

BELVIEW BULLETIN

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

The City Council is asking for everyone's cooperation in complying with the City's Environmental Control Ordinance, which was adopted in July 2008.

The City of Belview's Environmental Control Ordinance covers such things as visual pollution, control of diseased trees, trees and woody vegetation, and nuisances that affect health, peace and safety. The ordinance also defines the enforcement and abatement process when violations to the ordinance are not addressed by the property owner.

The City Council hopes that all property owners will voluntarily comply with the ordinance. Once property owners receive a list of specific items which are in violation of the ordinance they will be given 10 days to comply. Failure to comply may result in the City Council initiating the abatement process.

Some of the items that are addressed are inoperative cars or other junk that is allowed to remain within public or private property, unsafe and unsightly fencing, noxious weeds, accumulations in the open of discarded or disused machinery, household appliances, automobile bodies, garbage, refuse or other material, in a manner conducive to the harboring of rats, mice, snakes, or vermin or the rank growth of vegetation among the items so accumulated, or in a manner creating fire, health, or safety hazards from such accumulations.

From the Parkview Auxiliary:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who donated to our Spring Bake Sale and Quilt Raffle. It was a great success. Thank you.

City Wide Rummage Sales-

Bargains galore may be found in Belview on April 28th. Sales are scheduled to begin at 8:00 Saturday morning with ending times for rummage sales varying. It is not too late to let Lori know if you are going to have a sale so you can be included on the list if you have not already done so.

A list of sales is available at the City Clerk's Office and will be posted on the Community Sign by the Odeon.

CEMETERY TREE PLANTING:

The poor cemetery looks so bare without its usual stand of spruce trees lining its borders. This spring Grace Lutheran Church and the City of Belview have been working together to develop a tree planting plan. Many folks are under the impression that the whole cemetery is owned by the City of Belview. The cemetery is actually divided by the row of trees that run from east to west with Grace Lutheran Church owning the portion south of the row of trees and the City of Belview owning the portion to the north. The city maintains the cemetery and invoices the church for their share of the costs.

The planting of trees at the cemetery is not a reimbursable expense by insurance for either the church or the city. After getting prices from a number of different nurseries, the City Council accepted a quote from Ron Iverson to replace the city's share of the trees. Grace Lutheran has been made the same offer. The City will be planting spaded 9 foot Black Hills Spruce at a cost including planting of \$260 per tree. The City will be planting 25 of the perimeter trees at a total cost of \$6500. A few donations have already been made for helping with the cost of planting the trees in the cemetery. This is greatly appreciated especially due to the large number of trees that also need to be planted within city limits. If you are interested in making a donation a check can be made to the City of Belview. Please indicate in the memo "Cemetery Tree Donation."

SPRING CLEAN~UP

Spring clean-up is back again by popular demand. In an effort to be able to continue to offer this service the City Council stresses that the Spring Clean-up is for city residents only and is not to be used to for everyday household garbage, garden debris or branches, household hazardous waste, appliances, tires, batteries or fluorescent light bulbs. There will be an area set aside for scrap metal.

The clean-up day is set for Saturday, May 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m..

The dumpster will be set on Elevator Street across from the City Shop.

If you have any questions on how to dispose of items not allowed in the dumpster please contact Lori at 938-4335. You will note that there is a \$10 fee on your utility bill this month to help defray the cost of the clean up. We encourage all residents to take advantage of this once a year opportunity.

THE SITE WILL BE MONITORED

TREE PLANTING:

With so many of our beautiful trees having been lost due to the July 1st storm, the City Council has been working on a plan to re-forest the town. This is not something that can be done all at once as we have to work within our budget. The City insurance will pay for the replacement of 57 trees as that is the number of trees lost that were within 100 feet of a city insured building. The plan at this time is to plant trees on the Main Street boulevard and by city buildings and a few in the park with the remaining trees placed throughout town where needed the most. If you are interested in purchasing and planting a tree on the boulevard by your property that would be fine as long as it is of a variety that is suitable for boulevards. It is suggested to talk with David Diekmann for a list of suitable trees and to discuss the placement of the trees in the boulevard before planting.

Make sure to call Gopher State Locate before digging.