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BNA BOARD MEETINGS

BNA Board meetings are normally held the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Upcoming meetings will be held at Community Youth Concepts office at 3826-1/2 Douglas Ave. on March 1, April 5 and May 3. Please refer to www.beaverdale.org for more information. Board minutes are published on the website upon Board approval.

BNA 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 AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY.

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KAMPER'S KORNER

Dear friends and neighbors,

Another holiday season has come and gone. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the holidays and New Year. It was nice to drive around our neighborhood and see all the holiday lights.

The BNA again "hosted" a holiday lights contest. See page 9 for the results. A special thanks to Shari Tenney for helping coordinate the event, lining up the judges and contacting the winners. I would also like to thank the anonymous judges for their time.

Just another reminder that Beaverdale is participating in the City's snow ordinance removal policy this year. This also includes the shared area between Beaverdale and Waveland Park, since both neighborhoods are in the program, but does not include the shared area with Drake Neighborhood since Drake is not in the program. See page 9 for more information on the snow ordinance program.

Included in this edition of *The Sidewalk* are the BNA's financials for 2011. Thanks to our current membership support, along with some continued creative ways to cut down the costs of some events, we were fortunate to have nearly a flat budget this year. The BNA is striving to maintain as many activities and services as possible. If you would like to help with any of the events in 2012,

see page 14 for the list of committees and their contacts. Also, if you are not a member and would like to be, see page 15 for a BNA membership form.

Finally, one project the BNA will be working on in 2012 is to update its strategic plan. With the help of the Neighborhood Revitalization Board, the Community Development Staff and Iowa State students, a Charter Neighborhood Strategic Pilot Program has been initiated for 2012 and Beaverdale was one of four Chartered Neighborhoods selected. We are still in the organizing phase and hope to have a survey sent out to the neighborhood later this year to expand on the initial application process. One benefit of our selection into the pilot program is this opens up Beaverdale to being eligible for Neighborhood Finance Corporation's (NFC) loan eligibility. See page 4 for our first article related to the NFC loan program.

*Catch you at the korner,
Mike*

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BNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

The 2012 BNA Annual Meeting and Election of Board of Directors will be held on **Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Northwest Community Center, 5110 Franklin Ave.** All Beaverdale residents are welcome to attend. The Annual Meeting will begin with the election of Board of Directors at 7 p.m. The following requirements must be met to be eligible to vote in the BNA elections:

- Each single membership (\$15) is entitled to one vote.
- Each family membership (\$25) is entitled to two votes.
- Each business membership (\$50) is entitled to two votes.
- All voters must be 18 years of age before Jan. 31, 2012.
- All voters must be paid members by Jan. 31, 2012.

A membership form can be found in this newsletter, or join and pay online with PayPal at www.beaverdale.org.

The following candidates will be running for seven open seats on the Board of Directors. Voting for a write-in candidate is acceptable. The candidates agreeing to run at time of press are listed in alphabetical order:

Sean Bagniewski

Sean grew up in Des Moines and has lived in Beaverdale with his fiancée, Vidhya Reddy, for almost three years. He currently works as the low-income housing tax credit regional manager for Hubbell Realty. He previously worked on low-income housing projects for the Iowa Finance Authority as the HOME rental project manager. Sean also served as the federal funding coordinator for the Iowa Office of Energy Independence where he managed \$53 million in federal funding for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. He graduated from Drake Law School in 2008, where the American Bar Association named him the student president of the year. Sean is a volunteer for the Special Olympics and Forestdale neighborhood and is also a member of the Iowa State Bar Association and the Des Moines Young Professionals Connection. He seeks a position on the board to help Beaverdale build on its' strengths and maintain a prominent role in the Des Moines community.



Eugene "Gene" Buckmiller (incumbent)

Eugene attended Orient school and graduated in 1950. He entered the Air Force in 1951. He has four daughters; three of them live in the Beaverdale area. He has three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Gene farmed, was on the



volunteer fire department, Boy Scout leader and worked for the city of Orient before moving to Des Moines. While living in Des Moines, he worked for ACCO Unlimited in Johnston and LeMar Industries in Des Moines.

Gene has lived in the Beaverdale area for 30 years. He is a member of the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association, has helped build floats for the past two years and has served on the Beautification Committee for seven years.

Gene was also adj. of the Legion for a number of years. Gene and his wife were housing parents for the Des Moines Buccaneers for 25 years.

Marlyn Freese (incumbent)

Marlyn grew up in Southeast Iowa and moved to Des Moines after graduating from the University of Northern Iowa. He has worked at Wells Fargo as a compliance consultant for the last ten years. Marlyn and wife, Roberta, purchased their current Beaverdale home in 2000. In addition to volunteering over the years for such activities as National Night Out, Rebuilding Together, Beaverdale Live and the Fall Festival Parade, Marlyn and Roberta have organized and hosted their annual 40th Place block party for the last ten years. Marlyn and Roberta are also active volunteers for a number of non-Beaverdale events. Marlyn is again running for a board position to remain active in the community in which he lives. It is his wish to see Beaverdale progress into the future while maintaining the uniqueness that makes it feel like home to its' current residents and to those of the future.



