

# Bellefontaine News

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## From The Office Of The Mayor.....

### Robert J. Doerr

Schools are now open and the children are once again busy with schoolwork. Let this serve as a reminder that we all need to pay attention to bus stops and pedestrians on the roadways. **DO NOT PASS** a school bus while stopped to pick-up children.

We experienced a busy summer with many events for young and old alike. We sponsored our first Food Truck Friday which was well-attended by hundreds of people. The Police Department sponsored its first Summer Camp filled with events everyday for the many children who attended. Our Youth Commission held several events, such as the Fishing Experience, Bike Rodeo, Family Golf Night, and the Youth Pool Party. The Recreation Center staff hosted numerous events for citizens of all ages. It was by far the busiest summer we have ever had.

We have several meetings coming this fall that you may wish to attend. On September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, we will be hosting our annual Town Hall Meeting. I encourage everyone to attend to hear about the state of our city. National Night Out will be held on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>; please contact Sgt. Vassallo if you wish to be a host

that evening. On October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, the Human Relations Commission will be hosting their annual Diversity Forum Meeting at the Recreation Center; again, I encourage everyone to attend.



After several months of searching we have appointed a new Chief of Police. The search process was conducted by the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation (MPCCF). Applications were received from eight different states, tested, interviewed by the MPCCF, and narrowed down to six finalists. A committee of four Aldermen and five citizens interviewed the top three finalists. They chose the person who they thought was the best fit for our city. I interviewed the finalist and agreed with the committee's choice. The Board of

Aldermen approved the appointment on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our new Chief of Police is Jeremy Ihler, a Lieutenant and long time member of our own Police Department. Congratulations Chief Ihler!

Congratulations to the Officers who were recently promoted in our Police Department. Promoted to Lieutenant were Warren Williss and Shawn Applegate. Brian Spieler was promoted to Sergeant, and Robert Piekutowski was promoted to Corporal.

*Robert J. Doerr*

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

The former number to report Non-Emergencies to the Police Department has changed due to the new Emergency Communications System. **The new number, effective immediately is 636-529-8210.** Although the old number is still active with no end date at the time of this writing, residents are encouraged to start using the new number: 636-529-8210. Please put this number in a prominent place so you have it handy.

**Police Emergency**

**911**

**Non-Emergency**

**636-529-8210**

## From The Desk of Chief Ihler



Mayor Doerr congratulates Chief Ihler after he was sworn in.

On July 2, 2015, I was appointed your Chief of Police. I thank the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Human Relations Committee, Public Safety Committee, the residents who participated in the selection process, and the Bellefontaine Neighbors community as a whole. I am both humbled and honored to

Master of Business Administration from Northwest Missouri State University and hold a Graduate Certificate of Achievement in Criminal Justice from the University of Virginia. I am currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Lincoln University, which will be completed by the end of this year.

My strength comes from you, the people of our great city, to lead law enforcement services into the next era of policing. Your police department is the representation our community values and interests that aid in superior law enforcement services. My forward vision of your police department rests upon community participation and validation. I believe that police services should be reflective of the community's wants and needs so we can deliver these services in a customized fashion to our residents with satisfaction. Therefore, it is critical that we communicate frequently as your feedback and input are paramount to everyone's success.

I welcome a productive and effective partnership with you, along with all of the opportunities and rewards that are yielded during our relationship, now and in the future.

*Chief Jeremy Ihler*

accept this opportunity and I could not have achieved without your support.

This year marks my 20<sup>th</sup> year as a law enforcement professional. I began my career with the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department in the 1990s. I have served you in many roles, including patrol service, community service, formal leadership and management, and law enforcement certification to enhance the proficiency of your police department. Over the years, I have made considerable investments in preparation for leading and managing your police department. I am a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the MPCCF Law Enforcement Executive Command College. I have earned a

## BNPD Promotions

Congratulations to the officers who were promoted on July 16. The promotions were made, based on testing, as well as qualifications and past performance.

Qualifications - 17 years of law enforcement service, 11 years of supervision experience, police instructor in a variety of disciplines, 4 years of military service with the US Marine Corps.

