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From The Office Of The Mayor



The November issue of the Bellefontaine News is being delivered early so we can get you information about issues on the November 3, 2009 ballot. There will be three propositions for voters to decide: A Bond Issue (Proposition R) for the Riverview Gardens School District, The Prohibition of Smoking (Proposition N) in St. Louis County

and a Bond Issue for Emergency Communications (Proposition E-911) for St. Louis County.

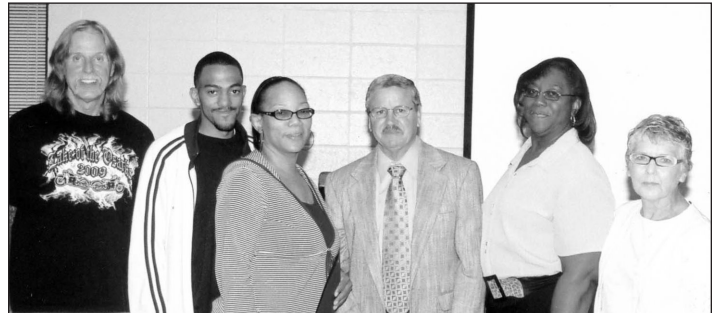
Proposition E-911 is of special importance to our city. If the proposition fails, the City of BN will be forced to finance a new communications system and replace all of our police radios by the year 2012. Please read the information about Proposition E-911 on page 3.

Crews are working on replacing failed concrete slabs and preparing the streets for new asphalt. See page 8 for more information. We expect Phase 2 to get started in March of 2010 and the Shepley Bridge Project is scheduled for Summer, 2010.

AmerenUE has completed Phase 1 of the underground cable program. Phase 2 is estimated to be completed in December, 2009. We hope to see more work scheduled for 2010.

Through a contract with Insituform Technologies, MSD is spending \$4.5 million to rehabilitate over 64,000 feet of sewers in and around The City of BN. The work is about 50% done and is slated to be completed in January 2010. The method that is being used is

called "cured in place pipe," where a resin-saturated felt tube made of polyester is pulled through the damaged sewer pipe. Little to no digging is involved in this process, minimizing the inconvenience for residents. Watch for flyers and lawn signs alerting you to when this work will be done in your neighborhood. If you have questions, call MSD at (314) 768-6260.



Congratulations to our 2009 Home Beautification Award Winners! Pictured above are: Gary Mulligan (Ward 2), Antonio and Danielle Johnson (Ward 3), Alice Buford (Ward 4) and Shirley Stevens (Ward 4).

Alderman John Puzniak resigned on October 1, 2009, after serving more than 18 years as Alderman of Ward 2. John served on the Park Board, Budget Committee, Master Plan Committee, Long Range Strategic Plan Committee and served as President of the Board.

John made a major contribution to the City of BN and he will be missed. We wish him the best.



Marty Rudloff

***For Important Information about Proposition E-911
on the November 3 ballot, see pages 3 & 4.***

Issues On The November 3, 2009 Ballot

ST. LOUIS COUNTY - **PROPOSITION E-911** SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED

Shall St. Louis County establish an emergency communications system fund to establish, operate and maintain an emergency communications system and for which St. Louis County shall levy a sales tax of one-tenth of one percent, to be paid into the fund for that purpose?

YES or NO

ST. LOUIS COUNTY - **PROPOSITION N** SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED

Shall the Revised Ordinances of St. Louis County be amended by enacting and adding thereto a prohibition of smoking in enclosed public places in St. Louis County, all as set forth in Exhibit A of Ordinance No. 24,105 on file with the St. Louis County Administrative Director and the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners?

YES or NO

RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT, **PROPOSITION R**

FOUR-SEVENTHS MAJORITY REQUIRED

Shall the Board of Education of the School District of Riverview Gardens, St. Louis County, Missouri borrow money in the amount of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, expanding, improving, furnishing and equipping school sites, buildings and related facilities for school purposes and issue general obligation bonds for the payment thereof, resulting in an estimated increase to the debt service property tax levy of \$-0- per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the school district is estimated to remain unchanged from the current debt service levy of \$1.01 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation of real and personal property.

