

Bellefontaine News

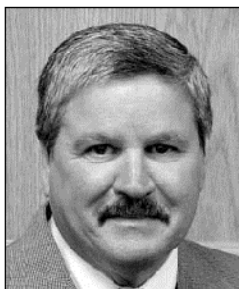
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From The Office Of The Mayor

This issue of the Bellefontaine News is bursting with good news! First, I want to congratulate Chief Pruett and the Police Department for being the first in the State to be certified by the Missouri Police Chief's Charitable Foundation. This is a

testimony to the professionalism of our police department. At the same time, police officers, Corporal Peggy Vassallo and Sergeant Jeremy Ihler were presented with letters of commendation. (See page 3)

Recreation Center Director, Mark Dickerson announced Bissell Park and St. Cyr Park will have new playground equipment through a \$123,000 grant from The Municipal Park Grant Commission. Aquatics Supervisor, Martha Sneed earned the City a Lifesaver Community Award from the Red Cross. Recreation Supervisor, Amy Mulholland was recognized by The National Junior Tennis League for her efforts to get youth involved in tennis. (See page 4 & 5)

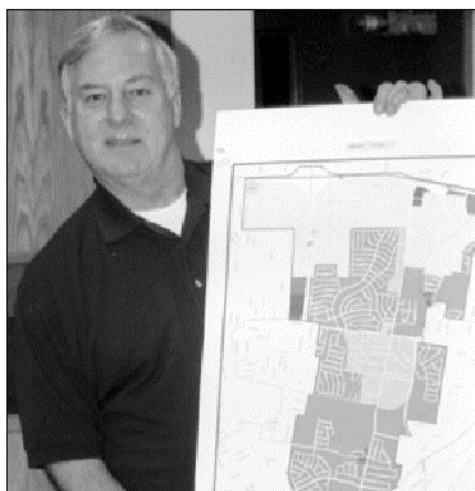
Repairs will be made on the Shepley Road bridge this summer with a grant from the East West Gateway Coordinating Council's Bridge Replacement Program. This grant will pay for 80% of the repairs or about \$464,300. (See page 5)

Thanks to Planning and Zoning Chairman Robert J. Doerr, for his

efforts working with St. Louis County. We have a new zoning map that was done professionally and at minimum cost.

The Ameren "Power-On" Project burying high voltage electric lines in Bissell Hills began on November 13, 2008 and should be completed by mid-March, 2009, weather permitting. Phase 2 is in design and Ameren will begin obtaining easement rights from the residents any day. Phase 2 should begin around mid February, 2009 and take about (4) four months.

The Ashbrook Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) project consisted of replacing 3,400 feet of sewers from Chambers to Bissell Park. They are completely done with installation of the new sewers. Restoration of the streets has been more of a challenge due to the weather. The project will be complete in April, 2009.



Robert J. Doerr and new zoning map

I urge everyone to attend the Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, March 19 at 7 PM at the Recreation Center to learn about Proposition S & P on the April 7 ballot. (Page 2)

The city is currently working on applications for President Obama's Stimulus Plan. We are applying for funds to repair feeder roads and the St. Cyr Road Bridge.

Marty Rudloff

TOWN HALL MEETING

MARCH 19TH, 7 PM

RECREATION CENTER, 9669 BELLEFONTAINE ROAD

Proposition S & P On The April 7 Ballot

PROPOSITION S

Shall the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$5,500,000 for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, extending, repairing and improving the surface and subsurface conditions affecting city streets and sidewalks, and acquiring any land necessary therefore?

YES or NO

PROPOSITION P

Shall the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$4,500,000 for enhancing police services and accommodating expanded police operations by acquiring property for, constructing, expanding, renovating, furnishing and equipping a new City Hall and police, public works and administration facility?

YES or NO

The Board of Aldermen voted to put Proposition S & P on the April 7, 2009 Ballot. The total amount of both propositions would be \$10,000,000 (ten-million dollars). The bonds would be paid back by residents through their real estate tax bills over a 20 year period. Estimates of what the bond issues would cost each property owner are being calculated and will be presented to residents through information sent to residents, news releases, channel 10, and the web site. The Board of Aldermen is planning to host a Town Hall Meeting to inform residents about the propositions. Please plan to attend and get the latest information on Propositions S & P. Invite your neighbors to come, too.

TOWN HALL MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009 - 7 PM
AT THE RECREATION CENTER, 9669 BELLEFONTAINE ROAD

Riverview Fire Protection District Director (1 to be elected)

Patrick Russell
Larry Fuller *
Theo "Ted" Brown

(* denotes incumbent)

Riverview Gardens School District Director (2 to be elected)

Teona McGhaw-Boure
Tommy Pierson *
Selena Melton *
Theo Ted Brown, Sr.