**Shawn Applegate** was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant Commander of the Bureau of Investigation. Qualifications - 14 years of law enforcement service, 4 years of supervision experience, 9 years of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis, Recently promoted to Deputy Commander of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis.



Right to left, (standing) Lt. Applegate, Lt. Williss (seated) Sgt. Spieler & Corp. Piekutowski

**Brian Spieler** was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant Patrol Shift Commander. Qualifications - 20 years law enforcement service, 8 years supervision experience.

**Warren Williss** was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant Commander of the Bureau of Field Operations. Quali-

**Robert Piekutowski** was promoted from Patrol Officer to Corporal Shift Supervisor. Qualifications - 18 years of law enforcement service, police instructor for a variety of disciplines, 4 years military service in the US Army.

## Neighborhood Watch Meeting Schedule



**September 2** - Tour of the the new The New Communication Center located at 1150 Hanna Road. Participants will be leaving City Hall promptly at 7 PM. Please RSVP to Sgt. Vassallo at 867-0080.

**October 6** - National Night Out - Invite your neighbors to a lawn party and serve ice tea, hot chocolate (whatever is appropriate for the weather), hot dogs or pot luck. The purpose of the event is to get to know your neighbors and start watching out for each other. Let Sgt. Vassallo know if you will be hosting a party. (867-0080)

**November 4** - Citizen Property Inventory System - Presentation by LeadsOnline, review the crime report and meet officers. Starts at 7 PM.



## Looking For A Career In Criminal Justice?

The City of BN has been meeting with the St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley, Department of Criminal Justice. The focus of this partnership is to strengthen police recruitment and the police hiring process in our police department. Key points of this endeavor include police officers in the Florissant Valley College classroom engaging with students, an observation student internship with our police department, proctored testing at the college, and involve-

ment of college staff during interviews. The goal is to establish strong relationships between our police officers and members of our community who are interested in serving as a police officer and familiarizing them with the law enforcement profession. This new and innovative idea will serve as the new model for police recruitment as it increasing the quality of police candidates for hire while engaging members of our own community.

## School Resource Officer (SRO) Of The Year



The Annual Missouri School Resource Officer (SRO) conference was held the week June 28 - July 2 at Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Officer David Owens received the Missouri SRO of The Year Award.

Officer Owens is the SRO at Riverview Gardens High School. The

plaque Officer Owens received was in recognition of his "dedication and personal contribution to the students and staff of your school and the State of Missouri."

Pictured at left (standing) from left to right is Dr. Mark Tranel, Special Appointed member of the Riverview School District, Mayor Doerr. (seated) Chief Ihler and Officer Owens, the SRO of the year!

## Youth Life Skills Enrichment/Recreation Camp

Patrol Officer Owens and Sergeant Vassallo hosted our first Youth Life Skills Enrichment/Recreation Camp for two weeks in June. Campers had the opportunity to learn life skills (including conflict resolution, bullying, drug resistance, community pride, etc.) and recreational skills (including fishing, biking, canoeing, swimming, etc.) They have also had the opportunity to visit City Hall, the Police Department and Courts.

Besides guests from outside entities, the kids got to meet City of BN residents who are committed to the community in different capacities, including the I & B Commission that helped the kids plant flowers at the Recreation Center.

The program is the first of its kind in St, Louis County and is gaining interest county wide.



## BNPD Updates



**Patrol Officer Darrell Chrisenberry** was sworn in June 4, 2015. Officer Chrisenberry served 23 years of active duty with the Air Force Security Forces military police, where he served as a K-9 handler and Kennel Master. He is in the process of finishing his undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice. Welcome aboard!



**P. O. Travis Dickens** represented the City of BN in the Missouri Special Olympics North County Law Enforcement Torch Run. The Special Olympics Unified Relay Across America kicks off the Special Olympics World Games in July/August 2015 in Los Angeles, CA.

## Community Exchange Zone



A "Community Exchange Zone" is being established on the parking lot in front of the BN City Hall. The purpose of this is to provide a safe and neutral area for anyone who makes online purchases, child custody exchanges, etc. The well lit area will be covered by cameras recording the activity on the parking lot.

