

# The Clipper

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## Community survey now in the mail

A community survey seeking opinions on community strengths and weaknesses has been mailed.

Such a survey has been sent out periodically through the years to find out how local residents feel about a variety of topics and also to find out ideas about businesses and/or services that might be needed.

"It is important to learn what the residents of Brainard and the surrounding rural area think about their com-

munity and how well the community satisfies their needs," according to the survey's cover letter. "This questionnaire, prepared by the Brainard Economic Development Council (BEDC), is designed to do just that so that the strengths, as well as the weaknesses, of Brainard can be determined."

The survey is similar to others conducted in 1990, 1996 and 2004. In those earlier surveys, the most needed projects identified were a new baseball/

softball field, a car repair shop and a car wash—all needs which were accomplished. In 2004, the survey pointed to the need for a grocery store.

Anyone in the Brainard area who did not receive a survey can contact Kevin Behne or Greg Havlovic, members of the BEDC.

Surveys should be completed and returned by Feb. 15. Drop-off locations are Brainard City Hall, First Nebraska Bank and Frontier Coop.

## Antique appraiser at Holiday Party

The Brainard Community Club will hold its annual Holiday Party on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Veterans Memorial Building. Social hour will be followed by a potluck dinner. Tom Bassett, an antique appraiser from Lincoln, will appraise items brought by club members at no charge (one item per member, please). Those who would like to join the group can do so that night by paying dues and can also bring an item to be appraised.

Club organizers thank those who attended the Autumn Brunch on Oct. 30. Special thanks to those who donated food or raffle prizes and to the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association for its co-sponsorship and financial support.

To join the Brainard Community Club, contact Mary Lou Meister at 545-2731. Dues are \$3 and can also be paid at First Nebraska Bank.

## NDEQ forces village to look at lagoons

The Brainard Village Board is currently studying its lagoons. That's because the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality has informed the village that Brainard's current lagoon cells are too small and it is mandatory the village address this problem.

Because of this directive, the board has been having meetings to discuss the lagoon situation, including a special meeting to discuss funding options for possible new lagoon cells. This item of business will be an ongoing topic on the village board agenda and the public is welcome to attend the meetings.

### Village board to meet this Wednesday

The Brainard Village Board will next meet in regular session on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Discussion on options concerning the village lagoons will be among items on the agenda.

### Novak honored by village board

Shorty Novak was honored at the December meeting of the Brainard Village Board upon his retirement from the Brainard Economic Development Council. Novak was a charter member of the group, which was founded in 1988.

### One more thing ...

It's an election year with filing deadlines coming up. Watch for more information in the next issue of The Clipper.

## Bloodmobile set for Feb. 14

The next local Bloodmobile will be held Feb. 14, 2012 at the Klein Center from noon to 6 p.m. What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than by helping someone in need by donating blood?

Another Bloodmobile is tentatively planned for April 24 with more details to be announced at a later date.

## Young musician to perform in Lincoln

Maria Sue Pytlik has been invited again to perform at the Catholic Social Services fundraiser "Trumpet Fest" in Lincoln. The event will begin at 3 p.m. on Feb. 12 at Pius High School. Maria, daughter of Paul and Patty Pytlik, will perform Concert Etude by Goedicke and possibly a duet, depending on time.

## Brainard Area Seniors to meet Jan. 19

The Brainard Area Seniors will meet Thursday, Jan. 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Klein Center. Those attending should bring Christmas memories, photos, recipes or customs enjoyed with families.

## DC School of Music opens

"Thanks to overwhelming support, the David City extension of Fiddlestick Music (David City School of Music) is a go!" said owners Summer and Jeff Brackhan. Lessons will be held three Saturdays a month with monthly tuition \$75. Beginning guitar and drum students will have 45 minute group lessons and piano students will have 30 minute individual lessons. There was some interest in violin; however, at this time there was not enough to offer the class.

Lessons have started. For more information, contact the Brackhans at 3161 Alden Ave, Lincoln, NE 68502, call 402-261-3599 or see the website: [www.davidcitymusic.com](http://www.davidcitymusic.com).

"After the studio has been established for the spring, we will look into the possibilities of opening up more weekday options and bringing in more teachers and instruments," said the Brackhans.

## Potato bake to benefit ball program

A potato bake will be held on President's Day, Feb. 20, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Legion building. The American Legion has decided to make this an annual event, on President's Day, as a benefit for the baseball program. All net income will be used for the baseball program, said organizers.

"The Legion is hoping the boys who plan to play baseball this year will come and help," with help from parents also appreciated.

A freewill offering will be taken and there will be a raffle. More information will be included in the next issue of The Clipper.

## Recycling bin available to residents

A recycling bin, located in the parking lot south of the swimming pool, is available to area residents.

Items accepted are plastic, paper, cardboard, tin and metal cans, but no glass. Items do not need to be sorted.

This service is sponsored by the Village of Brainard.

## Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!

Jan. 1 - Elsie Dvorak  
Jan. 7 - Randy Robeson  
Jan. 10 - Jan Kriz  
Jan. 10 - Sally Vandenberg  
Jan. 15 - Clayton Kastl  
Jan. 23 - Don Ingwersen  
Jan. 24 - Jenny Ingwersen  
Jan. 30 - Justin and Julia Dvorak  
Jan. 30 - JoEllen Vrbka  
Feb. 6 - Emily Havlovic  
Feb. 6 - Lynn Hummel  
Feb. 7 - Dianne Makovicka  
Feb. 8 - Ray and Gail Stolze  
Feb. 9 - Larry and Pat Foral  
Feb. 15 - Fred and Sue Bougger  
Feb. 16 - Karen Dvorak  
Feb. 18 - Lucas Zitek  
Feb. 19 - Michael Janak  
Feb. 19 - Jerry Meister  
Feb. 19 - Char Greguras  
Feb. 20 - Vickie Hines  
Feb. 22 - Reid Glasshoff  
Feb. 22 - Kallie Zitek  
Feb. 22 - Steve Hines  
Feb. 24 - Blaire Glasshoff  
Feb. 25 - Jim Koontz

## If it snows ...

Brainard residents are asked to move their vehicles off the street when it appears a snowstorm is coming. This allows snow removal to be done in a more timely and efficient manner. Residents are also reminded that village ordinance dictates sidewalks should be scooped after a snowfall.

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