Bill Gray (incumbent)

Bill was born and raised in Des Moines and has been a Beaverdale resident since 1976. He is an alumnus of the University of Iowa. Bill and his wife, Ann, have lived in their home on Franklin Avenue since 1982 and raised their four children there. Bill retired from Avaya (a Bell System spin-off) in 2001 after 24 years and went to work for a business partner of Avaya and is still working there today.

In addition to serving on the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association Board of Directors, he serves as co-chair of the Public Affairs Committee. He also volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out and the Fall Festival.

Bill has volunteered for various committees and boards for the City of Des Moines. For the last ten years, he has been a member of the City of Des Moines Zoning Board of Adjustment.



Bill is seeking re-election to the BNA Board of Directors for his second term. He wants to keep Beaverville safe and vibrant for generations to come. He'd like Beaverville to be a good place to do business and have businesses move into. We have a fine jewel here in the city and Bill wants to keep it that way.

Mike Kamper (incumbent)

Mike is seeking re-election to the BNA Board of Directors for his third term. Mike served as Secretary his first year and has been serving as President for almost the last three years. Mike would like to continue working with neighbors on the various activities and developments in the area. Mike and wife, Sasha, have lived in Beaverville for over 19 years and enjoy the shops, restaurants and most importantly the friendly neighbors. Mike is proud to live in Beaverville and feels it is important to give back to the community to continue making Beaverville a fun and exciting place to live.



Shari Tenney (incumbent)

Shari has lived in Beaverville for the last 20 years and remained in Des Moines after graduating from Drake University in the '70's. She has worked for Drake the last 16 years as an administrative assistant.

Shari is a committee member of the Beaverville Fall Festival and volunteers at Living History Farms and the Community Playhouse. As a board member of this great neighborhood within Des Moines, she would like to continue heading up the special events for the neighborhood and work with the board on projects and events going forward.




Due to term limits, the Board must sadly say goodbye to Cindy Smith who has served on the BNA Board for the past six years. Cindy has been our Vice President for the past three years. Also, Cindy has been our Membership Chair for several years. Since Cindy has taken over the membership duties, the BNA has seen a significant increase in our membership's base. The increase revenue we have seen in membership dues has allowed us to produce this top notch Sidewalk publication along with BNA events and services nearly every month. On behalf of the BNA Board, I would like to thank Cindy for her service and the many hours of volunteer time she has dedicated to our neighborhood over the years.



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Beaverdale Becomes NFC-eligible in 2013

By Sasha Kamper

Neighborhood Finance Corp. (“NFC”) is an independent, non-profit mortgage bank formed in 1990 to help preserve and improve the quality of Polk County’s housing stock. NFC provides mortgage loans to eligible residents — both home improvement loans and traditional mortgages for people to purchase or refinance their homes. However, what’s unusual about NFC is that a portion of the loans obtained for home improvements is forgivable. If a loan applicant continues to stay in his/her home as primary residence, for five years after the loan is awarded, then the forgivable portion of the loan is written-off (“forgiven”). That means that loan applicants essentially receive a portion of their home improvements for free!



Only certain neighborhoods in Polk County are eligible for NFC financing. Low-income tracts are permanently eligible; however, other neighborhoods are allowed temporary access when they go through the City of Des Moines’ Neighborhood Designation Process. Beaverdale was Designated 20 years ago, became Chartered in the mid-1990, and has not been an NFC-eligible neighborhood since. Nevertheless, as a reward for Beaverdale’s participation in Des Moines’ Charter Neighborhood Pilot Program (where the BNA will update its’ strategic plan), the City, Polk County, and NFC have agreed to let Beaverdale residents once again access NFC for a limited, 2-year period, slated to begin January 2013. That means, if you have been considering a major home improvement project, now is an excellent time to organize your plan. You can plan out your project, obtain contractor bids, and be ready to apply for an NFC loan as early as January 2, 2013. The forgivable portion of the loan can either help make your home improvement project more affordable or enable you to upgrade your project from a mod-

est improvement to a larger project and create the home of your dreams! You’ll be hearing more from the BNA about Neighborhood Finance Corp. in the coming months, but some basic Q&A follows:

How does one become eligible for an NFC loan?

Residents who live in NFC-eligible neighborhoods and are owner-occupants, owning only one home in Polk or the surrounding counties, can apply for NFC financing. All NFC loans have a portion of the loan which is non-forgivable and bears a market rate of interest, as well as a portion that is forgivable. In order to obtain an NFC loan, applicants must identify a housing improvement need and qualify for credit approval (without a co-signer on the loan).

No, eligibility is determined by neighborhood tracts, not income or property value.

What portion of an NFC loan is forgivable? It varies, based on your specific situation, but usually anywhere from 25-50% of total project costs can be covered by a forgivable loan, up to a maximum forgivable loan value of \$10,000. The remaining project costs can be covered by a market rate, non-forgivable loan, with a maximum loan value of \$175,000.

The forgivable loan is interest free, and this portion of the debt is forgiven, if applicants reside in their home for five years or more after obtaining the loan. A pro rata portion of the loan is forgiven each year, over the five year period. If applicants move before the end of five years, then they must repay that portion of the loan which was not yet forgiven.



