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## BEVERDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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### BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are usually held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Fishman Law Office, 2651 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA. Visit [www.beaverdale.org](http://www.beaverdale.org) for more information. Board minutes are published on the website upon Board approval.

### MISSION

The Beaverdale Neighborhood Association is neighbors working together to promote the social welfare of the Beaverdale area by bringing about civic betterment and social improvements for the common good of the community.

### MEMBERSHIP

The BNA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization. Membership is open to the public, may be tax deductible and could be eligible for a matching gift from your employer. To join or get involved, visit [www.beaverdale.org](http://www.beaverdale.org) or follow us on Facebook @beaverdaleneighborhood.

### THE SIDEWALK

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Dear Neighbors,

Summer is a great time for all kinds of outdoor activities in Beaverdale. A big thank you to the Public Affairs committee for the MegaScrub event at River Place that helps keep our neighborhood clean. Thanks also to Public Affairs and Beautification for a wonderful Beaverdale Big Event in June that offered a Carving Quest hunt for carved tree trunks, picked up 200 pounds of trash along the Interurban Trail, donated 136 pounds of food, 1400 hygiene items, 114 pounds of pet food and 576 clothing items.

By the time you read this, the Beaverdale Bluegrass Festival will have happened in Tower Park – one of the city’s premier events of the summer, National Night Out is planned for Beaver Bend on August 6, and it all leads into the Beaverdale Fall Festival September 20-21.

Thanks to all volunteers who make these events happen. A reminder that none of it happens without the financial support of dues-paying members. If you’re a member – thank you! If you’re not, please join hands with us and become a BNA member at [www.beaverdale.org](http://www.beaverdale.org).

As always, please reach out if we can help. My email is [president@beaverdale.org](mailto:president@beaverdale.org).

Sincerely,  
Dave Busiek, BNA President



*Beaverdale Bluegrass Festival*



## URBANDALE AVENUE REPAVING PROJECT

The Des Moines City Council has approved a \$300,000 contract to repave Urbandale Avenue from 34th Street to Beaver Avenue. The pavement is in rough shape with lots of potholes patched over, resulting in a rough ride for motorists and cyclists. It’s expected the resurfacing will happen in 2025.

## CELLPHONE TOWER CONSTRUCTION IN BEVERDALE

By the time you read this, construction should have started on a cellphone tower behind the Acanthus Lodge at 4133 Urbandale Avenue. A North Carolina company will build and own the tower, leasing space initially to T-Mobile, which told the city it needed better coverage in Beaverdale. The tower will be a 155-foot tall monopole, with transmitters and electrical equipment in a fenced area at the base of the tower. The company will lease the land from Acanthus Lodge.



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BY: HEIDI BRAGG

## THE STORY OF WHY THE NEGRO LEAGUES WERE FORMED

This 2024 baseball season began with the stunning announcement that, after years of intense research and scrutiny, the players of the old Negro Leagues (1920-1955) have been integrated into the data bank of the Major Baseball Leagues in Cooperstown, New York. You don't need to be a baseball fan to be curious about the story that Jackie Robinson wasn't the first black person to play major league ball.

On the north wall of the Lounge at Christopher's Restaurant is an installation called "Before Jackie". The wall depicts the story of why the Negro Leagues were formed. It illustrates the struggle for civil rights in America through the lens of baseball. On closer look it is also an Iowa story, a Des Moines story, even a Beaverdale story.

This memorabilia and narrative show that white and black union soldiers passed time played baseball together during the Civil War. They returned home with the intention of playing this fast-growing game together and did so for thirty years. However, this period was followed by one of segregation; forbidding black and white men from playing together on any team and also the disenfranchising of any ball club which dared to cross that line. Marshalltown native and MLB player Cap Anson, was one of those leading that effort.

At Christopher's, learn about some of the greatest black players of all time like Satchel Paige, "Cool Papa" Bell, and Josh Gibson, whose records have smashed the likes of Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth and Bob Feller. Learn about Iowa's connections to this story.

Appreciation goes to Ron and Kim Giudicessi of Christopher's, and baseball historian Ray Bagg of Beaverdale for making available this display and reminder that learning our own history is pertinent to shaping our own future.

Move over, Babe Ruth.

