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Message from the Mayor: Moving Quickly! *Christopher G. Meyer – Mayor*

Now is a great time to start preparing for fall and all the changes that come with it. The City of Belle Plaine and the Federal Government have a few important programs that are underway that you should give your attention to. Some of the programs are time sensitive and you will need to allow time for completion.

The first is that of the 2020 Census. The Federal Government has been collecting Census information throughout July 2020. As the information is accumulated and sorted, Census workers will start following up with people who have not responded. Some of you may be receiving follow up calls or additional mailings. As a city, our population count is very important for a number of reasons - the main reason is how Federal or State aid is determined. It's important that our entire community participate, because not participating could adversely impact our taxes. Please take the time to complete any follow-up that may come your way.

The City Wide Clean-Up Day is scheduled for September 12, 2020. This event is a great way to show your community pride by cleaning up the outside of your property and discarding those items that are no longer needed. A little effort by all of us goes a long way in maintaining a very positive city image. This is also a great event to recycle many of your items and keep them out of landfills.

As I write this article, the back-to-school plan is now a hybrid of on-line learning, as well as in-person class time. This plan will continue to be a huge adjustment for our working families along with the additional stress of juggling schedules, transportation, and childcare. I would ask that as a community, we continue to take on these challenges in a positive manner. If you are a neighbor or friend of someone

who is having some issues, please reach out to help them if possible. Again, if we all keep working together, we will get through these trying times.

If you have not heard or read about the programing that the City of Belle Plaine has available for financial assistance for residents and business owners, please visit the city website www.belleplaine.mn.com for full details. There are a number of grants, loans, and other types of assistance available and City staff is ready to help! These programs are limited in resources so please act now to ensure that funds are still available.

As the outside weather starts to change and get cooler, it will also begin to put added pressure on our bars and restaurants that have been successfully using outside patio seating. So,

I would ask that we continue to patronize these businesses during the nice weeks we have left. They appreciate your business!

Please also continue to check our community services website for programing and information. That staff continues to be very creative in terms of developing events and programs that fit into the State mandates but still will give us all an opportunity for some outside fun!

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Belle Plaine Aquatic Center Staff. With all of the ongoing challenges that were thrown at them this year, they did an awesome job of keeping the facility safe and open. We hate to see this facility get winterized again, but we can only hope that when Spring of 2021 comes to life, we are back to a more normal lifestyle and can look forward to a full season.

As you all know, fall is one of the best seasons in Minnesota so, get out and enjoy our favorite hometown!

Enjoy our
favorite
hometown!

City Project Updates

Downtown Outdoor Patios

The City Council approved temporary downtown outdoor patios to assist businesses due to COVID restrictions. The patios outdoor seating will end October 19 in preparation for Winter.

Aquatic Center | 203 West Prairie Street

Closes September 7 – The Belle Plaine Aquatic Center will close for the 2020 season September 7. Staff looks forward to the 2021 swimming season with the expansion of programs and swimming lessons.

Hickory Park | 801 East Orchard Street

Dog Park – The Public Works Department is working on updates to the Dog Park. Updates include some shaded areas, plantings, and equipment. Staff will again reuse old well pipes and an extra sail to simulate the downtown plaza look for the park. Many items are either being re-purposed or built by staff.

Skating Season – The Hockey and Skating season is right around the corner. Applications for warming house staff will be available on the City's website starting October 1, 2020. We look forward to the first full skating season in our new facilities.

Century Park | 200 West Century Street

Pickle Ball – The Pickle ball courts opened in the Spring of 2020. Pickle ball is a paddle ball sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis for two to four players. The court is used regularly by both competitive and beginner players. Re-painting of the lines will occur in the fall of 2020.

Visit belleplainemn.com/city-projects for more updates.

2020

Annual Recycle & CLEAN-UP DAY

Fee Schedule for Refuse and Appliance Recycling

Large Appliances • \$10 EACH

Air Conditioner • Computer Desktop/Laptop
Computer Monitor • Dryer • Microwave
Refrigerator • Vacuum Cleaner • Washer • Water
Heater • Water Softener

Televisions

Up to 20 lbs. • \$10 | Up to 50 lbs. • \$20
Up to 75 lbs. • \$30

Over 75 lbs. • *Price determined at gate*

Small Appliances & Electronics • \$2 EACH

Printer • Copier • Fax • Radio • Receiver
VCR • DVD Player

Furniture & Household

Mattresses • \$20 | Sofa • \$25
Stuffed Chairs/Recliners • \$15

Batteries | Auto Batteries • \$2

Tires

Car • \$3 | Truck • \$10 | Tractor • \$25

Miscellaneous Waste

Car Load • \$30 min.

Pickup/Trailer Load • \$50 min.

*To be determined at gate.

Saturday, September 12

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Belle Plaine Public Works Parking Lot
891 Diversified Drive**

For residents of the City of Belle Plaine and Townships of
Blakeley, Belle Plaine and St. Lawrence.

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Accepted at No Charge

Recyclables

Glass • Newspapers • Aluminum
Cardboard • Plastic • Scrap Metal

Epilepsy Foundation Collection

Clothing & Shoes • Games & Toys
Curtains • Linens • Tools

All donations must be enclosed in a box or in a bag.

Compost

Leaves & grass clippings are accepted at the City compost
site located on West State Street and County Road 6.

Document Shredding • \$8.00

Dispose of old canceled checks, bank statements, tax
returns and other obsolete personal documents utilizing an
on-site secure, professional commercial-grade shredder.
Cost will be \$8 for contents of a file cabinet drawer, an
average household bin, or 20 lbs. of documents.

Cash or check only, please.

No Hazardous Waste Accepted!

Will Not Accept: Fluorescent Bulbs, Paint, Motor Oil/Filters, Chemicals

Sponsored by The Belle Plaine Lions Club & City of Belle Plaine. This program is made possible with funding from Scott County.



SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT GRANT
HOME MAINTENANCE GRANTS COMING SOON. . .
MORE INFORMATION LATER THIS YEAR

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September 2020 Government Calendar

7	Labor Day Observed.....	City Offices Closed
8	Design Committee	Canceled
	City Council.....	6:30 p.m.
10	Public Works	9:00 a.m.
12	Recycle Clean Up Day	8:00 a.m. - Noon
14	EDA.....	5:00 p.m.
	Planning Commission	6:30 p.m.
15	Public Safety	7:30 a.m.
21	Parks Commission	5:00 p.m.
	City Council.....	6:30 p.m.

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