What type of home improvement projects qualify for NFC financing? According to Executive Director, Holly Olson, the list of eligible projects is fairly extensive. Infrastructure improvements, such as plumbing and electrical upgrades, foundation repairs, HVAC updates, concrete work, or a new roof qualify. So do removal of dead trees, replacement of your water intake or sewer lines, installation of a sump pump and drain tile system, and home modifications to make the home more accessible for those who are mobility-impaired. Other updates also qualify, such as, exterior painting, kitchen or bath remodels, basement finishes, garage or front porch expansions, interior flooring replacement, and square footage additions — particularly if they address functional obsolescence issues (for example, expanding your kitchen or adding an extra bedroom and bath). Only a handful of improvements are ineligible, such as decorative landscaping or sunroom additions. Also, appliance upgrades are not considered in totaling the project value; because, appliances are often moved when people sell their homes.

How does one apply for an NFC loan? Keep in mind that Beaverdale residents will not be eligible for NFC financing until 2013. However, the ideal time to start planning a project is now. In order to apply for a home improvement loan, residents must have a project identified and obtain one or more contractor bids in advance. If your project will require inspection permits, your contractor's bid should include the costs of hiring licensed professionals and obtaining the necessary permits. Loan applications are available on-line at http://www.neighborhoodfinance.org/loan_process.php. Per Holly Olson, NFC loan apps require a fair amount of up-front information—more so than other banks might require. However, unlike most banks, NFC rarely asks for as much follow-up information. The amount of total paperwork involved over the entire application process is similar to what you would supply to a for-profit bank, it's just that more of that paperwork comes up front with NFC. There is a \$20 prequalification fee, as well as an appraisal fee and other costs associated with the loan, but total costs should be competitive with loan costs from a for-profit bank.

If applicants come to NFC's office at 1912 Sixth Avenue (1/2 block south of the Hickman/Sixth intersection) with a

completed application, documentation, and bids in-hand, they can expect to receive their home improvement loan within about 30 days of application, or their original, first mortgage purchase/refinancing loan within about 45 days of application (barring any unforeseen closing delay, such as a title exception). NFC does not finance prior projects; so, improvement work cannot begin until after the loan closes. Once your loan is approved, NFC will escrow the home improvement portion of the loan and pay your contractor directly, similar to the way most mortgage companies escrow and pay for homeowner's insurance or property taxes. Once the loan closes and your improvement project has been completely paid for, you can prepay the loan at any time without penalty.

Does NFC provide loans for commercial investment?

Occasionally, but on a very limited basis. Any commercial loans tend to have maturities of five years or less, consistent with NFC's source of funds for these types of investments.

The BNA will be hosting a series of meetings and articles over the coming months to provide more information about Neighborhood Finance Corp. However, we encourage Beaverdale residents to start thinking now how to leverage this great opportunity and create your dream home — right here in Beaverdale! For more information, visit www.neighborhoodfinance.org.

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FOURTH ANNUAL BEAVERDALE SHOP HOP

By Marlyn Freese

At the Fourth Annual Christmas Shop Hop, Santa and his elf, Twinkle, magically appeared, sat down and instantly had children lined up and ready to share their Christmas wish list. Each of the approximately three dozen children who came to see Santa received a special gift bag – filled to the brim with treats and other goodies. Santa and elf, Twinkle, visited the children at Grounds for Celebration and then stopped by Beaverdale Books to read Christmas stories to the children.



The Beaverdale Shop Hop held Saturday, Dec. 3, was a fun-filled event for all! BNA members, who stopped by Grounds, were given their choice of receiving a special Shop Beaverdale bag to use for their purchases that evening or a one-of-a-kind Beaverdale holiday scarf.

Many local neighborhood businesses were open late and provided entertainment and treats for all who stopped by to partake. The businesses offered many specials on their products. Rain filled the skies, but that did not stop the Hoover High School vocal choir from singing beautiful carols while strolling throughout the business district. It was a special time for all.

Much thanks to the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association, Beaverdale Betterment Coalition and Hoover High School Vocal Music Carolers for their planning efforts and participation in making this event such a success.

Mark the date for next year's event to be held Saturday, Dec. 1, from 4-8 p.m. in the Beaverdale Business District.



Please join today as a new BNA Member or renew existing membership. Your contribution provides support for *The Sidewalk* publication and for the many ongoing activities and events held throughout the year. Thanks!