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## BEAVERDALE 'CARVING QUEST'

### FUN FOR OVER 50 NEIGHBORS TO EXPLORE AND FIGURE OUT CLUES TO NEIGHBORHOOD CARVINGS

Do you know where the tree carving is that welcomes everyone to BVRDLE on \_\_\_\_\_dale? That was one of the clues to 12 different tree carvings that can be found in Beaverdale that were part of the Carving Quest on June 8th. Over 50 people spent Saturday afternoon exploring Beaverdale by car, bike, stroller, or on foot to figure out the clues and look for tree carvings. They were given a clue to each of the locations as well as the image that sometimes included a geographical location, a scientific name, a math problem, a Roman numeral, or even a president's name for a street. And it helped to know if a street was an avenue, a drive, or a road. Prizes from local Beaverdale businesses were awarded to 12 of the questers who turned in their clue sheet and found all of the carvings. Many thanks to all the owners of the tree carvings who allowed us to include them in the quest. And to all the volunteers who stamped the clue sheets at each location. A great time was had by all! We hope to do a variation of the Carving Quest in the future as a way to highlight the uniqueness of our neighborhood. Look for the Beaverdale Garden Walk in 2025 and maybe something new in 2026.



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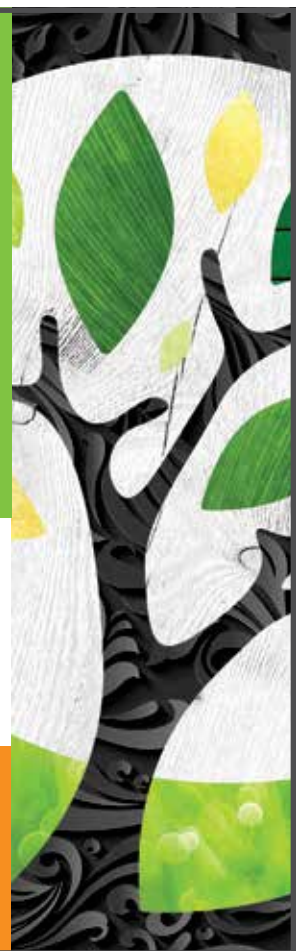
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# FARMERS MARKET

## BEVERDALE FARMERS MARKET

### JOIN US ON TUESDAYS THIS SUMMER



Beaverdale Farmers Market opened on June 4th with vendors selling fresh produce, delicious prepared foods, honey, coffee, baked goods and arts and crafts items. The market occurs every Tuesday through September 10th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at 4801 Franklin Avenue, in the West Parking lot of Franklin Junior High. Come and check out our Musicians, August 6 - Asphalt and Stained Glass, August 13 - Surrender Dorothy, August 20 - Randy Burk & Friends, August 27 - Vintage Cafe with Ed Kelly, September 3 - Scott Eggleston, September 10 - Nathan Thiessen Band.

It's free and easy to park. Pick up your produce for the week and grab supper from our prepared food vendors. Visit [www.beaverdalefarmersmarket.org](http://www.beaverdalefarmersmarket.org) for a map of the market.

Beaverdale Farmers Market is a 501c3, managed by an all-volunteer board of directors. We'd love for you to join our volunteer team. To learn more, email [info@beaverdalefarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@beaverdalefarmersmarket.org). See you at the market!



# AWESOME TRADITION RETURNS - 47<sup>TH</sup> YEAR!

## THE BEVERDALE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

### NOVEMBER 8 & 9 AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

In the dog days of summer, it's not easy to conjure up the holiday spirit. But in a few short months, the temps will drop, snow will fall and the Beaverdale Holiday Boutique will return for its 47th year.

The holiday tradition is scheduled for November 8th and 9th at Holy Trinity School. A fund-raiser for Holy Trinity, the holiday boutique will have approximately 60 vendors offering candles, lotions, winter hats, scarves, baked goods and holiday gifts.

This year's vendor coordinator Katie Dall-Winther, a Beaverdale resident, calls it an "awesome tradition" and says organizers are trying to breathe new life into the event. Last year's boutique attracted 600 people on Friday night and 700 on Saturday.

Admission is \$5.00. Children 12 and under are free. They accept cash or credit cards. Dall-Winther says one of the neat things is that the boutique attracts people from all over the metro, not just those with a Holy Trinity or Beaverdale connection.

Friday night attendees can have a sip of wine with the holiday goodies. On Saturday, Grounds for Celebration will be offering coffee, there will be cinnamon rolls, pies and other baked goods, and families can have their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The gym and some classrooms will all be decorated with a holiday theme. "It's just a warm, holiday spirit," Dall-Winther says.

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