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

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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.beverdale.org](http://www.beverdale.org) or follow us on Facebook @beverdaleneighborhood.

### THE SIDEWALK

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## Hi Neighbors,

One of the inspirations for our Centennial advertising was a newspaper advertisement proclaiming “The Spotlight is on the... New Look for Beverdale.” 60 years later, I’m proud to say that we have a new look again. The Streetscape is finished and we’ve got banners, planters, lighted trees, and an almost completed Centennial Mural to prove it.

Just as we’ve been doing for one hundred years, these have all been community-wide improvements. The planters were the results of several Garden Walks, public grants, and fundraising campaigns. The banners are a combination of a guy who borrowed a bucket truck and a designer with an eye for history. The Mural the result of about twenty different fundraising ideas and one of the best artists in Des Moines. All are the result of our Beverdale Neighborhood Association, Beverdale Business Coalition, Beverdale Farmer’s Market, and Beverdale Fall Festival coming together to do our Centennial right for everyone who came before us and all those who will come after us.

Along with the physical improvements, we’ve been doing all of our regular events, except on a bigger, Centennial scale. Our Grass Seats Cinema was well attended by a bunch of folks who weren’t fazed by a storm that started to blow around us. Our Garden Walk was the biggest yet. Our Beverdale Bluegrass Festival was the biggest yet. Our National Night Out - you guessed it - was the biggest yet. We owe a big thanks to all the volunteers and all the generous donors who came together to do so many events this summer.

As we get ready to round out the year, we’ll be celebrating the Centennial Beverdale Fall Festival. Get ready for an amazing Centennial parade float and the final stock of our official Centennial merchandise. Please



consider buying a Centennial Mural print at our booth too. The equation on financing the Mural is quite simple: if we sell the rest of the prints then the Mural is paid for at very little cost to our Neighborhood Association. When the Mural is done, I hope to see families and couples and groups of friends taking pictures in front of it as our newest Beverdale landmark. I took my one-year-old, Teddy, to get his picture taken with it last weekend. It’s already one of my favorite memories.

If there’s ever anything else your Beverdale Neighborhood Association can do for you, please don’t hesitate to let me know. You can reach me at 515-556-9111 or [seanbagniewski@outlook.com](mailto:seanbagniewski@outlook.com).

**Sean Bagniewski,  
BNA President**



**BEVERDALE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14TH, 7:00 PM, NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER**

The BNA will hold its next quarterly meeting at the Northwest Community Center, located at 5110 Franklin Ave, Des Moines, on November 14th, 2017 at 7:00pm. Meetings are open to the public.

Guest speaker Paul Strome from Des Moines Parks and Recreation will provide information on recent and future natural resource projects around the city. He will also be available for questions about the DM Parks and Recreation

department and their overall impact on the city of Des Moines. In addition to Paul, we will also have a business spotlight speaker to discuss their local business and how they may be able to help improve our neighborhood.

The quarterly meetings, including light refreshments, are brought to you by the BNA Public Affairs Committee, which meets at Chef’s Kitchen at 7:00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.







# TIMELESS BEVERDALE — MURAL PAINTING WELL UNDERWAY

NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES CAME TOGETHER TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

After months of planning, the Centennial Mural has finally started and is well underway! The condition of the wall was in even worse condition than expected, so the entire wall was covered with new plaster after it was sandblasted. This new layer plus the heavy duty exterior paint being used means the wall will last for years to come.

The wall was then primed with paint and a base layer of bright blue was added. Thanks to Ace Hardware for providing the paint at cost. We also owe a debt of gratitude to our two neighborhood improvement gurus, Wendell Eck and Joe Raymond, for getting the wall in great shape to be painted.

The outlines of the mural were filled in as the sun went down on Saturday, August 5th. Our artist, Ben Schuh, and his team with Plum Forward, projected the image on the wall to get the dimensions of each object correctly transferred to the wall. Since that time, he has come back to continue to fill his work in with bold, lively colors. In addition to painting throughout the days, Ben has made a point to paint during the

Beaverdale Farmer's Markets so our residents can see firsthand how our history is being made.