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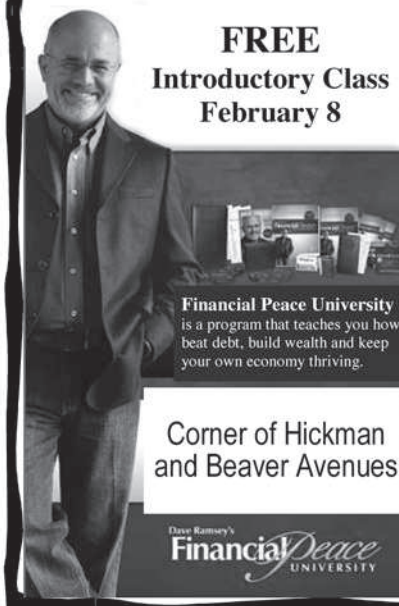
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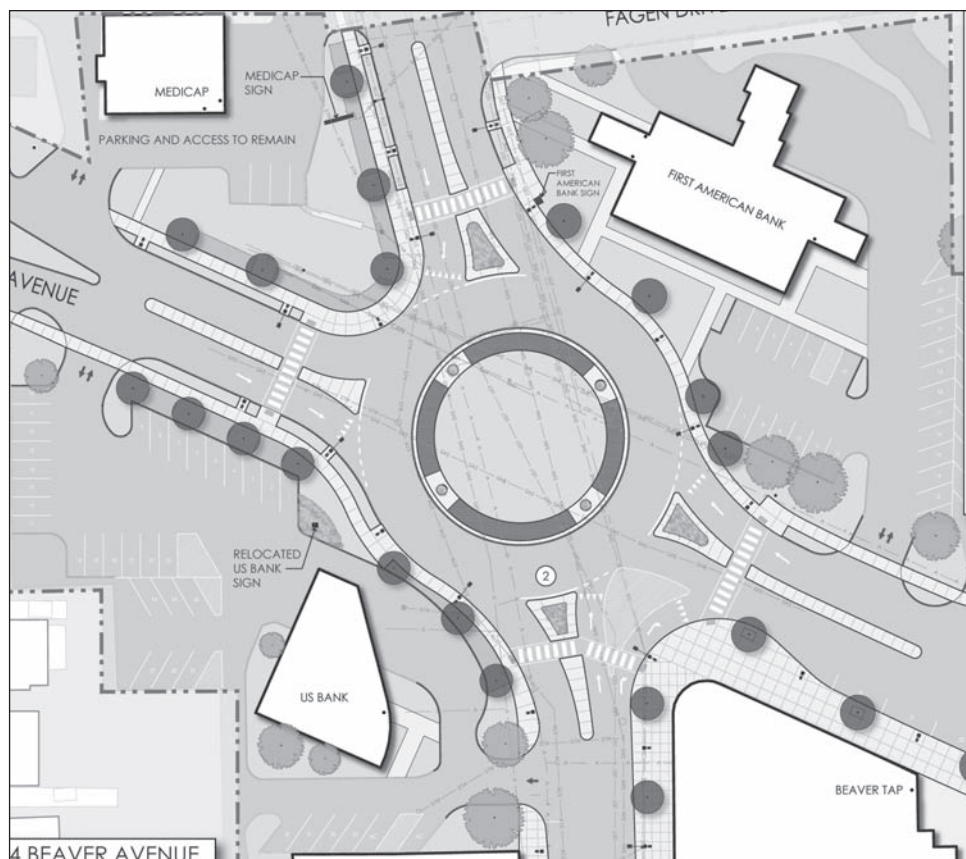
City Granted Additional \$350,000 for Roundabout Intersection

By Sheila Navis

On November 15, Beaverdale residents, business property owners and others interested in our neighborhood's development met once again with city officials and Genus Landscape designers to cast their preference one more time. And once again, many of those present voiced their support for streetscape upgrades, including the roundabout intersection. At the conclusion of the meeting, everyone was encouraged to go online and complete a survey developed by the City of Des Moines soliciting more feedback. The BNA also distributed an email alert letting residents know of this opportunity, with a Des Moines Register column also noting the request for feedback.

While the results of the survey have not been released to the public at the time of this writing, preliminary indication is that the neighborhood does support the streetscape improvements, with a nod toward the roundabout intersection. In addition, the City recently announced another state grant for \$350,000 had been awarded for construction of the roundabout. This brings the total of \$950,000 specifically for roundabout construction in state grant funding.

It is anticipated that the BNA will receive word on the status of the project shortly. Watch for further updates via email, along with a full report scheduled for the February BNA Quarterly meeting.



A copy of the roundabout plan can be found on www.beaverdale.org



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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Beaverdale Bicycles 2701 Beaver Ave. 274-9626

Ed and Jen Veak, owners of Beaverdale Bicycles, are fanatics about quality bikes and about helping to foster that same excitement in others.

Opening about two years ago, Beaverdale Bicycles is one of Ed and Jen's side endeavors to their main business – T-Shirt Graphix. They also own and operate Grassroots Yoga, located at 4244 Clinton Ave., just off Beaver.

The bicycle shop moved to the heart of Beaverdale in July 2012 (T-Shirt Graphix' retail shop has also moved to this location) and the welcoming has been amazing. "People just pop in to say hi all the time; that never happened in our old location (at Clinton and Beaver)," Ed shared. Ed and Jen are not in the bike business to take away from the other great bike shops in town; however, they feel they bring a new angle and different options to Des Moines' growing bike community. Currently they deal in custom-made bikes and specialize in commuter, urban, and touring bikes. This spring they hope to offer some stock urban style bikes in order to meet a variety of price points with quality products.

When you come into Beaverdale Bicycles looking for a bike, you can expect individualized attention and honesty. If they cannot help you at their shop they won't hesitate to send you to another bike shop that can better meet your needs. If you decide to purchase a bike, Ed will help you design exactly what you want, helping to pick out a frame, components, accessories, and (if appropriate) flair. Then he builds it for you. But it doesn't stop there! Of course, he will service your bike if necessary, but more importantly, Jen and Ed want to make sure you have every opportunity to use your new bike. That's why they are planning Scout Your Route rides during the summer to help "newbees" figure out the trail system and how to get around the city safely. You can also watch for beginning classes for mountain biking. All rides will be "no drop" style, meaning everyone can keep up.

Ed enjoys designing, building and working on bikes, but he gets his greatest satisfaction from helping novices get



hooked on biking. He and Jen truly want to help people become comfortable with cycling so, hopefully, it can become a natural part of their lifestyle. They want to be known as an approachable community bike shop.

