

Fall Citywide Cleanup Day

Saturday, September 29, 8:00 am to Noon

Where: City Sewer Plant, 80th and Line

Citywide Cleanup is for Belle Plaine Residents Only.

Please bring proof of residency. It is required prior to unloading your items.

Customers will be allowed to unload one pickup load of items free of charge. Additional loads will be charged a rate of \$30 per load. Customers are responsible for unloading all items. Items must be placed in the containers.

The City Police Department will be available to assist the elderly and physically challenged. Please call City Hall at (620) 488-3433 before 4 p.m. on September 28, 2018 to make a request for assistance.

Prohibited Items: Tires, vehicle engine or body parts, wet paint, barrels/drums, appliances containing Freon, or other hazardous materials.

BELLE PLAINE COMMUNITY CENTER, 528 N. MERCHANT



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City of Belle Plaine, Ks

The Effects of **BLIGHTED PROPERTY**

Abandoned and blighted property is not just a big-city issue. It is a statewide issue. This issue impacts public safety, the values of adjoining properties, and discourages improvements to adjoining property.

89%

*of member cities identify abandoned or blighted property as a significant or very significant concern in their communities.**



4+ years

The median length of time a property was reported as abandoned was **four years**. One-third of responding cities noted some of the properties had been **abandoned for 10 or more years.***

Abandoned property affects the health, safety, and welfare of the entire community - taxpayers, property owners, and residents. Other concerns associated with abandoned property include **increased police calls** for theft, prowlers, drug issues, and squatting. Additionally, cities reported an **increase in fire calls** responding to accidental fires and arson.*



City fighting issues with blight

As part of the Comprehensive Plan, a community survey showed overwhelming concern due to blighted properties in the City. Since that time, violation procedures were implemented and two properties have been demolished.

Code officials can determine that a property is blighted if the appearance is out of character with the rest of the neighborhood. Two or more residents who feel something needs to be done about a property in the City can petition in writing to compel a Code official to act upon a problem with blight. More information on regulations about property conditions can be found at www.bpks.org/city-code.

The City has applied for a state Housing Grant to help residents in the northwest sector of Belle Plaine

How do we define blight?

Reasons for designating blight include:

- Dead trees or other unsightly natural growth.
- Unsightly stored or parked material, equipment, supplies, machinery, trucks or automobiles or parts thereof; vermin infestation; inadequate drainage.
- Violation of any other law or regulations relating to the use of land and the use and occupancy of the buildings and improvements.

rehab homes. A previous application for 2018 was denied. A major determining factor, as noted by the state in the denial, was that residents must clean up portions of the City before rehab begins.



Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 27, 2018
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Belle Plaine Police Department

Turn in unused or expired medication.
(Needles cannot be accepted)

Pet Licenses required in city

Annual Pet Licenses (dog and cat) are required for residents of Belle Plaine. Bring a current certificate of a rabies vaccination to City Hall to get the license. Cost is \$5 if the pet is neutered/spayed, or \$10 if they are not. Licenses are required by March 1. In 2019 a penalty will be assessed for licenses purchased after March 1.

Grass, weeds must be mowed

Grass and weeds must be mowed before reaching 8 inches in height. Failure to maintain property during the growing season can lead to citations.