It's taken a combination of selling merchandise, hosting events, and working with a great group of sponsors that has allowed us to raise funds for most of our goals for this project. To finish it off, we're selling 150 limited edition Centennial Mural prints for \$125. All proceeds will go directly to the mural. No additional prints will ever be made. They measure 18x24 and are hand signed and numbered by Ben. Once we sell these prints, the project will be done and paid for. We can't wait to see the final product!

To learn more or make a contribution, visit: [GoFundMe.com/BeaverdaleMural](https://GoFundMe.com/BeaverdaleMural) or, mail a check to: BNA - Centennial Mural, PO Box 30175, Des Moines, IA 50310.



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## BEAVERDALE CENTENNIAL BANNERS IMAGES CELEBRATING BEAVERDALE'S HISTORY

The Beaverdale Neighborhood Association and the Beaverdale Business Coalition raised funds for banners to be installed along Beaver Avenue from Forest Avenue all the way to the neighborhood boundary. The largest grant was secured from the Polk County Board of Supervisors with the assistance of Supervisor Angela Connolly. Beaverdale resident Sam Reno and a team of his friends saved the neighborhood thousands of dollars by installing them by themselves with equipment loaned by MidAmerican Energy. We also thank Kate Ross for designing the banners free of charge. This project wouldn't have happened without them.

There are six banners altogether. The blue banners with the Beaverdale Business Coalition's storefront logo are hung in the main business district. The blue banners with the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association's house logo are hung everywhere else. In between them are pictures celebrating Beaverdale's Centennial history. One depicts a woman during the construction of Urbandale Avenue. The others show the Beaverdale coal mine, the old Atlas gas station, and an old fashioned car in Beaverdale.

## PLANTERS BRIGHTEN BUSINESS DISTRICT BEAVERDALE BLOOMS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

18 new planters were recently added in the main business district along Beaver Avenue. Their purchase and installation was funded by successful Garden Walks and Tours of Homes hosted by the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association's Beautification Committee, funds raised by the Beaverdale Business Coalition, and a grant from the Polk County Board of Supervisors. The maintenance of the planters is funded by the Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District through the Business Coalition. Keep your eyes open for more planters planned for coming year!



## CENTENNIAL MURAL PRINTS ARE SELLING FAST! BUY YOURS NOW - ALSO MAKES A GREAT GIFT!

To raise funds for the Beaverdale Centennial Mural, the BNA is selling a total of only 150 limited edition Centennial Mural Prints, each hand signed and numbered by artist Ben Schuh. Many of these prints have already been purchased, and we are expecting the rest to sell out before the end of the year. Each print measures 18 x 24 inches and sells for \$125.



All proceeds go directly to funding the mural, and when the rest are sold, we will have reached our funding goal of having the mural 100% paid for. Stop by the Beaverdale Farmers Market on Tuesdays through September 12th, 4-7:30 p.m. to purchase a mural print. If you can't make it to the market, please contact Sean Bagniewski at [seanbagniewski@outlook.com](mailto:seanbagniewski@outlook.com) to reserve one.

## EAT LOCAL - SUPPORT THE CENTENNIAL MURAL! LE JARDIN DINNER EVENT SEPT. 15TH, 5-9PM

On Friday, September 15th, Le Jardin will be donating 10% of sales to the BNA to help fund the Centennial Mural. The restaurant will be open for dinner that Friday from 5pm-9pm. Guests can make reservations by calling 515-255-5787. Walk-ins are welcome, but please remember that is Beaverdale Fall Festival weekend, so reservations are recommended.



