

# THE BEAT

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Bob Morgan



It has been a busy six months as Mayor. There's no way to ease into this position, that is for sure. I have just a few observations. Seeing how the City runs from the inside and watching the dedicated employees work hard to make Beatrice a great place to live is amazing. We have

an excellent first-class community here in Beatrice, so hats off to our City employees. The rest of 2023 looks to be very busy. The City will put together and pass the next 2-year budget, continue to work with Beatrice Public Schools on our 33rd and Lincoln Street project, and develop action plans to start the process to tackle Dempsters. Dempsters will be a long process; however, if we have a plan and utilize the plan, we will

make progress. It will be exciting to see the Chautauqua Park waterfall come back to life and what the Court Street corridor could look like as the project team continues to work through ideas to help make downtown Beatrice a destination. As we head into summer, enjoy all the outside amenities Beatrice has to offer, have fun and be safe.

### FIREWORKS SALES & USE IN BEATRICE



#### The sale and use of permissible fireworks in Beatrice has expanded.

The sale of fireworks is now allowed from June 28th to July 4th. This year, fireworks may be discharged on the following dates:

#### June 28th & 29th:

8:00 am to 10:00 pm;

#### June 30th & July 1st:

8:00 am to 11:59 pm;

#### July 2nd:

8:00 am - 10:00 pm;

#### July 3rd & 4th:

8:00 am - 11:59 pm;

#### July 5th:

8:00 am - 10:00 pm

#### **Read the full ordinance:**

[www.beatrice.ne.gov/ordinances/ordinance-22-33](http://www.beatrice.ne.gov/ordinances/ordinance-22-33)

### FIREWORKS SAFETY

Beatrice Fire & Rescue reminds you to take precautions when shooting fireworks. To avoid injuries, remember:

- Don't allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Wear protective eyewear.
- Only light one firework at a time.
- Never hold fireworks in your hands.
- Watch fireworks from a safe distance.
- Never throw fireworks.

[www.beatrice.ne.gov](http://www.beatrice.ne.gov)

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## SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT BEATRICE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Beatrice Public Library invites families to join in the fun of their summer reading program, "All Together Now". The program runs thru June 30th with the following schedule:

- Mondays:** Read with Jake the therapy dog
- Tuesdays:** Community Storytime and crafts
- Wednesday mornings:** Family Storytime
- Wednesday afternoons:** Elementary Storytime & crafts
- Thursdays:** Movies
- Fridays:** Games & puzzles



## UTV ORDINANCE



As of April 22, 2023, the use of Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs) is now allowed within the Beatrice city limits. **Read the full ordinance with all requirements and stipulations at:**  
[www.beatrice.ne.gov/ordinances/ordinance-23-6](http://www.beatrice.ne.gov/ordinances/ordinance-23-6)

## HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION ROUTES



Tuesday, July 4th garbage and curbside recycling routes will be collected on Monday, July 3rd. This applies to all residential routes. Commercial customers with once a week pickup on Tuesday will be collected on Monday, July 3rd.

## BIG BLUE WATER PARK



The Beatrice Big Blue Water Park is now open for the season! 2023 Season Passes are available at the Water Park or the City Clerk's Office.  
**Daily admission prices:**  
\$5.00: ages 4 -17  
\$6.00: ages 18 - 59  
\$3.00: age 60+  
\$2.00: Twilight swim  
**Hours of operation:**  
12:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## WEST COURT WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT



Due to numerous water main breaks, the Water Department has planned a water main replacement project in the 900 Block of West Court Street. The project is expected to begin in mid-June.

## WIPES CLOG PIPES



The Water Pollution Control (WPC) Department reminds residents and businesses that even products labeled as "flushable" can cause problems in the sewer system. To prevent raw sewage from backing up into your home or business, only flush "The 3 Ps" - pee, poop, and [toilet] paper. Not only do sewer blockages increase the City's maintenance costs, it can lead to costly maintenance and repair bills for you.

## MAKE A SPLASH



The splash pad at Sertoma Astro Park is now open for the season! The splash pad is operational from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.