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This annual guide for Beaverdale residents is provided by the 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, ordinances, numbers to know, area churches, popular events, and much more. **NEW THIS YEAR:** an interactive activity and a chance to be featured in next year's publication.

Remember to patronize the local businesses and advertisers that helped make this effort possible. They know you have many options on how to spend your hard-earned dollars, and your loyalty is appreciated. We are a small business, too, and we value the long-standing relationships we have built.

If you would like additional copies, contact our distribution manager, Jim Jacobsen, at 515-953-4822, ext. 304 or email jim@dmcityview.com.

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, please contact us.

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 46 recognized neighborhoods in Des Moines. The Beaverdale Neighborhood Association (BNA) is an active organization, promoting community events and involvement, led by a board elected for two-year terms. 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, 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 dsm.city/departments/parks_recreation.



A range of seasonal sports are offered, ranging from pre-kindergarten to 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 dsm.city/report/report_a_problem.php for online forms to report issues, including:



- Appeal a parking ticket
- Report a sidewalk needing repair
- Request road grading or road repair
- Request a curb be handicapped accessible

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to reduce the blighted areas within the city.

For a schedule and guidelines visit dsm.city/departments/public_works/garbage_recycling/scrub_events/index.php. If you have questions about SCRUB events, call the Public Works Department at 515-283-4950.



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

How do I license a pet?

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To obtain a license, you will need to provide a current rabies vaccination certificate, completed Pet License Application, and the required fee. If your cat or dog is spayed or neutered (proof required), 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, the city offers a discount for one cat and one dog per household. Service animals with proper certification have no fee, but must still be licensed.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@dmgov.org or 515-283-4209.



What are the snow removal regulations?

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



The Department of Public Works provides residents with snow removal services. It takes hundreds of Public Works, Parks and Recreation and WRA employees and a partnership with Des Moines residents to operate the 100 pieces of equipment necessary to clear city streets effectively.

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How do I find out about public transportation?

For information about DART bus services and routes, visit www.ridedart.com. A trip planner tool is provided to help



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Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

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Volunteer opportunities

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- Teen volunteers, contact Athena Riesenber, amriesenberg@dmpl.org.

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2026 membership meetings

- Winter: Saturday, Jan. 24
- Spring: Saturday, April 18
- Summer: Saturday, July 18
- Fall: Saturday, Oct. 17

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

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www.polkcountyiowa.gov/community-family-youth-services/senior-services/activity-calendars



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Witmer Park

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Bike Trails

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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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EVENTS

Beaverdale Farmers Market

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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 2026 Beaverdale Farmers Market will be available in early 2026 at www.beaverdalefarmersmarket.org.



Beaverdale Fall Festival Sept. 18-19, 2026

Downtown Beaverdale | 515-644-6212 | www.fallfestival.org

The Beaverdale Fall Festival’s mission is to build community and cherished traditions while celebrating and promoting the Beaverdale neighborhood and surrounding communities. Vendors, carnival, inflatables, games and activities, live music, sales, parade, cornhole tournament and so much more are offered during this annual two-day celebration.





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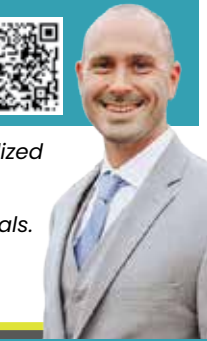
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www.alivechurchdm.org

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515-279-4387
www.facebook.com/AGMOforJesus

Chin Baptist Church

4703 Douglas Ave.
www.facebook.com/p/Chin-Baptist-Church-100071089691176/

Christ United Methodist Church

5723 Franklin Ave.
515-277-9464
www.umc.org/en/find-a-church/church?id=001Um00000PFKL5IAP

Des Moines Mennonite Church

4001 56th St.
515-276-2379
www.desmoinesmennonite.org

Des Moines Vineyard Church

2332 Euclid Ave.
515-279-2558
www.dsmlvc.org



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Douglas Avenue Presbyterian Church