Please be alert and aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity. Cameras are not monitored, so if you think you may need the police to monitor the exchange, please call the Non-Emergency (Dispatch) number, 636-529-8210 or 911 immediately.

# Appointments

## City Officials

- ✓ Chief of Police, Jeremy Ihler
- ✓ City Clerk, Deni Donovan
- ✓ City Engineer, Phil Lum
- ✓ City Treasurer, Bill Krenn
- ✓ Assistant Treasurer, Larry Abeln

- ✓ City Collector, Mark Tranel
- ✓ Alderman, Ward 4, Andrew Fields, appointed for unexpired term of Willis Dillworth
- ✓ Chief Judge, Jack J. Duepner, Jr.
- ✓ Prosecuting Attorney, William Clark

Many, many thanks to the board and commission members who are the heartbeat of the City of BN. Some of the boards are working boards (Youth Commission, Parks and Recreation and Image and Beautification) and some of the boards require research and study to accomplish their tasks.

- Denotes term is not expired
- ✓ Denotes new or reappointment

## Planning & Zoning

Aldermanic Representative, Tony Migliazzo

- Bob Stolte, Chairman
- ✓ Mel Jennings
- ✓ John Baker
- Dan Bogaski
- Matt Borzymowski
- Jerry Van Deven

## Public Safety

Aldermanic Representative, Andrew Fields

- ✓ Ed Meier (Chairman)
- ✓ Jeff Lofton
- ✓ Larry Fuller
- ✓ Jim Christian
- ✓ Barbara West
- ✓ Bobby Smith
- ✓ John Koester
- ✓ Jacqueline Cole

## Image and Beautification

Aldermanic Representative, Anthony Smith

- ✓ Clarence Cherry
- ✓ Jennie Stewart
- ✓ Lynn Gordon
- ✓ Margie Cook
- ✓ Rodney Weeden
- ✓ Shelly Davis

## Youth

Aldermanic Representative, Scott Schultz

- ✓ Rich Pflueger (Chairman)
- ✓ John DuHadway
- ✓ Wayne Anderson
- ✓ Jean King
- ✓ Melanie Sims
- ✓ Alease Dailes
- ✓ Theresa Reed

## Parks & Recreation

Aldermanic Representative, Don Merz

- ✓ Mark Dickerson (Chairman)
- ✓ Jean Garascia
- ✓ Sally Wahlbrink
- ✓ Tina Swindle
- ✓ Jane Davis
- ✓ Kathy Endorf
- ✓ Judy Mantych
- ✓ Dave Cross

## Board of Adjustment

- John DuHadway (Chairman)
- ✓ Rich Pflueger
- Mike Petroff
- Bob Meier
- Larry Slominski

## Human Relations

- Pat McNamara-Smith (Chairman)
- Willie Roberson (Co-Chair)
- Michael Petroff
- Yolanda Poe
- Audrey Hollis

**Image and Beautification members** are needed. If you are interested in gardening and promoting the image of our city, call Deni Donovan at 867-0076.

## Thanks To Jeannette & Bob Bost For Their Dedication



Jeanette and Bob Bost have served on the Image and Beautification Board for the past nine (9) years. During this time, they have shown dedication and leadership that led the I & B Board to county wide recognition by winning the 2012 "Way To Go Green" Award. This

group, who were once strangers, have bonded and become close friends. Members even volunteer for kitchen duty to give the kids from DYS, who helped with Beautification Action Day, a pizza party. Jeannette passed away on August 1, 2015. She will be missed.

## Beautification Action Day, September 26, 2015

Your help is needed on Saturday, September 26, 2015. Due to rain, our Spring Clean-up was cancelled. Volunteers are needed to show up at the BN Recreation Center at 9 AM. We will clean up the litter from the streets and return to the Recreation Center for lunch and mini golf. No experience necessary.

Together, we can improve the image of our city.

Reminder to residents: Please keep grass cut and rake leaves. Do not leave yard clippings, leaves or debris in the street. Yard waste carts are available by calling Waste Management at 506-4700.

