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This annual guide for Beaverdale residents is styled by the publishers of Iowa Living magazines and paid for by the local businesses that advertise in these pages. It is designed for easy readability and offers quick answers to common questions. Keep this community resource handy all year long; you will be glad you did.

In the pages that follow, you will find answers to day-to-day questions that come up, but this is more than a standard directory. The Beaverdale Source offers information about local recreation, snow ordinances and pet licenses; a listing of area churches; information about local events planned for the upcoming year, and much more.

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Of course, things change a lot within a year, so be sure to contact the individual groups listed here for updates. If you notice any errors or omissions, or if you have ideas on something new you'd like to see, contact our editor, Tammy Pearson, at 515-953-4822, ext. 302 or tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com.

And don't forget to keep this guide where you can easily find it and refer to it often. Beaverdale has a lot to offer, so get out and enjoy it! ■



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Beaverdale: Welcome to the neighborhood

Beaverdale is a Des Moines neighborhood defined by the boundaries of Meredith Drive to the north, Forest Avenue to the south, 30th Street to the east and 48th Place to the west. But, more than that, it is defined by the pride of its residents, its vitality and its vibrant history. The “Beaverdale Brick” homes, tree-lined streets, parks and quaint shops give the neighborhood its character.



Beaverdale is the largest of the 51 recognized neighborhoods in Des Moines. The Beaverdale Neighborhood Association (BNA) is an active organization, promoting community events and involvement. The BNA is led by a 13-member board elected for two-year terms. The monthly board meeting is normally held at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Fishman Law Office, 2651 Beaver Ave. in the Beaverdale Place shopping center. The BNA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to ensuring that Beaverdale remains a vital community in which to live. Formed in June 1990, it quickly became one of the largest neighborhood associations in Des Moines.

A primary goal of the BNA is to give all Beaverdale residents an active voice in the future of the neighborhood by working closely with the city of Des Moines, Polk County, Beaverdale businesses and organizations and neighbors to implement actions that cover the major issues facing the residential, commercial and public facets of the area. The BNA mission is 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 people of the community.

For more information about the association, visit www.beaverdale.org. ■



FAQs

What Des Moines Parks and Recreation sports and activities are available?

The Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of programs for people of all ages. For programs and registration, visit www.dsm.city/departments/parks_and_recreation-division/programs.

A range of seasonal sports are offered at the Pee Wee (pre-kindergarten and kindergarten), Youth (grades 1-7) and Adult levels. In addition, activities and programs are offered throughout the year, including:

- Nature programs
- After school programs
- Senior programs
- Summer camps
- Wellness
- Yoga in the park

How do I report a problem?

Visit www.dsm.city/mydsmmobile for online forms to report the following issues:

- Appeal a parking ticket
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- Graffiti
- Inoperable vehicle
- Potholes
- Work without a permit
- Request for a street sweeper
- Stormwater problem
- Sanitary sewer problem
- Trash or recycling issue
- Request for tree trimming
- Weeds

How do I start garbage, recycling or yard waste collection services?

• **Garbage pickup:** Fill out the Garbage and Yard Waste Collection Request Form found online at www.dsm.city/interactive_forms/garbage_and_yard_waste_collection_request_form.php. For more information, contact the Department of Public Works 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 515-283-4950. Fees for premium yard waste collection are included as solid waste charges on your monthly Des Moines Water Works bill.

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• **Yard waste pickup:** Fill out the Yard Waste Form online at www.dsm.city/departments/public_works-division/garbage_collection/yard_waste_collection.php. The City of Des Moines Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division provides yard waste collection service to Des Moines residents year-round.

Is a spring cleanup event offered?

SCRUB (Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight) events are offered by the Public Works Department. It is the city's mission to enhance the city's neighborhoods by allowing residents an opportunity to remove yard waste and debris from homes and yards to reduce the blighted areas within the city.

For a schedule and guidelines visit www.dsm.city/departments/public_works-division/garbage_collection/



scrub_events.php. If you have questions about SCRUB events, call the Public Works Department at 515-283-4950.

How do I license a pet?