Hazelwood School District Director (2 to be elected)

Mark J. Behlmann *
Desiree D. Whitlock *
Eugene E. Dokes
Frank James Smith
Raymond C. Taylor

VOTE!

Register To Vote!

To vote in the April 7, 2009 municipal election you have to be registered by March 11, 2009. You can register at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM or at any public school, motor vehicle registration offices, state offices providing public assistance, St. Louis County Libraries or at the County Election Board in Maplewood, # 12 Sunnen Drive. Phone: 615-1800

Internet Voter Registration

<http://www.stlouisco.com/elections/>

Absentee Vote Information

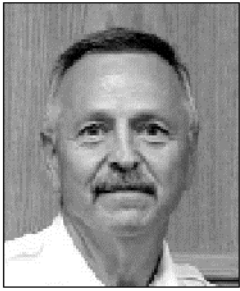
Anyone who cannot go to the polls on election day can vote with an absentee ballot. Applications to obtain an absentee ballot are available at City Hall. They are also available through the St. Louis County Election Board or on the internet. Applications must be received by the election board before April 1, 2009.

Anyone who is unable to go to the polls due to physical limitations may vote by absentee ballot and a notary is not necessary. Absentee Ballots for residents who are going to be out of town will be notarized free of charge at City Hall during regular office hours.

Transportation To The Polls

Anyone needing a ride to the polls on election day may get a ride on the BN Bus. Please call the Recreation Center early at 867-0700 to make arrangements.

BNPD First In State To Be Certified By MPCCF



Chief Robert Pruet

The Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department (BNPD) was recognized as a State Certified Law Enforcement Agency at the Missouri Police Chief's annual conference held in Jefferson City Missouri on December 18, 2008. The BNPD is

the 1st Police Department in the State of Missouri to be recognized as certified by the Missouri Police Chief's Charitable Foundation Certification Division.

The BNPD was certified after taking extraordinary steps to demonstrate its pride and professionalism by achieving a body of critical law enforcement standards and operating in such accordance to promote professionalism and quality law enforcement services to its community. The Certification is for three (3) years.

Sheldon Lineback, Executive Director of the Missouri Police Chief's Association made a formal presentation of the MPCCF's Certification certificate to the members of the BNPD at the Board of Aldermen meeting which was held on Thursday, January 15, 2009.



Members of the BNPD and Executive Director of the MPCCF, Sheldon Lineback

Chief's Letters Of Commendation

It is a practice of the BNPD to recognize police officers who have performed above and beyond the call of duty. The following officers have been recognized by Chief Pruet for outstanding professionalism.

Corporal Peggy Vassallo

In September of 2008, Cpl. Peggy Vassallo received information that a homeless couple was living and existing in and around the Bellefontaine Neighbors area. Cpl. Vassallo located the couple and learned that they had been homeless for four (4) years, had lost their jobs, and their daughter had been taken from their custody. Using her (CIT) Crisis Intervention training, Cpl. Vassallo called numerous resources to obtain help, to no avail. Her due diligence paid off however, when an attendee of a Neighborhood Watch meeting stepped in and spoke to her parish priest and assistance was gained for the couple. Through the efforts of Cpl. Vassallo the couple, who had been sleeping in abandoned buildings and parks, was placed in a secure facility and they are receiving job placement skills.

For her professionalism, dedication and perseverance in securing assistance for this homeless couple she is presented this Chief's Letter of Commendation



Sgt. Jeremy Ihler, Chief Robert Pruet, & Cpl. Peggy Vassallo

Sergeant Jeremy Ihler

Sgt. Jeremy Ihler accepted the additional assignment as Certification Manager for the BNPD in 2006. Along with his regular duties as a platoon supervisor, Sgt. Ihler compiled documentation and provided proofs required by the MPCCF State Certification Program that established an array of professional standards that have been determined to be necessary for professional performance.

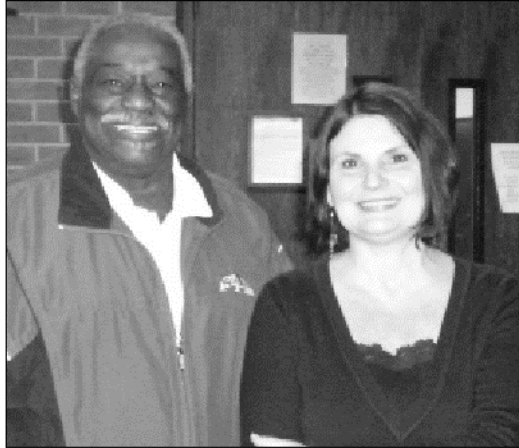
Law enforcement agencies that succeed in receiving certification through the MPCCF State Certification Program are recognized as a competent, professional organization. Independent assessors from the MPCCF conducted an on-site assessment of the BNPD. The assessors determined that our agency had demonstrated compliance with all elements of the programs standards. The results of that assessment were then reviewed by a separate independent panel who granted certification to the department. The BNPD is the 1st Police Department in the State of Missouri to be certified by the MPCCF.