## Alderman Andrew Fields



Hello citizens of Bellefontaine Neighbors! My name is Andrew Fields. It comes with great privilege and honor to serve as the Alderman in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward. I am proud to be a part of this great city and to be a member of the Board of Aldermen. I have

been a resident since 2002. My goal is to listen and proactively represent the city by bringing forth positive change. Public safety, informing citizens, keeping the city clean and beautiful is among my priorities. I look forward to meeting everyone and working together to keep our city moving forward. (Contact information listed on last page of newsletter.)

## Wanda Lane Appointed Red Cross Representative



BN Resident Wanda Lane has accepted the position of Red Cross Coordinator for the City of BN. The City of BN is the first city in St. Louis County to partner with the Red Cross and take a proactive roll providing our residents with life-saving resources. Wanda will be working with Red Cross Coordinator, Roy Gillespie.

Roy Gillespie said, "Wanda will be working with the American Red Cross of Saint Louis. Her first task will be to help develop plans for installation of Smoke Alarms for the senior citizens of the city of BN. I am very pleased to have Wanda on my team."

Watch the "message boards" on Bellefontaine Road and posts on Nextdoor.com and the city website at cityofbn.com for more information about the smoke detectors. Once posted, senior citizens can call City Hall at 867-0076 for more information. Projected date, at this time, is in October.

City of BN officials met Roy during the Flood of '93, when Roy came in and offered resources that aided in the fight and recovery efforts.

## Food Truck Thursday, September 10

The Food trucks will be rolling into the City of BN again on Thursday, September 10. The Food Truck event was such a success last May that we are expecting more trucks this year. The event will take place on the parking lot in front of City Hall, 9641 Bellefontaine Road from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. Picnic tables will be set up or bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the festivities.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to the Mathews-Dickey fields that are located at Bob Russell Park previously known as Surrey Lane Athletic Association on St. Cyr Road.



## New Emergency Communication System

Proposition E-911, a \$100 million bond issue, passed on the November, 2009 ballot, is finally up and running. Emergency services have started broadcasting on a new, digital trunk system. Proposition E-911 is a one tenth (1/10th) of a cent sales tax that adds one dime to a \$100.00 purchase or one cent on a ten dollar purchase. The new system provides:

- **Up-to-date 911 technology** so calls from cell phones can be located quickly and reliably.
- **Replacement of outdated radio systems** for police, firefighters and paramedics.
- **A shared set of frequencies** so entities can coordinate lifesaving services.

- **Compliance with federal requirements** for public safety communications.
- **An improved emergency siren system** that will improve coverage.

One of the most important changes that residents should be aware of is the change of the Non-emergency Dispatch number. **The new number, effective immediately is 636-529-8210.** This number should be used to report suspicious persons, vehicles or activities. Reporting a suspicious person could stop crime by putting police in the area. Please make note of this number and call when you know something is just not right!

*Mark your calendars...*

**Beautification Action Day**, September 26, 2015, 9 AM at the Recreation Center

**Town Hall Meeting**, Thursday, September 17, 7 PM at the Recreation Center

**Diversity Meeting**, Thursday, October 8, 7 PM at the Recreation Center

**National Night Out**, Tuesday, October 6

**Food Truck** Thursday, September 10, 4:30 to 7:30 on the lot in front of City Hall



## CERT Training

Emergencies can strike anytime. A tornado, a flood or even a terrorist attack can change lives. Missouri families, communities, businesses and schools need to take steps today to prepare for an emergency.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards which may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using

the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

For more information on the CERT program, contact Captain Kyle Robertson at 314-867-3889.

## Playing Ball At Mathews-Dickey

Saturday, June 13, 2015, was the Opening Day for baseball season at North County Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club.

The Mathews-Dickey Bellefontaine Neighbors fields are located at Bob Russell Park, previously known as Surrey Lane Athletic Association, on St. Cyr Road.

The Opening Day started with the Cardinal sponsored "Redbird Rookie" teams parading from City Hall to the park. The first pitch was thrown out by former Cardinal Bernard Gilkey. The season was short this year because of rain-outs, but registration will start in the Spring for the 2016 Season. Watch for sign ups for the 2016 year.



Mayor Robert Doerr and former Cardinal player Bernard Gilkey with kids on Opening Day.