YES or NO

Polls Will Be Open 6 AM To 7 PM

If you are unable to get to the polls on November 3, you can cast an absentee ballot. Request forms for absentee ballots are available at City Hall or on the internet at: www.stlco.com/Elections/absentee/absenteeapplication.pdf

If you are out of town on Election Day, you will need your absentee ballot notarized. City Hall and most banks will notarize the ballots for free. If you are unable to get to the polls due to physical limitations or illness, a notary is not necessary.

Absentee ballot requests must be in the election office by 5 PM on Wed, October 28 to be accepted.

Voters may also vote in person at the Election Board,

12 Sunnen Drive, Maplewood, MO 63143, during regular business hours from September 22 to November 2, and on Saturday, October 31 from 9 AM to 1 PM. You can contact the Election Board at 615-1833.

Transportation to the polls is available through the Recreation Center, Senior Bus Service. Please call 867-0700 in advance to schedule a ride to the polls.

Please remember to check your voter notification Cards for locations of polling places.

In order to vote in the November election, residents have to be registered before October 7, 2009. Residents may stop by City Hall, any school or public library to register for future elections.

Filing For Municipal Election, April 6, 2009

Residents who are interested in filing for the office of Alderman, City of BN, may file as candidates beginning Tuesday, December 15, 2009 through Tuesday, January 20, 2010 between the hours of 8 AM to 5 PM. One seat is up for election in each ward. Candidate qualifications: 21 years old, US citizen, an inhabitant and resident of the city for at least one year preceding his/her election, and a resident, at the time he/she files and during the time he/she serves, of the ward from which he/she is elected. Your position on the ballot will be determined by a lottery on the first day and as you file after the first day. For information call the City Clerk at 867-0076.

The Riverview Gardens School District and Hazelwood School District will have positions on the ballot, also. For information on these positions, please call the school districts. Other entities, such as the St. Louis Junior College District may also be on the ballot. For information about what entities will be on the ballot, contact the entities or the election board at 615-1919 or on the web at www.stlouisco.com/elections/

Proposition E-911

The Federal Communications Commission has issued new requirements for Fire Departments and Police Departments for the year 2012. As a result of the new requirements, county-wide Proposition E-911 will be on the November 3, 2009 ballot.

There are 66 police departments and 43 fire agencies in the St. Louis County. Each entity could invest taxpayer dollars in new radios, but these systems would still be incompatible, they still would not be able to trace emergency cell phone calls and the county siren system would still be unreliable. The Emergency Communications Commission has indicated that by working county wide, the result would be a cost-effective system that is fully compatible, facilitating the coordination of mutual aid and emergency services in times of need, such as major disasters.

Here is what proposition E-911 will provide:

- **Up-to-date 911 technology** so that individuals placing emergency phone calls from their cell phones can be located quickly and reliably.
- **Replacement of outdated radio systems** that police, firefighters and paramedics rely on to protect all St. Louis County citizens - those living in municipa-

lities and unincorporated St. Louis County.

- **A shared set of frequencies** so that in times of emergency they can better coordinate lifesaving services through a compatible system.
- **Compliance with federal requirements** that all public safety communications improve their radio frequencies in 2012.
- **An improved emergency siren system** that will improve coverage and performance so that the sirens protect all of St. Louis County.

Proposition E-911 will generate \$16 million annually. These funds would be used to pay off a \$100 million bond issue for system capital costs, plus provide funds for ongoing operations, maintenance and reserves. According to the Emergency Communications Commission's analysis, working countywide will enable these improvements to be made more cost-effectively than if each public entity worked alone to meet the FCC's new requirements.

Proposition E-911 is a one tenth (1/10th) of a cent sales tax that would add one dime to a \$100.00 purchase or one cent on a ten dollar purchase. This is a small price to pay for better communications.

Mayor And Board of Aldermen Endorse Proposition E-911

The Board of Aldermen passed Resolution 2009-3 endorsing Proposition E-911 on September 3, 2009. The Resolution reads (in part):
"NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BELLE-FONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors does hereby support a modest sales tax increase of 1/10 of 1 percent, equating to a dime on each \$100 purchase, in order to improve all aspects

of the emergency communications system serving all agencies in the St. Louis County in order to enhance the safety, response time, and coordination of our first responders and shield our citizens when in harms way and urges Bellefontaine Neighbors residents and St. Louis County voters generally to educate themselves on the issue and vote in favor of Proposition E-911 on November 3, 2009."

