CITY OF BLOOMING PRAIRIE

We Sincerely Welcome You to the City of Blooming Prairie

Listed below is some information we hope is helpful to you.

Blooming Prairie City Center
138 Highway Ave. South
PO Box 68
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917
Phone: 507-583-7573
Fax: 507-583-4520
E-mail cbp@smig.net
Web site: www.bloomingprairie.com

City Council and Staff

Mayor:	Curt Esplan	City Administrator: Andrew Langholz
Council Members:	Brad Clark	Police Chief: Greg Skillestad
	Tara Gimbel	BPPU Mgr.: Jerry Mausbach
	Mary Kittelson	Street Sup.: Tony Motl
	Bill Newman	WWTP Sup.: Pat Wehner
		Librarian: Nancy Vaillancourt

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Blooming Prairie City Center, 138 Highway Ave. S., unless otherwise posted. All meetings are open to the public. If you wish to be on the agenda please contact the City Administrator or Deputy Clerk at least 5 days prior the next scheduled meeting. Special meetings will be published and posted at the office and various locations, and on the web site.

CITY SERVICES

Blooming Prairie provides the following services:

City Administration – City Administrator Andrew Langholz. The City Administration office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. To contact the Administration Office call 507-583-7573 or FAX 507-583-4520. The Administration Office is located in the City Center at 138 Hwy Ave. South. Closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Library- Librarian Nancy Vaillancourt. The Library is open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fridays and 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday. The Blooming Prairie Library is located in the City Center. To contact the Blooming Prairie Library call 507-583-7750. The Library is a member of the SELCO book exchange system.

Police Department – Police Chief Greg Skillestad – nonemergency number 507-583-7885 (calls will be forward to the Steele County Dispatch Center-ask for Officer on duty in Blooming Prairie) for an emergency call 911. The City of Blooming Prairie has three and 2/3 full-time officers and three part-time officers. Emergency Management Coordinator is Jake Peterson a member of the Blooming Prairie Police Dept.

Volunteer Ambulance Service – President Nick Nelson – Nonemergency number is 507-583-7523 (Answering machine) for an emergency call 911.

Volunteer Fire Dept. – Fire Chief: Dean Naatz – non-emergency number 507-583-2088 (answer machine) for emergencies call 911.

Electric and Water – Utilities General Manager. Jerry Mausbach. Residents will receive monthly utility bills, which must be paid by the 10th of each month. For questions regarding utility bills or services, please call the Blooming Prairie Public Utilities at 507-583-6683. The Public Utilities office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. For after hours or weekend emergencies with regard to the utilities, please call 507-583-6683 or contact the on-call employee at 507-475-2819.

The Public Utilities office is located at 333 2nd Ave. NE.

The Public Utilities needs to be notified promptly of any new customer, name change or address change information.

Sewer Department- Wastewater Supervisor: Pat Wehner. The City sanitary sewer and storm sewer fees are included on the monthly Public Utilities billing. For sanitary sewer problems call the wastewater plant at 507-583-7308. For after hours or weekend emergencies the call will be forwarded to the on-call employee.

Street Department- Street Superintendent: Tony Motl. The City street shop can be contacted at 507-583-2325. The City crew will remove snow from the City streets only after 2" of snow has fallen. When feasible the City streets will be swept on Thursday or as needed. Please do not blow snow or grass clippings on to the City streets.

Senior Center – the Blooming Prairie Senior Center, located at 134 3rd Ave. S.E., Senior meals and Meals on Wheels are available Monday thru Friday. A SEMCAC bus service is also available for transportation to the senior meal program. The facility is available for private rental. For information on the senior meal program and availability of the building contact the Senior Center Coordinator at 507-583-7369 mornings.

Pine Spring Pool – The City of Blooming Prairie maintains a spring fed swimming beach. Open early June to mid-August. Pine Spring Pool is located in the 400 block of 1st Ave. N.W. Pine Spring Pool number is 507-583-7401. Non season questions should be directed to the Administration Office at 507-583-2745.

