

# BELVIEW BULLETIN

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## GUN RAFFLE:

The Belview American Legion is holding a raffle where they are giving away a Mossberg 535 12 ga. and a Mossberg 243 12 ga., along with cash prizes. Contact any Legion or Sons of the Legion member or local business. The drawing will be held on Old SOD Day at 9:00 p.m..

## Belview Preservation Crocks and Jug Banks:

The Belview Preservation numbered 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative Red Wing stoneware crocks are in and if you have not picked yours up yet they are at the City Clerk's Office. The cost is \$25.

If you are interested the Preservation Commission also has a 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative Red Wing jug bank. There is a limited supply as only 100 banks were ordered. They are \$22 and would make a neat Christmas present.

## STORM CLEAN-UP CONTINUES:

*As you drive through town now you see many homes sporting a new roof or brand new siding. You also see much more sky than was visible prior to the storm as many of our lovely trees are gone. Unfortunately, as you may have noticed many of our boulevard and park trees are wearing a large orange "X" indicating that their days are numbered. The city council is waiting for estimates on the removal of the trees. The City was informed that they will receive assistance in paying for the removal of the damaged trees on city property that are not covered under the city insurance and considering the number of trees that need to be*

removed yet that was very good news. The City will also receive assistance in paying for the stump grinding of trees on city property where the root ball was exposed. FEMA will pay 75% and the State will pay for 25% of the cost. The City Council has also met with Ron Iverson who has offered to work with the City on a reforestation plan. Due to the large number of trees that need to be planted at city expense, the City will be looking at developing a plan that would consist of planting trees over a 3 or 4 year time period starting with trees on Main Street and then possibly working out from that point. It was suggested that the city consider planting a few different varieties and sizes of trees. He made suggestions on varieties that are the proper size for boulevards which are hardy and disease resistant. Ron also talked about the importance of spacing and proper maintenance. Most if not all of the cemetery trees were also damaged and will have to be removed. Various fund raising efforts have been discussed to help raise money to reforest Belview.

## **Your Assistance Is Needed:**

If you happen to have a street light near your home that is not working since the storm it would be extremely helpful if you would notify Lori at the City Clerk's Office. Some of you have already done that and it is very much appreciated. Once she has the information it can then be forwarded to Xcel Energy's Outdoor Lighting Department. The information they require for locating the correct street light is a pole number usually located on the side of the pole facing the street and the nearest house number. Other questions asked are whether the pole is a corner streetlight and then which corner for example, SW, NW, SE OR NE, or if the pole is located mid-block. They also ask for a brief description of the problem such as on/off, on all the time or off all the time, etc..

You may email the information to the city at [belview@mvtvwireless.com](mailto:belview@mvtvwireless.com) or call 938-4335 and leave a message. Thank you very much for your help.