The ordinance passed unanimously. For more information on Prop. E-911 check out: www.PropE911.org.



Chief Pruett & Chief Bommarito

Robert Pruett, Chief of the City of BN Police Department and Joe Bommarito, Chief of the Riverview Fire Protection District are both in support of Proposition E-911 to improve emergency communications countywide. This countywide one-tenth of one cent sales tax will not only enable first responders (police, fire, EMS, ambulances, MoDot, etc.) to reliably communicate with each other, but will also bring 911 cell phone technology and county sirens up to current standards. Better communication means faster response times and more effective coordination of emergency services which saves lives. Please take time to study this issue and vote in your best interest.

Recycling Carts



Through a grant from St. Louis County, The City of BN will begin delivering 65 gallon recycling bins to homes during the first week of December. The bins will be green with yellow lids and are to be used only for the purpose of recycling.

With the expanded list of recycling materials, residents are finding their trash dwindling and their

recycling bins fuller. Residents can now recycle almost all plastics, metals, glass and paper, in fact, with the new lists of recyclable material, 70% of your trash can be recycled. By reducing our trash and increasing recycling, we are saving natural resources, energy, clean air and water, landfill space and money.

As always, the recycling bins should be put out on your regular day for trash service along with your trash and yard waste. Please place all bins at the street with the back or handle part of the cart away from the street so the automatic arm can pick up the cart.

When the recycling programs started, they were very limited on what they could take. Milk jugs, tin cans and newspaper were about it and they had to be separated at the curb. Now the list of recyclable materials has grown. Most plastic bottles and containers, clean aluminum cans, trays and foil, steel cans and tins, glass and all types of paper including cake boxes, frozen food boxes and even junk mail can be put in the recycling bin and they do not have to be separated.

Check out the list and try recycling. It's good for the planet and your wallet!

If you have a question on what can be recycled, please call Waste Management at 506-4700.

Recycling Guide

Plastics - Check the bottom of plastic bottles and containers for a small triangle with a number in it. Items with numbers from 1 to 5 and 7 are recyclable. Please rinse out all food or products and remove the label if possible. These items include plastic bottles, plastic milk and juice jugs, detergent and fabric softener containers, health/beauty aids, household cleaner containers, margarine tubs, frozen dessert cups, 6 pack rings, yogurt cups, narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles, and plastic buckets under 5 gallons.



Metals - include rinsed aluminum cans, trays, foil, steel cans and tins.

Glass - Clear, brown and green glass.

Paper - includes all paper, newspaper including inserts (remove plastic sleeves), cardboard, kraft, brown paper bags, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, paperback books, junk mail and envelopes, office and computer paper, notebook paper, gift wrap, cereal, cake, food mix boxes, frozen food boxes, kleenex boxes, bath tissue rolls, gift boxes, carrier stock, or soda and beer can carrying cases.

The list of items that **cannot** be recycled

is much shorter. These items include items with a triangle with a number 6 and includes egg cartons, foam trays, protective packaging. Do not recycle containers that were used for poison or engine oil. No window glass, dinnerware or ceramics. No plastic grocery bags. Waxed cardboard (fruit boxes) not accepted.



Returning Unwanted Recycling Carts Or Totes

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of BN encourage you to recycle. If you would like to return the smaller, old recycling bins or you decide you don't want the new recycling cart and would rather use the old bin, you can return either or both of them.

If you do not want the new recycling cart delivered to , please call City Hall at 867-0067 before Nov. 25.

To return bins or carts, please leave them at the curb,

turned upside down, on your regular trash day during the week of December 7th to the 10th.

Recycling the recycling bins is a good idea and will give someone else the chance to recycle. If you miss this round of collection, it will be offered again in the Spring. Please give recycling a try before returning the bins or declining the cart.

There is not a discount if you turn in the bin or cart.

Letters Of Commendation From The Chief



Det. Shawn Applegate

Det. Shawn Applegate assumed the additional work load of Grant - Writer for the Police Department. To date, he has written three grants: **COPS Universal Hiring Grant** to hire four (4) new police officers at no cost to the city for three (3) years in the amount

of \$661,824.00. We are currently on a waiting list for these funds. **A Byrnes Law Enforcement Block Grant** in the amount of \$36,000.00 to purchase and equip a marked police vehicle at no cost to the city. Most recently Det. Applegate wrote a **Local Law Enforcement Block Grant** to purchase safety equipment for officers during civil unrest. This grant totaled \$12,436.00 with 72% or \$9,000 paid by the Federal/ State Share and 28% or \$3,426 paid by the city.