Victory Field Ice Rink & Warming House - The City of Blooming Prairie maintains an outdoor ice rink and warming house. The creation of ice is based on weather. The warming house number is 507-583-2315 and is open 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. M-F and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

City Parks- The City of Blooming Prairie maintains four parks: Victory Field located in the west end of Main Street, Central Park located at Main Street and Center Ave., Eastside Park and the Fire Department Park. Park pavilions are available for rent at Victory Field, Central Park and the Fire Department Park. Contact the City Administration office to reserve the pavilion, rental cost $ 25.00.

Golf Carts- The City of Blooming Prairie allows the use of golf carts on City streets. However, a golf cart permit is required. Permits can be obtained at the City Administration office at a cost of $ 20.00 annually. Proof of insurance is required.

Dog License-. The City of Blooming Prairie requires an annual dog permit - there is no fee. The license requires the documentation of rabies shot.

Compost site - The City provides the residents of the city with a compost site to dispose of their residential yard & garden waste and brush. The site is located in the north east area of the Industrial Park (north of Metal Services). The site is open 24/7. Please take all your bags with you when you leave. Large trees and lumber are not brush.

TELEPHONE AND INTERNET SERVICES

Frontier Communication 866-226-5170
Jaguar Communications 507-214-1000
Mediacom Communication 800-422-1473

GARBAGE SERVICES

Local services are provided by Skjeveland Enterprises 507-528-9900 or 507-214-8727. Waste Management 866-645-1324.

Steele County Landfill is located at 9420 SE 64th Ave. (8 miles north on Hwy 218) 507-583-7766. Open 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. M-F and 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Saturday.

NATURAL GAS

Minnesota Energy Resources 800-889-9508

NEWSPAPERS

Steele County Times is the official City newspaper, located at 411 East Main Blooming Prairie, MN 55917, 507-583-4431.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required for all residential or commercial construction and improvements prior to starting any work. Building permits can be obtained at the City Administration office on Wednesdays between 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. or at the Steele County Administration in Owatonna. Call the Steele County Information Desk 507-583-2283 and ask for Building Permits.

For any type of digging you plan to do on your property, you must notify Gopher State One Call at 1-800-252-1166 at least two days in advance of when you plan to start your project. Please be prepared to give Gopher State One your address and the nearest intersection street. Gopher State One will take care of notifying all of the various utilities.

ELECTION INFORMATION

The polling place for the City of Blooming Prairie residents is located at the City Center in the Council Chambers, 138 Highway Ave. South. To be eligible to vote, a person must be a U.S. Citizen, be 18 years of age or older on the day of the election, and a Minnesota resident for 20 days. Citizens are encouraged to register prior to Election Day. Information required for registration includes name, address, date of birth, address of previous registration, date and signature of applicant. Election Day registrants must provide one of the following proofs of residency; driver's license, learner's permit or identification card with current address, a witness, prior registration, student identification or a utility bill (gas, electricity, telephone, cable, solid waste, water or sewer) or a current bank statement showing voter's name and current address.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Blooming Prairie Public School offers learning from early childhood education through 12th grade and adult community education.

The Elementary School is located at 123 2nd Street N.W. Principal Jacob Schwarz
Elementary office 507-583-6615

The High School is located at 202 4th Ave. N.W. Superintendent Chris Staloch
High School office 507-583-4426

Web site: www.blossoms.k12.mn.us/

BLOOMING PRAIRIE RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Blooming Prairie non-school youth athlete activities are maintained by the Blooming Prairie Recreation Association. Contact BPRA Recreation Director Gina Hendrickson at ghendrickson@blossoms.k12.mn.us

BLOOMING PRAIRIE POST OFFICE

450 2nd Street S.E. 507-583-7527. There are some in town routes and PO Boxes available.