

Toy Drive 2020

This is the season of giving and the Belle Plaine Police Department is sponsoring the sixth annual toy drive for local families in need. You may donate new toys at drop off locations in Belle Plaine until Sunday, December 13th and until noon on Tuesday, December 22 at the Police Department. Last year, the Belle Plaine community donated over 1,000 toys. Some families will be unable to purchase gifts for their children this holiday season so this is an opportunity to help someone in need.

All toys should be new and unwrapped. Gifts for children up to 17 years of age are welcome. Gifts such as realistic looking toy weapons and gifts with food items will not be distributed. While purchasing items for smaller children is a relatively easy task, donors often wonder what to get pre-teens. Gifts such as sporting equipment, board games, books, hand-held electronics and similar items are good choices.

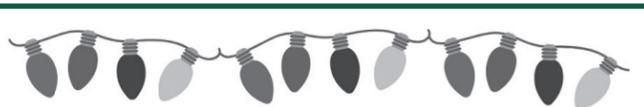
Families in need of toys can call the Police Department at 952-873-4307 starting December 14 at 8:00 a.m. through December 22 at 3:00 p.m. Due to COVID, please call ahead to make a reservation to pick up the toys. Staff will pick out the requested toys and meet families in the Police Department parking lot. The public will not be allowed inside the building.

Please contact the Belle Plaine Police Department at 952-873-4307 if you have any questions.



DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Matt Saxe Chevrolet-Buick
Our Lady of the Prairie Church
Trinity Lutheran Church
St. John's Lutheran Church
Belle Plaine Police Department (24 hours)
Belle Plaine Post Office • Coborn's Grocery Store
First National Bank • CornerStone State Bank



Santa House Hours

Wednesday, December 9	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Thursday, December 10	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Saturday, December 19	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Sunday, December 20	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM



The Santa House is set up and run by volunteers from the LELS & Local 49ers Belle Plaine with generous donations from the community.

The Belle Plaine Fire Department in partnership with the North Pole will be spreading cheer with

Holiday Lights & Santa Parade

Saturday, December 12

Starting at 6:30 PM

Please follow all CDC guidelines and social distance.

Snow Removal Regulations

Parking will not be permitted on residential streets during a snow emergency, when snow has accumulated to a depth of one-half (½) inch or more. Downtown parking will be posted as NO PARKING during a snow emergency. Don't let your vehicle get towed, sign up for Nixle, a free program which sends an e-mail and text message to your cell phone regarding snow emergencies and / or community information. Sign up for free at www.nixle.com.

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December 2020 Government Calendar

3	Truth in Taxation.....	6:30 p.m.
7	Design Committee	Canceled
	City Council.....	6:30 p.m.
8	Public Safety	7:30 a.m.
10	Public Works	9:00 a.m.
14	EDA.....	5:00 p.m.
	Planning Commission	6:30 p.m.
21	Parks Commission	Canceled
	City Council.....	6:30 p.m.
24	Christmas Eve Observed	Close at Noon
25	Christmas	Offices Closed
31	New Years Eve Observed	Close at Noon

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Message ^{the} from Mayor: "Tis the Season"

Christopher G. Meyer – Mayor

We are quickly heading to the end of the year with the flurry of activities that go along with it. In light of COVID 19, activities and events will look a bit different from other years. Most likely, our family gatherings, work place functions, and community activities will be scaled back or canceled. There are still many scheduled activities in the community that will be taking place and are being modified to include recommended safety precautions. Check our community websites and social media pages often for updates and information. The City of Belle Plaine, Belle Plaine Chamber of Commerce, Belle Plaine Festival and Events, and Belle Plaine Schools all regularly post community information on their media pages. We will be making ice for the skating rinks and soon there will be snow for the sledding hill. Watch the City media outlets as we update information on how these facilities will operate.

For this holiday season – the employee unions of the Belle Plaine Police Department and Belle Plaine Public Works Department will be operating the Santa House located at the downtown plaza. The dates and times are listed in on the back of this newsletter, on the City Facebook page, and at www.belleplainemn.com. The Belle Plaine Fire Department will also be hosting a Holiday Lights and Santa parade on a predetermined route through the city on Saturday, December 12 starting a 6:30 p.m. Be sure to come out for this safe and fun all ages activity as they bring a little cheer to town that evening. The parade route is posted on the City Facebook page and website.

You will also notice new snowflake decorations in the

downtown central business district. These decorations were made possible by the hard work and generosity of the Belle Plaine Chamber of Commerce and Belle Plaine Festivals and Events and will be enjoyed for many years to come. As a community, we thank them for their continued investment in our great city! You will also notice that the planters downtown have transitioned to the traditional evergreen displays. Again, another great project in conjunction with the City of Belle Plaine and the Belle Plaine Chamber.

During this time of year as we all hurry to purchase gifts for family, friends, and employees, please do not forget to support our local businesses. I have heard many comments over the past few weeks from folks who are shopping local. Because of the shut downs, it is more important than ever to patronize our bars and restaurants to help them survive though this time-period. We have to remember these are businesses, which support our community groups and youth activities through their generous donations. Now is the time to really show our gratitude for all they do!