For his professionalism, dedication and perseverance in demonstrating successful compliance of the MPCCF program Sgt. Ihler is presented a Chief's Letter of Commendation.

Tennis Award

City of BN Recreation Supervisor Amy Mulholland was recognized by The National Junior Tennis League (NJTL), Missouri Valley Section, St. Louis, of the United States Tennis Association for her work introducing tennis to area youth.

Under Amy's supervision, BN Parks and Recreation Department began its tennis program in 2000 by offering "Free for All" lessons for beginners. The same year, tennis classes and court time became a vital part of the yearly summer day camp program. This past summer, QuickStart Tennis was also successfully used. Since its introduction 172 campers have experienced tennis.



USTA Tennis Instructor Willie Nelson and Amy Mulholland

In addition, Amy has expanded the programming to include group and private lessons, team tennis and more free lessons. In 2004, Amy applied for and was awarded the designation of National Junior Tennis League for the BN Parks and Recreation Department. By the end of 2008, USTA Professional Instructor Willie Rodgers has helped 671 people enjoy the life-long sport of tennis. The USTA press release called the City of BN Chapter of the NJTL "a shining star".

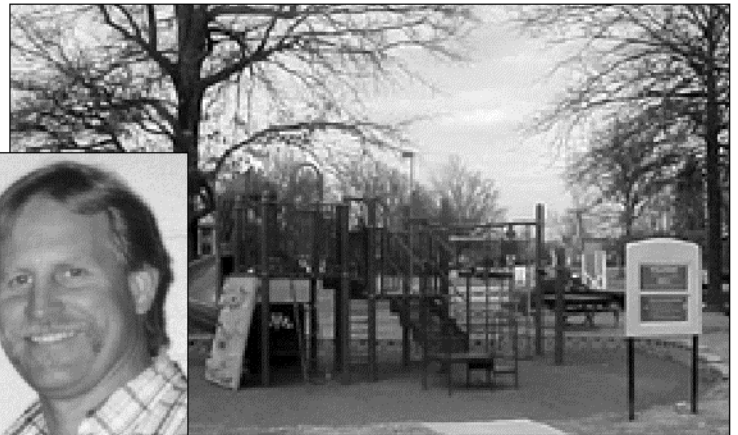
Recognizing her efforts, the USTA awarded Amy free registration and lodging for the February, 2009 Community Tennis Conference in Hilton Head, N.C. The City of BN assisted her with transportation costs.

Free tennis classes, group lessons and summer day camp with tennis instruction are planned for 2009. Please check the BN Recreation Brochure for dates and times. Call Amy at 867-0700 for more information.

Park Grant Approved For St. Cyr and Bissell Parks

In 2000, voters approved a sales tax of 1/10th of 1 percent to provide grants to improve, restore and expand local parks and recreation programs in municipalities in St. Louis County. The Municipal Park Grant Commission was formed with the administrative tasks being administered by the St. Louis County Municipal League. Since 2000, over \$18,700,000 have been passed on to local entities to enhance their parks. The City of BN has used grant funds to build the miniature golf course and replace playground equipment at Klein Park and Tanglewood Park. Total grants for these projects came to \$216,585.00.

With the approval of the Board of Aldermen and BN Parks & Recreation Board, Recreation Center Director Mark Dickerson applied for a third grant in 2008 to replace play ground equipment and surfacing material at St. Cyr Park and Bissell Park. The grant was approved for \$123,000.00 and the new play grounds will be built this summer.



Mark Dickerson

Klein Park Playground

Many thanks to Parks & Recreation Center Director Mark Dickerson for all the effort he has given to secure the grants in behalf of the city. Mark's efforts to stretch the dollar and take advantage of grants are appreciated!



William "Billy" Cira Jr. passed away on Saturday, January 10, 2008 after a short illness. Billy was the husband of Nancy Cira and the son of former Police Chief, William Cira, Sr. and Rosemary Cira. Bill was active on the City of BN Police Advisory Commission, Public Safety Commission, BN Family Fest Committee

and worked tirelessly for the support of the BN Police Department, Riverview Fire Protection District and other entities supported by the Backstoppers. Billy organized Bar-B-Ques and Chili Cook-offs at Bissell Hills Shopping Center. Donations in Billy's memory may be sent to the Backstoppers organization.

