

City of Bellefontaine Neighbors

Bellefontaine News

April 2021

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St. Louis County, MO 63137

From the Office of the Mayor...



Mayor Tommie Pierson Sr.

Greetings,

The past 12 -months have been challenging for our community because of COVID -19. Health and wellbeing, lack of jobs, and lifestyle restrictions have brought great hardships to many of us. However, as we continue perse-

vere and overcome this pandemic, there is a light at the end of this dark time. As vaccinations are becoming more publicly available, so will our lifestyles soon return to normal. I encourage you to get vaccinated to maintain not only your health, but also the health of our community. The Dellwood Community Center is offering the Johnson & Johnson single vaccination Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. Walk-ins are welcome or you can call (314) 337-3683 to schedule an appointment.

As the St. Louis County Department of Health is reducing COVID-19 restrictions, I encourage everyone to enjoy the outdoors as the weather gets warmer. Remember, the City has many amenities that are publicly available to you, including numerous parks and the Recreation Center. Significant investments are being made in Recreation Center complex, including the outdoor pool renovation that is scheduled to be finished in May 2021 and other efforts to make improvements to the building.

The Missouri Department of Transportation's I-270 North Project will soon be affecting travel routes in the areas of MO -367 and Bellefontaine Road. Please be mindful of your time and other motorists traveling in these areas and give attention to travel detours around these areas. Our patience will payoff will a beautiful new and improved highway system for our community.

I encourage all board of aldermen to live up to their responsibilities by collectively representing and working to strengthen our City.

Everyone stay focused and positive – the future is ours to create. Hand in hand, together we can!

ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE?

Because different vaccination sites are run by different systems, you should register for more than one.


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| Saint Louis County Department of Public Health To be vaccinated by the Saint Louis County DPH: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Visit stlcorona.com and click on "COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-Registration."If you don't have internet access, call 314-615-2660 to register. | State of Missouri mass vaccination sites To register for these events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Visit covidvaccine.mo.gov and select "Register" from the top of the pageThose without internet access can call 877-435-8411. |
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Hospitals and pharmacies
Hospitals and pharmacies may also have supplies of the vaccine. Check with the location closest to you to find out how to register.


What should I know before I get my shot?

These vaccines have been approved by the FDA because they are safe and effective. You CANNOT get COVID-19 from a vaccine. You may feel sore or get a headache or chills after your appointment, but this is just a sign that your body is building an immune response.


Keep practicing healthy habits!



Wear your face mask



Maintain good hygiene



Stay back 6 feet

Get the Facts on the COVID-19 Vaccine

LEARN MORE AT STLCORONA.COM

This publication was developed and edited by Ward 4 Alderwoman, Dr. Miranda Avant-Elliott with the collaboration from city officials, staff, and BN community.

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City of Bellefontaine Neighbors Meetings

Board of Aldermen- 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Pre-Meetings are at 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting- September 19, 7:30 p.m. at BN Recreation Center **Municipal**

Court- 2nd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. and 4th Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

| <u>Commissions and Meeting Times</u> | <u>Chair</u> | <u>Alderman Representative</u> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Planning and Zoning Commission- 2nd Monday, 7 p.m. | Pat Barratt | Dr. Miranda Avant-Elliott |
| Public Safety Commission- 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m. | Vacant | James Carroll |
| Youth Commission- 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. | Vacant | N/A |
| Image and Beautification Board- 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. | Jennie Stewart | N/A |
| Parks and Recreation Board- 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. | Vacant | N/A |
| Board of Adjustment- Upon Request | John DuHadway | N/A |
| Human Relations Commission- Upon Request | Yolanda Poe | N/A |

