099 or Cindy Weldon, (319) 444-0715 for more information!

Garbage/Recycling Pick-up Information

Here is the Serious Sanitation garbage and recycling pick-up schedule for the coming weeks.



October 2nd-
October 3rd-
October 10th-
October 16th-
October 17th-
October 24th-
October 30th-
October 31st-

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A reminder, do NOT put GLASS in your recycle bin!

If you have a bulk item pick up or appliance/electronic pick up, these need to be scheduled through City Hall at 319-444-2200.



With summer winding down, it's time to turn our thoughts to Fall and Winter events in our community. Sponsored by Belle Plaine Community Development Corp., the annual

Trunk or Treat is set for Sunday, Oct. 27th. Please email us soon if you will participate with a "trunk" and pass out candy. Belle Plaine Bucks will be awarded to the top three best-decorated trunks, so get your creativity going! We expect a great number of costumed children and adults to attend; everyone is invited to come to our main street to enjoy the festivities! Many thanks to our event season sponsors, Chelsea Savings Bank and Compass Memorial Hospital.

We've heard great comments about our First Annual Cider Stroll held Sept. 21 in partnership with Nettiannes. We look for this to continue and grow in coming years.

Our annual golf outing fundraiser was a success Sept. 28. Thanks to all who golfed or participated in any way; we appreciate your support of our organization.

Next up will be our Holiday Homecoming on Saturday, Nov. 30. The wheels are turning on this annual event that brings many to our downtown area to kick off the holiday season. Mark your calendars and watch for more information as it becomes available.

The search for Belle Plaine Community Development's next part-time Executive Director continues. This person will collaborate with the board to plan community events and support local businesses. Please email director@bpcdc.net if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity. Belle Plaine Community Development is a volunteer-driven organization working to improve the quality of life and economic future of Belle Plaine. Many volunteer opportunities, both big and small, exist to help with our goal. People of all ages and interests are encouraged to get involved. Chances are we have an opportunity just right for you! Reach us at director@bpcdc.net.





CALLING ALL CARS!

JOIN US FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024 AT 3PM

Please help us in giving kids a safe and fun Halloween at the Annual Trunk or Treat on Main Street.

If you are interested in having a trunk please register by email: director@bpcdc.net.

Cars in place between 2-2:30 p.m.

Belle Plaine Bucks awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Get your costumes and candy ready!

Thank you to our event season sponsors.



COMPASS MEMORIAL
HEALTHCARE

FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR Steve Beck

Water Main Flushing:

Public Works is planning out our Fall hydrant flushing strategy which will start soon. Our priority will be to flush out the water mains as thoroughly as possible while trying not to waste our water reserves. Flushing the mains regularly removes iron sediment which occurs in our cast iron mains.



Water Projects:

Our initial Lead and Copper service line reporting is due to the DNR this month. In the coming months we will continue to investigate and inspect possible lead service lines at residences and businesses, then add them to the mandatory list.

Our crews have had a very successful summer finding and fixing water leaks! Over the last year they have found and fixed so many leaks that our daily average pumping rate has decreased by over 200,000 gallons per day. This is a tremendous effort and has saved our community an incalculable amount of money. It has also saved a LOT of water that we were unable to account for previously, which will help us build up reserves much faster than before. I cannot thank our City staff enough for everything they do to keep things running around here. We can all be deeply grateful for this monumental effort to improve our water quality and quantity issues. We are so close to having a much more resilient supply system and then we will begin plans on replacing infrastructure and distribution systems.

Alliant Energy Gas-line Build-out:

Various neighborhoods in the south part of town will be getting new upgraded 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.

Please drive slowly in construction areas—keep an eye out for workers and machinery.

General Construction:



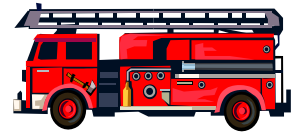
Construction projects around town can sometimes seem annoying and we may feel inconvenienced in some way, but the inconvenience is temporary, and the improvements are long term. We can look around our community and see the massive amounts of investment coming in to continue building up our home. It is great to see new things being build 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.

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.

FROM FIRE CHIEF JASON KAPLAN

The Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their donations mailed in, dropped off, and attendance at the Fireman’s Dance. We appreciate the community’s support in all that we do.



October is Fire Prevention Month! According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Almost half (44%) of reported home fires start in the kitchen. Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials. One of the simplest ways to prevent fire tragedies is the use of a smoke detector. Make sure you check and change your batteries each year!

NURSING HOME EVENTS:

- October 9th- Tour of Belle Plaine @ 9:45am
- October 11th- Music by Jim @ 11:45am
- October 11th- Tour of Belle Plaine @1pm
- October 14th- Music by Jolene @ 11:45am
- October 16th- Family Night BBQ @ 5:30pm
- October 22nd- Food Council Meeting & Resident Council Meeting @ 2pm
- October 29th- Birthday Party @2pm
- October 30th- Bingo with St. Michael’s CCD @ 7pm
- October 31st- Halloween Party @ 2pm



Activities are subject to change. Weather permitting.

October Birthdays

- Geraldine “Gerry” Jordan 10/17
- Phyllis Cornelis 10/18



Trunk Or Treating
will be Sunday,
October 27th

@ 3PM on

Main Street

**City wide Trick
or Treating will
be Thursday
October 31st
from 5pm-8pm!**

**Please turn ON
your porch
light to
welcome trick
or treaters!**

