

# THE BNA QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE ON NOV 7 @ 7PM

Northwest Community Center  
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Speakers include the owners from 2 NEW Beaverdale businesses: Dinner Delights and Beaverdale Nutrition, and Polk County Attorney Kimberly Graham who is eager to learn what issues Beaverdale residents consider most important. Meeting minutes can be found on [www.beaverdale.org](http://www.beaverdale.org).



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#### 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

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#### THE SIDEWALK

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Dear Neighbors,

Beaverdale neighbors: What a great spring, summer and fall we've had in Beaverdale. Thanks to hard-working and dedicated volunteers, we've had many chances to celebrate together. From the Easter Egg Hunt, to the Big Day of service in June, to the Beaverdale Bluegrass Festival, to National Night Out and Booverdale. Now we look ahead to Holiday Happenings on Saturday, December 7th. These events all take a lot of hard work by busy people. Want to help? Let us know if you'd like to volunteer for one of these events and we'll connect you to the coordinators. You can always email me at [president@beaverdale.org](mailto:president@beaverdale.org).

The other way you can help is by making sure you are a member of the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association. Your membership dues all go directly to supporting the BNA and its mission to continue Beaverdale's tradition of being the best place to live in Des Moines. About 5% of the homes in Beaverdale are members of the BNA. Doesn't that sound low to you? Please join hands with your neighbor by becoming a member today. Individual memberships are only \$20, Household/Family membership is \$40, and Business Membership is only \$60. Go to our website, [www.beaverdale.org](http://www.beaverdale.org) and click on "Get Involved".

As always, please reach out if you have questions or would like to know more about the BNA. My email is [president@beaverdale.org](mailto:president@beaverdale.org). See you around the neighborhood!

Sincerely,  
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**BEAVERDALE Garden WALK**

**BEAVERDALE GARDEN WALK 2025 IS NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR GARDENS**

While we wrap up the end of 2024, we look forward to what 2025 will bring... Beautiful Beaverdale Gardens!

Once again the BNA will host the Beaverdale Garden Walk to showcase some of the most lush, unique, and creative neighborhood gardens on Saturday, June 7 from 9am to 3pm. We already have a couple of gardens on the map, and spots will fill up quickly as we approach spring. If you'd like to sign up to have your garden showcased, the BNA Beautification Committee encourages you to submit your garden as soon as possible.

Likewise, we are always looking for sponsors and volunteers to help with the Garden Walk. If you are interested in learning more about the benefits of being a sponsor or how you can help in other ways, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact Nancy Dunbar at [dunbar.nancy@gmail.com](mailto:dunbar.nancy@gmail.com) to inquire about being a part of the Garden Walk, one of the BNA's best neighborhood events!

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## THE BEVERDALE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

### NOVEMBER 8 & 9 AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Join the holiday fun at the 47th Annual Beaverdale Holiday Boutique! What started out as a craft and bake sale to raise money for Holy Trinity Catholic School, has now turned into one of the most anticipated events in the area. This year, the Boutique is expanding to include Holy Trinity's neighbor, Acanthus Lodge – one exciting event in two locations!

Over 80 artisans and vendors sell a variety of items at this family-friendly event. Shoppers find handcrafted items in various mediums from wood to glass, clothing, home decor, as well as items that shoppers return to purchase every year.

“My favorite thing about the Boutique is how it's endured for over 40 years with volunteers coming together to transform Holy Trinity into a charming shopping wonderland where you're sure to meet up with old friends,” shared Geri Boesen, head of the Cafe. “I have been involved since our son, Ben, started preschool at Holy Trinity, and he is 32 now!”

On Friday, enjoy homemade appetizers, pizza, and shareable charcuterie boards. Saturday brings cinnamon rolls with Grounds for Celebration coffee, and the return of our famous chicken salad sandwiches and soup. Mrs. Kringle's Bakery will offer pies, braids, and baked goods. Schedule a private story time and family pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus between 9 and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday! Email us for details.

The Beaverdale Holiday Boutique will take place at Holy Trinity Catholic School, 2926 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, and at Acanthus Lodge, 4133 Urbandale Ave, Des Moines. Open Friday, November 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 cash or \$6 by electronic payment. Children 12 and under are free. Start shopping at Holy Trinity Catholic School or Acanthus Lodge as admission is collected at both locations. One low price covers both shopping locations each day. For more information or to volunteer, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @beaverdaleholidayboutique or email beaverdaleholidayboutique@gmail.com.



## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### DINNER DELIGHTS - MEALS MADE EASY!

As the grilling season winds down and we all move to indoor meal preparation, there's a new food option in Beaverdale. Dinner Delights opened in late August at 2713 Beaver Avenue, in the shopping center next to Grounds for Celebration. Dinner Delights offers several options for customers. You can pre-order meals online or stop in to pick up prepared meals. Pre-ordering meals opens on Monday and closes on Thursday, with the meals ready to pick up the following Tuesday. Not that good at planning in advance? No problem, you can stop in to pick up “grab & go” meals during regular business hours, which are Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm or Saturdays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Owner Andrea Love says running a food business is quite a departure from her field of study. She grew up in Iowa but attended undergraduate and law school out of state. She returned to Des Moines to raise a family and spend time as a stay-at-home mom. She always liked to cook, so seven years ago she started doing meal prep out of her clients' homes. She also did some catering. Business improved and she outgrew her home kitchen, so she started looking for a business property and landed on the space in Beaverdale, which previously had been Curbin' Cuisine.

Love says, “It's been going great. There's been a lot of interest and it's fun as people come in.”

Meal prices range from \$12 to \$14, which includes an entrée and sides. Typical pre-order menu choices on the week this article was written included Chicken with Mushroom Leek Sauce, Hawaiian Meatballs, and Mongolian Beef. The menu changes every week. Vegetarian and gluten free options are also available.

Love says on Friday nights she offers a DIY pizza kit. Customers can stop in to pick up dough, sauce, cheese and toppings and go home to build and bake the pizza. Each week also offers a breakfast entrée, such as Breakfast Tacos. Dove says customers can also order complete Thanksgiving dinners.

More information is available at [www.mydinnerdelights.com](http://www.mydinnerdelights.com) or by going to the Dinner Delights Facebook page.

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**FARMERS MARKET**  
**BEVERDALE FARMERS MARKET**  
**ANOTHER FABULOUS SEASON**



The Beaverdale Farmers Market ran every Tuesday 4pm to 7pm from June 4 to September 10. Each week our vendors sold produce, prepared and other food, as well as arts and crafts items. We also provided weekly musical entertainment from a variety of generous local entertainers. Many many thanks to all of them.

Our vendors have consistently reported improved sales, and the coordinators greater attendance, ever since the market moved to the new location in the parking lot of the Franklin Event Center - 4801 Franklin Ave. With the road construction experience of 2023 completed, your Beaverdale market again enjoyed a great season.

The market is grateful to have received continued support from Polk County Community Grants since 2014. In the 2024 season, the market was supported by a fantastic group of local businesses. Our 2024 sponsors included: Basic Bird, O'Donnell Ace Hardware, Green State Credit Union, Calvin Community, Meylor Chiropractic, Boesen the Florist, Fareway Stores, and Snookies Malt Shop. With in-kind donations from Franklin Event Center and Camling Studio. New for this year - we added gift cards for a weekly drawing. Contributors to this were; Beaverdale Confections, MST restaurant, Beaverdale Books, and Grounds for Celebration. The Beaverdale Farmers Market wants to thank each of our sponsors and encourage all Beaverdalians to support them.

2024 was the last season for our Market Manager, Jane Gasperi. We are grateful for the guidance and leadership that Jane provided the market and wish her all the best in her next adventure. She did a great job supporting and helping grow the market since its inception in 2012.

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 or call at 515-650-1652. Our thanks to everyone for a great 2024 Beaverdale Farmers Market. We will see you next summer!

**THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!**



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## FALL FESTIVAL PARADE GRAND MARSHAL: FRANCIS BOGGUS

The guy at the front of the 2024 Beaverdale Fall Festival parade with a friendly smile on his face was the parade’s grand marshal, Francis Boggus. Francis was honored for his many years of volunteer work in Beaverdale.



Listing some of his accomplishments, Francis told The Sidewalk that he worked hard to advocate for the new Fareway Store on the city’s Plan and Zoning Commission, of which he is a board member. Francis served seven years on the Fall Festival board, has been a long-time member of the BNA’s Public Affairs Committee, has volunteered for many projects at Holy Trinity, was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout troop leader for 15 years and most recently, has been heading a citizens’ committee advocating for the renovation of Beaverdale Park.

