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The Enterprise Drive Overpass is Open!



Above: Mayor Pingalore cut the ribbon while his family and City residents cheered him on. Front row pictured from left to right: Councilman Cary Coop, Mayor Mike Pingalore, Councilman Gary Trost, Scott County Commissioner Tom Wolf and City Engineer Joe Duncan. Back row; Mayor Pingalore's family, and Scott County Commissioner Joe Wagner.

Right: Residents walked across the bridge while being ceremoniously escorted by the Belle Plaine Police and Fire Departments.

Photos courtesy of Bill Kruschke

The Enterprise Drive Overpass officially opened July 27th - ahead of schedule. Mayor Pingalore cut the ribbon with approximately 100 people looking on. Residents were all smiles as they were escorted across the bridge by the Belle Plaine Police and Fire Departments. S. M. Henteges broke ground in October of 2015 and completed the project approximately three months ahead of schedule.



Groundbreaking for Ridgeview Health Campus

On August 15th, Ridgeview Medical Center of Waconia and The Lutheran Home Association of Belle Plaine hosted a groundbreaking for new the Ridgeview Health Campus. The Ridgeview Health Campus is a new health and wellness destination located at 165 Commerce Drive West (near the new Enterprise Drive Overpass) in Belle Plaine. The facilities will be owned and operated in partnership by Ridgeview Medical Center and The Lutheran Home Association. The nearly 100,000-square-foot campus will include the Ridgeview Belle Plaine Clinic, KingsPath Senior Living (a ministry of The Lutheran Home Association), First Choice Pharmacy (including drive-up), Shape It Up Fitness-Belle Plaine, Ridgeview Rehab Specialties, a wellness area, community room, outdoor walking paths and more.



News release and photo courtesy of Ridgeview Medical Center.

Get on Track for the Election

To save time on election day, per-registration is your ticket to the fast lane. Make sure you are registered to vote now. Please note we are expecting high voter turn out on election day so plan ahead, register now and save time!

How do you know if you are registered? If you have voted since 2013 and have no changes in your name or address, you should be registered, but you can verify on the MN Secretary of State website "Register To Vote", (<https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx>) enter your name, date of birth and address and it will let you know where and if you are registered to vote.

Just remember if you have changed apartments; changed names; changed addresses; haven't voted since 2013 or have turned 18 years old, you will be required to register or re-register to vote. Register now either online at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/> or by paper form, which you can print on-line or pick up at City Hall.

October 18th is the final day to register before the election, after that date your ticket to the fast lane has expired and you will have to wait in line on election day and register at the polls. Please help remind your family and friends to register ahead of time - have them join you in the fast lane! The MN Secretary of website has all election information, but you can also call City Hall at 952-873-5553 if you have questions.

Council Highlights & City Notices

August 1, 2016

- Approved large assembly permit for Keriann German for Emma's Hope Walk on September 17, 2016.
- Approved agreement for assessment services with Scott County.
- Authorized the painting of the Hillstrom Historical House at Court Square.

August 15, 2016

- Adopted the Scott County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Authorized the painting of the helicopter at Veterans Park.
- Authorized revision to advertising on the Tiger Park scoreboard.
- Approved the 2016 Design Manual Update.
- Appointed Izak Jirik as a seasonal pool employee.
- Appointed Clair Brazil, Nikolaus Friedges and Patrick Stoterau as part time police officers with the Belle Plaine Police Department.
- Authorized the Mayor and City Administrator to execute Joint Powers Employment Contract with Belle Plaine School District for Community Services Director.
- Approved large assembly permit for Belle Plaine Festival and Events and temporary liquor license for the half marathon on October 1, 2016.
- Conducted the preliminary assessment Hearing for the 2017 Street Improvement Project and directed the preparation of final plans and specifications.
- Authorized advertising to seek candidates for full time public works employee.
- Authorized the City Engineer to proceed with design and bid specifications for the downtown lighting streetscape project.

City of Belle Plaine September Government Calendar

1	Coffee with the Mayor.....	7:00 a.m.
5	City Offices Closed.....	8:00 a.m.
6	Public Safety	4:30 p.m.
	Design Committee	5:15 p.m.
	City Council	6:30 p.m.
12	EDA	5:00 p.m.
	Planning Commission.....	6:30 p.m.
15	Public Works.....	11:00 a.m.
19	Park Board	5:00 p.m.
	City Council	6:30 p.m.

The City Website Has Gone Mobile!

Viewing the City website on your mobile device has just become easier! The website adapts to the device you are viewing on and reformats so the content fits on your screen. Now you can find information and search for City events while on the go. Visit www.belleplainemn.com and see for yourself!



Coffee with the Mayor

When: Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016
Where: Heng's Bakery & Diner
 108 West Main Street
Time: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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