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From The Office Of The Mayor.....

Robert J. Doerr



There have been several events this past September that I wish to recognize in this newsletter. First I need to say congratulations to the eight homeowners that were recognized at the Town Hall meeting for receiving the 2013 Home

Beautification Awards. Their homes are beautiful and the pictures are on display at City Hall.

I also want to say thank you to the 40+ volunteers who gave of their time and energy on a Saturday morning to help clean our streets of litter. This is a worthwhile effort to keep our city clean and beautiful.

National Night Out was the best this city has ever had. The participation level was outstanding and the number of residents that participated was the highest we have ever seen. Thank you to all that hosted this neighborhood event and I hope to see all of you again next year.

During the month of October, the St. Louis Veterans Home celebrated their 20th Anniversary serving the Veterans of Missouri. We are very proud of our relationship with those that so proudly served our country. If you are able to stop by and visit, please do so. Volunteers are always needed to help those who served this great country of ours. I strongly encourage everyone to give of their time to our heroes.

As the holidays approach, I want to remind everyone this is the time of year to be generous to charities and kind to your neighbors. The spirit of the holidays should guide you to new friendships, and new friendships should lead you to a happier life.

On October 12th, the community came together to celebrate our 63rd Anniversary. The turnout was great and the new friendships that were made help to make this community a better place to live. I wish to thank the churches and not-for-profit organizations which participated and made this a great community celebration.

Again, this December, Bellefontaine Neighbors will be participating in Warner's Warm Up and collecting food items for those less fortunate. We also want to help our Veterans this year. There will be "Adopt A Vet for the Holidays" envelopes on the tree inside city hall and the recreation center if you wish to participate.

Thank you to all who participated in the many events which were held this year. I hope more of you become active this coming year. My door is always open, and remember, we cannot fix it if you do not tell us about it.

Robert J. Doerr

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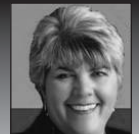
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Letters Of Commendation

For their professionalism, dedication and perseverance, Chief Robert Pruett and Lieutenant Jeremy Ihler of the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department recognized the following officers with Letters of Commendation at the Town Hall Meeting held on Thursday, September 19, 2013. The performance of these officers serves as a model exemplifying service to the city and the community at large.



**Det. Sgt. Shawn Applegate
P.O. Justin Spradlin
Det. Dewitt Edwards**

On August 10, 2013, Officer Justin Spradlin responded to a call for a check on the welfare at a business located in the 10300 Block of Bellefontaine Road. Upon his arrival, Officer Spradlin searched the business and located the owner in the back room. He had been shot and was deceased. He conducted the initial investigation, secured the crime scene, located witnesses, and turned over information to investigators from the Major Case Squad, which was immediately activated.

Using the initial information obtained by P.O. Spradlin, Det. Sgt. Shawn Applegate and Det. Dewitt Edwards of the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department acted as liaisons between this agency and the Major Case Squad. Det. Sgt. Applegate and Det. Edwards actively participated with the Major Case Squad investigators to quickly identify, arrest, and have the individual charged with murder.



**Det. Sgt. Shawn Applegate
P.O. Kimberly Tihen
Det. Dewitt Edwards**

On February 4, 2013, Officer Kimberly Tihen responded to a call for shots fired with a subject down in the 600 Block of Science Hill. Upon her arrival, Officer Tihen observed a subject who had been shot several times and was deceased. She conducted the initial investigation, secured the crime scene, located witnesses, and turned over information to investigators from the Major Case Squad, which was immediately activated.

Using the initial information obtained by P.O. Tihen, Det. Sgt. Shawn Applegate and Det. Dewitt Edwards of the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department acted as liaisons between this agency and the Major Case Squad. Det. Sgt. Applegate and Det. Edwards actively participated with the Major Case Squad investigators to quickly identify, arrest, and have the individual charged with murder.