“I was quite honored,” Boggus says. “I love the visual appeal of Beaverdale, the variety of housing stock, and the diversity of the people who live here. I like having a residential area adjacent to a commercial district. Neighbors help you out. They shovel your snow. They watch your house when you’re out of town.”

The renovation of Beaverdale Park will take a lot of work moving forward. The city has placed dollars for upgrading the park in the 2025-2026 capital improvement plan. But replacing the aging playground equipment will take an estimated \$500,000 in private fundraising. “It’s going to be a signature park in the city,” Boggus said.

Boggus says the best part of living in Beaverdale is being near his daughter and grandchildren. “It’s the best neighborhood I’ve lived in,” he says. “There’s great community spirit.”

Congratulations to the 2024 Beaverdale Fall Festival grand marshal, Francis Boggus!

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## BEAVERDALE BEAUTIFICATION LOSES A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR AND VOLUNTEER – MARION WISSLER

It’s with heavy hearts that our Beaverdale Beautification Committee had to say goodbye to our longtime committee member Marion Wissler, who passed away September 17th.

Marion not only got our committee up and running in the early days of the BNA, but also served as BNA President for a time. He helped plant trees in the median and parks, helped plant flowers in the old whiskey barrels in front of Beaverdale businesses years ago, and organized cleanups of parks, parts of the freeway, and streets during Fall Festival. He could be seen walking the Urbandale Ave. median with a trash bag picking up trash before the mowers shredded it to tiny bits and told stories of the unique things he found.



Marion was part of the Fall Festival planning committee for many years with his wife Carolyn. They lived in their Beaverdale home for 50 years keeping a tidy yard with roses, tomatoes and more in the garden.

A tree was planted in the median in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary years ago. We would like to plant a tree in his memory as well. Donations can be sent to the BNA with ‘tree for Marion’ in a note to: Beaverdale Neighborhood Association, PO Box 30175, Des Moines, IA 50310.

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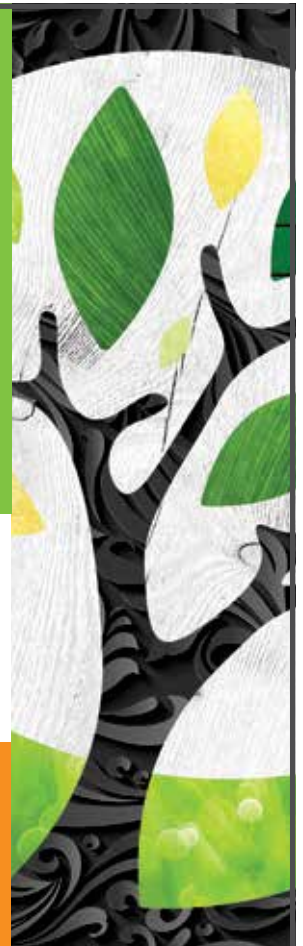
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# BEAVERDALE FALL FESTIVAL

**BEAVERDALE FALL FESTIVAL – A HUGE THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS, VENDORS, AND VOLUNTEERS!!!**

This year's Beaverdale Fall Festival was truly HOT to go! Thank you to everyone for coming out and celebrating with us despite the weather! High fives and love to all our sponsors, vendors, parade participants, and volunteers - we could not do this without you! Extra special shout

out one last time to Premier Chevy Dealers of Iowa for helping us put on a kickin' parade! And a big round of applause to all our amazing local businesses that make Beaverdale the coolest neighborhood in Des Moines! We'll be back again next year, so mark your calendars

for September 19 & 20, 2025! And if you want to help plan next year's Fall Festival then please send us an email at [hello@fallfestival.org](mailto:hello@fallfestival.org). We'd love to have some more passionate neighbors ready to sink their teeth into 2025! We'll see you at the Festival!



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### IN THE MEANTIME—READ ABOUT MY NEW LISTING WITH BEAVERDALE ROOTS:



My new listing is a house with a colorful history, beginning its life in Beaverdale in 1935. It was moved in the late 70's to a former Stage Coach Stop in Ankeny. The land that the house sits on today was once part of that Stage Coach Line Site. The original 1868 Stage Coach Farm house still sits next door (and sold for \$456K in 2021). This unusual house lives on almost 1-acre. It is not a flat acre...it has trees and a stream. It has 3-bedrooms, 3-baths, 2,341 sq ft, a 3-car detached garage & 3-decks to enjoy the views. Enjoy this historical home and share its story with family & friends.



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