P.O. Jeremy Johnson

In August of 2009 officers responded to a call for an Assault with a Weapon, believed to be a handgun, in the 1100 block of St. Cyr Rd. near Danforth School.

The officers initial investigation provided contacts and leads, some of which lead to the Riverview Gardens High School. Officer Jeremy Johnson, who is assigned as the School Resource Officer, was made aware of the incident and was provided the initial investigative information. Officer Johnson was able to gather leads from various contacts. P.O. Johnson identified and detained a possible suspect. Working with a Family Court investigator, the suspect was interrogated and the juvenile suspect was charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Assault 3rd, and Peace Disturbance. The weapon, a starter pistol, was recovered.



Cpl. Peggy Vassallo

As a result of numerous resident complaints Cpl. Peggy Vassallo began speaking with the mother of a young man about her son receiving a mental evaluation and treatment. With the cooperation of the mother, an affidavit request-

ing a mental evaluation was completed. Without receiving the complete evaluations, the young man was released. Within 3 hours of his release, the Police Department was called and the young man was arrested for an indecent act. Using her (CIT) Crisis Intervention Training, Cpl. Vassallo called numerous resources to obtain help. Her due diligence paid off with the young man being placed in a mental health facility where he will receive long term care, and allows the neighborhood residents to live in a much more peaceful community.

Lt. Thomas Sheehan Cpl. Timothy Sanders Det. Shawn Applegate P.O. Dane Kaltenbach Cpl. Jason Hagan



Left to right: Det. Tom Sheehan, P.O. Timothy Sanders, Det. Shawn Applegate, P.O. Kaltenbach and P. O. Hagan.

In September of 2009 Officer Dane Kaltenbach and Corporal Jason Hagan responded to a call for a shooting in the 10100 block of Ashbrook. The officers conducted the initial investigation, gathered physical evidence, information and witnesses that built a profile of the suspect.

Lt. Thomas Sheehan and Det. Shawn Applegate, assigned to the Bureau of Investigation, gathered additional information that ultimately lead to the suspect vehicle. Utilizing the vehicle information, the Detectives identified a possible suspect. The detectives showed the witnesses and victim a photo line-up of the vehicle and suspect. The vehicle and suspect were positively identified and a wanted was entered.

Cpl. Timothy Sanders observed the suspect vehicle parked in front of the suspect's home and immediately requested the assistance of members of the "B" Platoon. The suspect was arrested without incident. The arrest culminated in felony warrants being issued on the suspect for Assault 1st Degree and Armed Criminal Action with a cash only bond of \$100,000.

Holiday Events

For information about the events listed, Please call the number listed for the Church.



Bellefontaine Baptist Church
10115 Ashbrook Drive
868-6880

Adult Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 20 - 10:45 AM
"The Love Of God At Christmas"

Christmas Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 20 - 5 PM

Silver Circle (Senior Adult Group)
Meets 2nd Friday of each month
12 Noon
Minimal charge for meal & activity

5th Sunday Hymn
Every 5th Sunday
Call church for time and details



Bellefontaine Methodist Church
10600 Bellefontaine Road
867-0800

Fish Fry - 1st and 3rd Fridays 4:30 to 6:30 PM - November 6 & 20, December 4 & 18, January 15, February 6 & 19. Fried & baked fish, chicken nuggets available.

The Coffee House
Women's Bible Study Group
1st & 3rd Thursdays
Fellowship 6:30 PM, Study at 7 PM

Fun With the Bible Study Group
Every Monday - 6:30 PM.

Movie & Game Day Saturday,
November 21, Noon to 4 PM.
Watch a movie, play board games & Lunch. All ages, by reservation only. Free - donations accepted.

Special Christmas Carol Service
Sunday, December 13, 10:30 AM

Bellefontaine Methodist (cont.)

Drop & Shop - Saturday, December 12 - 9 AM to 3 PM. Drop off the kids and get ready for the Holidays. Lunch, games, activities and crafts. Reservation required. Free. Donations accepted.