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# 2017 SUMMER IN REVIEW

## BEVERDALE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL 2017 THE 4TH ANNUAL, AND THE LARGEST YET!

Thousands of live music fans gathered at Tower Park on Saturday, July 22nd, to enjoy an evening of friends, food, beverages, and bluegrass (and, perhaps, a touch of another genre or two). The fourth annual Beaverdale Bluegrass Festival was the largest yet, attracting attendees from across the metro—and even across state lines—to bask in the glow of the illuminated Allen Hazen Water Tower and indulge in the sounds of Jenni Lyn, the Candymakers, Cedar County Cobras, and Abbie & the Sawyers. Dozens of volunteers from the BNA and BBC helped to organize the event, which was produced with the indispensable support of Polk County, Davis Insurance and Progressive Insurance, Edencrest at Beaverdale, Mercy Beaverdale, and other local business sponsors. Thanks to all who came and made the night an unforgettable one. The Beaverdale Bluegrass Festival will return to Tower Park next year on Saturday, July 14th.



## GARDEN WALK 2017 BLOOMED BIG 7 GARDENS AND OVER 450 GUESTS!

We had a hint that our 2017 Beaverdale Garden Walk was going to be a hit when most of the 300 tickets we had printed were sold before the big day. More tickets were printed in a hurry trying to keep up with demand. Over 450 visitors braved the heat to see our seven beautiful Beaverdale Gardens. Yet everyone commented how comfortable it was in the gardens strolling among the trees, through the grass, along the paths, peering into the nooks and crannies, and even resting a bit on a bench or chair. In case you missed it, some of the highlights included a quiet garden on a cul-de-sac nestled among mature trees; a colorful hillside garden filled with playful collections of birdhouses, figurines, and knickknacks; a relaxing garden shared with wildlife and memories; a fun loving garden with a potting shed, elevated deck, hammock, fire pit, and chicken coop; an artist's garden that collected Japanese maples and wove clematis vines through metal sculptures; a large vegetable garden next to a colorful chicken coop and a deck filled with pots overlooking it all; and an expansive garden with metal creatures nestled among the plants and brick paths leading to a gazebo. Many thanks to our hardworking gardeners: Susan Hansen and Ed Mitschke, Chris Cyran, Pam Nagel, Sandy Gilmore, Rita & Keith Minard, Lexi & Matty Young, Vern & Cheryl Ostrander; our Beaverdale businesses that sold tickets for us: Ace Hardware, Back Country Outfitters, Beaverdale Books, Boesen the Florist, Grounds for Celebration; and of course the many visitors who bought them. Tickets sales will help us in our efforts to continue to beautify Beaverdale. An extra thank you goes out to our sponsors this year: Boesen the Florist, Green Family Flooring, Meylor Chiropractic, and Back Country Outfitters who helped us produce our bookmarks, posters, signage and banner. We will be searching for potential gardens for our next Garden Walk in 2019. Contact Nancy Dunbar at [dunbar.nancy@gmail.com](mailto:dunbar.nancy@gmail.com) to be considered or suggest a neighbor. And don't forget to plan to attend the Beaverdale Tour of Homes next June!





THIS HAS BEEN THE BEST SUMMER YET, THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR MANY BEVERDALE BUSINESSES AND VOLUNTEERS. YOU ALL HELP MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ONE OF THE BEST IN DES MOINES. THANK YOU!

**2017 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
LARGEST ATTENDANCE EVER!**

This year's National Night Out event was the most well attended in recent years. The BNA partnered with the Waveland Park Neighborhood Association to put on a joint celebration. Our local businesses and Westminster Presbyterian Church sponsored fun activities such as pony rides, a bounce house, face painting, an Isiserettes performance, free popcorn and water, free hot dogs and chips, and 50-cent ice cream cones. We had repeat visits from the Des Moines Police and Fire Departments, as well as a beautiful princess to meet with kids and read stories. New this year were a recycling truck from Des Moines Public Works, a Drake tent with athletes signing autographs and Spike posing for pictures, and a group of superheroes who posed for action shots. By the end of the night, Price Chopper had grilled over 600 hot dogs (that's about 150 more than last year), and a drone (sponsored by Tanner Setka of the Panzi Real Estate Team) captured all the fun with some aerial photos! Thank you to our sponsors, and to all of those who came out to celebrate safety in Beaverdale.