Chief's Certificate Of Merit



**P.O. Kimberly Tihen
P.O. Daniel Sanders**

On May 22, 2013 P.O. Kimberly Tihen assisted by P.O. Daniel Sanders conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that had warrants attached to the license plate. During the stop, the officers determined the driver was in fact wanted for FTA warrants and his driver's

license was suspended. When the officers ordered the driver to exit the vehicle he was very uncooperative, failed to comply with the officer's commands and refused to exit the vehicle. After several requests

P.O. Tihen gained control of the driver's left arm as P.O. Sanders gained control of the driver's right arm from the passenger's side of the vehicle. The driver was secured and during a search of the vehicle a fully loaded FNH 5.7x28 handgun was located in the center console. Also found inside the vehicle were documents that referenced the driver as being a sovereign citizen with anti-government values.

Due to the driver's beliefs, comments and actions P.O. Tihen and P.O. Sanders handled the traffic stop in a professional manner with officer safety in mind. Both officers' actions were swift and precise without any injury. For their high degree of professionalism and outstanding performance of duty P.O. Tihen and P.O. Sanders were presented the Chief's Certificate of Merit.

Chief's Certificate Of Merit

P.O. Michael Riley



An award was given to P.O. Michael Riley for his efforts in aiding Backstoppers, Inc. This organization has served the families of police officers and firefighters in the St. Louis area who have perished in the line of duty. His contribution regarding the benefit event

held on September 14, 2013, financially supported the organization in their efforts to assist those families in need that have been exposed to such tragedy. His hard work, dedication, and tireless involvement ensured that everything went smoothly. Without his efforts this event would not have been as successful. He's truly a credit to this police department and to our community. His care and concern for law enforcement and fire protection personnel is greatly appreciated. For his selfless act he was presented the Chief's Certificate of Merit. Congratulations on a job well done.

On Thursday, October 17, 2013, Chief Robert Pruett, P.O. Riley and Chief Joe Bommarito of the Riverview Fire Protection District (see photo upper right) were on hand to present a check in the amount of \$6,321 to the Backstopper organization. Former St. Louis County Police Chief Ron Battell, now Executive



Director of Backstoppers, thanked the officers for their efforts to support the families of emergency personnel who died in the line of duty.



Sgt. Peggy Vassallo

Sgt. Vassallo was commended for her work and tireless effort in the community, especially her work in the D.A.R.E. Program, the Neighborhood Watch Program, Special Olympics, National Night Out and various community outreach programs that greatly enhance

the quality of life of the residents of the City of BN. Chief Pruett said, "I'm honored by her work ethic and inspired by her selfless nature." For her professionalism, dedication and perseverance she was presented a Certificate of Merit.

Are We Safe?

Crime happens everywhere from the richest neighborhoods to the poorest neighborhoods. Crime happens in urban settings and rural settings. One thing is for sure, you can't relocate to escape crime.

The BNPD puts a lot of effort into crime prevention, but they cannot be everywhere at all times. Residents can help prevent crime by calling in suspicious activity to Police Dispatch at 889-2341 or if you think it is an emergency, 911.

The BNPD was the first department to be recognized for its professionalism as the first State Certified Law Enforcement Agency by the Missouri Police Chief's Association, participates in the Major Case Squad, has an officer attached to a North County multi-jurisdictional drug task force, participates in a multi-jurisdictional traffic task force, works with surrounding communities by practicing Mutual aid and has officers assigned to the school district as Resource Officers. At a total of 35 officers, the BNPD has a ratio of one (1) officer to 292 residents, which is one of the highest ratios in St. Louis County. Two officers have been added to the force this year and established a traffic division, enforcing traffic speeds on Highway 270 & 367 to make our highways safer and allow patrol officers to spend more time in neighborhoods. Our Police Department is prepared for all events.

You can make the City of BN a safer place to live by reporting suspicious persons, vehicles and activities. One example is of a couple who noticed a vehicle unattended running on the street. They talked about it, but did not report it. The next morning they found a house around the corner had been burglarized. If they had called when they noticed the vehicle, the burglars may have been caught.

Many people have asked if the City of BN is a safe place to live.

The answer is Yes.

Be aware of your environment. Before getting out of your car, look around and see if there might be a threat in the area. If there is, call a neighbor and have them turn their porch light on and watch you until you enter your home.

Look out windows, day and night and report what you see and hear. Call Police Dispatch at 889-2341.

Join Neighborhood Watch and sign up for <https://bellefontaineneighbor.nextdoor.com> so you are aware of what is going on in your neighborhood. For more information, see page 6.