Christmas Eve Worship Service
Thursday, December 24 - 7:30 PM



Covenant Community Church
1351 Shepley Drive
869-4367

Bar-B-Que & Christmas Store
Saturday, Dec. 5 - 11 AM to 6 PM

Children's Christmas Musical
"Christmas Hang Ups"
Saturday, December 12 - 7 PM
Sunday, December 13 - 6 PM

Christmas Candlelight Service
Thursday, December 24 - 10 PM



**Frieden's United Church
Of Christ**
1060 Chambers Road
867-2782

Carol and Candlelight
Christmas Eve service, Thursday,
December 24 - 7 PM



Grace Chapel Lutheran Church
10015 Lance Drive
868-3232

Thanksgiving Services
Wednesday, November 25 - 7 PM
Thursday, November 26 - 9:30 AM

Thanksgiving Day Pancake &
Sausage Breakfast, 8 to 9 AM
Free Will Offering

Grace Chapel (cont.)

Advent Services
Wednesday, Dec. 2 - 2 & 7 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 9 - 2 & 7 PM

Grace School Children's Service
Wednesday, Dec. 15, - 2 & 7 PM

Lutheran High School North
Choir and Strings Concert
Friday, December 11 - 7 PM

Sunday School Children's Service
Sunday, December 20 - 5 PM

Christmas Eve Family Service
Thursday, December 24 - 5 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Thursday, December 24 - 11 PM

Christmas Day Service
Friday, December 25 - 5 PM

New Year's Eve Service
Thursday, December 21 - 7 PM



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

Fish Fry - 3:30 to 6:30 PM
Friday, November 13
Friday, January 8
Wednesday, February 17
Friday, February 26

Christmas Eve Mass - 4 PM
Midnight Mass - 12 Midnight
Thursday, December 24

Christmas Day Mass - Friday,
December 25 - 8 & 10:30 AM

New Years Day Mass
Friday, January 1 - 9 AM

Trivia Night, Saturday, January 30
7 PM - \$120 per table
For reservations, call 869-6371

Holiday Events (continued)



Knights of Columbus
800 East Chambers Road
867-9727

Indoor Turkey/Meat Shoot
November 1, December 6, January 3 and February 7. Doors open at Noon. Shoot begins at 1 PM.

Bingo - 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month. October 25, November 8 & 22, December 13, January 10 & 17, February 14 & 28.
1 - 4 PM. Doors Open at Noon.

Trivia Night, Saturday, Nov. 7th
Doors open at 6:30 PM, Trivia starts at 7 PM - Table of 8 - \$120
Call 869-3609 for reservations.

"A Soldiers Wish List" - Saturday, December 5 - 9 AM till complete.
Volunteers needed to pack gifts to send overseas to troops around the world. Call 867-9729 to volunteer.



Trinity High School
1720 Redman Ave
St. Louis MO 63138
741-1333

Trivia Night - Saturday, November 14 - 7 PM, \$120 per table

Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 13 - 7 PM - Free

"Beauty and The Beast"
Friday, Saturday & Sunday, February 5, 6 & 7 - Tickets & times available in January. Call 741-1333 for more information.



Many thanks to the Boy Scouts from Troop 229 of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church who have delivered The Bellefontaine News since it was started in 1997 for a nominal fee. Troop 229 has been dependable and a pleasure to work with the past 11 years.



Boy Scout Tree Lots

Boy Scout Troop 551, Grace Chapel 10015 Lance Dr. (Corner of Chambers Road and Highway 367) will have a Christmas Tree Lot. The lot will open on Friday, November 27. (Day after Thanksgiving) The lot will be open 9 AM to 9 PM on the weekends and 5 PM to 9 PM on weekdays. Balsam, Frasier and Scotch Pines available. Proceeds support Scouting at Grace.



Boy Scout Troop 374, Frieden's Chapel, 1060 Chambers Road will have a Christmas Tree Lot. The lot will open Saturday afternoon, November 28 (2 days after Thanksgiving) 9 AM to 8:30 PM on weekends and 5 PM to 9 PM on weekdays. The later date helps to ensure a fresher tree. Balsam, White Pine and Scotch Pines available. Proceeds support Scouting at Frieden's.



Scouting For Food 2009

Bellefontaine Neighbors Scout Troops will join with other troops from the St. Louis Area, and the Nation, to collect non-perishable can foods for area food pantries. Bags will be dropped off at homes on Saturday, November 14, 2009. Scouts will return on Saturday, November 21 to pick up the bags with non-perishable canned foods. **Scouting for Food is asking for canned goods only.** Please be generous and help the Scouts help others in need. We have listed items that would make the perfect bag of food. Be generous this holiday season and help others.

