



# The Sidewalk

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### BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the office of Ibson Law in Beaverdale. 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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## Hi Neighbors,

During this challenging time as our neighborhood, state, nation, and the entire world is addressing the coronavirus pandemic I write my first letter as the BNA President. Reading messages of neighbors helping neighbors, notifying everyone of toilet paper stockpiles, and generally supporting one another is what makes our neighborhood so amazing. We will get through this together.

I would like to thank CeCe Ibson for her dedicated work over the last several years as BNA President. We are lucky to have her on the board for one more year to help transition responsibilities and address the serious challenges of the year ahead.

Due to the limitations on group events caused by the coronavirus pandemic the BNA has had to cancel several of the events we enjoy in the early spring. While the Annual Easter Egg Hunt was not able to occur this year, it is important to note that work put into this year's event will carry over to our 2021 Hunt. A big thanks to the efforts of Sasha Kamper, CeCe Ibson, and Green Family Flooring for this year's event. The BNA will continue to monitor the

impact of coronavirus and take necessary measures for upcoming events. Please check the BNA website or Facebook page to stay up to date on event details.

The BNA will continue to work to increase our membership throughout 2020. If you are currently a member, thank you for your continued support. If you are not a member, please consider going online and supporting the BNA through a paid membership. Memberships are a primary source of funding for events in our neighborhood and *The Sidewalk*. In this time of uncertainty we are working to keep as many of our events on schedule, keep neighbors informed through our wonderful newsletter, keep our neighborhood looking great, and coordinate with the City to keep projects moving forward.

I hope you are all taking appropriate measures to keep you, your friends, and family healthy during this time. Continue to support our amazing local restaurants and businesses. Continue to support your neighbors in Beaverdale and Greater Des Moines. And above all, continue to stay safe.

**Marcus Coenen**  
**BNA President**

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS AND INFORMATION



Many of us have been forced to remain at home during the Covid-19 pandemic. This has resulted in fewer incidents of crime. However, warmer weather means more people out and about. Please remember to close/lock windows and doors if you leave your home, even for a brief period of time. Consider adding surveillance cameras and motion activated lights to your home as part of your overall home protection strategy. The Des Moines Police started a program to register your surveillance camera which enables police to quickly canvas a neighborhood when a crime occurs. The program is completely voluntary. More information can be found at the following website: <https://www.dsm.city/departments/police-division/investigations/>

[watchdsm.php](http://watchdsm.php). Additionally, CrimeMapping is a website that provides information about crimes in our neighborhood. You can enter your address to view crimes that have occurred within the vicinity of your home. Crime data is updated daily and you can view up to 180 days of prior data. See <https://www.crimemapping.com/> for more information. Lastly, per city ordinance, vehicles parked on residential streets cannot be parked for longer than 24 hours. Call police non-emergency number to report incidents (515 283-4811). Inoperable cars parked on city streets, junk/debris or vehicles parked in front yards can be reported to Neighborhood Inspection Zoning Division at 515 283-4046.



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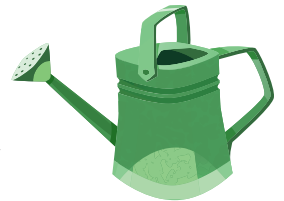
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## BEAVERDALE BEAUTIFICATION DURING COVID-19



The BNA Beautification Committee is still trying to be active during these strange times. Perhaps some of you saw Eugene Buckmiller run his tractor up the Urbandale median in his quest to pick up trash. Nancy Dunbar joined him (while keeping the proper social distance) after a day of heavy winds to not only pick up trash, but also a whole trailer full of branches that had fallen from the trees. Toni Hayes and Nancy each took a side and cut back the Nepeta and cleaned up the beds at the Urbandale and Beaver Avenue intersection. Jean Swanson is cutting back the roses at the Urbandale sign and Westchester Park sign. Toni and Nancy are adding some plants to the beds at Ashby Park. And we plan to pick up the flowers the city grows for us in mid May and plant them in the beds in the median and the parks, all while keeping our proper distance wearing masks and gloves. Black Iron Works planters were ordered last winter and should be ready for delivery to those businesses that ordered them. Our meetings normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month are now held via email and phone calls. But we miss the camaraderie that comes from celebrating a job well done together and hope we can do it again soon. In the meantime, we hope to see you around the neighborhood, perhaps with a bag in hand picking up stray trash along the way.



