

April 2016

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# The Bridge

Connecting with our residents



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 City of Belle Plaine

## Annual recycle & CLEAN-UP DAY

### Fee Schedule for Refuse & Appliance Recycling

#### Large Appliances \$10 EACH

- Air Conditioner
- Computer Desktop/Laptop
- Computer Monitor
- Copier - Large office style
- Dryer
- Microwave
- Refrigerator
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Washer
- Water Heater
- Water Softener
- Televisions -
  - Up to 20 lbs. .... \$10
  - Up to 50 lbs. .... \$20
  - Over 50 lbs.....*Price determined at gate*

#### Small Appliances & Electronics \$2 EACH

- Printer / Copier / Fax
- Radio, Receiver
- Typewriter
- VCR / DVD Player

#### Furniture/Household

- Mattresses..... \$20
- Sofa ..... \$25
- Stuffed Chairs/Recliners ..... \$15

#### Batteries

- Auto Batteries ..... \$2

#### Tires

Car \$3; Truck \$8; Tractor \$15

#### Miscellaneous Waste

- Car Load ..... \$30 & Over
- Pickup/Trailer Load . \$50 & Over

## Saturday, April 30

### 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Belle Plaine Police Dept. Parking Lot  
420 E. Main Street

For residents of the City of Belle Plaine and Townships of Blakeley, Belle Plaine and St. Lawrence.

### Accepted at No Charge

#### Recyclables

- Glass
- Newspapers
- Aluminum
- Cardboard
- Plastic
- Scrap Metal

#### Compost

Leaves & grass clippings are accepted at the City compost site located on West State Street & County Road 6.

#### Epilepsy Foundation Collection

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Games & Toys
- Lamps
- Curtains
- Linens
- Knick Knacks
- Tools
- Bicycles

## Cash or check only, please.

### No Hazardous Waste Accepted!

Will Not Accept:  
Fluorescent Bulbs, Paint, Motor Oil/Filters, Chemicals

*Sponsored by  
The Belle Plaine Lions Club & City of Belle Plaine*

# Notes from the City Administrator

## Moving Dirt!

It appears that spring has sprung. This means that you will start seeing dirt moving around Belle Plaine – both large scale and small scale.

### Enterprise Drive Overpass

The Overpass project continues to move forward. So far the contractor, S.M. Hentges, has moved approximately 110,000 cubic yards of soil to construct the embankments on both the north and south sides of Hwy 169. They have started the piling for the bridge abutments and soon you'll see the beams placed, decks poured and the bridge really start to take shape. Final completion of the project is still planned for October of this year, but the overpass should be usable later this summer.

As part of the project, there will be utility improvements on West Commerce Drive which will require a detour in this area. Look for more details on the City website – [www.belleplainemn.com](http://www.belleplainemn.com).

### 2016 Street Reconstruction

With the early spring, the contractor for the 2016 Street project started in late March. Chard Tiling and Excavating was the low bidder for the project. Property owners in the area east of Hwy 25 and north of Court Street will start seeing dirt move as the water and sewer mains are replaced and the street is reconstructed. Also included in this project are storm water drainage improvements on the east

end of Forest Street and a sidewalk along Forest Street from Hwy 25. The project is expected to be completed by August, but the majority of the work is expected to be completed by the end of May, depending on the weather.

### Court Square

The Belle Plaine Park Board has reviewed a proposal to construct community gardens at Court Square. The City is working on the construction of 10 garden plots to start the program. The plots will be available for rent starting this spring and for a small fee you will have access to City water and excellent soil. If you are interested in learning more about reserving a space, please contact City Hall at 873-5553. The Historical Society will be taking over the Belle Plaine Farmer's Market also located at Court Square, so Court Square will become Garden Cen-

tral this summer!

The recently installed disc golf course at Court Square will also see dirt moving as part of a project led by Project EverGreen, a national organization committed to helping communities provide green space. The project will include aeration and fertilizer along with landscape improvements. Whether large or small, we are excited to see all of the dirt moving this spring.



## Board of Appeal and Equalization Hearing

*Important Information Regarding Property Assessments. This may affect your 2017 property taxes.*

The Open Book Meeting for the City of Belle Plaine will be conducted on Wednesday, May 4th, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Scott County Government Center in Shakopee, 200 4th Avenue West, Taxation Office. The purpose of this meeting is to give each taxpayer the opportunity to informally review or challenge assessed values or classifications for the January 2, 2016 assessment.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, first please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. The appropriate number to call is listed on your Notice of Valuation and Classification that was mailed to you in March of 2016. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing with your assessor, you may appear before the county special board of appeal and equalization. To schedule an appeal appointment with the board you must call the assessor by May 20, 2016.

## Solicitor Safeguard

*Peddler Permit and Photo I.D.*

*Required for Solicitors*

For the safety and protection of residents, the City of Belle Plaine requires door-to-door solicitors to obtain a Peddler's Permit and photo identification from City Hall. Solicitors are required to complete an application for a Peddler's Permit before commencing solicitation. As part of the application process, the Police Department performs a background investigation on the individual. If you are approached by a solicitor, ensure they are wearing a city-issued photo I. D. and are in possession of a valid Peddler's Permit. Soliciting in residential areas is allowed only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Although the solicitor has obtained a Peddler's Permit, it is not an endorsement for any product or service by the City. Residents are encouraged to report any concerns or suspicions to the Belle Plaine Police Department at 952-873-4307.

