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Message *from the* Mayor: Summertime in the City

by Christopher G. Meyer – Mayor

We have turned another page on the calendar and it is telling us that it is now summer. It's hard to believe that summer is here since this year spring basically skipped us with the ongoing rainy and cool weather.

Now that school is finished for the year, everyone quickly shifts gears into the next season. Here are a few highlights of City projects and activities that will be taking place this summer.

The 2021 Street Improvement Project that was substantially completed last summer will have the final wear course of asphalt applied and outstanding items finished. The project area, located near the high school, included safety improvements for vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

One major project that is still in the planning and roll out stages is the Downtown Street Improvement Project. As you may recall, we were fortunate that our bonding request had some traction to move forward. The session at the State Capital ended with no action on any of the bonding issues, so at this time our request also remains in a holding pattern. We will now wait to see if a special session is called later this summer. The secondary phase of this project is in the planning stage. It includes portions of Main Street East and Meridian Street South and will need approval from the State and County. City staff continues to work on these pieces.

Finalizing the Gateway Parking lot is another downtown project that is on track to be finished soon.

The construction of Energy Drive located on the

southwest corner of County Road 3 and Highway 169, has started. This new street will allow the development of the Xcel Energy Service Center complex. Xcel Energy is planning to start construction of the building in late summer or fall of this year. This will be a great project to welcome to town and help spur additional commercial development in that area.

*Wishing
you a
happy and
safe summer!*

Fountain Park, which is located in the northwest part of town, is a neighborhood playground and ballfield. This popular park has been undergoing a face-lift and is now in the final stages of redevelopment. This project is funded with the help of a DNR grant. Improvements include the reconfiguration of the baseball field, new playground equipment, and much needed improvements to the restroom facilities. Families living in nearby neighborhoods will enjoy these enhancements for many years to come.

New housing growth will continue in several areas of the city and will include single-family as well, as multi-family units. There also continues to be interest from people who want to relocate to Belle Plaine and local developers who want to build.

Finally, the Aquatic Center is open and will again provide hours of entertainment for our kids and families. Please take time to enjoy a nice summer day at this community asset.

Many things are happening in our favorite hometown. Wishing you all a happy and safe summer season ahead!

2022 Absentee Voting

The 2022 Primary Election for Federal, State, County and City office is August 9, 2022. Absentee ballots will be available beginning June 24, 2022. There are two ways to vote absentee, by mail or absentee in person.

BY MAIL - Voters can request the ballot online on the MN Secretary of State (MN SOS) and the ballot will be mailed to the voter. If you request a ballot by mail, the ballot has to be returned to the County or returned by mail.

IN PERSON - ***NEW** starting this year, City of Belle Plaine residents will be able to absentee vote at City Hall. Starting on June 24th residents can come to City Hall to vote absentee during regular business hours.

*If absentee ballot is requested by mail, the ballot has to be returned to the County or returned by mail, it can not be dropped off at City Hall.

THE PRIMARY BALLOT

In the primary, federal and state offices are voted by party lines, the voter choose one party and votes down the ballot for only the offices of that party. The county and city offices are non-partisan offices. Please follow all instructions printed on your ballot.

A great resource for additional information or questions regarding the election is the MN SOS (MN Secretary of State) website. You can check to see if you are registered to vote or if you need to register. You can also preview what offices are on your ballot. <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/>

If you have questions, please call City Hall and ask to speak to elections. 952-873-5553.



City Council Highlights & City Notices

May 2, 2022

- Approved Regular Session Minutes of April 18, 2022.
- Approved Work Session Minutes of April 18, 2022.
- Approved Resolution 22-053 Appointing Kolton Janni, Nicholas Nolden, Gavin Peterson and Madelyn Siekmann as Full Time Public Works Seasonal Employees for the 2022 Season.
- Approved Resolution 22-054 Appointing Josseline Zarate as Staff Accountant.
- Approved Resolution 22-055 Appointing Justin Fabel as Full-Time Public Works I Employee.
- Approved Large Assembly Permit for German Days, Inc. for Event on June 17, 2022.
- Approved Large Assembly Permit for the Belle Plaine Baseball Association to host Matt Saxe Chevy Night at the Town Team baseball game on July 8, 2022.
- Approved Cancellation of the July 4, 2022 City Council Meeting.

May 16, 2022

- Approved Regular Session Minutes of May 2, 2022.
- Approved Work Session Minutes of May 2, 2022.
- Approved Resolution 22-056 Appointing Christopher Herrmann and Jacob Sellnow from Public Works I Employees to Public Works II Employees.
- Approved Resolution 22-059 Appointing New Seasonal Aquatic Staff for the 2022 Belle Plaine Aquatic Center Season.
- Approved Accepting Letter of Resignation from Abigail Mickus, Aquatic Staff, Effective May 10, 2022.
- Approved Resolution 22-057 Approving Annual Renewal of Liquor License for 2022/2023.
- Approved Resolution 22-058 Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of Tax Abatement Pre-Application and Authorizing Submittal of Final Abatement Application.
- Approved Brecken Place Townhomes Permit Issuance.

Aquatics Facility

ADMISSION FEES:

\$8.00 Admission
 \$4.00 with Resident Discount Card
 Children 3 & under FREE

HOURS:

Monday - Friday..... 1:00 -5:00 p.m.
 Monday - Wednesday & Friday ..6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 Thursday Resident Free Swim
Must present your Resident Discount Card or Aquatic Pass for Admittance. No Paid Admissions admitted during Free Swim.
 Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Sunday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

FREE FAMILY SWIM

Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Must Present your Resident Discount Card or Aquatic Pass for Admittance. Must be with a family. No paid admissions admitted during Free Swim.

AQUA FITNESS

\$4.00 admission or Aquatic Pass

Monday & Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

LAP SWIM

\$4.00 admission or Aquatic Pass

Monday & Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 a.m.
 Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 - 9 :00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE:

Adult Night

Friday, July 8th 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Must pre-register.

Dive in Movie

Friday, July 22nd 8:30 p.m.
Movie TBD | \$1.00 admission per person | No swimming in pool | Concessions available



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 August 10 & 24 and September 23

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 Food Trucks & Business Specials: 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm

June 2022 Government Calendar

- 6** Design Committee 5:15 p.m.
 City Council 6:30 p.m.
 Work Session 6:45 p.m.
- 9** Public Works 9:00 a.m.
- 13** EDA 5:00 p.m.
 Planning Commission 6:30 p.m.
- 14** Public Safety 7:30 a.m.
- 20** Juneteenth Observed City Offices Closed
- 21** Parks Commission 5:00 p.m.
 City Council 6:30 p.m.
 Work Session 6:45 p.m.