Red Cross Presents Community Award To The City of BN

The St. Louis Area Chapter Celebration team, comprised of American Red Cross volunteers and staff, recently presented the Lifesaver Community Award to the City of BN for encouraging water safety through Red Cross learn-to-swim lifeguarding lessons and First Aid/CPR/AED training.

"We are so pleased to recognize the City of BN with the Lifesaver Community Award for preparing its staff and community to respond during emergency situations," said Joyce Bathke, executive officer of health and safety services at the St. Louis Area Chapter. "By partnering with the Red Cross as a Water Safety Authorized Provider and offering its facilities for aquatic schools for the last 13 years, the City has contributed to the well-being of the St. Louis community."



Nicole Wellman, Joyce Bathke - executive director Red Cross, Martha Sneed & Craig Scheidker

The City of BN has taught approximately 600 children in learn-to-swim classes and certified nearly 300 lifeguards. In the past five years, the City has also taught 250 community members First Aid and CPR training.

At the presentation the Celebration Team and Mayor Marty Rudloff, recognized Aquatics Supervisor Martha Sneed and lifeguard instructors Nicole Wellman and Craig Scheidker for their commitment to aquatic safety.

Additional details regarding the City of BN's preparedness efforts include the following:

In the past five years, Red Cross certified instructors for the city have:

- Taught First Aid/CPR/AED classes, training 250 employees and community members in these life-saving skills.
- Certified 300 faculty and students in Lifeguarding. Taught 600 faculty and students in learn-to-swim classes.
- Placed and Automated External Defibrillator in its recreation facility and incorporated AED skills in Red Cross training.
- The City of BN is also committed to the wellness of its community:
- City employees participate in annual flu shots through Visiting Nurses and host health fairs to promote wellness in the community.

Shepley Road Bridge Replacement Funded By Grant

During an evaluation of streets in 2007, The Board of Aldermen was advised to have an evaluation of the Shepley Road Bridge that is located on Shepley between Bellefontaine Road and Toelle. The engineer's evaluation revealed that there was damage to the bridge due to weather and salt use. The recommendation was to replace and repair surface decking and substructure.

Working with the Weis Engineering Company, the City of BN applied for a grant from East-West Gateway Coordinating Council's Bridge Replacement Program. The grant will pay 80% of the project and the City of BN will pay 20% of the project. Estimated cost of the project is \$580,300 of which the city will pay 20% or about \$116,000. This spring, the City of BN will publish a Request for Proposals and receive bids for the

work to be done. It is estimated that the bridge will be closed for about 3 months hopefully when the high school is not in session.



Shepley Road Bridge

Chief Pruett reminds residents not to be a victim. The city of BN and many other entities are experiencing a high number of auto thefts because residents leave the vehicle unattended while it warms up or while they run into the store or gas station. Lock it and pocket the key.

New Law Authorizes Veterans' Salutes During National Anthem

Veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect late in 2008..

"The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation's armed forces," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. "This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation's flag."

The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did

not address salutes during the National Anthem. Last year's provision also applied to members of the armed forces while not in uniform.

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the flag while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The earlier provision authorizing hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, was contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which took effect Jan. 28, 2008.

Maline Creek

Maline Creek winds its way directly through The City of BN and is part of an important watershed for North County. Maline Creek should be a real asset to our community.



Grace Hill AmeriCorps Stream Team, is interested in protecting and preserving Maline (also called Moline) Creek by seeking the highest level of water quality. As part of these efforts, Grace Hill is seeking information from local citizens regarding how you, your friends or family have used Maline Creek at any time in the past 30 years. Possible uses could include, but are not limited to: swimming, wading, kayaking, canoeing, playing, picnics or fishing.

Maline Creek begins near where I-70 and I-170 intersect, runs through Springdale Park in St. Louis, and through Forestwood Park in Ferguson, Koeneman Park in Jennings, through Bella Fontaine and Russell Parks and passes under Riverview Dr. near Chain of Rocks Dr. in the City of BN shortly before flowing into the Mississippi River.