As we head towards the end of 2020, this most challenging year, we are encouraging everyone to finish off on a positive note. Call your parents, family, and friends, check on your neighbors, donate to a worthy cause, give some of your time and talents, and pay it forward as you see fit. If we all do a few of these positive actions, we can start 2021 with renewed spirit and attitude.

Happy Holidays from your favorite Hometown! Stay safe and Healthy!



Change in Utility Billing Software

As of November, the City has changed it's utility billing and credit card processing software. One of the reasons for the change was to make paying the water and sewer bill online more user friendly. As part of the change, you are able to set up and manage your own credit/debit card payments. To pay your bill online go to www.belleplainemn.com and select the "On-Line Payments" link. At the next screen, choose "Utility Payments", then you can select to either create an account or make a one-time payment. Have your credit/debit card and web ID ready and follow the prompts. The web ID is located just under the bar code on your utility bill.

You can also pay for other City related fees such as dog licenses, fire bills, and some building permits. Simply select "City Payments, Not Utility" and follow the prompts. You will enter the permit number or license number and amount to be paid. If you do not have that information contact City Hall.

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 952-873-5553.



Our Local Restaurants and Businesses Need You Now

Our Belle Plaine restaurants and businesses need our help right now. Restaurant sales are limited to takeout and delivery under the latest COVID dial back by Governor Walz. Our restaurants anticipate declines in sales of up to 75% under the dial-back. Under the same order, fitness centers must close gyms. By offering takeout specials, unique menu items, and delivery options, our local restaurant operators are doing what they can to survive. Our fitness centers are offering virtual work-outs. Many businesses are urgently concerned about their employees. All businesses accept that they have been called upon to make adjustments to help keep us healthy. We can thank our small businesses by supporting them - place an order, purchase a gift card, consider a pay-it-forward pick-me-up, or give an extravagant tip. Your patronage is needed right now. When thinking about your daily work-out or what to have for breakfast, lunch, or dinner today, please keep our local shop owners at the top of your list.

Borough Bowl & Prairie Grill

235 Ash Street South

Open Tues. - Sat. 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Offering Takeout and Curbside Pick-Up
Call 952-873-2204 to order
Complete menu online – Facebook

Cindy's Kitchen

600 Commerce Drive East

Open 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (orders close at 12:30 p.m.)

Closed Monday

Takeout

Call 952-873-3355 to order

Specials on Facebook



Johan's

117 Meridian Street North

Open Sun. - Wed. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 4 - 9 p.m.
Thurs. - Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. & 4 - 10 p.m.

Takeout and Curbside
Call 952-873-6740 to order
Full menu on Facebook



Heng's Bakery & Diner

108 Main Street West

Open Tues.- Fri. 7a.m. - 6p.m.

Sat. 7a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sun. 7a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed Monday

Offering Takeout

Call 952-873-2005 to order

More info on Facebook



Snap Fitness

320 Laredo Street South

Featuring Snap Fitness 28 Day Challenge: Daily guided workouts, nutrition guides, & community forums.

FLEX by Fitness on Demand getting virtual work-outs from a streaming devices
Call 952-873-6663 or email
belleplaine@snapfitness.com for more information

Sparetime

117 Main Street West

Open daily 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 4 - 8 p.m.

Takeout & Curbside Pick-Up

Call 952-873-3433 to order

Full menu on Facebook



Andy's Bar & Grill

114 Meridian Street North

Open daily 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Takeout – full menu & off sale

Call 952-873-2207 to order

Specials on Facebook



Emma Krumbee's

351 Enterprise Drive East

Daily 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Curbside/Takeout/Delivery

Call 952-873-4334 to order

Find complete menu at emmakrumbees.com and Facebook

Natural Fitness

321 Walnut Street South

More information:

natfitmn.com

612-702-4256



Domino's Pizza

1058 Enterprise Drive East | 952-873-2020

Offering Takeout & Delivery

DQ Grill & Chill

325 Walnut Street South | 952-873-6500

Offering Fast Food & Drive-thru

Mei Dong Garden

749 Enterprise Drive East | 952-873-3766

Offering Takeout

Mizzy's Pizza

769 Enterprise Drive East | 952-873-6504

Offering Takeout

Subway

809 Prairie Street West | 952-873-2677

Offering Takeout

Annie's Café

201 Main Street East

Takeout Mon. -Fri.: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sat. and Sun.: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Delivery Wed. - Sun.

Call 952-292-1078 to order

Full menu on Facebook



Impact Nutrition

122 Meridian Street North

Open Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Most weekends 9-12 (check social media)

Grab and Go, Contactless Pick-Up

Delivery M-F 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call or text 952-426-2743 to order

Full menu & specials on Facebook & Instagram

Oldenburg Brewery

116 Main Street West

Open Wed. - Sat. 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.,

Sun. 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Closed Mon. & Tues.

Full menu available for takeout along with offsale

Call or text 952-818-0504 to order

Full menu at Oldenburgbrewing.com and specials on Facebook