The perfect bag of canned goods would include:

- 2 cans of hearty soup, stew or chili
- 2 cans of tuna, chicken, salmon or luncheon meat
- 1 can fruit
- 1 can of 100% pure fruit juice
- 1 can of vegetables
- 1 can of tomato or pasta sauce
- 1 canned meal
- 1 can beans
- 1 can of evaporated milk

Youth In Government 2010

Youth in Government Night is an annual event in the City of BN. On this night, City Officials are replaced by students in the community and hold a mock meeting. The next Youth in Government night will be held on Thursday evening, April 1, 2010.

Our honorary officials will meet several times to choose their topics and practice parliamentary procedures. We will need (13) young adults (9th grade

and older) to represent the Mayor, City Clerk, Chief of Police, City Attorney, Aldermen and City Collector.

This would look really good on your resume! This event is open to the public, as are the regular Board of Aldermen meetings.

If you are interested in serving as an honorary official, call your alderman or stop by City Hall.

Snow Removal And Snow Routes

Mike Welz

Public Works Director



In December of 2008, The Board of Aldermen established "Snow Routes" to insure 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 narrow, heavily traveled or steep and have been posted with "No Parking On Snow Days" signs when there is a prediction of two (2) inches or more and an emergency has been declared.

Your vehicle could be towed at your expense and you could be fined for parking on designated snow routes.

Keep in mind that the snow plows are 9 feet wide and need room to navigate and clean your streets. When vehicles are parked in the street, the city's ability to remove accumulated snow and ice is limited.

You can help even if you don't live along a snow route and your benefit will be cleaner, easier to navigate streets. Park your vehicles in your driveway whenever possible. If you don't have a vehicle, offer your driveway to a neighbor who has too many vehicles for their driveway. It makes your home look "lived-in" and it makes snow removal easier, too.

Street Repairs - 2009

Construction crews began work on our streets early in October. The first order of business was to remove the sections of concrete that had failed over the years. In some places, small areas at the curb were replaced and in other area whole sections of the street were replaced. Some streets require mud-jacking.

After the concrete is replaced, crews will mill down the old asphalt and put a new asphalt layer over the concrete streets.

Work is expected to continue as weather permits.

The Phase 2 work should begin next spring and take four to five months to complete. The Shepley Road Bridge Project should begin next summer when school is not in session.

Please drive carefully in construction areas.



A Message From Chief Bommarito



With the winter months approaching, I would like everyone to remember now is the time to have your furnace checked out to ensure proper operation. Changing the furnace filter regularly as well as a furnace in good running order will operate more fuel efficiently, which relates to a savings on your fuel bill.

Please remember, as you prepare to decorate your house for the Christmas Season, if you must use extension cords use only a cord that is rated for exterior use. Not all extension cords are rated for exterior usage and using the improper extension cord can

cause a fire. Also, remember that our electrical circuits are only rated to carry a designated load. If you overload a circuit you can blow a fuse or trip a circuit breaker. This can also be dangerous to the wiring in your home.

Don't forget to check your smoke detector batteries regularly and change the batteries at least every six months. Remember the quote "Change Your Clock, Change Your Smoke Detector Battery". (November 1 is when Daylight Savings Time ends.) If you need help changing your batteries please call the fire house (867-3889) and someone will come by to assist you.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

City Clerk's Report

Deni Donovan



We're into the Fall season now, so there are a lot of activities going on in BN, such as the Hayride October 30th; various Casino trips; Bunco; Christmas decoration contest and lots of other fun stuff for adults as

well as children. Before it gets too cold, now is the time to make home repairs and beautify your yard.

Please be aware of how your home looks, whether you need to trim some bushes or rake up your leaves. The way our community looks to others reflects how we feel about where we live.

The Board of Aldermen meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (No meeting on December 17.) Please become involved and make it a point to attend a meeting every now and then.

How Did Your Alderman Vote?