If you, your friends or family have any information or photos of past or present uses of Maline Creek, please let Grace Hill AmeriCorps Stream Team know. Be sure to include the type of activity, as well as the approximate date and location. Grace Hill is getting help from Washington University students on this so you can contact them by mail, phone, or e-mail:

Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic
Washington University School of Law
Attn: Maline Creek
One Brookings Dr. St. Louis, MO 63130
Campus Box 1120
(314) 935-7959
malinecreekinfo@gmail.com

Cell Phones For Soldiers



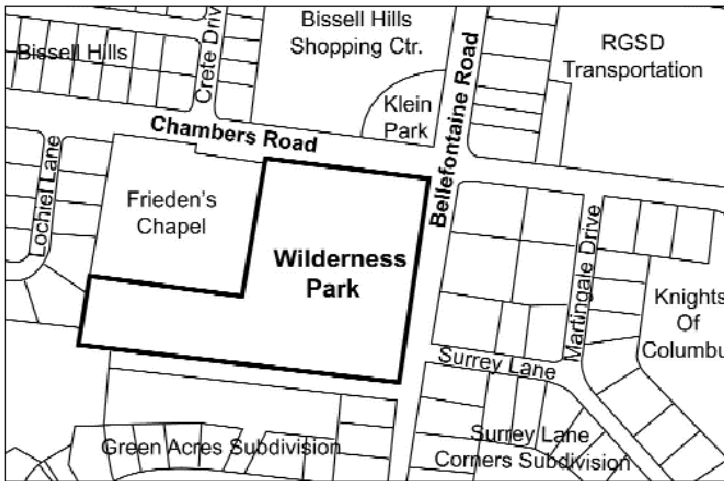
Alderman Mark Franzoi

I'd like to thank the residents of the City of BN for their response to the article about Cell Phones For Soldiers that was in the November issue of The Bellefontaine News. Many old cell phones and accessories were donated at the Knights of Columbus at

800 East Chambers Road or at the City Hall at 9641 Bellefontaine Road. These cell phones are recycled for the precious metals, then the cash and the proceeds are used to buy prepaid calling cards for our soldiers serving in the Middle East.

Thanks to the City of BN residents for your generosity and keep the cell phones coming. This will be an on-going program as long as there is a need.

Wilderness Park Proposal



Wilderness Park is located on the Southwest corner of the intersection of Bellefontaine and Chambers Roads. The park was previously owned by St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation and deeded to the City of BN in the early 1970's. The deed came with a restriction to encourage keeping "green space" in North County. If the land is sold and developed, another parcel of land, similar in size would have to be deed restricted as "green space."

On December 18, 2008, Mr. John Lee came before the Board of Aldermen. He is interested in developing the park into a commercial project with an anchor store and small strip mall.

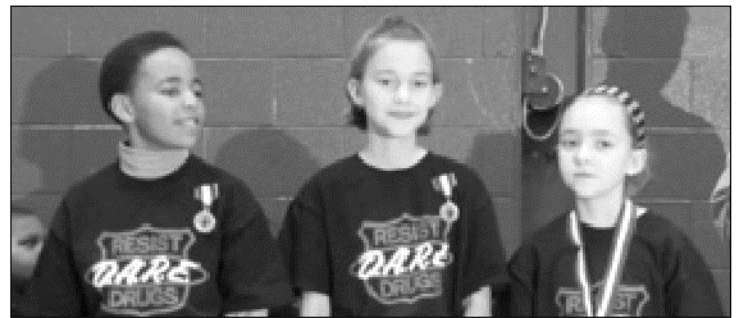
Even though the property has not been determined to be up for sale, the Board of Aldermen is considering his proposition due to the fact that economic development is so important to our city. The board is also concerned with duplication of services if the anchor store is a drug store, grocery store, bank, etc., and considering their own deed restrictions on the property if it is sold to Mr. Lee or another developer.

The Board of Aldermen has approved an ordinance giving Mr. Lee the "first right of refusal." This gives Mr. Lee the right to match any offer for development of the property if the City of BN decides to sell the property in the next 6 months. At this time, the Board of Aldermen are cautiously optimistic about the development of this property but has not decided on price, deed restrictions or even if the property will be sold for development.

Grace Chapel Dare Graduation

Congratulations to the Grace Chapel Lutheran School DARE class. Their graduation was December 2, 2008. The class learned how to avoid drugs, alcohol and peer pressure. Winners of the DARE Essay contest are pictured at right.