# Prairie Park Advertising Opportunity

The opportunity to promote your business at Prairie Park is available again this year. Business owners will be able to display their business name on a banner at our popular park, which is host to numerous ball games throughout the summer season. The banner will be displayed on the shelter, creating wide visibility for ball players, spectators and guests. The cost for a 12 inch by 12 inch ad is \$250 for the 2016 season and the banner will be displayed from May 1st through September 30th. To be included in this opportunity, please contact Laura Blue at 952-873-5553 or email at [lblue@ci.belleplaine.mn.us](mailto:lblue@ci.belleplaine.mn.us). Please submit your information and payment by April 21. Proceeds from the advertising

fees will be allocated towards park improvements at Prairie Park. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile campaign.



## 2016 Election Information

The 2016 Elections may seem like they are a long way off, but they will be here before you know it. Tuesday, August 9th is the State Primary Election and the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. If you live in the City of Belle Plaine, you will vote in the Council Chambers at 218 Meridian Street North.

### Filing opens for City of Belle Plaine Offices in May

The following City offices will be voted for: One (1) Mayor for the term of two years; two (2) Council Members for the term of four years; and one (1) Council Member for the term of two years. The filing period for these offices begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2016 and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day.

### Register to Vote

If you have not registered to vote or are unsure if you are registered to vote, visit [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org). This website will walk you through the steps to register, vote absentee, help you find your polling place and answer

general questions about the process. By registering early to vote in the upcoming election it will save you a lot of time on Election Day.

### To be eligible to vote in Minnesota you must:

- Be at least 18 years old on Election Day
- Be a citizen of the United States
- Have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding Election Day
- Have any felony conviction record discharged, expired or completed
- Not be under court-ordered guardianship where a court has revoked your voting rights
- Not have been ruled legally incompetent by a court of law

Get more information about elections and voter registration at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org), including the availability of registration and voting assistance for elderly, individuals with disabilities, and residents of health care facilities and hospitals.

## Swim Lesson Registration

Register  
On-Line  
NOW!

Register online at  
[www.belleplainemn.com](http://www.belleplainemn.com).

Registration forms will be accepted April 2 during the Youth Fair at the Belle Plaine High School (cash or check only). Classes are filled in order of registrations received.

Register on-line for best placement.

*Please note there is a cancellation/change fee per lesson.  
\$15.00 for residents and \$20.00 for non-residents.*

Pool Opens Friday, June 10  
(weather permitting)

Pool Kick-Off Party  
Thursday, June 9

Pool Passes are available  
now! Get yours early!

## Solar Gardens

Solar energy businesses are promoting use of and investment in clean, renewable energy resources in cities across Minnesota. In Belle Plaine, roof-top solar energy systems are being investigated by home and business owners and the City is fielding questions on the planting of solar gardens. The Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council are currently developing procedures to allow solar energy systems in certain situations. To learn more attend the Planning Commission meeting Monday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Commission will be hearing from solar contractors and reviewing a draft code amendment. You can also learn more by visiting the City website and reviewing the March Planning Commission meeting packet or by contacting Cynthia at City Hall.



# Council Highlights & City Notices

## March 7, 2016

- Approved the large assembly permit for St. Patrick's Day Committee for event on Saturday, March 12, 2016.
- Authorized the placement of the Jerry Connolly Memorial Plaque at Prairie Park.
- Approved temporary on-sale 3.2% intoxicating liquor license for Belle Plaine Baseball Association.
- Authorized the execution of Memorandum of Understanding with Scott County Community Development Agency for Economic Development Incentive Grant Program.
- Approved Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Belle Plaine and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc.
- Mayor Pingalore read the St. Patrick's Day Proclamation.
- Awarded the low bid of \$1,169,798.60 to Chard Tiling and Excavating for the 2016 Street Improvement Project.

## March 21, 2016

- Authorized advertisement for bids for the 2016 seal coat project.
- Adopted assessment for delinquent fire bill at 901 West Main Street.

## March 21, 2016 Continued

- Appointed Joshua Muehlenhardt as Public Works I employee.
- Authorized the replacement of the front cut mower.
- Authorized the execution of the second amendment to the purchase agreement with Ridgeview Medical Center.
- Mayor Pingalore acknowledged John Shudy's five years of service on the Planning Commission and Dan Gardner's 12 years of service on the Park Board.
- The Belle Plaine Girl Scout Troop presented their project of implementing lending libraries for Heritage Square and Court Square.
- Adopted Ordinance 16-02, an ordinance amending Section 314.00 regulations pertaining to large assemblies and authorized summary publication.
- Adopted Ordinance 16-04, an ordinance amending Chapter 8, adding language regarding trapping and animal control regulations, and authorized summary publication.

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## City of Belle Plaine April Government Calendar

<b>4</b>	Design Committee .....	5:15 p.m.
	City Council.....	6:30 p.m.
<b>5</b>	Public Works .....	11:00 a.m.
	Public Safety.....	4:30 p.m.
<b>7</b>	Coffee With The Mayor .....	7:00 a.m.
<b>11</b>	EDA .....	5:00 p.m.
	Planning Commission.....	6:30 p.m.
<b>18</b>	Park Board .....	5:00 p.m.
	City Council.....	6:30 p.m.
<b>30</b>	Recycle/Clean-up Day.....	8:00 a.m.

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# Destination Belle Plaine / 2040

## Belle Plaine Comprehensive Plan Coming Soon



### Coffee with The Mayor

**When:** Thursday, April 7, 2016

**Where:** McDonald's  
(1050 E. Enterprise Drive)

**Time:** 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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