Ed believes that Beaverdale is an ideal location for their businesses. "The people are great." The shop at 2701 Beaver Ave. doesn't just have bikes. They sell lots of great bicycle related gifts and accessories as well as their clever t-shirts. Stop in today to get your own 50310 or Beaverdale Bicycle shirt! Beaverdale Bikes and T-Shirt Graphix are open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Zumba Fitness Classes at Grassroots Yoga 4244 Clinton Ave. 240-3956

Looking for a new way to workout? Give Zumba Fitness a try! Laura Catherine Green, Holy Trinity Spanish-teacher-by-day, is now teaching Zumba at Grassroots Yoga.

Zumba is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™. It's so much fun, you won't even realize how much you're exercising!

Classes are currently offered every Monday and Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. No pre-registration is required so you can drop in and try out a class when it's convenient. Wear athletic shoes and clothes for movement.

Cost is \$8 per class for the drop-in rate or 4 classes for \$25 or 8 classes for \$40.

For more information, contact Laura Catherine Green at lauracatherine.green@gmail.com.

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By Shari Tenney

It's always fun to see Beaverdale lit up for the holidays. Thank you to everyone who had lights up. The displays seem to be getting better every year.

Gift certificates from Tally's, Grounds For Celebration and Chef's Kitchen were given to these three winners of the Holiday Lights Contest:

Best of Best — 4305 Ashby

Most Creative — 1641 38th Street

Best Door — 2917 48th Street

See all the winning photos in the header on the front cover.

Choosing only three winners is very hard so perhaps for the next holiday lights contest, runner ups will also be chosen and awarded.

Thanks to all the judges who assisted in driving around their assigned segments of the Beaverdale neighborhood to help find the winners: Theresa Graziano, Pam Nagel, and Mike and Sasha Kamper.

You can view the winning photos in color by visiting our photo gallery on www.beaverdale.org. If you have great photo you'd like to share from a neighborhood event, please post it on our Facebook site at Beaverdale Neighborhood Association.

BEAVERDALE SNOW ORDINANCE STREETS

A City ordinance designates all residential streets in Beaverdale as "Snow Ordinance Streets". Under the Snow Ordinance Streets program, when there is an accumulated snowfall of one inch, the city will plow the residential streets of Beaverdale after the City's main arterial streets have been addressed. To do this, residents need to have their cars off the streets to permit use of the larger plows. The Des Moines Police Department will issue parking tickets to vehicles parked on the street during plowing operations.

To help notify residents of when public works will be in our neighborhood plowing the residential streets, there are several spots to go for information, including:

- The media for public service announcements;
- www.dmgov.org; and
- An email notification to subscribers at snow@dmgov.org.

Residents and businesses can also sign up for automatic emails at <http://www.dmgov.org/Pages/subscribers.aspx>. or you can check the City's website at: www.dmgov.org. Plowing will commence on Snow Ordinance Streets when the snow ends. Snow ordinance streets are scheduled to be plowed each time the Snow Routes are cleared. Although plowing operations may commence at any time of the day, actual enforcement of the "no parking" ban will follow general notice to the public on the City's Cable Channel 86 which is also broadcasted live on the internet via the City's web page.

The City is encouraging residents without access to the City's cable channel or a computer to call their 24-hour Customer Service Center at 283-4950 to inquire about the timing of the snow plowing. The general rule the City is following is if we have more than one inch of snow, the snow routes are cleared and it has stopped snowing, the City will then focus on the residential streets.

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 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.: Saturday lunches (\$5).
 9 a.m. to noon: Breakfast and bake sale third Sunday of each month (\$6).
 7 p.m.: Post Meetings the third Tuesday of each month.
 Club open hours: 1 - 7 p.m. Tuesday – Thursday; 1 - 9 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday.
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 For more information visit our web site at www.vfw9127.com.

Storytimes at the Franklin Avenue Library – Ongoing

10:15 a.m.: Mondays, Preschool Storytime, ages 3-6 years
 Encourages children to make new friends and develop their imaginations.
 10:15 a.m.: Tuesdays, Baby Rhyme Time, ages birth - 12 months
 Occurs weekly for babies and caregivers featuring rhymes, songs, bouncing, and a story or two.
 10:15 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.: Wednesdays, Toddler Storytime, age 2 years
 Introduces children to books with fun activities like finger plays and songs.
 10:15 a.m.: Thursdays, Fun with Ones Rhyme Time, ages 12 - 24 months
 The perfect story time for new walkers with stories, songs, rhymes, and wiggle time. For adults and one-year-olds.
 Additional information about library programs is available on the library website at www.dmpl.org

Neighborhood Writing Group – Every Thursday morning through May

10 am - noon: Come tell your story, explore publishing, and hone your skills. College Avenue Christian & Redeemer Presbyterian Churches. 44th & College Avenue. Call the church office for more information: 515-255-0570.

Westminster Preschool Registration Begins – Feb. 7

9 a.m.: Registration for the 2012-13 school year begins for classes for four-year-olds (tuition-free Universal Preschool), three-year-olds, and two-year-olds. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave. For registration information, e-mail kcorrigan@westpres.org, or call 274-1534. www.westpres.org.

Crafty Readers – Feb 7, 21, 28 and Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27

4 p.m.: Ages 3-8. Listen to a story and make a craft. Franklin Avenue Library.

i-Renewable Energy Series. Here and Now: The Current Trends in Renewable Energy – Feb. 7

6:30 p.m.: Learn more about the current trends/initiatives in renewable energy in the state of Iowa. Franklin Avenue Library.