You can license a pet online at www.dsm.city/departments/city_clerk/animal_licensing.php.

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If your cat or dog is spayed or neutered, the fee is \$15 per animal. If your pet is not fixed, it's \$35 per animal. If you are 65 years old or older, you may register one cat and one dog for \$5 each, with additional animals at the regular fee.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, email cityclerk@dmgov.org, or call 515-283-4209.



What are the snow removal regulations?

For complete information about snow removal regulations, visit www.dsm.city/departments/public_works-division/streets/snow_removal.php.

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How do I find out about public transportation?

For information about DART bus services and routes, visit ridedart.com. A trip planner tool is provided to help you. You can also call



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- **Winter:** Saturday, Jan. 18, 11:30 a.m.
- **Spring:** Saturday, April 19, 11 a.m.
- **Summer:** Saturday, July 19, 11 a.m.
- **Fall:** Saturday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m.

Meetings will begin at 11 a.m. in the Franklin Library Meeting Room unless otherwise noted.

For volunteer opportunities

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- Teen volunteers, contact Athena Riesenber, AMRiesenber@dmpl.org. ■

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The Northwest Community Center is located just west of the Franklin Avenue Library. It has several meeting rooms available to the public, a congregate meal site for seniors older than 60, and a variety of activities and services for seniors.



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The trail system continues to be one of the most popular amenities in the park system. Recent counts indicate users take more than 1 million trail trips each year. With 68 miles of paved and 19 miles of soft trails, there is something and some way for everyone to get out and be active — from mountain bikers to runners and walkers of all ages. Trails are not just for exercise; numerous riders use trails for their daily commute, year-round. The network in Des Moines serves as a nucleus for the state, with connectivity to more than 550 miles in central Iowa. ■

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The Beaverdale Farmers Market is open every Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. June through September. The market promotes “Buy Fresh, Buy Local” with a variety of Iowan vendors who offer fresh produce, baked goods, prepared meals, crafts and more. The market also offers space to nonprofit organizations. A local musician is featured each week, and customer seating is provided for people who want to sit and enjoy their market treats. Food trucks are also in attendance. The public is invited to enjoy the vibrant atmosphere and explore local offerings. Family-friendly events like face painting, balloon art, yoga and other activities are also provided during each market. All are welcome to partake in the free events hosted each week.

Vendor applications for the 2025 Beaverdale Farmers Market will be available in early 2025 online at <https://beaverdalefarmersmarket.org>.



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- Letters to Santa
- Jingle Bell Stroll
- Yoga in the Park
- Brenton BOO-Tacular
- Nature Trail Running Series
- Bark Before Dark
- Trivia Night

Beaverdale Neighborhood Association events

The Beaverdale Neighborhood Association offers a variety of events throughout the year. For calendar and information, visit www.beaverdale.org.

Garden Walk 2025 has been scheduled for **June 7, 2025, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The Beaverdale Beautification Committee is recruiting gardens. Contact Nancy Dunbar at dunbar.nancy@gmail.com if you are interested in hosting your garden or know someone who would be a good candidate. Volunteers will also be needed. ■

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2926 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310

515-255-3162

<https://holytrinitydm.org>

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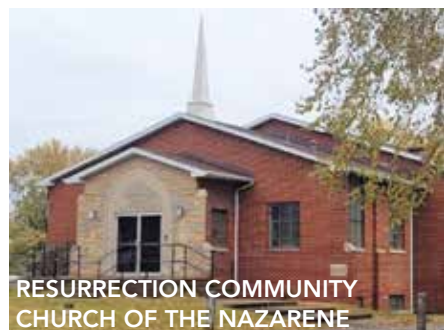
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www.redeemer-dm.org



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4025 Lower Beaver Road, Des Moines, IA 50310

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3816 36th St., Des Moines, IA 50310

515-988-7158

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515-242-7272

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2926 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310

515-255-3162

<https://holytrinitydm.org/school/>

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5625 Franklin Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310

515-277-0247

<https://molcs.org/school/>

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Fire Department, general inquiries	515-283-4237
Human Resources	515-283-4213
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