1st place (far right) is Shelby Koper
2nd place (middle) is Jenna Fackler
3rd place (left) is Joshua Robinson



Youth Events

The **7th Annual Youth Trivia Night** will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center. Trivia Night is for grades 5 through 9, residents and their guests. Doors open at 5:30 PM and Trivia begins promptly at 6 PM and ends approximately 9 PM. The cost of this event is \$5.00 pr person. This includes soda, snacks, attendance prizes and one pizza per table. You may bring your own snacks. Tickets are on sale at the Recreation Center. **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL - TABLE OF 8 - \$32.00 IF PURCHASED IN ADVANCE!**

The annual **Bike Rodeo** will be held on May 9, 2009. This event is free to all ages, 10 AM to 1 PM on the parking lot in front of City Hall. Enter your name for free prizes and helmets. Watch for signs around the city with more information. (Rain Date May 16, 2009)



Bike Rodeo

The Annual **Easter Egg Hunt and Arbor Day Celebration** will be held at the Recreation Center on Saturday, April 11, 2009. It all starts at 11 AM. City of BN residents only, ID required. Bring your own basket.

City Clerk's Report



Deni Donovan

Our ordinances state that the city clerk shall be the custodian of all public records and that includes ordinances, dog tags, personnel, meeting records, garage sale permits and every thing in between.

police business, give the office a call and someone will be able to help you with your concerns.

Our office is open from 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday thru Friday.

The Board of Aldermen meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:30 P.M. Listed below are items approved by the City of BN Council at recent meetings.

If you have any questions about anything, except

How Did Your Aldermen Vote?

Bill #	Date	Description	Paro (w-1)	Migliazzo (w-1)	Puzniak (w-2)	Merz (w-2)	Franzoi (w-3)	Jordan (w-3)	Smith (w-4)	Hollis (w-4)	Pass or Fail
2173	11/06/08	Amend Section 29-9 relating to the definition of short-term establishments	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass
2174	12/04/08	Amend Chapter 17 of the Code relating to Snow Routes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Pass
2175	01/15/09	Authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement granting a Right of First Refusal to the purchase of City property	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Pass
2176	01/15/09	Calling a Bond Issue re: Street Repairs (S) and City Hall facility (P)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass
2177	01/15/09	Adopt a revised Zoning Map and Amend Sec. 29-16 of the City Code	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass

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

Job Opening At City Hall

The City of BN is accepting applications, until February 27, 2009, for the position of a part time receptionist. Tasks include: greet visitors, handle phone calls, keep all documentation filed and organized. The role requires strong customer relations skills, the ability to multi-task with different responsibilities and attention to detail. Experience with Microsoft Office and basic office procedures is a must. Also, may assist other staff with overflow work. Background check is required. Qualified candidates should have a minimum combination of 4 years education and/or work experience indicated above. Interested candidates can e-mail resume and salary requirements to BN City Clerk at ddonovan@cityofbn or mail to 9641 Bellefontaine Road, St. Louis, MO 63137. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

New Home Based Business

Molly Harper, ward 2 resident has registered a new home business with the City of BN. "**Lens of Change**" is a publishing company that specializes in on-line magazines for women and children. They also offer books, tapes & CD's. For more information, call Molly at 867-3734 or on the web at Lensofchange.com

The City of BN allows many kinds of home based businesses and encourages residents to list their businesses with the city. All businesses that are registered with the city will be listed in the business directory in the May Newsletter. To find out more about home based businesses, call 867-0076.

City Of BN Establishes Snow Routes

On December 4, 2008, The Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance establishing "snow routes." This ordinance makes it a violation to park on streets that have been posted as snow routes whenever there is a prediction of two (2) inches or more of snow and an emergency is declared. The snow route procedure will be enforced when the snow begins to fall. Your vehicle could be towed and you could be fined in the Municipal Court for parking along a snow route.

This ordinance was put into force because city officials were concerned that police, fire, EMS and other emergency vehicles need ready access to all streets at all times for the health, safety and well being of all city residents.

The presence of parked vehicles on and along heavily traveled, narrow or steep roadways severely impedes the city's ability to remove accumulated snow and ice from roadways and therefore endangers

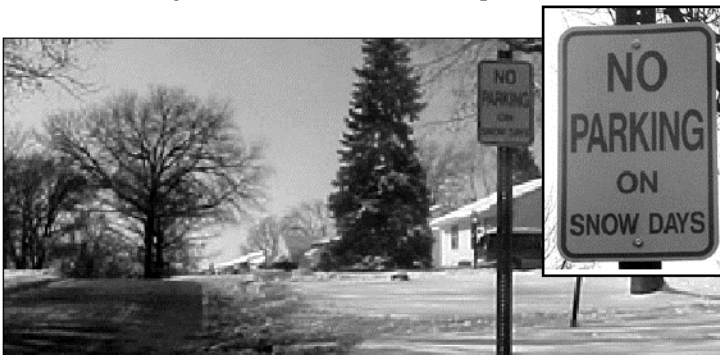
the public health and safety.