Intro to Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University – Feb. 8

6:30 p.m.: This course teaches you how to beat debt, build wealth and keep your own economy thriving. FREE Introductory Class, Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. at First Church of the Open Bible, 2200 Beaver Ave. For more information, contact Brandon at 401-0219 or 274-9296.

Teen Advisory Board – Feb. 13

4 p.m.: Discuss books, develop program ideas. Franklin Avenue Library.

Meet Clifford the Big Red Dog – Feb. 14

4 p.m.: Ages 8 and younger. Meet Dan Wardell of IPTV and Clifford. Dan will read Clifford stories. Franklin Avenue Library.

MOPS at First Federated Church – Feb. 14-May 22

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings of the month from 8:45-11:15. Our morning meetings are for pregnant moms or moms with children ages 0-5, and childcare is provided. We also offer an evening session (6:45-9:15), but childcare is NOT provided. MOPS has various activities like cooking, spa day, special speakers on relationships, and lots of good food. We meet at First Federated Church (corner of 48th and Franklin). Check out <http://firstfederatedmops.blogspot.com> for more information. Your first meeting is FREE!

Iowa's Service in the Civil War – Feb. 15

2 p.m.: The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum staff, costumed historians, Civil War re-enactors and weapons experts will present a lively program about Iowa's involvement in the Civil War. Learn about the daily life of a Civil War soldier. For adults. Franklin Avenue Library.

Pizza and Pages: Teen Book Discussion – Feb. 20

4 p.m.: Come for pizza and a discussion of the book *Enclave*, by Ann Aguirre. Copies of the book are available at the library desk. Franklin Avenue Library.

Photographer Ty Smedes Eagles Program – Feb. 21

6:30 p.m.: Ty Smedes will present a fascinating slide show of photos from his new book *The Return of Iowa's Bald Eagles*. He will also sell and sign copies of his book after the program. Franklin Avenue Library.

Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper – Feb. 22

6 p.m.: College Avenue Christian Church Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper followed by the first of the seven part Lenten video series, *24 Hours that Changed the World* – a guided video tour of the final day of Jesus' life. Whether a long-time Christians or simply curious, this study will help you experience, understand, and prepare for the Easter story. College Avenue Christian & Redeemer Presbyterian Churches. 44th & College Avenue. Call the church office for more information: 515-255-0570.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service – Feb. 22

7 p.m.: This special worship service, with communion and the imposition of ashes, marks the beginning of Lent. Westminster Sanctuary at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave. Call 274-1534 for more information. www.westpres.org

Lenten Soup Supper – Feb. 22 – Mar. 28

6 p.m.: Every Wednesday during Lent College Avenue Christian Church will host Soup Supper followed by the Lenten video study, 24 Hours that Changed the World. A guided video tour through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. College Avenue Christian & Redeemer Presbyterian Churches. 44th & College Avenue. Call the church office for more information: 515-255-0570.

Tween Seashell Craft – Feb. 23

4 p.m.: ages 8-12. Decorate a box or picture frame using colorful seashells. Preregister online. Franklin Avenue Library

Stuffed Animal Sleepover – Feb. 23

6:30 p.m.: Join us for a special evening storytime for children and their stuffed animal friends. After stories, the stuffed animals will be tucked into "bed" to spend the night at the library. Children can pick up their stuffed animals the next day after 1 p.m. and see how they spent the night. Franklin Avenue Library.

Green Teens: Duct Tape Transformations – Feb. 27

4 p.m.: Revive that old notebook or pencil holder with some colorful duct tape! Other items will be available to renew or re-purpose. Preregister online. Franklin Avenue Library.

i-Renewable Energy Series. Taking it Home – Feb. 28

6:30 p.m.: Discover how you can integrate renewable practices into your personal life and community. Franklin Avenue Library.

Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War – Mar. 1, 15, 29 and April 12, 26

6:30 p.m.: The Franklin Avenue Library will offer a five part reading and discussion series on Thursday evenings. Scholar Dr. Nicholas Proctor, Department of History at Simpson College, will lead the discussions of the books. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities and the American Library Association. Contact the library to sign up for the series. Books will be provided. Franklin Avenue Library.

Westminster Tai Chi Classes – Beginning March 1

5:15-6:30 p.m. – Classes for beginners

7-8 p.m. – Classes for those with Tai Chi experience

Westminster's Tai Chi classes will begin a new 8-week session, March 1-April 26, meeting on Thursday evenings. Taught by Ruth Kneile, classes focus on health of body, mind and spirit, and include Chi Gong exercises, the basic 24 movements and fan Tai Chi. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave. Call 274-1534 for more information. www.westpres.org

Westminster Talent Show – Mar. 3

5:30 p.m.: Come enjoy a variety of performances from Westminster's most talented! Also enjoy dinner and a silent auction at this fundraiser for the Senior Highs' summer mission trip. Westminster Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave. Call 274-1534 for tickets – \$20/family or \$8/individual. www.westpres.org

i-Renewable Energy Series. Telling the Tale – Mar. 6

6:30 p.m.: Get tips on how to access information/resources and become advocates for renewable energy. Franklin Avenue Library.

