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BELLE PLAINE



FERAL CAT PROGRAM SEEKS FARM HOMES

An ongoing issue with feral cat colonies in the community is being addressed in an initial program which will involve relocating the cats to area farms. In turn, the cats can help the farm owner control rodents and other vermin.

Farm and rural property owners who would be willing to participate in the program are asked to contact Police Chief Bill Berry at (620)488-2787.

Residents will want to ensure their outdoor cat is wearing a collar and tags in case it becomes caught in a live trap during this program.

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS WATER STUDY BEGINS WITH VOLUNTARY WELL ASSESSMENT

An upcoming study of the City of Belle Plaine's water will start with a voluntary assessment of private wells in the area.

The City is participating in the first phase of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Drinking Water Protection Program. In this phase, KDHE will be contacting private well owners within two miles of Belle Plaine. They will be asked to participate by allowing testing of samples of their well water, likely in late summer/early fall.

The program is designed to help small communities which are starting to have increasing nitrate levels in their water system. The KDHE program can show targeted needs, identify funding sources, identify best management practices, and create an implementation schedule.

The City has also contracted with Wilson & Co., Engineers, to help develop a phased improvement plan for the system. The company will be looking at the wells, water tower, piping infrastructure, and the possible need for treatment to alleviate issues such as nitrates. For additional information on the water program, go to www.bpks.org.

Citywide Cleanup rescheduled for May 30

The Citywide Cleanup has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 30, from 8 a.m. to noon at the sewer plant property at 80th and Line. The Cleanup is for City residents and customers of City utilities. Present a utility bill for entrance. More information at www.bpks.org.

DATE TO REMEMBER:

National Night Out tentatively moved to Oct. 3

National Night Out is tentatively moved this year to Saturday, Oct. 3, with expanded activities. If you are interested in helping, please call Police Chief Bill Berry at 488-2787.

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- Automatic Door Openers for City Hall, Police Department, Community Center, and Barner Center.
- New Windows, Rear Door at Barner Center
- Two Police Vehicles, Shotguns
- Two New Maintenance Pickups and Snowplow
- New Generator for Police Dept.
- RV Park Opened For Service
- New Generator and Well House Rehab at Water Well 5
- New Play Equipment, Restroom Doors at Watson Park
- Trash Basket System for Sewer Plant
- Gas Detector at Sewer Plant
- Street Department Trimmed Trees Overhanging Streets
- Collapsed Pavement at 6th and Merchant Repaired

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City swimming pool set to open June 8

The Belle Plaine City Swimming Pool will open on June 8, subject to change due to updated state or county COVID-19 guidelines. Watch City social media and web site for updates.

When the pool opens, swimmers will be asked to adhere to social distancing guidelines and initially there will be limits on the number admitted to the pool. Surfaces will also be cleaned frequently.

Prices for admission are:

- \$2 - daily admission
- \$1 - daily admission for senior citizens, military and veterans
- 10-day punch ticket - \$18
- 20-day punch ticket - \$30
- Season passes - \$65 single; \$125 family
- 5 and under FREE when accompanied by an adult

There will be no concessions this year and exact change will be required for admission. The Kiddie Pool will not open until July 1, subject to review. Swim Team activities have been canceled for the season. Sign up for swim lessons when the pool opens.

INFORMATION

Delinquent utility bills

Under the COVID-19 regulations established by the state of Kansas, service could not be disconnected on unpaid utilities through May 31. Once that order expires, all delinquent accounts are subject to shut-off. Residents who are impacted by layoffs or other reasons for non-payment, should contact City Hall to set up a payment agreement.



Drug Take Back Day canceled

The Spring Drug Take Back Day was canceled due to the pandemic. Watch for announcements on the next event. Old or unused prescriptions can be disposed of through many pharmacies, including CVS and Walgreens. Call your pharmacy for local information.

Permits needed for burn, builds

City permits are required for burning in yards and for building projects. Permit forms can be picked up at City Hall and found at www.bpks.org. They can also be faxed or emailed to you. Contact City Hall for more information.

Quiet Zone work approved by state

Engineering design for the Quiet Zone at the K-55 (4th Street) intersection with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad has been approved by the state. That work will be paid by the Bartlett Arboretum and a cost-share application has been submitted to the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Sirens tested each month

The City's outdoor warning sirens will be tested June 1 at 11 a.m. The sirens are tested the first Monday of each month at 11 a.m., weather permitting.