MIRMA Grants & Awards

Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (MIRMA) is a self-insurance pool, created and owned entirely by participating municipalities and functions solely for their benefit. MIRMA began operations in 1981 to address the needs of municipalities abandoned in a hard market. It is a mature, experienced, well-staffed and financially secure pool that offers the majority of coverage Missouri Municipalities require.

MIRMA offers a Risk Management Programs and training designed to provide lower rates by eliminating risk factors. The City of BN was presented an award, resulting in a lower coverage costs for a "Perfect Loss Prevention Evaluation Score," by Kelly Beets, MIRMA Senior Loss Control Consultant, at the October 3, 2013, meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

MIRMA also awarded the City of BN a total of \$9,224 in grants in 2013 for pro-active prevention actions



Mayor Robert Doerr, Kelly Beets, MIRMA Senior Loss Control Consultant and Chief Robert Pruet

that include; a \$7,500 refund for installing new security camera system in the City Hall Complex and \$982 to fund a Physical Fitness Performance Standard Program for the Police Department.

Road Construction Update

Construction and repaving on Coburg Lands Drive and Belgrove Drive is underway and expected to be completed by the time this newsletter is delivered. The sidewalks on Coburg Lands are being upgraded to accommodate the handicapped. Coburg Lands will be milled and new asphalt will be laid from Chambers Road to Bellefontaine Road.



Coburg Lands at Cabot, handicap accessible sidewalks.

Belgrove will be milled and new asphalt will be laid. Grants for these projects will pay for 80% and the City of BN will be responsible for 20% of the cost.

Residents in Green Acres are riding much more comfortably now since the roads got milled and replaced this September. The residents in Green Acres, a



Green Acres Road

private street, were able to create a Neighborhood Improvement District to make very much needed street improvements. Thanks for a job well done.

In 2015, repair work will be done on the Shepley Bridge. Although repair was done on this bridge a couple of years ago, there were some safety issues that had not been addressed. Engineering work for this project is being done now.

In 2015, the St. Cyr Bridge across the Calumet Creek where it connects to the Maline Creek will be replaced. The exact date of construction of the bridge is not known but believed to be before 1930.



Frank William Kurz, Jr.

Frank William Kurz, Jr., age 85, passed away on Sunday, August 18, 2013.

City of BN Mayor Ray Zelinski, appointed Frank Kurz as City Engineer on June 20, 1968. Frank had a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Illinois. When he was appoint-

ed, he was still on active duty in the United States Army Reserves after having served in the Korean conflict.

Frank served the City of BN for 43 years as City Engineer. He passed away at the Missouri Veteran's Home in The City of BN. Sympathy goes out to Frank's family.

Getting Ready For Winter

The City of BN is prepared for winter weather. The city's vehicles have been winterized and, although we have a full supply of salt, a contract for more salt has been secured, just in case we need it.

In December of 2008, the City of BN established "snow routes" to assure emergency vehicles have ready access to all streets at all times for the health, safety and well being of city residents. This ordinance makes it a violation to park on streets that are heavily traveled or treacherous with packed snow and ice. "No Parking On Snow Days" signs have been posted and parking in these areas is a violation when there is a prediction of two (2) inches of snow or more and an emergency has been declared. Your vehicle may be towed at your expense and you could be fined for parking on designated snow routes.



Keeping parking on our streets to a minimum during inclement weather is important. By keeping streets clear of vehicles, we accomplish the following:

- By keeping vehicles off the street, we give the street department an advantage and they are better able to clean the streets, making our commutes easier.
- Clear streets also give us more assurance that emergency vehicles, including police cars, fire trucks, and ambulances can get through. Just minutes can make a big difference in an emergency.

It is important to remember that the snow plows are nine (9) feet wide and take room to navigate our streets. Please make sure that when you do park in the street, there is enough room for the snow plows to navigate between parked vehicles.

If you do not have a vehicle, offer your driveway to a neighbor that has too many vehicles to park in their driveway. It not only helps out the street department but makes your home looked "lived-in."

Human Relations Commission



Human Relation Commission members. Left to right: Pat McNamara-Smith (Chairman), Mike Petroff, Yolanda Poe, Willie Roberson (Co-Chair) and Willis Dillworth.