Anchor Coffee House – Craig Carrothers – Mar. 10

7 p.m.: Nashville singer-songwriter Craig Carrothers shares his captivating voice and wicked sense of humor. Coffee, tea, and desserts available for purchase. Free childcare. Tickets are \$12 in advance at Westminster Church or Uptempo Music in Beaverdale, or \$15 at the door. Westminster Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave. Call 274-1534 for more information. www.westpres.org

Pizza and Pages: Hunger Games – Mar. 19

4 p.m.: ages 11-19. Discuss The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins, and participate in some fun Hunger Games themed activities. Franklin Avenue Library.

i-Renewable Energy Series. Exploring the Future – Mar. 20

6:30 p.m.: We will focus on the future of renewable energy and learn how we can get involved. Franklin Avenue Library.

Construction Zone – Mar. 21

2 p.m.: ages 6-11. We will have some interlocking blocks just waiting for you to use to make a construction project. Franklin Avenue Library.

Landscapes for Clean Water – Mar. 27

6:30 p.m.: Information on creating landscapes that are beautiful and protect our local water resources. Presented by Jennifer Welch, urban conservationist with Polk Soil and Water Conservation District. Franklin Avenue Library.

Tween Duct Tape Craft – Mar. 29

4 p.m.: ages 8-12. Tweens can get creative with some colorful duct tape, making something from scratch or using it to personalize a notebook or other object. Preregister online. Franklin Avenue Library.

Book Discussion – Apr. 5

1 p.m.: Discuss Little Bee, by Chris Cleave. Franklin Avenue Library.

Soup Supper and Holy Thursday Service – Apr. 5

6 p.m.: Final 24 Hours that Changed the World video followed by a quiet service of reflection. College Avenue Christian & Redeemer Presbyterian Churches. 44th & College Ave. Call the church office for more information: 515-255-0570.

Good Friday Presentation of Faure's Requiem – Apr. 6

7 p.m.: The Westminster Oratorio Choir presents in worship this choral masterwork, interwoven with the Passion according to the Gospel of John. Sanctuary at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave. Call 274-1534 for more information. www.westpres.org

A Celebration of Easter – Apr. 8

8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.: Join us for a joyous celebration of the resurrection, with choirs, brass, handbells and organ. Childcare available. Sanctuary at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave. Call 274-1534 for more information.

Drake Trombone Choir – Apr. 9

7 p.m.: The Drake University Trombone Choir, directed by Dr. Grady McGrannahan, will present a marvelous concert full of great music with a few surprises. Free admission and childcare. Westminster Sanctuary at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave. Call 274-1534 for more information. www.westpres.org

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Sunday-After-Easter "Dixie in Des Moines" Services – Apr. 15

8:45 and 11 a.m.: A Westminster tradition continues as Des Moines' finest Dixieland blues players join the Westminster Chorale for Sunday worship. Childcare available. Sanctuary at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave. Call 274-1534 for more information. www.westpres.org

Hot Club of Des Moines – Apr. 21

7 p.m.: Hot Club of Des Moines, a local jazz group in the tradition of Django Reinhardt, features the amazing Kim Fitch on vocals. Coffee, tea, and desserts available for purchase. Free childcare. Tickets are \$10 in advance at Westminster Church or Uptempo Music in Beverdale, or \$12 at the door. Westminster Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave. Call 274-1534 for more information. www.westpres.org

Westminster Vacation Bible School Registration Begins! – Apr. 22

9:45 a.m.: Westminster will kick off registration for this summer's Vacation Bible School, scheduled for June 18-22 for children age three through grade five. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave. Call 274-1534 for more information. www.westpres.org

CITY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2013 – 2014

by Mike Kamper (compiled through City of Des Moines meeting handouts provided on Dec 15, 2012)

As many of you might have seen in the news a couple months ago, the City is looking at a general fund operating budget shortfall of over \$7 million in fiscal years 2013 and 2014. The City has always maintained a balanced budget and has been looking into ways to do this for fiscal year 2013 and 2014. The City held three public meetings in October 2011 to describe the various city departments and to solicit feedback from residents regarding what services are important to them, prioritize department services and listen to ideas, etc. Over 300 residents attended those meetings.

On December 15, the City held two public meetings to talk about some proposed budget cuts. Any cuts the City makes will be for fiscal 2013 (which starts July 1, 2012) and fiscal 2014. The city manager's recommendations are a \$4.3 million budget cut and a revenue increase through property taxes and increased fee revenue. City Council workshops were held on January 9 and 23 and another one will be held on February 13. The budget document will be released on January 31 and will be presented and voted on by the City Council on February 27.

Some of the proposed budget cuts are:

Admin/Development	
City Clerks	\$ 57,600
City Manager	\$130,000
Community Development	\$211,000
Engineering	\$271,000
Finance	\$175,000
Fire Department	\$608,300
Human Resources	\$ 81,400
Human Rights	\$ 4,250
Information Technology	\$274,000
Legal	\$195,000
Mayor/Council	\$ 5,000
Park & Recreation	\$802,250
Police Department	\$486,000
Public Library	\$463,000
Public Works	\$539,000

The revenue increases are an expected \$680,000 in fee revenues and \$2.2 million tax increase in property taxes. The proposed tax is a 34 cent increase per \$1,000 in assessed value. The City would receive \$25 for a \$100,000 assessed value and \$51 for a \$200,000 assessed value. The remaining balance will go the county and to the other groups to whom the present tax is allocated.