## Let's meet for coffee!

Buying or selling a home can sometimes be an intimidating process, but hiring a Realtor shouldn't be. Let's meet for coffee and get to know each other! I've lived in Beaverdale for 40 years. My office is here & I support Beaverdale 100%. Whether you're buying, selling, or need friendly advice, I would be honored to help with your real estate needs.



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Beverdale Farmers Market opens for the season on June 2 from 4:00-7:30 p.m. The market boasts Iowa-grown and made items brought to you by 40+ local farmers, bakers and artisans. Live music and prepared food vendors also offer tasty food, drink and dessert options! We offer free parking in the Acanthus Lodge and Holy Trinity lots and a bike rack is provided on the east side of the Acanthus Lodge. We're open every Tuesday through September 8 on Urbandale Avenue between Beaver Ave. and 42nd Street.



Opening may be delayed to a to-be-determined date when large gathering restrictions are lifted, following local, state and federal guidelines and requirements in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Check the website, [www.beverdalefarmersmarket.org](http://www.beverdalefarmersmarket.org) for the latest updates.

Beverdale Farmers Market provides complimentary booths for community and non-profit organizations. The Double-Up Food Bucks program is available again this year for those with SNAP benefits.

Beverdale Farmers Market is a 501c3 organization, managed by an all-volunteer board of directors. We are always looking for volunteers! If you'd like to join our team on Tuesdays, before, during or after market hours, email [info@beverdalefarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@beverdalefarmersmarket.org).

### HOORAY FOR CURB REPLACEMENT!!! ALONG AMICK FROM BEAVER TO 38TH STREET

The City of Des Moines is planning to replace the curbs along Amick Ave. from Beaver Ave. to 38th St. This work will be funded by the City's Capital Improvement Program Budget and you will NOT be assessed for this project.

Construction of the curbs along Amick Ave. is scheduled to take place during the 2020 construction season. During construction, mail and solid waste collection services will be continued. Lane closures along the project will be required for the curb construction. The new curbs will be placed between existing driveways. Driveways will not be reconstructed and will remain open during construction.

The contractor will be replacing short sections of curb at a time to minimize the amount of construction disruption adjacent to the brick roadway. After the curbs are placed, they will be backfilled and seeded. As short sections are complete, the contractor will continue down the road until they complete all the curb replacement.

Another notice will be hand-delivered when the work is scheduled to begin. More information can be found by visiting the City of Des Moines Engineering Department's Projects and Capital Improvements Program Map at <https://maps.dsm.city/projects/>. If you have questions or need special accommodations, please contact Matt Becker at [mdbecker@dmgov.org](mailto:mdbecker@dmgov.org). Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this public improvement project.

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house designer also provides 3D renderings for projects for a glimpse at your completed project. Our mission is to provide a seamless experience from design through completion. By focusing primarily on residential kitchen and bath remodels, we are able to control the quality and timeliness of every installation.

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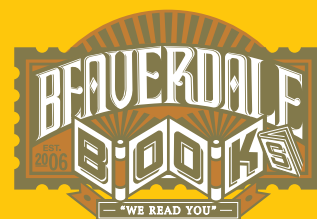
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## 10 FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT NFC LOANS

### BEVERDALE RESIDENTS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR NFC FORGIVABLE LOANS



Neighborhood Finance Corp. (NFC) is a non-profit, licensed mortgage lender, providing unique home loans and lending programs to facilitate neighborhood revitalization in Polk County. Beginning January 2, 2020, Beaverdale residents became eligible for Neighborhood Finance Corp. (NFC) loans. This means that people looking to buy a home in Beaverdale can finance their home purchase through NFC, and existing Beaverdale residents can refinance their current mortgages through NFC. In addition, residents can apply for home improvement loans, a portion of which will be forgivable over time. Here are 10 important pieces of information you should know, before applying for an NFC loan:

1) There are no income limitations for the NFC program. So long as applicants have adequate credit, anyone can be considered for an NFC forgivable loan, regardless of income level. It is not solely for low income individuals.

