



FOCUS

A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR COMMUNITY

City Recognizes Preservation Efforts

To recognize the accomplishments of those who have taken a committed role in the preservation of Bentonville's historic integrity, the city created the historic preservation award with two categories – commercial and residential.

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The 2018 winning applications were selected by a panel consisting of one City Council member (Octavio Sanchez), one Planning Commission member (Joe Haynie), one city staff member (Danielle Semsrott, Senior Planner), and a member at large (Stephanie Barrett). Mayor McCaslin presented the awards at the May 8th City Council meeting in honor of National Historic Preservation Month.

Residential Winner: 606 W Central Avenue (a.k.a. Sunshine House)



The Sunshine House, located at 606 W Central Avenue is a two story home with detached garage, built in 1920 by Clarence and Ray Linebarger for themselves and their five year old son, C. A. Linebarger, Jr. They designed the home with an appreciation for local materials, and some of the popular designs of that period. The living room fireplace is constructed with specimens of crystal taken from Crystal Cave in Bella Vista. The Linebargers resided here until 1926, however, they continued to own and lease the home until 1979. More recent owners have taken care to preserve the original design of the home.

Commercial Winner: The Record, **104 SW A Street**

This building has long been part of the landscape on W Central Avenue and SW A Street. Formerly a car dealership and most recently home to The Benton County Daily Record, Ropeswing took the shuttered building and renovated it into an event venue. The building is highlighted with original wooden barrel ceilings, cement floor, and remnants of old paint details. Ropeswing made a significant investment in the community by combining a development opportunity with an eye for preservation.



2017 Fourth Quarter and 2018 First Quarter Outstanding Citizen Award Recipients

Youth Winners: Emily Adams and Sadie Cunningham



Emily Adams is a senior at Bentonville High School (BHS). As a sophomore, Emily joined a community service club and volunteered at Havenwood. In her junior year, she joined S2Student mentoring and began to serve at Second Street Pantry and Miracle on 14th Street. In fall 2017, Emily organized a group to assemble over 70 homeless care kits. Ms. Van Slooten nominated her saying "Emily is an exceptional individual who serves quietly, which is refreshing to find youth who look outside of themselves and find fulfillment in helping others."



Sadie Cunningham is a junior at Bentonville West High School. Sadie served as a member of student council for the past two years, participates in the Ignite – Media Communication and Studio Art program, is involved with her church from working in childcare to helping lead worship, as well as doing photography and graphic work for them, and volunteers in the community. Ms. Keeley, who nominated Sadie, stated, "Sadie is an extraordinary young woman, who walks through her life in humility and grace always seeking ways to enrich the lives of all around her."

Adult Category Winners: Shane Newell and Karilea Magee

Shane Newell volunteers as a mentor with the Bentonville Public Schools "lunch buddy" mentoring program. Currently, he is working with three students at three different schools, meeting with them at a minimum of twice a month. Marisa Snow nominated him, saying "Shane is a consistent example for his 6th grade buddy that he works with at Barker Middle School." Shane gives back to Bentonville Public Schools through his business, and to date has given back over \$30,000.



In nominating Karilea Magee, Lana McCaslin wrote the following: "Karilea has modeled giving back to her community for all the years I've known her. She passionately served at First Baptist Church of Bentonville in a wide variety of community endeavors. Two of those, the Christmas toy giveaway and the annual mission trip to Wilmot, Arkansas remain regulars in her busy schedule. Today, Karilea is active in volunteer activities at Havenwood, Soul's Harbor, Habitat for Humanity, Pug Rescue of NWA and her newest



passion, Healing Gardens of NWA.

The Outstanding Citizen Award program recognizes the exceptional volunteer contributions of Bentonville residents.

Community Group Winners: United Way Gift in Kind Volunteers and the Kodak Alaris Team



The United Way of Northwest Arkansas Gift in Kind Warehouse gives access to a warehouse with critical basic need products to over 230 non-profit agencies who serve needy children and families. Lewis Cook nominated the volunteers, saying "This warehouse would not be successful without the 20+ volunteers that spend over 300 hours a week donating their time and energy. These volunteers show up at the warehouse before the sun comes up and work tirelessly throughout the day."