Bill #	Date	Description	Paro (w-1)	Migliazzo (w-1)	Puzniak (w-2)	Merz (w-2)	Roth (w-3)	Jordan (w-3)	Smith (w-4)	Hollis (w-4)	Pass or Fail	Ordinance Number
2193	08/20/09	Establish 2009 Annual Property Tax Rate	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2114
2194	08/20/09	Authorize Mayor to Enter into Contract for Street Repairs with Sherrell Construction	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2115

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

Fall 2009 Household Chemical Collection

St. Louis County will host the Fall 2009 Household Chemical Collection Event on Saturday, November 21 at the Florissant Valley Community College, 3400 Pershall Rd, Ferguson, MO 63135 from 8 AM to 3 PM.

Acceptable Materials: Paints, stains, varnishes, pesticides, poisons, gasoline and other fuels, solvents and strippers, aerosols, motor oil and filters, gas cylinders (BBQ Pit size or smaller), fluorescent tubes, rechargeable batteries, antifreeze, brake and transmission fluid, pool chemicals and other acids and bases, car batteries, wood preservatives, driveway sealant, and items containing mercury (such as thermometers, thermostats and mercuric salts).

Unacceptable Items: Explosives, ammunition, radioactive waste, smoke detectors, medical waste, household trash, tires, electronics and other bulky items.

Materials from businesses and from commercial, not -for-profit governmental organizations are prohibited.

Directions: Enter the Florissant Valley Community Campus from Pershall Road, just east of I-270 and Elizabeth Avenue. Follow signs to the drop-off location.



For more information on this event, call the St. Louis County Department of Health Solid Waste Management Program at (314) 615-4130.

Do You Need Help With Utility Bills?

Do you need help with utility bills, help to find a food pantry, help for a child with a learning disability, transportation, counseling, help with day care, temporary shelter, help getting out of an abusive home or do you want to volunteer to help other people?

The United Way and Missouri Foundation for Health information referral service is confidential and gives you referrals on where you can reach a trained, caring professionals 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Get Connected, Get Answers

Call 2-1-1

If 2-1-1 is not active with your phone provider, call (314) 421-4636 or 1-800-427-4626 or check out: www.211missouri.org

New Playground Equipment at St. Cyr & Bissell Parks



While workers were pouring concrete for our streets, city workers were busy pouring a foundation for new playground equipment at St. Cyr and Bissell Parks. Old playground equipment, that didn't meet new National Safety Standards, was removed and the new equipment was installed on a concrete base that will be covered with 4 inch thick rubberized padding. This project was paid for by a grant from the Municipal Park Grant Commission and the City of BN. Most of the city's part of the cost was covered by labor. Thanks to Mark Dickerson for his work in submitting the grant for \$123,000.

NO MORE Trash!

Help us work forward a litter-free state.

creates an ugly and disheartening environment.

No MORE Trash!

In April, Missourians picked up 111,134 bags of trash - plus numerous items too large to fit into bags - as part of the annual

The Missouri Department of Transportation spends \$5.8 million annually to clean litter from Missouri highways, money that would be better spent improving Missouri roads. Adopt-A-Highway volunteers provide another \$1 million worth of litter pickup, and Missouri Stream Teams pick up tons of trash from rivers and streams every year. Litter is a serious problem in Missouri, and we need your help to keep our state clean and our habitats healthy.

NO MORE Trash! Bash. It was an amazing citizen effort. However, litter is a year-round problem and the success of the No MORE Trash! depends most on citizens' everyday choices and volunteer clean-up groups.

The No MORE Trash! Campaign is a litter-prevention partnership of the Missouri Departments of Conservation and Transportation and thousands of volunteers. Litter poses health risks, harms water quality, and wildlife habitat, is associated with increased crime,

You can pitch in by setting a good example by not littering and by discouraging others from littering. You can also conduct a cleanup or education program to educate about the damage caused by littering or become an Adopt-A-Highway or Stream Team Volunteer. To learn more about the NO MORE Trash! Program, visit www.nomoretrash.org or call, toll free, 1-888-ASK MODOT (275-6036)

Please Do Not Rake Leaves Into The Streets



The Public Works Department reminds you not to rake leaves into the streets. Leaves, twigs and trash can clog our storm water sewer systems and the back-up could be in your basement.

Raking leaves into low spots in your yard or piling them around trees can attract unwanted critters and rodents.

Waste Management will pick up yard waste year round, and it is included in your trash bill.