The city has identified eleven (11) streets as snow routes. These streets are:

- Comet Drive, between Ashbrook and Dwight
- Laire Drive, 1100 - 1200 blocks
- Addison, 1000 block
- Avant Drive, 1100 block
- Dwight Drive, 10151
- Akron Drive, 1400 - 1500 blocks
- Surf, 10232, 10236
- Kimball Court
- Larue Court
- Southworth Court
- Kelvin Drive, cul-de-sac only

The city also has other ordinances in place to help keep the streets open to vehicular traffic. Section 17-52 of the City of BN Municipal Code requires drivers to park parallel within eighteen (18) inches of the right-hand curb and Section 17-156 requires drivers to leave at least 10 feet of available roadway for vehicular traffic between vehicles across from each other.

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



Congratulations On Your 100th Birthday!!

Alderman John Jordan

Julia Redman was born on July 19, 1909 and celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends on Sunday, January 18th, 2009.

Julia was born in the City of Saint Louis and currently lives in the City of BN. She still drives. As a young woman she and her sister May were the "Redman Sisters," tap dance team that traveled with a show around the Midwest.

Julia and her sister were the first women hired by the Saint Louis Police Department. They were hired the same day, worked as dispatchers together, and retired together on the same day.

Julia keeps herself busy with plants, gardening, knitting and crocheting.



The City of BN deems it an honor and pleasure to extend to Julia Redman sincere congratulations and best wishes for many happy, productive years in the future!

Left: Julia
Below: Julia and friends



Church Events

Grace Chapel Lutheran Church
10015 Lance Drive
868-3232

Grace Chapel School is enrolling for Fall 2009. Pre School thru 8th
Call Eric Brofford at 867-6564.

Free family dinners second
Tuesday of month 5:30-6:30 PM

Spring Salad Luncheon & Fair
Saturday, March 28, 2009

Annual Youth Dinner Theater
Fri. & Sat., April 3 & 4 - 6:30 PM
Sunday, April 5 at 12 Noon.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25
Worship Services 2 & 7 PM
Chili Supper 5 - 6:30 PM

Midweek Wednesday Services
March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1
2 & 7 PM

Grace Chapel (continued)

Lenten Dinners each Wednesday
from 5:30 - 6:30 PM (Free will)

Maude Thursday Services - April 9
2 and 7 PM

Good Friday Service
April 10 - 2 & 7 PM

Easter - April 12 - 8 & 10:45 AM
Breakfast - 9:30 AM

Bellefontaine Methodist Church
10600 Bellefontaine Road
867-0800

Fish & Chicken Fry
first and third Fridays
of every month
4 to 6 PM

Holy Name of Jesus
10235 Ashbrook Drive
868-2310

Fish Fry - 3 to 6 PM
Ash Wednesday - Feb. 25
Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27
April 3 & 11

HNJ invites you to join them at 7
PM on Mondays in March for
"Navigating the Legal Waters."
These presentations are free.

March 2 - speaker from the BBB
on Reverse Mortgages
March 16 - speaker regarding
"Elder Law"
March 23 - speaker from the Mid-
America Transplant Team
March 30 - speaker on Ethical
Issues in Medicine

For more information on events,
call the churches listed.

Image & Beautification Board Notes

Jenny Stewart



Congratulations to the 2008 Holiday
Decorating Award Winners. Thanks
you for decorating your homes and
making the holidays brighter for all
of us!

Ward 1

The Creswell Family - 19 Forest Home Ct
The Van Deven Home - 9816 Surrey Lane

Ward 2

The Heidebur Home - 1347 Coburg Lands
The Callanan Home - 1353 Coburg Lands

Ward 3

The Vogt Home - 1156 Kilgore
The Johnson Home - 1512 Fathom

Ward 4

The Pickens Home - 1200 Longridge
The Humphrey & Johnson Home - 1022 Fontaine

Two homes in each ward were selected and a Holiday
sign was placed in each yard announcing the home as
a winner.

Homes were eligible to be selected unless they had
been chosen during the last three years or the home
wasn't occupied by a City official or I & B member.

The same Board will be selecting eight homes this
summer to receive a 2009 Summer Home Award.
Awards will be given to a resident that has shown
improvement to their home's landscape. Homes will
be judged based on curb appeal including but not lim-
ited to painting in good taste, flowers/shrubs, trees,
and decorative brickwork.

All residents are encouraged to keep their property
beautiful. Don't let leaves accumulate on your lawns;
leaves left on lawns will suffocate the grass and cause
bare spots. Remember never to rake leaves into
streets or sewers.

City Beautification Day is planned for Saturday, April
25, 2009. We will meet at the Recreation Center at 9
AM and work on cleaning the litter off our streets.
Everyone welcome, no experience needed. Thanks to
the residents of the Hill Home (DYS) who help every
year. Hot dogs and hamburgers after!