2) There are no home assessment value limitations for the NFC program. Regardless of how large or small your Beaverdale home is, if your home is owner-occupied, you are eligible to apply for NFC financing. If you own multiple properties, there may be further restrictions.

3) The portion of your loan that is forgivable will range anywhere from 25% to 50% of the total renovation project amount, up to a maximum of \$10,000 in forgivable money. Income level will

determine that portion of your loan which is forgivable, but even a millionaire could get at least 25% of his loan as forgivable, so long as he meets all of NFC's loan requirements. 20% of the forgivable loan will be written off ("forgiven") each year, over a 5-year period.

4) You needn't refinance your house, or obtain a new purchase loan, in order to obtain a forgivable loan. While NFC provides both of these forms of financing, you can apply solely for a home improvement or Front Porch Exterior loan and receive a portion of that loan in forgivable money. If you know someone wanting to purchase a home, let them know about NFC's Neighborhood Reinvest down payment assistance program.

5) The list of eligible home improvement projects is fairly extensive. Whether your project is big or small, it makes sense to check out the program. Home additions/expansions, kitchen and/or bath remodels, new garages, driveway and HVAC system replacements, and flooring upgrades all count. (Just to name a few--the list goes on and on.) A handful of improvements are ineligible, such as decorative landscaping, hot tubs and swimming pools. If you are considering a home improvement and wonder whether it would be NFC-eligible,

## CITY SEWER & YOUR PROPERTY

### SUBSIDIES FOR PROPERTY PROTECTION PROGRAMS



The rain storm on July 1, 2018 that overwhelmed the storm sewer caused heartache for many Beaverdale residents. It brought our antiquated sewer to the fore front and demanded action by the city. The city is working hard to lay out plans to fix the sewer infrastructure and it is offering programs that subsidizes the cost for property protection devices and a program to help reduce storm water run-off.

The first program offers subsidies to help defray the cost for installing property protection devices such as sump pumps and backwater valves:

#### **The Private Property Protection Program:**

This program provides a subsidy to property owners in Des Moines who contract with a licensed plumber to redirect one or more eligible sources of infiltration and inflow to an outlet other than the sanitary sewer system or to install a backwater valve on private sewer service to protect against surcharges on the public sewer system.

With this program, the City will make a Private Property Protection Program subsidy reimbursement for 100% of the cost up to \$1,500 to the property owners who meet the requirements of the program. The reimbursement for approved work will be by direct payment to the property owner. Qualifying work eligible for funding include:

- The installation or redirection of a sump pump to discharge flows from foundation drains and area drains to a non-sanitary sewer outlet such as a rain garden, storm sewer, or the ground surface.
- The disconnection of roof leaders from the sanitary sewer service
- The installation of backwater valve.

Contact the city to verify that you are eligible for the program and qualify for reimbursement. See the following website for additional information:

[https://www.dsm.city/departments/public\\_works-division/program.php](https://www.dsm.city/departments/public_works-division/program.php).

Additionally, the city needs our help to reduce storm water run-off that enters the sewer. In order to do this, the city is offering the following program:

#### **Stormwater Best Management Practices Program:**

This program will provide a rebate to property owners who install stormwater best management practices to help to enhance the water quality of the stormwater runoff and/or decrease the amount of runoff that enters the stormwater drainage system.

With this program, the City will make a rebate reimbursement for 50% of the cost up to \$2,000 to property owners who meet the requirements of the program. The reimbursement for approved work will be by direct payment to the property owner in the amount of the qualifying work. Qualifying work eligible for funding:

- Bio-retention cells
- Rain Gardens
- Permeable pavement
- Rain barrels
- Streambank stabilization
- Soil Quality Restoration
- Other similar practices approved by the director

Contact the city to verify that you are eligible for the program and qualify for reimbursement. See the following website for additional information: [https://www.dsm.city/departments/public\\_works-division/stormwater\\_management.php](https://www.dsm.city/departments/public_works-division/stormwater_management.php).

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contact Neighborhood Finance Corporation at 515-246-0010 or visit the website at [www.neighborhoodfinance.org](http://www.neighborhoodfinance.org).

6) NFC does not finance sweat equity. For your project to be eligible for a forgivable loan, the work must be performed by a licensed contractor, and he/she must have pulled the necessary permits. Please ask for further information if you are a licensed contractor.