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Beaver Avenue Cleaners	First Church of the Open Bible	Mote CPA	VFW Post #9127 - Beaverdale
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BNA 2011 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income	\$27,573.62	%	Expense	\$26,848.98	%
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Communications	\$7,990.00	28.98%	Community Involvement	\$3,510.00	13.07%
Sale of Merchandise	\$1,577.00	5.72%	Merchandise Sales Expense	\$1,837.20	6.84%
Beautification Income	\$1,532.46	5.56%	Public Affairs	\$1,457.03	5.43%
BNA Contributions	\$575.00	2.09%	Beautification Expense	\$1,357.21	5.05%
Easter Egg Hunt Income	\$202.37	0.73%	Administration	\$1,066.60	3.97%
Other	\$40.00	0.15%	Membership Expense	\$727.12	2.71%
Interest	\$4.80	0.02%	Jazz In July Expense	\$585.23	2.18%
			Appreciation Events Expense	\$433.92	1.62%
			Other	\$313.99	1.17%
			Fall Festival	\$294.05	1.10%
			Easter Egg Hunt Expense	\$206.00	0.77%

BNA COMMITTEES

Beautification & Parks – Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., Calvin Community, Garden Level. Contact Nancy Dunbar at 255-2671 or nsdunbar@juno.com.

Communication – This committee is responsible for producing the BNA newsletter, and updating our website www.beaverdale.org. Committee meets as needed. Please contact Molly Pigneri at m.pigneri@mchsi.com or 277-4212 or Stephenie Tiedens at stephenie.tiedens@gmail.com to learn more.

History – This committee is dedicated to researching and documenting Beaverdale's rich history. For more information or to get involved, please contact Bill Miller at 255-2489 or billmiller77@hotmail.com.

Public Affairs – This committee stays atop issues impacting Beaverdale by communicating with city staff and elected officials on a wide range of topics and monitoring City Council, Plan & Zoning and Board of Adjustment agendas to keep abreast of issues impacting our area. This committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Chef's Kitchen. For more information, contact Bill Gray at 274-0077 or bnaboard5@beaverdale.org.

Special Events – The special events committee is responsible for organizing the annual Easter Egg Hunt and hosting Beaverdale's Jazz in July concert. This committee meets as needed to plan events. Those interested should e-mail Shari Tenney at bnaboard2@beaverdale.org or 279-1659.

MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

Everybody Wins! Iowa would like to expand their program at Monroe Elementary (30th and Hickman). They are looking for about 30 people who can volunteer to read with a child from 11-11:40 p.m. on Thursdays. Mentors meet with 2-5 graders once a week who might be reading under grade level or are in need of mentoring during the school year.

For more information, please contact Amanda Fletcher, Executive Director, Everybody Wins! Iowa at statedirector@everybodywinsiowa.org



everybodywinsiowa.org or 277-7590. You can find more information and an application on the website: www.everybodywinsiowa.org.

Community!Youth Concepts (CYC) needs you to share your passions or career interests with a middle or high school youth. CYC will match based on gender and shared curiosities, with an expectation of four hours/month being dedicated to the match. The goal is to expand a student's horizons and set goals regarding career opportunities. Matches can anticipate organized monthly service days. This program is open to all youth, ages 12-17. Visit www.cyconcepts.org/become-a-mentor.

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- \$_____ PREMIER: member wishing to donate contribution in other greater amount

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Affairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |

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- Revitalization

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- Annual September Fall Festival

- Interested in serving on BNA Board

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BNA ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Join your friends and neighbors at the neighborhood meeting and annual BNA Board Member election. See page 2 of this newsletter for more information on voting requirements and background on the candidates.

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 7
Time: 6:30 p.m. Potluck, 7 p.m. Neighborhood Meeting
Location: Northwest Community Center

The meeting will begin with a beef brisket and pulled pork trays from Flying Mango at 6:30 with the Annual meeting beginning at 7 p.m. There will also be a speaker from MidAmerican Energy.

Membership dues can be paid at the meeting.

BNA TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

Enjoy looking at the neighborhood trees on your daily walk? Want to learn more about how to ensure a vibrant urban forest? If so, plan now to attend the Beaverdale Tree Committee meeting

Date: Thursday, Feb. 16
Time: 6 p.m. Meeting
Location: Franklin Public Library

We'll discuss potential goals for the year including taking a tree inventory, planting new and maintaining existing trees, public education, and more. Des Moines Municipal Arborist, David Jahn, will also join us to discuss choosing proper planting locations. You don't need to be a tree expert to join, just willing to learn and help preserve Beaverdale's tree canopy. For questions, please contact Leslie Berckes at tree@beaverdale.org or 681-2295.



ANNUAL BNA EASTER EGG HUNT

Beaverdale families with children up to age 10 are invited to the Annual BNA Easter Egg Hunt.

Date: Saturday, April 7
Time: 10 a.m. start
Location: Beaverdale Park (Adams & 34th Street)

Children are grouped by age for a lively hunt for candy and prizes. Arrive before 10 a.m. to allow for parking and finding your starting line grouped by age. Be sure to bring your camera and we ask no pets please.

If you wish to volunteer or to make a monetary contribution for prizes and candy or for more information, please contact Shari Tenney at bnaboard2@beaverdale.org.