DESE Visits RGSD

About 300 parents, teachers and community leaders attended a public hearing on February 3rd, 2009, sponsored by The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Riverview Garden's School District. The forum was intended to hear testimony about the district's efforts to improve.

DESE representatives Dr. Charles Brown and Dr. Stan Johnson heard an ear full from more than 50 speakers, all praising the district for efforts to improve the educational system.

Teachers and support staff testified that the new administration and school board has been approachable and quick to respond to the needs and requests of the staff resulting in positive student achievement.

Parents reflected that the quality of education has been improved and many of the parents, in tears, told DESE that their lives changed in a positive manner due to the efforts of the district. They also praised the district's new web site that gives parents student grades, homework information and daily progress.

Community leaders asked DESE to acknowledge the accomplishments of the district and encouraged them to spread the good word to the community.

DESE representative Dr. Stan Johnson thanked the crowd for helping with the evaluation and reminded them that this was a slow process. Mr. Johnson urged parents and patrons to step forward and ask what you can do to help the district achieve accreditation.

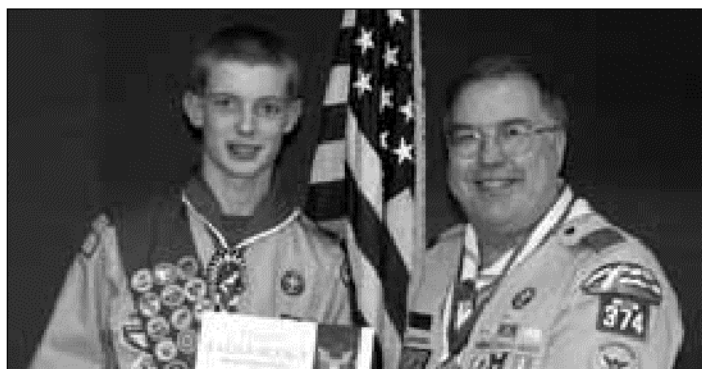
Eagle Court Of Honor



Alderman Anthony Smith

Congratulations to Brad Farley' who was presented his Eagle Award in a Court of Honor on October 18, 2008. Alderman Anthony Smith was on hand to present Brad a plaque from the City of BN. Pictured at right are Brad Farley

and Scout Master Mark Wilbour. For troop information, check out <http://www.troop374.org/>



Do You Remember The WPA?

Fort Belle Fontaine Park, located on the north end of Bellefontaine Road, is now a St. Louis County Park. It was the site of the first American Fort West of the Mississippi and later the site of both a park and boy's home. During the Franklin D. Roosevelt Administration in the late 1930's, the park was enhanced by building a grand staircase, bath houses and picnic areas out of limestone, like the wall around the Habilitation Center on Bellefontaine Road near

I-270. These projects were built through the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

We are looking for anyone who might be able to help with personal history from these WPA projects or the history of the City of BN. If you can help, call:

Shirley Paro - 869-8251
Dora Gianoulakis - 741-8425

Information Referral Service

Do you need help to find a food pantry, help with utility services, help for a child with a learning disability, 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 has opened a new information referral service that is confidential and gives you information on where to go for help. You can reach a trained, caring professional 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

2-1-1

Get connected. Get answers

If 2-1-1 is not active with your phone provider, you can reach the 2-1-1 call center by dialing 1-800-427-4626 or in the St. Louis area you can also dial (314) 421-4636. Information is also available at:

www.211missouri.org

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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

(At Recreation Center)

Board of Adjustment - upon request
Municipal Court - 2nd Wednesday and 4th Tuesday - 6:30 PM
Human Relations Commission - Upon Request
(Call City Hall for re-scheduling of meetings falling on holidays)

**TOWN HALL MEETING - THURSDAY,
MARCH 19, 2009 - 7 PM
AT THE RECREATION CENTER,
9669 BELLEFONTAINE ROAD**

**City Hall Will Be Closed For The
Following Holiday**

Friday, April 10 - Good Friday

Waste Management Holiday Pick-up Schedule

There will not be any interruption of trash service due to holidays from mid February to mid May. If you have questions about trash collection call Waste Management at 506-4700.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall - 867-0076
Recreation Center - 867-0700

Police
Emergency - 911
Dispatch - 889-2341
Office - 867 - 0080

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Starts on Sunday, March 8, 2009.
Set Clocks ahead one hour.

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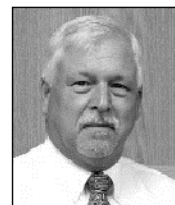
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