7) Work on your project cannot begin until after you have closed on your NFC loan. NFC does not finance projects already under construction. So, if you wish to apply for a forgivable loan, it is important to wait until after your loan has been approved to start your project.

8) NFC will provide a forgivable loan up to \$10,000 every 10 years for every eligible property. So, if you or someone living in your home received a NFC Advantage Loan in the past 10-years, contact NFC to see if there are forgivable loan funds available. NFC's Front Porch Exterior home improvement loan does not have to be paired with a forgivable loan and may be an option if forgivable loan funds are not currently available.

9) A small geographic region of Beaverdale, the area formerly known as Meredith Neighborhood, will not be eligible for NFC Lending as of June 30, 2020 (this may be extended to Dec. 31, 2020). This area has been eligible since 2015 and is rotating off the NFC eligibility list.

10) For more information contact NFC 515-246-0010, or visit the NFC's website at [www.neighborhoodfinance.org](http://www.neighborhoodfinance.org). Also watch the BNA website ([www.Beverdale.org](http://www.Beverdale.org)) and facebook page ([www.facebook.com/beaverdaleneighborhood](http://www.facebook.com/beaverdaleneighborhood)) for information regarding a BNA-sponsored NFC Information and Home Improvement Fair. This event will be scheduled for later in 2020 to help residents gather more information and identify potential contractors who might be able to perform home improvement or remodeling construction work.

**FREE FLICKS**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 16TH**  
**WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY!**



Gather your oompa loompas and head to Witmer Park at dusk on Thursday, July 16th. The BNA—alongside the Drake Neighborhood Association and Des Moines Parks & Recreation—will be screening the 1971 classic Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory as part of the Free Flicks series. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and grab a comfy spot in the middle of newly renovated Witmer Park. There will be plenty of room to maintain your social distance. This event is free and open to all, and the film will begin around 8:30pm.

**BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BNA JOIN TODAY!**

Please review the address mailing label for your membership status. If current membership has expired or if you are not a member, please complete and mail in this form with payment. We also offer an on-line registration with payment via PayPal for all memberships. To access, PayPal go to [www.beaverdale.org](http://www.beaverdale.org). For membership questions, please contact Cindy Smith at [cmsshfs@live.com](mailto:cmsshfs@live.com).

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**PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST:**

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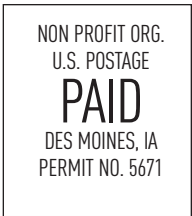


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## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS – COVID-19 BNA HELPS PROMOTE LOCAL BUSINESSES

Covid-19 is affecting all of us in more ways than one. To help support our local businesses, the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association will spotlight 1 or 2 businesses on our Facebook page and the Beaverdale, Iowa Facebook group each day. Here you can find businesses that are still open, have curbside service, online services, delivery, etc. Contact us at [www.beaverdale.org](http://www.beaverdale.org) to have your Beaverdale business listed.

You can also find more information at the address below. We will all get through this together - and we have to support each other!

[www.beaverdale.org/about-beaverdale/neighbors-helping](http://www.beaverdale.org/about-beaverdale/neighbors-helping)

## 1939 WITMER PARK 2019 PROJECT

Fundraising continues for Phase 2, which will include a restroom facility and new playground! Learn more, stay up to date on park developments, and donate to the new playground at [witmerparkproject.com](http://witmerparkproject.com). Together, we can make Witmer Park an even better place to play.

**DONATE TODAY!**

## ZOOM - BNA QUARTERLY MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 12TH, 7:00 PM

The BNA will be hosting its Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, May 12th at 7pm via Zoom. To attend the meeting virtually, visit [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and log in or sign up for a free account. Once you have signed in to the Zoom Desktop Client or Mobile App, click or tap Join a Meeting. Enter the 9-digit webinar ID below, and click Join or tap Join Meeting. If prompted, enter your name and email address, then click Join Webinar or tap Join.

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The meeting agenda will include updates from the Beautification, Public Affairs, and Special Events committees, as well as Officer Trudy Paulson, from the Des Moines Police Department. A representative from the City of Des Moines may also join us for possible updates pertaining to Covid-19. We hope you can join us too!