4601 Douglas Ave.
515-276-4289
www.dapcdm.com

First Church

2200 Beaver Ave.
515-274-9296
www.firstopenbible.org

Glen Echo Christian Church

4323 Douglas Ave.
515-274-9124
www.glenechochristianchurch.com

Grace Lutheran Church

5201 Urbandale Ave.
515-276-6873
www.gracedm.org

Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

4601 38th St.
515-612-6765
www.gracedsm.org

Hickman Road Church of Christ

5217 Hickman Road
515-255-8055
www.hickmanroadchurchofchrist.org



GLEN ECHO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

2926 Beaver Ave.
515-255-3162
www.holytrinitydm.org

Iglesia Apostolica de la Fe en Cristo Jesus

2920 30th St.
515-401-8562
www.facebook.com/iafcjdesmoines

Immanuel United Methodist Church

2900 49th St.
515-277-1100
www.immanueldsm.org



IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Life Church of Des Moines

4520 Madison Ave.
lifechurchdsm.com

Mizo Church of Iowa

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www.newfoundation.church

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515-278-2097
www.newhopedsdm.org

Reach Church

2725 Merle Hay Road
515-279-9766
www.reachchurch.one

Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA)

5001 Hickman Road
515-440-3407
www.redeemer-dm.org

Revival Center Church of God in Christ

3816 36th St.
515-988-7158
www.facebook.com/revivalcenteriowa

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

5720 Urbandale Ave.
515-255-2101
www.standrewsdsdm.org



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St. Aidan's Anglican Church

4911 Meredith Drive
515-270-8860
www.facebook.com/StAidanDSM

St. Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church

4600 Meredith Drive
515-276-4042
www.stmarysdsdm.org

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5720 Urbandale Ave.
515-554-8312
www.cush Episcopalchurch.org

Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ

3925 40th St.
515-255-7413
www.facebook.com/TrinityTempleChurchIA

Westchester Evangelical Free Church

4919 N.W. Aurora Ave.
515-278-1615
www.westchestercares.org

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Hillis Elementary School

2401 56th St.
515-242-8412
hillis.dmschools.org

PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Students from Beaverdale attend Callanan, Harding or Meredith middle schools.

Callanan Middle School

3010 Center St.
515-242-8101
callanan.dmschools.org

Harding Middle School

203 East Euclid Ave.
515-242-8445
harding.dmschools.org

Meredith Middle School

4827 Madison Ave.
515-242-7250
meredith.dmschools.org

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- To sign up for alerts: subscribe.dsm.city
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- To find city services at your address: showmemyhouse.dsm.city

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

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Civil and Human Rights	515-283-4284
Development Services	515-283-4182
Franklin Avenue Library	515-283-4152
Fire Department , general inquiries	515-283-4237
Human Resources	515-283-4213
Police non-emergency	515-283-4811
Public Works 24-Hour Call Center	515-283-4950

POLICE DEPARTMENT UNITS

Airport Section	515-256-5020
Animal Control Shelter	515-284-6905
CSI (Fingerprint Inquiries)	515-283-4804
Family Conflict Unit	515-283-4832
Fraud and Auto Theft Unit	515-283-4821
General Information	515-283-4824
Intelligence Section	515-283-4827
Legal Advisor	515-283-4121
Metro STAR (Special Tactics and Response).....	515-283-6060
Office of Professional Standards (personnel complaints)	515-283-4816
Patrol Headquarters	515-283-4836
Pawn Shop Unit	515-237-1495
Personnel and Training (Des Moines Regional Police Academy).....	515-323-8350
Persons Section	515-283-4869
Polk County Jail	515-323-5400
Property Management / Vehicle Impound Unit	515-283-4850
Property Section (Investigates property crimes).....	515-283-4865
Public Information Office	515-732-5115
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