***All meetings are open to the public and are held at the City of BN City Hall except the
Parks & Recreation committee, which is held at the BN Recreation Center.***

| Bill # | Date | Description | West (Ward 1) | Tatman (Ward 1) | Reed (Ward 2) | Carroll (Ward 2) | Thomas (Ward 3) | Perry (Ward 3) | Dalles (Ward 4) | Avant-Elliott Ward | Pass or Fail | Ord. # |
|--------|------------|--|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|--------|
| 2601 | 12/17/2020 | Special Election April 6, 2021 (Thomas) | N | N | N | N | N | - | Y | N | FAIL | |
| 2602 | 12/17/2020 | Amending ordinance No 2380-20-21 Fiscal Year Budget (Carroll) | Y | | Y | Y | Y | - | Y | Y | PASS | 2593 |
| 2603 | 01/07/2021 | An ordinance Amending Ch. 3 Relating to Sec. 3-8 and Sec, 3-25 Qualifications of applicants (Carroll) | Y | | Y | Y | N | - | N | Y | FAIL | |
| 2604 | 01/07/2021 | An ordinance amending Ch. 3 relating to a point system evaluation n suspending or revoking liquor licenses (Carroll) | Y | | Y | Y | N | - | N | Y | FAIL | |
| 2605 | 01/21/2021 | An ordinance amending Sec. 2-38 of Division 1 oof Article 111 of Ch. 2 of code of ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of orientation and gender Identity (Carroll) | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N | Y | PASS | 2594 |
| 2606 | 01/21/2021 | An ordinance amending Sec. 1-225 (A) of Division 1 of Article 11 of Ch. 1. Relating to Notice of Meetings (Carroll) | Y | N | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | FAIL | |
| 2607 | 02/04/2021 | An ordinance adopting Juneteenth as a legal holiday in the City of BN (West) | Y | Y | | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | PASS | 2595 |
| 2608 | 02/04/2021 | An ordinance approving and authorizing execution of a purchase order contract for outdoor pool repairs with Perales White LLC | Y | Y | | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | PASS | 2596 |

Y = Yes, N = No, A = Abstain, Blank = Absent, R = Resigned, - = Not Appointed Yet

| Res # | Date | Description | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------|--|
| 2020-11 | 12/17/2020 | Sgt. Herschel Turner-Moline Acres | Y | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | PASSED | |
| 2020-13 | 12/17/2020 | STP Grant for Shepley Road | N | | N | N | N | | N | Y | FAILED | |
| 2021-01 | 01/07/2021 | Establishing support to secure grant writing services and apply for STP Grant for Shepley Road (Carroll) | Y | | Y | Y | Y | | Y | Y | PASSED | |
| 2021-02 | 01/21/2021 | Establishing a Social Media Policy (Carroll) | Y | N | N | Y | N | N | Y | N | FAILED | |
| 2021-3 | 02/04/2021 | Prohibiting Excessive Force (Carroll) | Y | N | | Y | N | N | Y | N | FAILED | |

How Did Your Alderperson Vote?

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Message from the Chief of Police



As we transition to warmer weather, you will notice more people outdoors, more drivers on our roadways, and more general activity in our City. Each member of our community plays a significant role in the safety and protection of ourselves and others. Please make an effort to connect and maintain relationships with your neighbors, be aware of your surroundings, and take steps to reduce opportunities for crime to occur. Your police department is here to support and assist you with your concerns. When comparing 2019 and 2020 (Figure 1.), we



experienced

Colonel Jeremy Ihler a 9% increase in crime. The biggest concern remains motor vehicle theft. People create the majority of opportunities that result in theft – DO NOT leave your vehicle unattended while the motor is turned on. Only you can prevent this type of opportunity from happening. As always, we must remain vigilant in our effort to improve the quality of life in our community. Live by the code of continuous improvement. We will succeed as long as everyone works together to achieve common goals.

Crime: Data, Reporting, and Reducing

and 5:00 pm, to make arrangements. The police department will have a police officer available to attend

As it concerns crime within the City, we have experienced an overall average increase of 9% in crime neighborhood meeting.

when collectively considering homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft annually when comparing 2019 and 2020. (Figure 1.) As for crimes against persons, we have experienced annual decreases in homicide and rape and increases in robbery and assault. As for crimes against property, we have experienced decrease in burglary and larceny and an increase in motor theft. The overwhelming majority of motor vehicle thefts are a result of people leaving their vehicles running, unlocked, and unattended.