## Street Repairs - Bond Issue

In 2009 the voters approved Prop S allowing the city to issue bonds in the value of \$5.5 million dollars. Over the next three years this money was used solely for street repairs, which rebuilt and repaired approximately 40% of the streets. However the remaining 60% have continued to deteriorate, and need to be addressed. The only way that we have to

finance this is with a bond issue.

We are looking at proposing a bond issue to the voters on the November ballot in the value of \$10 million dollars. This money will be used strictly for repair of the remaining streets, which is estimated at \$10.2 million without inflationary increases over the years of the project.

## Youth Fishing Experience Winners

P.O. Jacob Kuechenmeister visited with the Youth at the Youth Fishing Experience. There were plenty of attendance prizes and refreshments.

The winners catching the biggest fish were:  
Boy: Blake, age 6, 2 pound, 7 ounce - catfish  
Girl: Lillian, age 10, 1 pound, 7 ounce - catfish

Thanks to the Youth Commission, who had a busy year. Watch future issues of the newsletter for notice of more youth activities.



## Free Or Low Cost Computers

WITS, Inc., offered BN residents free or low cost refurbished computers in May of 2015. There was such a huge response, they are extending the offer.

Desktop computers are available starting at \$95, laptop computers are for \$160 and NEW 7" Android Tablets for \$80. Most packages include Windows 7 or Windows 8, MS Office 2010 Anti-Malware, USB

Ports, optical disc drive. Laptops include Windows 7 or Windows 8, Wi-Fi capability and charger.

Applications are available at the Recreation Center. Wits, Inc., has a program for families to receive FREE computers if they meet IRS requirements. For more information, call WITS at 314-382-1650, extension 18. Applications should be submitted by September 15.

## Watch Out For Your Neighbors

Neighbors who watch out for neighbors are the biggest resource our PD has. Report any suspicious persons, noises, vehicles or activities. Call **636-529-8210** or **911**, if you think something is just not right. You can ask to remain anonymous or ask the officers to contact you by phone only.

## Effects of SB # 5

One of the most talked about pieces of legislation from this year's session of the Missouri General Assembly is Senate Bill 5, a law obviously designed to cripple many cities in St. Louis County regardless of the consequences to the residents who rely on them for public safety and services. The law radically limits the fines a court can impose to punish dangerous drivers and wipes out most of the tools available to ensure that those charged with the most traffic violations appear in court to answer those charges.

Fortunately, though we may be put to expense and disruption due to changes mandated by this law, The City of BN will be able to continue to serve our citizens and protect our safety, homes and neighborhoods. Hyped up media stories about "debtor prisons", revenue-oriented municipal courts and "for-profit" policing programs have never applied to The City of BN.

One part of Senate Bill 5 established standards which cities in St. Louis County (but not in the rest of the state) must meet in the next 3 to 6 years. We are pleased to report that our long-standing practices already meet and exceed these criteria. For instance,

our Police Department was among the first departments in the state to be accredited by the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. We attained that distinction long before there was any discussion of requiring accreditation of municipal departments in Missouri. We are proud of the honors our Department has earned and we will continue to maintain the highest levels of performance and accreditation in order to assure our residents of the highest levels of service.

Our municipal court began refining its procedures and adopting new and innovative programs many months ago. We will continue to explore and adopt best practices for court operations just as we constantly do for other programs and services the city offers.

We are confident our community and our safety will not be compromised by the shortsighted anti-city frenzy which carried away so many politicians in Jefferson City this year. We invite you to attend Board of Alderman meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month and to call any of your elected officials if you have any questions about how this legislation will affect your neighborhood or how the city will respond. Contact information is on the back of this newsletter.

## Fort Belle Fontaine (Park) Day

**Fort Belle Fontaine Day at Fort Belle Fontaine Park** is for all Ages. Experience the change of the seasons with breathtaking views of the Missouri River from atop the river bluffs at Fort Belle Fontaine. Enjoy tours of this important historical site, America's first fort west of the Mississippi River and the last stop of Lewis & Clark on their Corps of Discovery journey. Activities also include children's games, and history and nature programs. This is a must-do experience for the history buff and nature lover. Dress for the weather. Light refreshments will be available. Call 314 544-5714 or e-mail [jmagurany@stlouisco.com](mailto:jmagurany@stlouisco.com). Saturday, October 10, 10 AM to 2 PM. Free admission.



