

# THE BEAT

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### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MAYOR BOB MORGAN

Now that we have wrapped up 2023 and head into 2024, I have had a chance to reflect over the past year as mayor. I have to say I learned so much more than I ever thought possible. That said, the number one thing I have learned is we have so many awesome and talented employees. I have also seen how one department works well with another to make things click. A great example was the sidewalk installed from 10th to 13th Street. What an amazing example of departments and a contractor working together toward a common goal of a great project. I also know that the snow has caused many disruptions. For our employees, this means time away from family, all to make and keep Beatrice a great place to live. Large or small, each project makes a difference, and our employees make that happen.



As we head into 2024, the Council and I will continue to work together to plan for this year and beyond. We will continue to make Beatrice a great place to live and work. Making a plan and working that plan will help move Beatrice forward. I am looking forward to moving forward with more opportunities that will arise to keep Beatrice as a relevant, great place to be.

### STAY INFORMED!

Want to stay in the know about City of Beatrice happenings? Tune in to "Ask the Mayor" on KWBE (1450 AM or 94.7 FM) Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.

**City Council meetings** take place the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at 320 N. 5th Street, Join us in person, watch live on Spectrum Channel 181, or livestream at our website: [www.beatrice.ne.gov](http://www.beatrice.ne.gov).

### UTILITY RATES HOLD STEADY



The Board of Public Works takes pride in offering the lowest rates possible to our valued customers. This year, there were no increases to our electric, water, or sewer rates. In addition, our customers have not had an increase in electric rates for over 8 years! While other

area energy companies have raised their rates for 2024 due to inflation and power supply costs, we are happy to say our rates will remain stable as a result of the contracts we have in place with our energy suppliers.

### TAX LEVY DECREASE

The City of Beatrice has absorbed the Beatrice Municipal Airport, which resulted in a 5.05% tax levy decrease for 2024.

## 2024 HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Holiday	Date Observed (no collection)	Collection Will Occur
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27	Tuesday, May 28
<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>Thursday, July 4</b>	<b>Friday, July 5</b>
Labor Day	Monday, September 2	Tuesday, September 3
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>Thursday, November 28</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 27</b>
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29	Monday, December 2
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 25</b>	<b>Thursday, December 26</b>
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2025	Thursday, January 2, 2025



### SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY ALERTS

The City of Beatrice is now able to send you direct notifications via text message, email or voice call, based on your preferences. The system will alert you of topics of interest that you sign up for, such as:

- Utility work and outages
- Garbage service alerts
- Public safety and more.



## WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

The City's Stormwater Management Team needs your help to protect bodies of water through the winter season.

- Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas, never into streets or streams.
- Use safe and effective alternatives to salt for ice, and always follow the application rate on the label.
- Shoveling snow sooner than later, is best. Less ice will form and less de-icer will need to be used.

### SNOW REMOVAL

The season has arrived when snow blankets the landscape, and City crews are geared up to ensure City roads remain clear and safe. Remember:

- Snow Routes are treated with salt or deicing material and are the first streets to be plowed. Residential streets are plowed only if more than 2 inches of snow has fallen across the entire city.
- Property owners/occupants are responsible to clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours of the occurrence of snowfall, sleet, or freezing rain ending.
- If conditions warrant a stoppage or delay in garbage or recycling service, the City will notify customers via social media, the City's website, and the Community Alert system.