Policing starts with you – the community. You are the heart of the policing mission and we require your involvement to increase the safety and security of our community. If you observe suspicious activity, a crime about to occur, or a crime in progress

Figure 1.

| Crime Type | January - October | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------|----------|
| | 2019 | 2020 | % Change |
| Homicide | 5.0 | 1.0 | -80% |
| Rape | 4.0 | 2.0 | -50% |
| Robbery | 15.0 | 27.0 | 44% |
| Assault | 149.0 | 160.0 | 7% |
| Burglary | 111.0 | 98.0 | -12% |
| Larceny | 172.0 | 155.0 | -10% |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 84.0 | 148.0 | 43% |
| | 540 | 591 | 9% |

please call the police immediately so that the police department can investigate these matters quickly to prevent and stop crime. ***For non-emergency situations, call police dispatch at (314) 889-2341 or (636) 529-8210. For emergency situations, dial 911.*** Any resident who would like to host a **Neighborhood Watch meeting** in their area to discuss crime and other policing related matters and initiatives, please contact the police department office during normal business hours, between 8:00 am

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**Follow the
Police**

Department on Facebook!

For the latest information affecting our community. [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/BellefontaineNeighborsPD/)

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Spring Crime Prevention Tips

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching. With the warmer weather we all enjoy having the windows open and being outdoors a little more. However, this also exposes us to being victims of crime. Do your part in preventing crime. would like to share some crime prevention tips to help you stay safe:

- Keep your doors locked at all times. If you are working in the backyard, keep your front door and garage doors closed and locked, and your back doors locked if you are in the front yard. Even if you are gone for only a few minutes.
- Always remember to close and lock all windows before you leave your house or go to sleep.
- Remember to put all ladders, tools, yard equipment, bicycles, or other items away when they are not in use.
- Install motion activated lights in the front and back yards, so if someone were to approach your home the lights will automatically come on and illuminate the area.
- If you go on vacation, put some lights on timers so they will turn off and on by themselves to give the appearance that someone is home. Notify the police department to conduct vacation checks while you are away.
- Be sure to roll up your car windows, take all valuables out of the vehicle and lock your doors every time you exit the vehicle, even if it is in your own driveway.
- NEVER leave your children or pets unattended in your vehicle.
- Be good stewards of the community and watch out for your neighbors – crime prevention is most effective when everyone is involved in the effort.

Road Maintenance and Motorist Safety

As you drive the City, you will occasionally come across issues on our roadways that require attention. If you need to report repair issues, such as potholes, signals on flash or dark, and downed stop signs, there are three roadway maintenance agencies that handle these type of issues: Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), St. Louis County Department of Transportation (DOT), and the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors (BN) Street Department. (Figure 3.) Each agency handles a different set of roadways. (Figure 2.) However, if you need to report traffic crashes, stranded motorists, and other issues regarding crime and safety on our roadways, please contact the police department.

With respect to utility and roadway repairs, along with your fellow motorists, it is your responsibility to be aware of your surroundings while driving and obey the traffic laws. Speed is a commonly reported problem. Although speed limits are set by law by street (Figure 2.), it is your responsibility as a driver to drive safely. This means that there will be circumstances where the safe driving option is traveling at a speed lower than the speed limit. Responsible driving reduces driving-related property damage, personal injury to members of our community, and the cost of vehicle insurance.

Figure 3.

| Street Maintenance Contact Information | | | |
|--|--|--------------|--|
| Name | Address | Phone Number | |
| MoDOT Management Center | 14301 South Outer 40 Road Chesterfield, Mo 63017 | 888.275.6636 | |
| St. Louis County DOT | 1050 North Lindbergh Boulevard St. Louis, MO 63132 | 314.615.8504 | |
| City of BN Public Works | 9641 Bellefontaine Road Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO 63137 | 314.867.0076 | |
| City of BN Police Department | 9641 Bellefontaine Road Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO 63137 | 314.889.2341 | |

Figure 2.

