

# The Bridge

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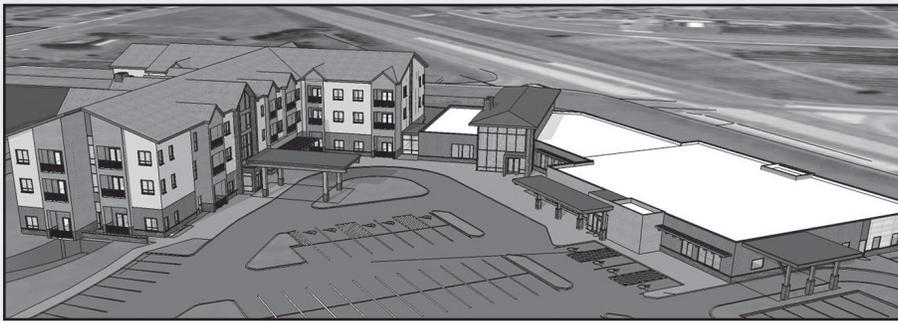
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## Ridgeview Health Campus

An exciting project for Belle Plaine is one step closer to fruition! The Ridgeview Health Campus received a number of approvals at the May 16th Council meeting. The campus will include a 12,900 square foot clinic, a 10,000 square foot wellness center, space for a coffee shop, and 54 units of independent senior housing. The clinic will be managed by Ridgeview Medical Center (RMC), based in Waconia. The senior housing component will be managed by The Lutheran Home Association (TLHA), based in Belle Plaine. The entire campus, located in the northwest quadrant of the Hwy 169 and Meridian Street, will be open to the public and will include site amenities such as extensive landscaping and a walking trail. Access for the site will be from West Commerce Drive.

Officials from RMC and TLHA have presented the plans to the Design Committee, Park Board, EDA, Planning and Zoning Commission, and City Council. Ridgeview plans to break ground this summer on the project.



## Dog Park Grand Re-opening

214 West Park Street

New Equipment  
Refreshments

Yappy Hour

Thursday, June 2  
6 - 7 p.m.



## Bridge Update

There is a flurry of activity on the bridge. Crews have been installing the “falsework” which allows them to move freely about the bridge and will act as the bottom form for the new concrete deck. The deck is expected to be poured on May 26th. Once the concrete has cured, the falsework can be removed – revealing the concrete from below. The deck holds 270 cubic yards of high performance concrete as well as over 100,000 pounds of tied epoxy-coated steel reinforcement bars.



Installing “falsework” on the bridge.

Following the deck pour, the crews will move on to the walk, railings and approach panels. When the approach panels are in place, focus will again turn toward the roadways leading up to the bridge. Concrete curb and gutter will be placed, the aggregate surface tolerated, followed by the paving process.

Work on the bridge and roadway is ahead of the Contractor’s submitted schedule. Of course, weather can and often does play the equalizer. Obviously we are still hoping for an opening in August!

## Beware of Scams!

Not all water treatment companies are alike. Beware - don’t fall victim to an unscrupulous company. Some companies are making false claims stating the water in your home is unsafe. Some go so far as to conduct a series of in-home “water quality tests” claiming the presence of contamination and saying the water is unsafe to drink. It is your right as a home owner to install an additional water treatment system, however, you should be cautious about who you purchase it from. Consider these recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health.

- Ask to review the City’s water report - it is open for public review.
- Make sure the system is certified by one of the following: NSF International, Underwriters Laboratories or Water Quality Association.
- The system should address the particular issue you are concerned about – one system cannot address all issues.
- Make sure the water treatment company is reputable.
- Make sure the system is installed by a licensed plumber or water conditioning contractor (required by state law).

## Council Highlights & City Notices

### May 2, 2016

- Awarded bid for 2016 seal coat project to low bidder Allied Blacktop Company for \$79,860.00.
- Re-appointed Sean Moriarty and Robert Stier as Public Works seasonal employees.
- Adopted Ordinance 16-03, An Ordinance Adding Section 508.00 Utility Task Vehicles, to Chapter 5 of the City Code and authorized summary publication.
- Approved revised job description for City Administrator position.

### May 16, 2016

- Authorize submittal of Minnesota Historical and Cultural Grant for the restoration of the Episcopalian Church.
- Appointed Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors.
- Adopted Social Media and Public Data Policies.
- Approved façade loan requests by Ann Miller, 201 East Main Street; Don Savage, 117 West Main Street; Jeff and Michelle Carlson, 104 West Main Street and 118 North Meridian Street.
- Modified signatory at the State Bank of Belle Plaine.
- Appointed Dawn Meyer as Interim City Administrator.
- Mayor Pingalore presented certificates of appreciation to Den Gardner of Project Evergreen for improvements at the disc golf course at Court Square; and to the Police, Fire and Ambulance departments in honor of EMS week. He also presented an appreciation plaque to Holly Kreft in recognition of two years of service while serving as City Administrator.



### Coffee with the Mayor

**When:** Thursday, June 2, 2016  
**Where:** McDonald's  
 1050 Enterprise Drive East  
**Time:** 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

## City of Belle Plaine June Government Calendar

<b>2</b>	Coffee with the Mayor.....	7:00 a.m.
<b>6</b>	Design Committee .....	5:15 p.m.
	City Council .....	6:30 p.m.
<b>7</b>	Public Works.....	11:00 a.m.
	Public Safety .....	4:30 p.m.
	EDA .....	5:00 p.m.
	Planning Commission.....	6:30 p.m.
<b>17 - 18</b>	German Days.....	4:00 p.m.
<b>20</b>	Park Board .....	5:00 p.m.
	City Council .....	6:30 p.m.



### May 16, 2016 Continued

- Authorized the purchase and installation of outdoor warning siren on water tower at Southridge Court.
- Approved the minor comprehensive plan amendment, rezoning, development stage planned unit development, and preliminary plat for a medical clinic, wellness center and housing complex for the Ridgeview Medical Campus on the 100 block of West Commerce Drive.
- Approved the business subsidy agreement with Ridgeview Medical Center.
- Approved the annual renewal of liquor licenses.
- Approved franchise agreements with CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy; and authorized summary publication of ordinance.

### Arbor Day Tree Planting



From left to right: Nick Jensen family; Liann Hanson; Rebecca Kehr, Chris Kehr, Austin Kehr, Cary Coop, Rachel Kelm, Holly Kreft and Kathy Joerg.

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