Mr. Devin Boggs Riley nominated Walt Parsons and the Kodak Alaris team that has been serving the kids at NWA Children's Shelter for many years by generously donating their time, their equipment, and most importantly, their talents. They take photos at every Starlight Gala, curate photos taken at the Children's Shelter during the year, and supply equipment for the onsite Art Camp.





Summer Reading Club is Here!

Sign up! Set a Goal! Read! Win Prizes! *All ages!*



Sign Up!

Sign up today online by clicking on the Summer Reading Club banner at bentonvillelibrary.org or in person at Bentonville Public Library! Last day to log hours is July 31.

Set a Goal!

Set a Goal to read each week!

Report your hours/books read.

Read!

Read read read! All reading counts! That includes books, audiobooks, newspapers, magazines, graphic novels, online articles, children books and more! Think you don't have time to read? You're reading right now!

Win Prizes!

We have prizes for each age group, from pre-readers to adults! We also have weekly prizes! Children and teens can win free books. Adults can win gift cards and an Apple iPad. All ages will be entered to win Kindle Fire tablets.

New Book Club Kits Added!

The new book club kits truly are an event experience in a bag! *Books & Bites* have everything adults, teens, and children will need to host their own book club at home or at their favorite venue, complete with party planning ideas for an unforgettable event.

All kits contain 10 books, complete discussion questions, author information and interesting research necessary to host a book club meeting, PLUS the movie adaptation where applicable (a new feature for 2018)!

Over 30 new kits will be introduced in 2018 through 2019!

Big Thursday Programs!

June 7	Jugglology
June 14	The Kindersongs
June 21	Story Creations
June 28	Stevens Puppets
July 5	Super Science
July 12	Juggle Watever
July 19	Duck Tape Day
July 26	Tommy Terrific

BPL will have 100+ programs during Summer Reading Club. Visit bentonvillelibrary.org/calendar for a full listing of programs!

Library Closings

BPL will be closed July 4th and September 3rd.

Did you know?

Bentonville Public Library has more than just books! Here are a few things you may not know that you can check out!

Audiobooks	DVDs
Fishing Poles	eBooks
Board Games	TV Series
Book Club Kits	Telescopes
Digital Magazines	Music CDs
Digital Audiobooks	
American Girl® Dolls	



Here is just a sample of new kit titles:

- *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance
- *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
- *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- *The Last Tudor* by Philipa Gregory
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

Word on the Streets

As you read through the list of construction projects, please keep in mind that along with the safety of many citizens that utilize our trails and sidewalks, we need to be aware of the construction workers, inspectors and street maintenance crews that are in or near the roadways each day. Please be patient in your travels.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

NW 3rd St., Phase III

Replacing a bridge on NW 3rd St. and widening the road from Saddlebrook St. to Coler Creek. Project should be complete this summer.

SW 8th St. Utility Relocation, SW I St. to Moberly Ln.

Relocating utilities to make room for planned roadway construction. Should be complete this summer.

Pedestrian Tunnel at SE 8th St. and SE J St.

Tunnel construction crossing SE J St. is complete. The tunnel under SE 8th St. is approximately 75% complete.

SE 8th St. / I-49 Interchange

ArDOT is underway with the construction of the SE 8th St. / I-49 interchange. This will also include the construction of SE 8th St. from I-49 to Moberly Ln. The estimated completion date is early fall 2018.

I-49 Widening and Hwy. 102 and Hwy. 72 Interchanges

ArDOT is in the final stages of construction of Hwy. 72 / I-49 and Hwy. 102 / I-49 interchange improvements.

COMING UP

SW I St. Right Turn Lane

Adding southbound lane on SW I St. from Melissa Dr to SW 14th St.

N. Walton / NW 12th St. / Tiger

Adding left turn lanes for NW 12th St. and Tiger Blvd and replacing the existing signal.

Town Vu Bridge

Replacing the existing one-lane bridge on Town Vu Rd with a box culvert that will allow for two lanes of traffic.

NW 3rd St. / N. Walton Blvd

Adding a traffic signal to allow for left turn movements from NW 3rd St. onto Walton Blvd.

SW 28th St. / S. Walton Blvd

Adding equipment and technology to the traffic signal for protected east and west bound left turns.

Water Tower Rd. / SE 8th St

Extending SE 8th St. from the new I-49 Interchange east to Water Tower Rd. and widening Water Tower Rd. from SE 8th St. south to SE 14th St.