The Human Relations Commission was created in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors with the intent to enforce fair housing. The commission was revived in 2011, when Mayor Doerr came into office, appointing new members, providing training and widening the scope of their duties. The members of the commission have been an integral part of the Bellefontaine Community Pride, an organizations made up of the Churches and Not-for-profit organizations in the community.

The Human Relations Commission's goal is to promote mutual understanding and respect among all social, racial, religious, cultural, and ethnic groups in the City. Anyone with concerns or questions should contact the Human Relations Commission through the office of the City Clerk.

Eagle Watch And Guided Trail Walk



Eagle Watch and Guided Trail Walk, Saturday, January 25, 2014 - 11 AM to 2 PM. View the Eagles and enjoy a guided trail walk at Fort Belle Fontaine (St. Louis) County Park, located 3 miles North of Highway 270 on Bellefontaine Road. A live eagle and birds of prey will be on site. Bring binoculars and dress warm. Refreshments will be provided. Walk individually or join a guided trail walk through the upland prairie and wetlands, along Cold Water Creek and the River. The event is free. This is an opportunity to view the Belle Fontaine Spring which is what our city is named for.

<https://bellefontaineneighbor.nextdoor.com>

Want to know what crimes have been reported?
Want to know about community events?
Want help finding a lost dog?
Have a question about the community?

<https://bellefontaineneighbor.nextdoor.com>
is what you are looking for.

"Nextdoor" is a web site for Bellefontaine Neighbors residents and already has over 250 members in Bellefontaine Neighbors. You can choose to add surrounding neighborhoods of Riverview, Glasgow

Village, Moline Acres, Baden and North Point.

"Nextdoor" is free and your status as a resident must be verified. Once it is verified, you will get daily E-mails about what is going on in the community by the BNPD and other residents. You will know what to watch for and coming events in the community.

Join 'Nextdoor' today by going to the URL above and invite your friends and neighbors to join, too. Become part of the most informed members of the community. The more you know, the better.

Bellefontaine Community Pride (BCP) Picnic

Again, the BN Community came together. This time for a picnic in the park. The City of BN, Neighborhood Churches, Not-for-profit organizations and many individuals came through to bring residents and church members together for a laid-back day in the park. Riverview Gardens School District's Gentlemen of Vision, The Riverview Senior High School Choir and Leadwork Urban Music group, sponsored by Mathews-Dickey, provided entertainment and amazed the picnickers of the positive energy of our youth.



Bellefontaine Baptist greets picnickers

Thanks to Alpha Omega Ministries, American Legion Post 335, Bellefontaine Baptist, Bellefontaine Methodist, Beth-El Baptist, Grace Lutheran, Girl Scouts of Greater St. Louis, Love in Action, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church and City of BN Human Relations Board that showed up in force with fellowship, food, games and prizes for everyone.

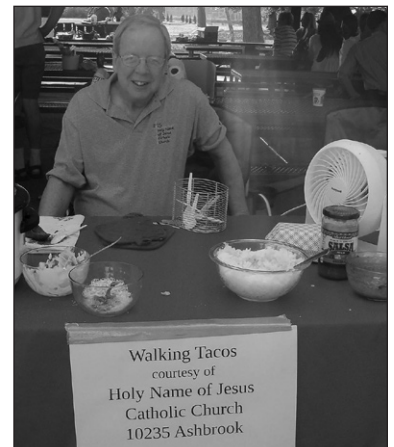
Mayor Robert Doerr and Chief of Police, Robert Pruett were our Master Chefs and cooked 250 hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone in attendance.



Members of Beth-El Baptist Church

In honor of the City's 63rd Anniversary, the St. Louis County Parks Department opened the Bissell House for free tours and 80 people took advantage to see this beautiful museum and what life was like in the early 1800's.

In 1950, when the city was incorporated, a small group of people met to decide on a name. Since Bellefontaine Road ran through the center of the area, Bellefontaine just had to be in the name. They decided to name it Bellefontaine Neighbors because they were all neighbors. It is great that is still true today.



Holy Name of Jesus "Walking Tacos" were a big hit!

BCP meets monthly and discusses how we can bring our neighbors together and make our city a better place for everyone.