**Sponsors:** Beaverdale Neighborhood Association, Chef's Kitchen, Des Moines Police and Fire Departments, Des Moines Public Works Department, Drake University Athletics Department, Loryssa Rippey (Beaverdale Resident), Player's Sports Bar & Grill, Price Chopper, Snookie's Malt Shop, Waveland Park Neighborhood Association, Westminster Presbyterian Church.



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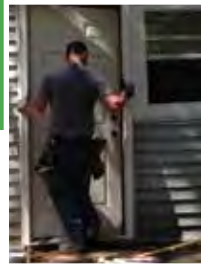
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# REBUILDING TOGETHER 2017 HELPING A LOCAL HOMEOWNER WITH NEEDED HOME REPAIRS



One May 6th, the BNA partnered with Koester Construction, Jones Masonry, and Rebuilding Together of Greater Des Moines to sponsor renovations for nearby resident, Doreen Johnson, at 1437 34th Street in Des Moines. In just two day's time, a team of volunteers managed to: re-side and paint the front of Doreen's home, move a set of sliding glass doors from the front entry onto the front porch, install paneling in the front porch, install new exterior entry doors in both the front and back of the house, clean gutters and downspouts, add drainage extensions where possible, tuckpoint the foundation (which had inch-wide cracks in some places), replace leaky faucets, replace exterior lighting, install a new kitchen floor, install smoke detectors, and clean up some 50 bags of yard waste! The before and after pictures show an amazing transformation that was only possible with the help of multiple volunteers and donors! Thanks to their efforts, Doreen's home is now drier and safer, not to mention that it looks great. Doreen was thrilled with the help, and many of her neighbors came over at the end of the work day to comment on how wonderful her home looked.

The BNA would like to thank the following co-sponsors and donors who funded this event, along with the BNA and Rebuilding Together: Paul Koester, Todd Jones, Jersey Mike's Subs, and Hollie & Cindy Smith.

Thank you also to the following volunteers who worked so hard to complete the home repairs quickly and safely. With nearly 30 volunteers involved in some way, it's easy to understand why the program is called "Rebuilding Together."

Volunteers: Amanda Nagle and Sasha Kamper (House Co-Captains), Lane Prall, Paula McArthur & Reuben Luna (Previous beneficiaries of Rebuilding Together's Rebuilding Day), Gail Hackett, Dan Hotka, Alastair & Lynn Muir, Mike Kamper, Ryan Goodwin, Chris Neal, Josh Reynolds, Loryssa Rippey,

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National Rebuilding Day is held annually on the first Saturday in May. Rebuilding Together of Greater Des Moines also sponsors a fall work day in addition to their May event. If you know an elderly, disabled or low income homeowner who could benefit from home repairs to help them stay in their homes, contact Rebuilding Together of Greater Des Moines at: 515-248-7403 or visit [www.rebuildingdm.org](http://www.rebuildingdm.org).



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# BEAVERDALE FARMERS MARKET WRAPS UP 2017 - ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON!

Beaverdale Farmers Market thanks all the vendors, visitors, shoppers and musicians who contributed to an outstanding season. This market features easy parking and a wide variety of food, produce, arts and crafts, plants and personal care products.



There's great music and it's kid- and dog-friendly. The market's final day is September 12 but be sure to say 'hi' during the Fall Festival parade.

Beaverdale Farmers Market hosted more than 70 vendors, including booths for community and non-profit organizations. We did lots of new things this year:

Double-Up Food Bucks, the Centennial Night prize drawing, Fan Night, Senior Night, a park bench ad and a drone flyover on opening night. Look through photos from this year's market on Facebook or Instagram – search for Beaverdale Farmers Market, then like and follow us.