8th St. Widening, SW I St. to Moberly Ln.

Widening SW 8th St. from SW I St. to Moberly Ln.

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Transportation Dept.

Contact us for questions regarding street maintenance, street construction, drainage or the municipal airport.



Bridge replacement on NW 3rd Street.



PARKS & Recreation

In April, the Bentonville City Council approved a bid award for the new Citizens Park Tennis Complex. This 8-court complex will include lights, windscreens,

restrooms, bleachers, and new parking. Courts should be available for use this fall. We are thrilled about this new amenity and excited how it will better serve our southwest Bentonville residents.



CAMP BENTONVILLE

SUMMER 2018

Visit PlayBentonville.com for more information

Whatever your child's interest, our aim with Camp Bentonville is to provide campers with a fun, safe environment to learn, explore, create, and play! Our comprehensive Camp Bentonville program offers something for every camper ages 4 - 16. From Camp Soccer to Camp Mad Science to Camp Basketball and Camp Adventure. Camp Bentonville guarantees that each camper will have an exciting, unforgettable, fun-filled camp experience!

VISIT PLAYBENTONVILLE.COM FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR YOUR FAVORITE CAMPS!



CAMP ARCHERY



CAMP ADVENTURE



CAMP LACROSSE

Celebrate the 4th at Orchards Park

Bentonville Parks and Recreation invites the community to attend *An Evening at Orchards Park* - Bentonville's 4th of July Fireworks Celebration to celebrate our nation's independence. Music will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the Fayetteville Funk Factory. Following their performance, the Arkansas Winds Orchestra will play a series of patriotic songs in a *Tribute to America*. At approximately 9:30 p.m., the largest fireworks show in Northwest Arkansas will begin.

The event is free to the public. Concessions will be available and patrons are welcome to bring their own coolers to the event (non alcoholic beverages). Parking will be located throughout Memorial Park. Handicap parking will be located in the parking lot next to the entrance of Orchards Park and shuttles will provide transport to the main stage. Please arrive early; some streets will be temporarily closed around 8:00 p.m. Personal fireworks are prohibited.

Also, take advantage of the Melvin Ford Aquatic Center's special "no admission fee" swim day on July 4th from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.





COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Improved Development Review Process

Before anyone shops in a new retail building, moves into a new apartment, or enjoys the latest culinary experience at the newest restaurant, the site and building has undergone a complex process of reviews, inspections and approvals.

This development review process involves developers, engineers, contractors, several City of Bentonville departments, planning commission and city council to ensure that the site and building are safe and meet all city codes.

Like the rest of Northwest Arkansas, Bentonville is growing at a rapid pace. In fact, the number of residential units permitted in 2018 already exceeds that of 2017. The demands of that growth is felt daily by the city departments that work with developers.

To accommodate these demands, changes to the development review process are necessary. Consequently, staff from development-related departments have identified how to streamline the process and improve efficiency from start to finish.

The new process requires more information to be provided earlier in the process and requires participation from all departments

in a preliminary meeting. This meeting allows all participants to weigh-in on the project, identifying potential conflicts at the beginning rather than in the middle of a project.

Approximately 80 developers, engineers, contractors, businesses and individuals that participate in building and developing in Bentonville attended a workshop hosted by the City. The Development Review Workshop, held on Thursday, May 10th, allowed city staff to present the new process and identify significant changes from the current process.



The Bentonville Community Plan will be published early this summer and available on the city website at: <http://www.bentonvillear.com/259/Bentonville-Community-Plan>.

The 2017 Annual Development Report is now available on the city's website. www.bentonvillear.com

One-stop Shop

The new City of Bentonville website includes a Development Services page for everything development related.

This can be accessed on the city's website by clicking on the Development Services icon at www.bentonvillear.com.

The site contains links to development-related applications, codes, fees and departments. City plans and development data reside on this page along with links to interactive mapping and the new eTrakit software.





PUBLIC SAFETY



Don't Let Convenience Place Your Family at Risk

Warmer weather is here, which means we will be using the air conditioner in our cars. Once we get the temperature right, it's tempting to leave the engine running while we briefly step away or drop off a child at day care. This type of convenience places us at risk of becoming the victim of a crime.