All of the city's Churches and Not-for-profits are invited to attend the meetings and join in the activities. For more information, call Shirley Paro at 869-8251 or E-mail: sdparo@att.net

At left, RGSD's Gentlemen of Vision perform for picnickers.



JEFFERSON CITY—State Sen. Gina Walsh, D - Bellefontaine Neighbors, launched a website devoted to information on health care reform under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on her official Senate Web page. The site guides citizens through the provisions of the ACA and how it changes federal law.

A key part of the ACA involves each state, or the federal government, establishing an insurance marketplace. There, citizens can see a variety of different insurance plans and find one that best fits their budget. Every plan offers comprehensive coverage.

Senator Walsh's resource website walks citizens through the process of enrolling in the marketplace and finding a plan. She said she hopes the resource page can better inform the public of what exactly the ACA does and how it benefits them.

"There has been so much misinformation spread, and scare tactics used, that a huge majority of the population has no idea how the Affordable Care Act helps them and their families. This law was designed, at its core, to protect average, middle-class Americans from predatory insurance practices and expand health care coverage to those who don't currently have it," said Sen. Walsh. "If you have private insurance and are happy with it, that's great, the law won't

affect you at all, except by ensuring your insurance company uses the money you pay it every month for actual health care services instead of racking up huge annual profits and doling out executive bonuses more than an average American will make in their lifetime."

"If you don't have insurance, though, this law makes it so that you can find an affordable option through the marketplace. It adds competition to the insurance industry, something my colleagues in the majority party, who continually extoll the virtues of a free market, should be thrilled about. And, it lets citizens gain access to health care insurance in a fair and transparent way, which is the most important part."

Missourians are able to find, compare and enroll in health insurance plans through "Enroll Missouri."

To visit Sen. Walsh's Health Care Reform Information Center and learn more about choosing an insurance plan through the marketplace, visit www.senate.mo.gov/walsh/healthcare

Senator Walsh regularly sends out legislative and district updates to constituents of the 13th District. To sign up, visit her Missouri Senate website at: www.senate.mo.gov/walsh

Leaves

The City of BN will issue warnings and summons to residents who do not rake their leaves and dispose of them properly.

Leaves raked into streets, sewers, creeks and drainage ditches can clog sewer systems and create a back-flow in your basement. Leaves left to accumulate around trees or fences can create a habitat for rodents and insects.

If you see someone raking leaves into someplace they should not, please call dispatch at 889-2341 and report it so there is not a problem with sewers or pests. You can call anonymously.

Our contract with Waste Management (WM) includes a ninety (90) gallon yard waste cart. If you do not have a cart, call WM at 506-4700 to order one. Additional carts can be rented for \$2.50 per month.

Make A Difference Day



Members of The Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints, Hazelwood Ward, returned to the City of BN for another "Make a Difference Day." This year their project was to clean the common ground, between Coburg Lands and Kilgore along the creek on October 12, 2013. More than 40 volunteers from the church worked in the rain and mud to clear fences and remove vines and debris from the area improving the beauty and drainage in the area. Many thanks to this group for all of their good work.

Image & Beautification Commission



Congratulations to the winners of this year's Home Beautification Awards. Residents were in attendance at the September 19th Town Hall meeting to be presented their awards. Pictured above: seated: (Ward 1) Gary & Priscilla Hamm, Mark Thomas, (Ward 2) Maryellen & Richard Burgdorf. Standing: (Ward 3) William and Thelma Roberson, Jerome Smith, (Ward 4) Phyllis Lang-Baker, Victoria and Timothy Horan. Not pictured, Linda and Clark Logan.

Thanks are in order for the kids from Missouri Hill Home who have come to our rescue and supplied the manpower for many clean-ups. Thanks are also due to the members of the I & B Commission and the volunteer residents who gave up their Saturday morning to help. The next Beautification Action Day is scheduled for April 26, 2014.



The I & B Commission is truly a working commission. In addition to tending city gardens, the board participates in clean ups and judges for both the summer beautification and holiday decoration awards. Pictured below, left to right: Martha Douglas who is our newest member, appointed by the Mayor on September, 5, 2013 (Welcome Aboard!), Jennie Stewart, Bob & Jeanette Bost, Clarence Cherry, Mayor Doerr and Alderman Anthony Smith.