## City Of BN Honored At NCI Awards

Congratulations to two of Bellefontaine leaders who were recognized for their efforts at the 39th Annual North County Incorporated (NCI) Breakfast on Friday, May 29, 2015.

Former **Chief Robert Pruett**, was awarded a **Public Service Award** that honors outstanding individuals elected, appointed or employed by a public body whose long-time service has had a positive impact on the community they serve.



**Rosemary Whitehead**, founder of the Love in Action Community Outreach Community Center was awarded a **Community Development Award** in honor of an individual, organization or business whose efforts positively benefit youth, residents or others through selfless acts.

To learn more about North County, Inc., go to their web site: [northstlouiscounty.com](http://northstlouiscounty.com)

## Free Gun Locks



We all hear horrible stories about children that found a gun in the house and shot themselves or a sibling. It happens far too often. Take the time to keep your kids or grandkids safe. The Police Department is offering FREE gun locks. No questions asked. Just stop in the BNPD located at 9641 Bellefontaine Road, between 8 AM and 5 PM, and ask for your free gun lock.


## 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)	Fields (w-4)	Pass or fail	Ord. #
2404	5-7-15	Declaring the results of the General City Election held on April 7, 2015 (Schultz)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Pass	2323
2405	5-7-15	Approving an agreement with the Department of Justice for a local drug task force ( Smith)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Pass	2324
2407	5-7-15	Authorizing Spencer Contraction as contractor for St. Cyr Bridge (Paro)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Pass	2325
2408	5-7-15	Amending personnel benefit plan to conform with privacy rights in compliance with U.S. laws. (Roth)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Pass	2326
2409	5-4-15	Adopting the 2015-2016 Budget (Roth)		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2327
2410	5-4-15	Authorizing contract with DDC Advertising (Roth)		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2328
2411	5-4-15	Authorizing acquisition of certain real property (Merz)		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2329
2412	5-18-15	Authorizing contract with Rejis Commission for computer and information technology (Jordan)	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Pass	2330
2413	7-2-15	An agreement for the production of a quarterly newsletter (Migliazzo)	A	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2331
2414	7-2-15	Authorizing agreement with the Regional Justice Information Commission (Merz)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2332


Y = Yes, N = No, A = Abstain, Blank = Absent, - denotes empty seat


Resolution #	Date	Description	Pass or Fail
2015-2	7-16-15	Adopting potential conflict of interest procedures (Paro)	Pass

## Keeping Up With What's Happening In BN

 **Nextdoor.com** is a private social network. Follow community events, news and get crime reports. It's free. Register and they will send a post-card (to verify you are a resident) with a password.

 **Twitter-Bellefontaine MO@BNPDpolice** Do you tweet? Follow us on Twitter and keep up with the latest news from the BNPD.

 **Facebook - Bellefontaine Neighbors Then and Now**, created for past and present residents. to remember the old days or discuss current topics.

 **Cityofbn.com** is the official website for the City of BN, posting local events, news and items of interest along with a directory of city officials, the City Code and meeting notices.



## Memories Of The Early Days In Bellefontaine

Mike Benzen recently shared his memories of the City of BN on Facebook, "Bellefontaine Neighbors Then and Now" and agreed to share with us. Here is his post: *"My family moved onto Unicorn Drive in August 1952. Southwestern Bell Telephone did not have the capacity to meet the sudden growth in the area. As a result, we and those who moved in around us could not get a telephone. To meet emergency needs, the phone company installed a telephone booth with a coin-operated pay phone on the corner of Tappan and Kilgore. Surprisingly, people gave out the telephone booth phone number to receive calls! The neighbor kids and I would ride our bikes down to the phone booth and play ball until the phone rang. We would answer the phone, then jump on our bike and go notify the person who was to receive the call. Got a lot of tips doing that. In 1952, Southwestern Bell completed the expansion of the Underhill exchange and we were able to get a phone. Not everyone was happy with the completion of the expansion because we, as kids, lost a very good revenue source."*

## Call Before You Dig

Planning some home improvements? Planting a tree? Putting in a new mailbox? Installing a fence or deck? Whether you do it yourself or hire a professional, remember to call **811** to have any underground facilities properly marked before starting a project. This is a free service from the Missouri Public Service Commission.



## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

The new North County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility, located at 4100 Seven Hills Drive, St. Louis, MO 63033 (the former Saint Louis County Department of Public Health North Animal Shelter) is now open for reservations. Residents of St. Louis County, St. Louis City and Jefferson County are eligible for this service.



other acids and bases, car batteries, fire extinguishers, hazardous cleaners, wood preservatives, driveway sealant, and items containing mercury (such as thermometers, thermostats, and mercuric salts).

The first 50 pounds of HHW accepted for drop-off is at no charge to the resident. Any amount of HHW over 50 pounds can be disposed of at a cost to the resident of \$1.00 per pound.

The HHW Facility accepts: Paints, stains, varnishes, pesticides, herbicides, poisons, gasoline and other fuels, solvents and strippers, aerosols, motor oil and filters, gas cylinders (20-gallon tanks or smaller), fluorescent tubes, rechargeable batteries, antifreeze, brake and transmission fluid, pool chemicals and

NOTE: Latex paint is not a hazardous material but can be recycled at a cost of \$0.20 per pound.

To make a reservation please visit [www.IHHWSTL.com](http://www.IHHWSTL.com) or call 314-615-8958.

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## Missouri Commission on Human Rights (MCHR)

Mayor Doerr, Ms. Deni Donovan and the Bellefontaine Neighbors Human Relations Commission recently met with Dr. Alisa Warren, the Executive Director of the Missouri Commission on Human Rights (MCHR), and Amanda Biondolino, MCHR's Human Rights Attorney, to learn more about the MCHR and how Bellefontaine Neighbors' HRC and MCHR can work together to promote human rights. MCHR is the state agency which enforces the Missouri Human Rights Act. The Missouri Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination in housing, employment and places of public accommodations based on race, color, religion, gender, disability, national origin, ancestry, age and housing.

Have you been told that an apartment for rent is too small for kids? Has your landlord charged you a "pet" deposit to keep a service or support animal required for your disability? Have you been denied service at a restaurant, while people of a different race were served? Were you denied employment because your religious beliefs conflicted with the employer's dress code? If so, you may have experienced discrimination!

MCHR investigates claims of discrimination and will litigate those complaints if it finds probable cause to believe discrimination occurred. Anyone wishing to assert their rights under the Missouri Human Rights Act must file a complaint with MCHR within 180 days of the most recent alleged act of discrimination. MCHR has a work sharing agreement with EEOC and HUD, and complaints filed with MCHR are dually filed with those federal agencies.

MCHR also strives to develop, recommend, and implement ways to prevent and eliminate discrimination before it occurs. The Missouri Commission on Human Rights Training Institute offers training and

education about discrimination in the workplace, places of public accommodations and housing so that Missourians better understand their rights and obligations under the Missouri Human Rights Act. MCHR has trained over 45,000 people on topics such as Diversity, Disability Awareness, Sexual Harassment Prevention, and many more. These training programs assist employers, businesses, housing providers and individuals to work together to create an environment free of discrimination.

Representatives of MCHR will present a complimentary training module to the Bellefontaine Neighbors HRC about the Missouri Human Rights Act and complaint process in September. The goal of the training is to equip the HRC with the knowledge necessary to help residents recognize potential acts of discrimination and how to assert their rights under the law. MCHR will also present the topic of fair housing law at the Diversity Meeting on October 8 at 7:00 PM.

Each year, MCHR hosts an Annual Human Rights Conference to celebrate International Human Rights Day. This year, the conference will take place in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 6, 2015, and is open to anyone interested in learning more about human rights. The cost is \$25 which includes breakfast and lunch.

If you would like more information about our agency, wish to file a complaint of discrimination or would like to schedule a training course, contact MCHR at:

**Missouri Commission on Human Rights**  
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# City Of BN Church & Not-For-Profit Activities

**Bellefontaine Baptist Church**  
1410 Kilgore Drive  
868-6880

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 at Noon.  
Call for reservations.

