

BELVIEW BULLETIN

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GARBAGE SERVICE:

At the December Council meeting, the City Council entered into an agreement with Waste Management to allow them to carry out the remaining contract for residential garbage hauling which was previously held by Prescott Sanitation. Prescott Sanitation recently sold their business to Waste Management. The terms of the agreement states that there will be no noticeable changes to our garbage service for the remaining contract period which goes until June 20, 2012. Waste Management has agreed to allow us to continue to use the Prescott Sanitation bags until they are gone. They will also continue to use the Prescott Sanitation carts. If you need to get a dumpster for a special project you may be doing call Waste Management at 507-929-3770.

125th SOUVENIRS AVAILABLE:

The 125th Planning Committee has short sleeve t-shirts, coffee mugs, can coolers and cookbooks for sale. All items are available at the City Clerk's Office. The cookbooks are also available at Cenex and the coffee mugs are available at Char's Coffee Tavern. The proceeds from the sale of the souvenirs will go towards the expenses related to the City's Quasquicentennial (125th Anniversary) which is scheduled for Sept. 14-16th of this year.

SAVE THE DATE!

July 1, 2011 is a date we will not soon forget. Our little town changed forever that day. Driving towards Belview from any direction you notice the jagged silhouette of a town once noted for its tree canopied streets that now looks kind of battered and broken. On a positive note, many homes are now sporting a newly shingled roof, possibly some new siding and/or a few new windows. Homes have been repaired and buildings replaced. We have come a long way in 6 months. There is still much to do such as tree trimming, stump grinding, tree removal and tree planting throughout town but all in due time. And, we are still anxiously waiting the re-opening of Parkview Home and the return of our residents and wonderful staff.

It was suggested before the initial clean-up was even completed that a good old fashioned thank-you party was in order to show our appreciation to the scores of volunteers that assisted in the clean-up efforts. Donations are being accepted to help fund just such an event. A few donations have already been given and they are greatly appreciated. Donations may be left at Minnwest Bank-Belview or at the Belview City Clerk's Office.

The party is planned for Sunday, July 1, 2012 which marks the one year anniversary of the F1 that tore through town leaving in its wake a community that pulled together when the going got tough. Everyone from the community is invited along with the volunteers that helped out in the following days. Watch for more details in the near future.

TREE PLANTING AND STUMP REMOVAL PLAN:

A major portion of the clean-up effort that followed the July 1st storm involved tree and debris removal. A rough estimate on the amount the city has already paid for tree removal and tree trimming, along with the amount left to pay for stump grinding is nearing the \$100,000 mark. We have very good city insurance and FEMA reimbursement is projected to be very helpful but in the meantime the City has paid for all work completed to date. The City Council is working on a stump removal and re-forestation plan for city property including boulevards. The City has received an estimate for all the stump grinding on city property including boulevards and it is scheduled to be done this spring. The City will not reimburse homeowners if they choose to have the stumps removed from the boulevards on their property before the city is able to get to it.

A re-forestation plan is being discussed. Trees at the City Park, Water Department, Odeon, Village Park Townhomes and Depot will be reimbursed by City insurance and can be planted in spring. The replanting of all boulevard trees and approx. ½ of the cemetery trees are at the city's expense and not reimbursable. Therefore it is necessary for the City to develop a possible 3 to 5 year replanting schedule or as funds become available. Homeowners are welcome to plant a tree on the boulevard at their property at their own expense but the City asks that you take into consideration power lines and sidewalks when choosing between different varieties as some trees are more suited to being planted on boulevards than others. Also make sure to call Gopher State Locate, 1-800-252-1166, before doing any digging. We have been informed that in some areas trees were planted closer together than necessary so the new re-forestation plan will take in to consideration recommended tree spacing.

A joint meeting is being planned between members of the City Council and Grace Lutheran Church Council to come up with a re-forestation plan for the cemetery. A tree donation program is being considered for the cemetery and more information will be made available in the near future.