Congratulations are also in order for Aldi, Inc., located at 10800 Bellefontaine Road, who was chosen for a Business Beautification Award. Shown Left to right: Ryan Summers, Ted Harris (both District Managers) and Louis Ross (Director of Real Estate), who were on hand to accept the award.



2014 Holiday Decoration Awards

The Image and Beautification Commission will be judging homes for the best Holiday Decorations the 2nd and 3rd weeks in December. Get the house decorated and turn on the lights. Winners will be invited to a meeting of the Board of Aldermen to be presented their certificate.

New Bicycle Racks At Klein Park



Three new bicycle racks, through a grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) and Trailnet have been installed in Klein Park at the intersection of Bellefontaine and Chambers Roads. The new racks are designed to hold 2 bicycles at a time. Cyclists are encouraged to bring your own chain and lock and secure your bicycle while shopping or doing business in the area. The BNPD reminds you to secure and lock your bicycle at all times when you leave it.

From The Office Of The City Clerk Deni Donovan



This is the time of year that is so special to me and everyone at City Hall. The air is crisper and the mood is a little calmer. Please use this opportunity to be a bit more giving during the Holiday Season. There are so many wonderful organizations and fami-

lies that could use a "hand up". You may be so surprised what little it takes to turn someone else's hard times around. A simple act of kindness towards a family member, friend, or stranger may just be what all of us need to think about. Stay safe and enjoy this particular time of the year with those you love.

How Did Your Alderman Vote?

Bill #	Date	Description	Paro (w-1)	Migliazzo (w-1)	Schultz (w-2)	Merz (w-2)	Roth (w-3)	Jordan (w-3)	Smith (w-4)	Hollis (w-4)	Pass or fail	Ord. #
2341	9-5-13	Establishing uniform and clothing allowance for the police department (Roth)	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Pass	2260
2342	9-5-13	Approving contract for Gerhenson Construction for paving Coburg Lands and Belgrove (Schultz)	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Pass	2261
2343	9-19-13	Approving tax rate for 2013 debt service and general municipal purposes. (Roth)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Pass	2262
2344	9-26-13	Amending Ordinance 2343 (Roth)	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2263
2345	10-3-13	Authorizing an agreement with the Highway Patrol Justice information system (Hollis)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2264
2346	10-3-13	Authorizing participation in the Multijurisdictional Drug Task Force (Hollis)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2265
2347	10-3-13	Approving final cost of the Green Acres Neighborhood Improvement District (Paro)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2266

Y = Yes, N = No, A = Abstain, Blank = Absent

NOTICE OF ELECTION FILING CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS

Please take notice that the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri, will conduct a municipal election on April 8, 2014, for the offices of one Alderman from each of the four (4) Wards for a term of four (4) years each. Persons desiring to file as a candidate for the election to office to be elected at said election may file a declaration of candidacy at the office of the City Clerk at 9641 Bellefontaine Road, Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri. The opening date is Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. and closes on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Deni Donovan, City Clerk

Neighborhood Watch!

Neighborhood Watch meets at 7 PM on the first Wednesday of each month. Residents become familiar with the BNPD officers and get monthly reports of crime happening in our area and get a chance to meet the officers who protect us. Guest speakers are scheduled to give residents information on crime prevention, services available and exactly how different law enforcement agencies and services work.

November 6 - Habitat for Humanity

December 4 - The Major Case Squad is invited

January 1, 2014 - No meeting due to the holiday

Many thanks to the residents who hosted Night Out



parties on October 1. If there wasn't a party on your block, take a little time to get to know your neighbors

and keep an eye out for them. When neighbors look out for neighbors, good things happen.

Kurt Warner Winter Warm-Up Coat Drive

The City of BN City Hall and Rec Center will be drop off stations for the Kurt Warner 11th Annual Winter Warm-up Coat Drive November 1-14. In the past ten years, the coat drive has collected 120,000 coats for those who need them in the Bi-State area. Clean out the closets and help someone keep warm this winter.

City Of BN Church & Not-For-Profit Activities

For information about Holiday Schedules, Please call the Church or organization listed.



Bellefontaine Baptist Church
1410 Kilgore Drive
868-6880

Like us on Facebook
Bellefontainebaptist

Worship - Sundays - 10:45 AM
Sunday School - Sundays - 9:30 AM
Bible Study - Wednesdays - 7 PM

Silver Circle - lunch & entertainment
2nd Friday of the month, Noon
Call for reservations.