To reduce chances of becoming a victim, take simple steps to deter criminals. Always lock the doors and roll up the windows before you walk away. Secure and hide all of your valuables in the trunk or a lockable interior compartment. Remember, if a

criminal can clearly see something he wants through the car window he may decide to break the glass.

NEVER leave a child alone in a car, even if you briefly walk away or step inside for a few seconds. A child left alone in a vehicle, despite having air conditioning and locked doors, is still in danger.

Watch your surroundings and report any suspicious activity to the Bentonville Police Department at 479-271-3170 or 911 in an emergency. Together, we will keep our families safe and simultaneously make life harder for criminals to commit crimes in our community.



Grilling Fire Safety

Stay fire safe this summer! Follow these grilling safety tips.



Only use your grill outside. Keep it at least 3 feet from siding, deck rails and eaves.



Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.



Open your gas grill before lighting.



Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill. This will keep kids and pets safe.



Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.



Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Don't walk away from them when they are lit.

Stay fire safe this summer!
For more information and resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.



SWIMMING POOL SAFETY DEVICES AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

Pool safety is a big concern whether it a public pool or a residential one. Having safety tools near a pool area can prevent accidents to a large extent and offer assistance in dealing with emergencies.

Swimming pool signs
Signs work as visual reminders asking swimmers to practice safety at all times.

Pool depth markers
Pool depth markers allow everyone to identify depth of a pool.

Floating devices
Maintain safety by keeping floating devices like buoy and boogie boards for small kids and amateur swimmers.

Fence
Pool fencing should be 4 ft. tall with a self-latching gate.

SAFETY FIRST

NEW! Floodplain Development Permit Changes

On January 1, 2018, the City of Bentonville implemented a formalized Floodplain Development Permit (FDP) application and permitting process. A FDP is required for any development on a lot that touches a floodplain. The application includes information to meet flood code requirements and practice flood damage prevention techniques. Associated application fees begin July 1, 2018.

Once the application is reviewed and approved by the Floodplain Administrator, a permit will be issued and it must be posted on site before the project begins. After construction, a professional engineer or professional land surveyor must submit documentation and certify the project meets code. Upon approval of the final documentation submittal and before Certificate of Occupancy, a Certificate of Compliance will be issued by the Floodplain Administrator.

This permitting process fulfills part of the city's FEMA Community Rating System commitment to minimize flood losses and prevent adverse impacts from floodplain development. For additional information, view the Development Services page on the city website or contact the Stormwater Coordinator 479-271-3168.

Nominate a Yard

The City of Bentonville recognizes outstanding improvements to and maintenance of landscaped yards with its Landscaping of the Month Award.

Residents and business owners may nominate their own, their neighbor's, or someone else's landscaped yard by submitting an application, located on the city's website: www.bentonvillear.com/466/Tree-Landscape-Committee. Nominations are being accepted through October.

For more information, please contact Danielle Semsrott, Senior Planner at: dsemsrott@bentonvillear.com.

JUN

- 1-8 Art & Culinary Week, Bentonville Square
- 2 An Afternoon with Lisa Wingate- Bentonville Public Library
- 4 Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Club Begins, Bentonville Public Library

JUL

- 6 First Friday: *Americana*, Bentonville Square, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- 6 First Friday Flix: *Peter Rabbit*, Lawrence Plaza, 8:30 p.m.
- 12 Rock & Splash: *Route 358*, Lawrence Plaza, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Magic in the Park: *George Reader*, Lawrence Plaza, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Yappy Hour: *Ashtyn Barbaree*, Bentonville Bark Park, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Club Ends, Bentonville Public Library

AUG

- 3 First Friday: *Back to School*, Bentonville Square, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- 3 First Friday Flix: *Cars 3*, Lawrence Plaza, 8:30 p.m.
- 9 Theatre in the Park: *Trike Theater*, Lawrence Plaza, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Rock & Splash: *Jesse Dean Co.*, Lawrence Plaza, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Science in the Park: *Super Science*, Lawrence Plaza, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Yappy Hour: *BJ Lowell*, Bentonville Bark Park, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

SEP

- 7 First Friday: *Fall Fest*, Bentonville Square, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- 7 First Friday Flix: *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*, Lawrence Plaza, 8:30 p.m.

SUMMER EVENTS

All activities are
free of charge