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## Notes from the City Administrator Moving On

Last month's article was about Moving Dirt!, and this month's article is about Moving On. Specifically, I will be moving on from my role as City Administrator for the City of Belle Plaine. It has truly been an honor for me to serve in this capacity for the past two years. I've accepted my dream job as executive director of a private foundation. Their mission of "serving the servers" is strongly aligned with my own passion of serving others.

I want to thank the Mayor and Council for placing their vote of confidence in me as the person who has a strong desire to do what's best for Belle Plaine. I feel we have worked together well and made strides towards improved policies, procedures and economic development. I will continue to work closely with Council to ensure a smooth transition.

I also want to thank the staff. Belle Plaine is blessed beyond measure with an amazing staff. Are they perfect? No, none of us are, but I can tell you unequivocally they want to make Belle Plaine a better place. They are a great team and I'll miss them very much!

Lastly I want to thank the residents of Belle Plaine. Of course, I haven't met all of you, but I'm always very impressed with the level of commitment and care people have for this community. I know exciting things are ahead. I'll be in the office until May 16th, so if you have a chance to call or stop by, please do so I can thank you in person.  
*Best wishes!*

## Open City Council Offices

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.

## Internet Purchase Exchange Location

Private online transactions continue to grow each day through popular websites such as Craigslist, Ebay, Etsy and Facebook. There are times when we don't have face to face contact with sellers (or buyers) like we do when we buy a car from a dealership, or goods from a retail store. Unfortunately some individuals may attempt to take advantage of buyers and lure them to a location with "not so good intentions" in mind.

The Belle Plaine Police Department has offered a solution to help keep you safe as you conduct your transaction by designating an **Internet Purchase Exchange Location** on the northwest

Tip: In any online private seller transaction, the best tip that we can give you is to ask numerous questions and listen to your gut instinct. "If it seems to good to be true..."  
Chief Tom Stolee



corner or customer parking side of the Belle Plaine Police Department. The area is well lit and offers 24 hour video surveillance. Make sure that you tell a "seller" or "buyer" that the purchase exchange will be in the Police Department lot.

There is room to expand this program as its popularity grows. Keeping our citizens safe is top priority for the Belle Plaine Police Department.

## 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 through September. 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 May 15. Proceeds from the advertising fees will be allocated towards park improvements at Prairie Park. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile campaign!

## Fire Fighter Opportunity

The Belle Plaine Fire Department is accepting applications for the position of firefighter. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street. Completed applications must be returned to City Hall no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2016. For questions, call Fire Chief Matt Stier at 952-873-6820.

## Council Highlights & City Notices

### April 4, 2016

- Approved private use agreement with Belle Plaine Girl Scouts for lending libraries at Heritage Square and Court Square.
- Authorized landscaping by Project Evergreen at Court Square.
- Authorized submittal of an application for the 2016 City of Excellence Award in Creative Programs in Public Safety Services for the Tiger Watch Program.
- Acceptance of 2015 audit report as prepared by Abdo, Eick & Meyers, LLC.
- Mayor Pingalore read the Proclamation for Arbor Day event scheduled for April 18, 2016 at Heritage Square.

### April 18, 2016

- Approved Municipal State Aid Designation of Laredo Street.
- Approved First Amendment to the Joint Facilities Agreement.
- Accepted donation from Cambria for Fire Hall improvements.
- Authorized Vivian Herrmann to install improvements at the dog park for a Girl Scout Silver Award.
- Accepted the resignation of City Administrator Holly J. Kreft.
- Adopted Ordinance 16-05, amending the City Code pertaining to fences in the B-3, Central Business District and incorporate into the guidelines of the Belle Plaine Design Manual.
- Amended the Enabling Resolution for the Belle Plaine Economic Development Authority pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 469.

### April 18, 2016 Continued

- Adopted Ordinance 16-06, relating to the transfer of the Economic Development, Redevelopment and Housing Development Powers from HRA to the Belle Plaine EDA.
- Approved the transfer of certain projects and powers to the EDA.

## Swimming Pool Updates

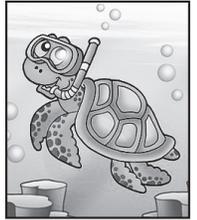
### Swimming Pool Opens

**Friday, June 10\***

\*Weather Permitting

### Kick-Off Party

**Thurs., June 9 • 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**



Photos are required on pool passes and are taken at City Hall during regular office hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) and during extended hours on the following dates:

**Sat., June 4 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Thurs., June 9 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Mon., June 13 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Wed., June 15 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Beat the rush!  
Get your passes early!**

## City of Belle Plaine May Government Calendar

<b>2</b>	Design Committee .....	5:15 p.m.
	City Council .....	6:30 p.m.
<b>3</b>	Public Works .....	11:00 a.m.
	Public Safety .....	4:30 p.m.
<b>5</b>	Coffee with the Mayor .....	7:00 a.m.
<b>9</b>	EDA .....	5:00 p.m.
	Planning Commission.....	6:30 p.m.
<b>16</b>	Park Board .....	5:00 p.m.
	City Council .....	6:30 p.m.
<b>17</b>	Filing for Candidacy Opens .....	8:00 a.m.
<b>30</b>	Memorial Day .....	Offices Closed
<b>31</b>	Filing for Candidacy Closes.....	5:00 p.m.

### Coffee with the Mayor



**When:** Thursday, May 5, 2016  
**Where:** Heng's Bakery & Diner  
 108 West Main Street  
**Time:** 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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