Household Giveaway
Call the church for date
Everything will be free!
Clothes, household items, books,
toys, etc.



Bellefontaine Methodist Church
10600 Bellefontaine Road
867-0800

Classic Worship-Sundays-10:30 AM
Modern Service, Sunday- 10 PM
Sunday School - Sunday - 9:30 AM
Bible Study - Tuesdays - 6 PM

Coffee House Women's Bible Study
1st & 3rd Thursdays - 7 PM

United Methodist Women
2nd Monday of month - 12:30 PM

Project Hope Food Pantry
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 AM - Noon

Fish Fries, 4 to 6 PM
1st and 3rd Fridays of each month
Cod, Catfish & Chicken

For AA or Al-Anon Meetings, Scouting or info, call the church office.



Beth-El Baptist Church
10015 Ashbrook Drive
239-8229

Worship - Sundays - 10:30 AM
Sunday School - Sundays - 9:30 AM
Bible Study - Wednesdays - 6:30 PM



Faith In Hope Ministries
9308 Lewis & Clark Blvd.
388-1001

Worship - Sundays - 9 AM
Bible Study - Tuesdays - 7 PM



Covenant Community Church
1351 Shepley Drive
869-4367

Worship - Sundays - 10 AM
Bible Study - Tuesdays - 7 PM



Grace Chapel Lutheran Church
10015 Lance Drive
868-3232

Worship - Saturdays - 4 PM
Sundays - 8 & 10:45 AM
Sunday School - Sunday - 9:30 AM
Bible Study - Thursdays - 9:30 AM

Senior Citizen Bible Class & Meeting, 3rd Friday - 10:15 AM

Troop 551 at Grace Chapel Lutheran Church, will sponsor their 53rd annual Christmas Tree Lot. The lot will open the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29. Hours: Monday thru Friday - 5 to 9 PM, Saturday & Sunday - 9 AM to 9 PM Balsam, Frasier, Scotch Pine, wreaths, pine roping and grave covering.



Grace New Covenant Church
1060 Chambers Road
867-2782

Food Pantry 3rd and 4th Saturdays; 9:30 AM - Noon



One Way Missionary Baptist Church
10117 Lewis & Clark Blvd.

Worship, Sundays - 10:30 AM
Sunday School, Sundays - 9 AM



Hope Church
10636 Bellefontaine Road
869-7777

Worship Sundays 8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM
Bible Study - Wednesdays - 7 PM



Holy Name Of Jesus Catholic Church
10235 Ashbrook Drive
868-2310

Mass - Saturdays - 4 PM
Sundays - 8 & 10:30 AM
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8 AM
Tuesdays & Thursdays - 6:30 AM

Fish Fries, Friday, November 8 and every Friday during Lent,
3:30 - 6:30 PM



Hope Church
10636 Bellefontaine Road
869-7777

Worship Sundays 8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM
Bible Study - Wednesdays - 7 PM



Hope Central Ministries
10115 Lewis & Blvd.
869-8573

Prayer Service - Sundays -9:30 AM
Worship - Sundays - 10 AM
Bible Study - Thursdays - 7 PM



True Redemption Center
1229 Shepley Drive
868-3082

Worship - Sundays - 10 AM
Bible Study - Wednesdays - 7 PM



Fort Bellefontaine Memorial American Legion Post 335

Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at the Knights of at 800 Chambers Road, 7 PM. For membership info for the Post or Auxiliary, call 869-0528.



Knights Of Columbus
800 E. Chambers Road
867-9727

Bingo 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month, open at 11 AM, Bingo starts 1 PM

Sunday, Nov. 3, Dec. 1 Meat Shoot 1 PM, doors open at noon



Riverview School District To Raze Old Middle School

The Riverview East Middle School, 805 Chambers Road, has not been used for seven years since it was determined to be more economical to build a new middle school than remove the asbestos and remodel the old school to meet current state standards. The school building will be torn down after the asbestos has been removed. Orange fencing was put up this month and demolition has started.