**Bellefontaine United Methodist Church**  
10600 Bellefontaine Road  
867-0800

Classic Worship-Sundays-10:30 AM  
Modern Service, Sundays-10:30 AM  
Sunday School - Sundays - 9:30 AM

Project Hope Food Pantry  
Tuesdays, 8:30 - 11:30 AM

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

**Faith In Hope Ministries**  
9308 Lewis & Clark Blvd.  
388-4700

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

**Grace New Covenant Church**  
1060 Chambers Road  
867-2782

Food Pantry 3rd & 4th Saturdays,  
9 to 11:30 AM

Every 1st Wednesday, 6 PM  
Free supper followed by Bible  
Study for all ages

**One Way Missionary Baptist Church**  
10117 Lewis & Clark Blvd.

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

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

Mass - Saturdays - 5 PM  
Sundays - 8 & 10:30 AM  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8 AM  
Tuesdays & Thursdays - 6:30 AM

**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.

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

**Tribe of Judah Church**  
10229 Lewis & Clark  
388-5742

Worship - Sundays - 10:30 AM

**True Redemption Center**  
1229 Shepley Drive  
868-3082

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

**Fort Bellefontaine Memorial American Legion Post 335**

4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM  
at Knights of Columbus Hall,  
800 E. Chambers Road. For mem-  
bership info call (314) 600-3372

**Knights of Columbus**  
800 E. Chambers Road  
867-9727

Bingo 2nd & 4th Sundays  
doors open at 11 AM  
games start at 1 PM



## City Of BN Student Wins Scholarship

Audrey Corbin received a \$1,000 scholarship given by the Florissant Valley Jaycees on Wednesday July 22nd. Audrey has earned her two service awards. She has also received her Girl Scout Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards through Girl

Scouts of Eastern Missouri. Last summer Audrey was

chosen to attend Grammy Camp, that engages students in the technical aspects of creating, performing and recording, and music technologies.

Audrey graduated from Incarnate Word Academy in May with 13 years perfect attendance. She will be attending the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX, majoring in Music Industries.



## Bellefontaine Baptist Hosts "Give-Aways"

Pastor Kerry and members of Bellefontaine Baptist Church at 1410 Kilgore have been hosting an event to help local people in need. Church members clean out closets, basements and garages and host a "Give-Away," when they have enough items to fill the church basement. Everything is free.

If you have usable items to donate, call the church and arrange a time to drop them off. What a wonderful way to help the community at no cost to anyone!

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# 2014 Home Beautification Winners

## Ward 1



**The Haynes Home**  
1122 Chambers Road



**The Johnson Home**  
9850 Colony Drive

## Ward 2



**The Simril Home**  
10430 Coburg Lands Drive



**The Davidson Home**  
10159 Jepson Drive

## Ward 3



**The King Monroe Home**  
1512 Ballard Drive



**The Jones Home**  
1518 Haviland Drive

## Ward 4



**The Poe Home**  
1038 Donnell Drive



**The Owens Home**  
937 Fontaine Drive



# 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 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  
 & the 3rd Wednesday at 1 PM  
 Human Relations Commission - Upon Request

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

## City Hall Holidays

Labor Day, Monday, September 7  
 Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11

## Waste Management Holidays

Labor Day, Monday, September 7  
 Service will be delayed by 1 day all week.

## Day Light Savings Time Ends

at 2 AM on Sunday November 1  
 Turn clocks back one hour.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The new number to call in a Non-emergency event to the Police Department, effective immediately is **636-529-8210**. This is not a long distance call. Please put this number near your phone and use it to call in suspicious activity, persons or vehicles. Calls reporting suspicious activity can help reduce crime. Do your part and make our streets safer.

**Police Emergency**  
**911**  
**Non-Emergency**  
**636-529-8210**

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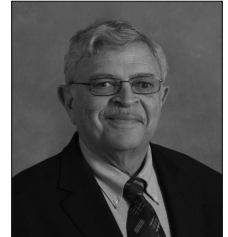


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Ward  
**1**



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**4**