

Belview Bulletin

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Mark Your Calendars Now:

The Bloodmobile will be at the Odeon on December 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.. Give the gift of life this holiday season. We encourage you to make an appointment if at all possible but as always walk-ins are welcome. For more information contact Lori Schroeder at 507-430-2651

YOU BETTER BE GOOD 'CAUSE SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN:

Santa Day will be Saturday, December 3rd at the Odeon Hall. The craft show starts at 9:00 a.m.. There will be coffee and rolls available. Lunch will be served by the Girl Scouts. They will be serving BBQ's, chips and pop. Santa will arrive at 11:00 a.m.. Photos can be taken at that time. Drawings for turkeys and hams will be at 12:00 noon. ONE PER FAMILY.

REPORTING STREET OUT LIGHT OUTAGES:

The following is from an Xcel Energy newsletter.

As the seasons change, so do the number of daylight hours. With fall's arrival and winter on the way, it's more likely that people will notice darkened streetlights. Residents can use the "Light Out" feature on our Xcel Energy Web site to report streetlight outages. If you do not have access to a computer you can report street light outages by calling 800-960-6235.

If you prefer, you can always report the street light outages to the City Clerk's Office at 938-4335 and the City will do the reporting to Xcel. Please give the location of the street light and if possible the numbers on the pole. Usually there is a metal number tag on each pole. Please also indicate the problem with the light such as if it is always on, always off, on and off, broken, etc..

Just a reminder that the Odeon Hall will be unavailable for use from February through April 2012 due to the renovation/construction project.

Have A Happy Thanksgiving!

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH MY TAX BILL?

Recently you received your proposed property tax statement for 2012 in the mail from the County Auditor. A new law effective beginning for next year converts the homestead market value credit to a market value exclusion. The taxable market value for homesteads reflects this exclusion. Sounds confusing right?

While the change in the state's market value homestead credit program impacts the city portion of your 2012 property taxes there are many variables to be considered when reviewing your statement. Initially, it may look like the city increase in property tax for 2012 raised for some properties by quite a margin while in reality the city's proposed levy increase for next year was only about 9%. This is due in large part to the huge expenses the city will still be facing next year due to the July 1st tornado damage. At this point all of the expenses incurred to date have been paid for but we have not received reimbursement from either our insurance or from FEMA yet. There are still expenses such as road repairs, tree trimming, stump grinding and tree replacement in boulevards and on other city property and repairs to city buildings that will be done in 2012.

If you would like more information the League of MN Cities has provided an educational brochure that explains the change in the state's property tax program and how it will affect your property taxes beginning in 2012. A copy of the brochure will be included on the city's website at belview.org or you can receive a copy by stopping by the City Clerk's Office. Hope this helps.