Beaverdale Farmers Market is managed by an all-volunteer board of directors. Please consider volunteering at the market to help with set-up and tear-down or social media sharing. To learn more, message us through Facebook @BeaverdaleFarmFest or email [info@beaverdalefarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@beaverdalefarmersmarket.org). Keep tabs on the market and visit us online at [www.beaverdalefarmersmarket.org](http://www.beaverdalefarmersmarket.org).



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While NFC is no longer open to most Beaverdale residents, there are some portions of our neighborhood which still remain eligible for NFC forgivable loans. Those sections still eligible include:

- 1) The former Meredith neighborhood that recently merged with Beaverdale
- 2) Homes between Urbandale Ave. and Hickman Ave, east of Beaver Ave.
- 3) Homes located between Hickman Ave. and Jefferson Ave., east of 34th St.

Visit the NFC's website at: <http://neighborhoodfinance.org/lending-map> to see the NFC lending area map.

Homeowners in these areas, which own only one home in Polk County or the contiguous counties, may apply for NFC financing programs and potentially qualify for up to \$10,000 in forgivable loans! This is a legitimate lending program, and there is no catch—only a modest application fee to determine whether you are eligible and your home improvement projects will qualify. (NOTE: NFC financing can be used to buy a home, refinance an existing home loan, or fund renovation projects, but in the case of the latter, there is a match requirement from the borrower. Renovation borrowers would need to borrow anywhere from 50-75% of the total project costs with a regular, interest-bearing loan from NFC, in order to be eligible for the remaining 25-50% of project costs funded with 0%-interest, forgivable loan, up to a maximum of \$10,000 in forgivable loan money.)

If you live in one of the NFC-eligible areas and would like more information about their forgivable loan program, call: 515-246-0010 or visit [www.neighborhoodfinance.org](http://www.neighborhoodfinance.org).

Also, a new lending program administered by NFC is the Project Reinvest Polk County project. This program provides a \$10,500 0%-interest, deferred loan for qualifying home buyers\* anywhere in Polk County to purchase homes. This deferred loan program can be used to help home buyers amass a down payment, and can provide additional financial support beyond the NFC forgivable loan money discussed above. Note that the Project Reinvest Polk County loans needn't be restricted to NFC-eligible areas; so, potential home buyers looking to buy a home anywhere in the Beaverdale neighborhood could potentially qualify for this program. For additional information, call: 515-246-0010 or visit <http://neighborhoodfinance.org/project-reinvest/>.

\*Qualifying Project Reinvest Polk County home buyers are those who have taken a mandatory 8-hour home buyer education class, will be owner-occupants owning only that one home, and who have a household income below 100% of the Area Median income level.

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# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## MEET BEVERDALE NEIGHBOR AND VOLUNTEER, JOE RAYMOND INSTRUMENTAL IN MURAL AND BLUEGRASS FEST

Two of the neighborhood's biggest summer projects were the Centennial Mural and Beaverdale Bluegrass Festival, and neither would have happened without volunteer Joe Raymond.

Joe was immediately interested in the mural project but recognized the amount of prep work that would need to get done before painting could begin. He worked with US Bank to secure permission to use their parking spaces for workers and their equipment, lined up the sand blaster and supervised the plaster work, all of which needed to be completed prior to painting. Joe was on the site every day, making sure things were going as planned.

Joe first volunteered for the Bluegrass Festival last summer, working with Wendell Eck on setting up for the Festival (an all-day undertaking), and coordinating all the mechanicals and support services the Festival requires. This year, rather than renting the lights used last year to illuminate the water tower, Joe decided to build them himself. We'll now have our own lighting system for future events! Joe was on site at Tower Park starting at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning, setting up tents and coordinating vendors, and was the last one to leave after the Festival ended. He was then back first thing Sunday morning to finish tearing down and cleaning up.

Whenever there's a need in the neighborhood, Joe jumps in. Last summer, Joe stepped in to help Wendell Eck and CeCe Ibsen finish up their renovation in time for Tour of Homes. When they realized their central air had gone out over the winter, Joe ran out to buy and install window units in anticipation of the crowd expected for the Tour.