Yard waste (grass, leaves, twigs, vines, shrub and tree trimmings and small tree branches) should be put out on your regular trash day in yard waste bags or cans. Large branches should be put out, cut end facing the curb. Call The City of BN at 867-0076 for pick up.

From The Editor, Shirley Paro



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AARP Mature Driver Safety Class

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will sponsor a Mature Driver Safety Class on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 from 1 PM to 5 PM (in the afternoon). Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members.

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older and has helped millions of drivers remain safe on today's roads. You can expect to learn about current rules of the road, how to operate your vehicle

more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment and some adjustments to common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time.

Upon completing the AARP Driver Safety Program Classroom Course, you will receive a course completion certificate. Depending on the state where you live and your insurance company's policies, you may be eligible for an automobile insurance premium reduction or discount. Please consult with your insurance company or agent for further details.

Eagle Award Presented to Christopher Muckle



Both Missouri State Representative Gina Walsh and City of BN Alderman Tony Migliazzo were on hand on Sunday, August 30, at Chaminade College Preparatory School, to offer proclamations to Christopher Muckle. Christopher is a BN resident and member of Scout Troop 551, sponsored by Grace Chapel Lutheran Church. Gina's Proclamations were on behalf of the MO House of Representatives and the MO Senate (on behalf of Missouri Senator Tim Green). Tony presented Chris a plaque on behalf of the City of BN.

Chris did his Eagle Project at Chaminade, where he is currently a senior. His project was a flower garden along the walkway that connects the chapel to the main buildings of the school. The design of his project coordinated the area with the existing landscape.

Eagle Watch - January 26, 2010

Spend a day at Fort Belle Fontaine Park observing the Eagles On Saturday, January 26, 2010 from 11 AM to 2 PM. A live Eagle and other birds of prey from the World Bird Sanctuary will be on site from Noon to 2 PM. Visitors are encouraged individually to walk or bike along the three mile trail that takes you through the newly restored upland prairie and wetlands, past Cold Water Creek and the river. Guided walks along the trail will be lead by qualified historians at 11 AM and 1 PM or when groups form. Refreshments will be served. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars. Call 314-821-1209, ext. 14 for more information. The park is located three (3) miles North of I-270 on Bellefontaine Road. The event is free.



New Business Weaver & Associates Counseling Services, Inc.

Weaver & Associates Counseling Services, Inc.
Sherman Weaver
314-867-4000

Weaver & Associates Counseling Services offers counseling services for youth, individuals, couples and families. We welcome Weaver & Assoc. to our city.



Lock It & Pocket The Key

The BNPd reminds us not to leave our keys in the car or leave the car running while running into the house or gas station to pay for gas. In seconds your vehicle could be gone and the insurance company might not pay for it if you left the keys in it. Please take the time to sit in your vehicle while it is warming up and take the keys with you.

All City Meetings Are Open To The Public

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

Board of Aldermen - 1st and 3rd Thursdays 7:30 PM

Planning and Zoning Board - 1st Monday 7:00 PM

Public Safety Commission - 4th Thursday 6:30 PM

Neighborhood Watch - 1st Wednesday 7:00 PM

Youth Commission - 3rd Monday 7:30 PM

Image and Beautification Board - 2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM

Parks and Recreation Board - 3rd Tuesday 7:30 PM

Board of Adjustment - upon request

Municipal Court - 2nd Wednesday and 4th Tuesday - 6:30 PM

Human Relations Commission - Upon Request

Notice: Volunteers are needed for the Public Safety Commission, Youth Commission, Image & Beautification Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission. If you are interested in serving on one of these boards, please call the city clerk at 867-0076.

City Hall Holidays

Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26

Day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 27

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 (Close at Noon)

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

New Years Eve, December 31 (Close at noon)

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1

Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 18

President's Day, Monday, February 15

Waste Management Holidays

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26

(Thursday's trash will be picked up on Friday and Friday's

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Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1

(For both Christmas and New Year's Day,
trash will be picked up on Saturday)

The Image and Beautification Board will be judging homes for the 2009 Home Holiday Decorating Awards in the third week in December. Keep the lights on so your house can be judged.

November 1, 2009 - Day Light Savings Time ends.
(Set clocks back 1 hour)



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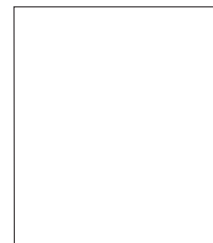
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