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Message from the Mayor: #BPSTRONG

Christopher G. Meyer – Mayor

I would have never guessed last month when I wrote about the whole idea of our community moving forward “better together” that the whole world as we know it would be totally changed. As the COVID-19 virus moves through the country, it has never been more important that we as citizens listen to the information updates and follow the directions given by those in our health community who are on the front lines of this terrible situation.

As a community, we have to continue to support our small businesses as much as possible. You can do this by ordering take-out from our local food vendors, buying supplies, and gift cards, as we are able. The State and Federal Governments are talking about emergency payments to help businesses, but timing is important at this point and no one knows how long it will take for the programs to become funded and distributed. Our local business owners need our patronage now to keep some funds flowing into their storefronts. So again, please support our business community.

Our first responders (police, fire and EMS) continue to serve our community as the professionals that we are all accustomed. These professionals are working under more guarded conditions to protect their safety along with the safety of those they come into contact during any calls for service.

The Public Works Department continues to work to provide all necessary services for our health and welfare. We are not anticipating any service disruption.

As you know schools have been canceled for the past

few weeks and are moving towards e-learning. This may be hard on students as many of the spring activities have been canceled. So as a community, we have to remember our youth and know that they are dealing with this issue differently from other age groups within our town.

You most likely have read that the City of Belle Plaine is operating under an order of a State of Emergency. This action was taken to ensure that the City is eligible for any State or Federal resources and funds that may come available to assist the government body of the City of Belle Plaine. This order may also help small business owners if other assistance programs become available.

I also have to mention our city staff members who continue to go above-and-beyond with this issue. Even though life as we know it is a little different, the business of the City has to remain moving forward. So again, thank you to all of the city staff, in all departments, and at all levels. Also to my fellow City Council members, who have continued to meet and manage this issue along with managing normal City business - we are thankful for you as well.

We are confident that as a community, we will get through this situation and return to our pre-COVID 19 existence. Please stay home as much as you are able to protect yourself and your family. Please check on your elderly neighbors that may need assistance during this time of isolation. We are “Better Together” and this just proves that point. “Better Together” to protect and improve our “Favorite Hometown”!

*We are
better together*

Vulnerable Adult Check

The Belle Plaine Police Department is offering a new service to Belle Plaine residents! During this time of social distancing and the need to stay in our homes as much as we can, it can be hard to get out and check on your loved ones who are elderly, immuno-compromised or otherwise vulnerable. If you or someone you know in Belle Plaine would benefit from a daily check-in by phone or drive-by from an officer to make sure they are doing okay, download and fill out the Vulnerable Adult Check form and return it to the Police Department. The form is available at belleplainemn.com/police-department-forms. Fill out the form on your computer and use the submit button or download the form, fill it out, and email it to llatzke@ci.belleplaine.mn.us or njensen@ci.belleplaine.mn.us.



VULNERABLE ADULT CHECK REQUEST

Name: _____ (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI)

Address: _____ Phone: _____ (MI)

House Description: _____

Keys left with anyone? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, Name: _____ Phone: _____

Who to notify in case of emergency: _____

Phone: _____

Special Instructions/Comments: _____

I request that the Belle Plaine Police Department complete checks on the above named individual, as described above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to Listed Individual: _____

Certainty in Uncertain Times

During this time of global uncertainty, one thing you can be sure of is that the City of Belle Plaine is still doing the business of keeping the City running. As you have more than likely seen, all City public buildings are closed to the public until further notice. This is for the safety of our residents and City staff. Even though offices are closed, City staff is available via email or by telephone. City staff email addresses and phone numbers are available at www.belleplainemn.com under the City Directory.

We've added a link on the home page of the City website to important information concerning the current health crisis. The COVID-19 informational page is updated as needed. Besides virus information, it also includes important information for small business owners. These are a few trustworthy sources of information: Scott County Public Health, Minnesota Department of Health, Centers

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for Disease Control, and World Health Organization. The City and Police Department Facebook pages are good sources of information.

Also recently implemented is a news blog on the home page of the City website with news pertaining to the City and a page with fun activities and contests for children. Plans for the activities page include among other things; puzzle games, word finds, contests, and virtual tours of the City.

Check the **www.belleplainemn.com** often for updates.

Recent Blog Posts
#StayHomeMN
The City is currently reviewing information pertaining to the local implications of Governor Walz's stay at home order which takes effect
Read More

Share your business hours information
OPEN
for Business
The (business) hours they are (temporarily) a changing.
Read More

Local COVID-19 Information
Our priority during this difficult time is the health of our City residents, businesses, workers, and visitors.
Read More

Sidewalk signs in Downtown
Questions are cooking about downtown parking and sidewalk signs with many businesses going to curbside pickup.
Read More

Read All Blog Posts

UTILITY PAYMENTS:

- **PAY ONLINE** with credit card: (You will need account number) www.belleplainemn.com click on quick links.
- **DROP BOX** (next to main doors at City Hall)
- **AUTOMATIC PAYMENT** - applications available at www.belleplainemn.com/permits-licenses-forms
- **PHONE** 952-873-5553 – the convenience fee will be waived

PERMITS:

- **APPLICATIONS** available at www.belleplainemn.com/permits-licenses-forms
- **SUBMIT** via: Email: lblue@ci.belleplaine.mn.us
- **PAYMENTS** via credit card or check. Mail or drop in drop box, some can be taken over the phone.

Rescheduled

**Annual Clean-Up Day
Saturday, May 16**

On-Line Swim Lesson Registration

Opens May 1

www.belleplainemn.com

Aquatic Center Open House

May 16 | 2 - 4 pm | City Hall

Register for Swim Lessons | Purchase Pool Passes

Thank you!

Support our local businesses!

Buy gift cards – Order take-Out

Many businesses are offering curbside service.

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ANNOUNCING THE
2020 Community Conversation Dates

Hosted by:
Belle Plaine City Council* and Staff

- Wednesday, May 13 - Downtown Plaza
- Wednesday, June 10 - Union Square/Tiger Park
- Wednesday, July 8 - Tour of City Facility (Tentative)
- Tuesday, August 4 - National Night Out at Heritage Park
- Wednesday, September 2 - Food Truck Night at the Downtown Plaza

*There may be a quorum of the Belle Plaine City Council present

April 2020 Government Calendar

6	Design Committee	Canceled
	City Council	6:30 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	Parks Commission	5:00 p.m.
	City Council	6:30 p.m.