Joe owns Architectural Renovation Team remodeling contractors, based in Beaverdale and serves on the Beaverdale Business Coalition board. He and his wife, Darlene Raymond have lived on Raymond Drive (seriously) since 1996. Together, they have three adult children and one grandchild.



DARLENE AND JOE RAYMOND

## DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR MEMORIAL TREE AND PLANTER HONORING SOPHIE VLASSIS AND MARILYN CAVES

The Beaverdale Neighborhood has recently lost some beloved members of our community. Sophie Vlassis and Marilyn Caves have been familiar faces to many of us for many years. Sophie could be found at almost every Beaverdale event, often volunteering in some capacity. Marilyn and her husband Jim could be found behind the window at Snookies Malt Shop. We would like to honor their contributions to our neighborhood with a memorial. For Sophie, we will plant a tree in the Urbandale median this fall. For Marilyn (and husband Jim), we will purchase a planter to match the others that were installed in the streetscape earlier this year. If you would like to contribute to either memorial, you can send your donation to the BNA-memorial, PO Box 30175, Des Moines, IA 50310.



LEFT TO RIGHT: MARILYN, JIM, BRANDI



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## FALL FESTIVAL SEPT. 15-16, 2017 1ST ANNUAL PARADE FLOAT CONTEST

Fall Festival is just around the corner! As you know, Beaverdale is 100 years old this year, so we are going to have the biggest, baddest, most bodacious Fall Festival EVER! Follow our facebook page for the most up-to-date information on the BEST community festival in Des Moines!

### 1ST ANNUAL DOG PARADE AND CONTEST:

We are pleased to announce the 1st Annual BFF Dog Parade! Do you think that your dog has exceptionally good looks? Here's your chance to show off your pooch. There will be 2 categories:

1. The dog with the most Beaverdale Spirit
2. Owner and Dog Look Alike Contest

The winner of each category will receive a \$50 gift certificate. To be in the contest, you must fill out an application by September 10th. For more information and application, check out our website at <http://fallfestival.org/activities/dogparade.asp>

### 1ST ANNUAL PARADE FLOAT CONTEST:

Don't forget we are also having a Parade Float Contest! Get your friends, coworkers, and/or neighbors together and build a float, then join everyone in the parade. For more information on entering the parade visit our website: <http://fallfestival.org/parade>.

### VOLUNTEERS & SILVER CHORD HOURS:

We are currently looking for additional volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering a couple hours of your time, we would greatly appreciate your help. The Fall Festival is quite an event to plan, so we'll take all the volunteers we can get. We gladly accept Silver Chord hour volunteers too. For more information about volunteering contact [jennifercharmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:jennifercharmeyer@gmail.com).



## BEAVERDALE'S 2018 TOUR OF HOMES NOW RECRUITING HOMES & VOLUNTEERS!

Last year's Tour of Homes and this year's Garden Walk were both huge successes. The BNA wants to build on this momentum to promote Beaverdale as the neighborhood of choice for newcomers to and first-time home buyers in the Des Moines area. Planning for Beaverdale's 2018 Tour of Homes event will begin shortly. (NOTE: The event will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018.)

Last year we had seven creative, well-maintained homes on the Tour—displaying a variety of architectural styles and design tastes. For 2018, we would again like to have seven or eight homes open for public viewing. If you have interest in showing off your home during the Tour, or if you know someone whose home you think would be a good candidate for the Beaverdale Tour of Homes, please contact Sasha Kamper at [mikesashakamper1@msn.com](mailto:mikesashakamper1@msn.com) or 515-279-0410. Likewise, if you are interested in helping to plan and promote the Tour of Homes event, please contact Sasha as well.

2016 was a unique opportunity to showcase Beaverdale to approximately 500 people in the Greater Des Moines area. Now we want to grow this event to highlight the variety of the lovely homes in our area and the diverse offerings of housing, businesses and people in our neighborhood! If you have an interest in participating, now is the time to get involved!