The middle school was part of the "Science Hill School District No. 7," and known as the Science Hill School, built in 1925. Other early schools were the Riverview Elementary School and Turner School. Science Hill School served grades 1 to 12. The district was renamed the Riverview School District in 1926. During the early years, students from Spanish Lake and the Moline School District attended Science Hill School for high school and those districts paid tuition. The Moline School District merged with Riverview in 1949.

In 1950, when the building boom started in the City of BN and surrounding areas, new schools were built and the Science Hill School was enlarged.

In 1956, RGDS began construction of the Senior High School at 1218 Shepley Road. When the school year started, only one building at the Shepley Road



complex was completed and only half of the high school students attended at the Shepley facility. The other half attended the Chambers facility or Gibson, then called Hathaway School. By the beginning of the 1957 school year, all of the high school students attended the School on Shepley and the building at 805 Chambers was converted to the Riverview East Middle School. The building was closed in 2003, when the Northview Middle School was completed.

The RGSD served the district well for many, many years before state accreditation was an issue and many residents have fond memories of school days, but with time comes change. Goodbye, old friend.

Grace New Covenant Church Dedicates Ministry Center



From left to right, In the pulpit, Bishop Larry O. Jones of the Greater Grace Church, First woman – Packkousky Tabb, Mary Marbley, Vanessa Harsley, Pastor Tommie A. Harsley III, Leon Kemp Sr., and Thomas Harsley

Grace New Covenant Church (GNCC), located at 711 Chambers Road in Riverview, MO., dedicated their new facility, the Grace New Covenant Community Ministry Center located at 1060 Chambers Road in The City of BN on Saturday, October 5, 2013.

GNCC is still a young congregation, but has come a long way in seven short years. The congregation's first calling was by the Lighthouse, formerly located at their facilities at 711 Chambers. The congregation then rented worship space from Frieden's Chapel before buying the 711 Chambers building. After completing improvements at 711 Chambers, they were given the opportunity to buy the former Friedens Chapel building at 1060 Chambers. Although the church was financially stretched at that time, they all

agreed to extend the ministry by purchasing the building. GNCC worked hard to bring the old building up to code and the work was finally finished earlier this year.

The Ministry Center at 1060 Chambers is dedicated to programs and activities to promote health & wellness, job readiness, academic, social, physical and spiritual development.



From left to right, First Lady Vanessa Harsley and food pantry volunteers Darlene and Bill Kinderman, and Shiela Wedemeyer

Members of the former Friedens Chapel, some of whom have worked at the food pantry for 30 years, have remained active with the operations of the food pantry and expressed their happiness that new life was emerging from the in the church.

For more information about Grace New Covenant Church, see their web site at gncchurch.org or call the church at 867-2782.

All City Meetings Open To The Public

Board of Aldermen - 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 PM
Planning and Zoning Commission - 2nd Monday, 7 PM
Public Safety Commission - 4th Thursday, 6:30 PM
Neighborhood Watch - 1st Wednesday, 7 PM
Youth Commission - 3rd Monday, 7:30 PM

Image and Beautification Board - 2nd Tuesday, 7 PM
Parks and Recreation Board - 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM
Board of Adjustment - Upon Request

Municipal Court - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays - 6:30 PM
(Court for Wednesday, November 27 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 26. Court for Wednesday, December 25th has been cancelled)

Human Relations Commission - Upon Request

Bellefontaine Community Pride - 4th Thursday, 3:00 PM

(No BCP meetings scheduled in November or December)

All meetings are held at the City of BN City Hall except Parks & Recreation which is held at the Recreation Center.

City Hall Holidays

Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28

Day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 (Close at noon)

Christmas Day, Wednesday December 25

New Years Eve, Tuesday December 31 (Close at noon)

New Years Day, Wednesday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr., Day, Monday, January 20

President's Day, Monday, February 17th

Waste Management Holidays

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25

New Years Day, Wednesday, January 1

The Holiday schedule: pick-up will be delayed for one day after holidays.

Daylight Savings Time

Ends Sunday, November 3. (Set the clocks back one hour and put new batteries in the smoke detector.)

Our current trash contract includes yard waste and recycling pick-up. Free carts are available for both. If you need a cart, call:

Fee Yard Waste Carts - Waste Management 506-4700

Free Recycling Carts - City of BN - 867-0076

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