| Street Speed Limit and Maintenance Guide | | | |
|---|-------------|------------------------------|--|
| Location | Speed Limit | Maintenance | |
| Interstate 270 | 40-60 MPH | MoDOT | |
| Missouri Highway 367 (Lewis and Clark Boulevard) | 45 MPH | MoDOT | |
| Chain of Rocks Drive | 30 MPH | St. Louis County DOT | |
| Chambers Road | | | |
| Jennings Station Road | | | |
| Lilac Drive (between Kenran Industrial Drive and city limit near Foxpath Drive) | | | |
| Lilac Drive (between Alcove and Topaz) | | | |
| St. Cyr Drive | 20 MPH | St. Louis County DOT | |
| All other streets | 20 MPH | City of BN Street Department | |

Police Chaplain Contacts

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Local Community News

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT NEW



Provided by: Jennifer Swatek, Fire fighter/paramedic

Your North County Firefighters have

been helping to fight Covid-19 one vaccine at a time within our community! Together, with the Department of Public Health, we are helping to vaccinate as many residents as we can, and

found here: <https://content.schoolinsites.com/api/documents/171561ce047a48ed83dd4f22b3d40171.pdf>

RGSD is conducting Parent University sessions, designed to increase parental engagement and contribute to the academic and social-emotional success of our students. Upcoming Public Health events include:

- "Keys to Your New Home & Improving Your Credit" – April

we are not stopping now! If you are

10 @ 11AM homebound, we are now

bringing the

Johnson & Johnson vaccine to you! Call 314-615-2660 to be added

to St. Louis County's Homebound List. Being added only way we can bring it to you, so please call

and get pre-registered today.

- "Registration" – April 14 @ 6PM to this list is the

- "Show Me the Money: Scholarships" – April 22 @ 6PM

Spring weather can bring lots of rainfall. Your firefighters extensively trained on deployment and usage of their

- "Family Literacy Workshop: Reading in Springboard" – have April 22 @ 10AM new 14' Inmar Inflatable Boat with a 35

horsepower jet motor

- "Family Literacy Workshop: Reading in Springboard" – in the event a water rescue is needed.

While we hope this is

April 29 @ 10AM

never needed, we have the necessary equipment and training should the need ever arise.

- "Brain Freeze" – May 11 @ 6PM

The Firefighter's Community Outreach has suspended all activities for 2021 at this time due to Covid-19. We do hope that 2022 brings us back together for lots of fun activities once again!

- "Learning Your Child's Love Language / Applying the Love Principles" – May 20 @ 6PM

As always, we thank you for your continued support. We it without our amazing community!

To view the updated calendar of Parent University events, visit <https://www.rgsdmo.org/parentucalendar>

Riverview Fire Protection Director Meetings

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m.,

The Riverview Gardens School District has named its 2021

Teacher of the Year Honorees. Each building has a Teacher unless

otherwise posted **of the Year Honoree. Out of the 13 honorees, one teacher will** Location: 9933 Diamond Drive **be chosen as the Districtwide Teacher of the Year. That selection process is currently underway. The Building nominees are listed below:**

HOTSPOTS, LAPTOPS THROUGH GRANT

Riverview Gardens School District was awarded 2,621 Wi-Fi hotspots and 750 Chromebooks from the Saint Louis County Library as a part of its Digital Equity Initiative. The initiative is a partnership between the Library, Saint Louis County and local school districts to provide hotspots and technology to support education.

- Danforth Elementary: Lisa Dick, 1st Grade Teacher

- Gibson Elementary: Ralph Hailey, K-5 Technology Teacher

- Glasgow Elementary: Stephanie Ligé, 2nd Grade Teacher

- Highland Elementary School: Deanna Keely-Glenn, 4th Grade Teacher

- Koch Elementary School: Rachelle Wilson, Teacher The Lemasters

essential technology will provide crucial support to families and aid the District's virtual learning curriculum. Elementary School: Melissa Bircher, Teacher

Elementary School: Anna Gengenbacher, technology grant from the St. Louis County Library," said Dr. 5th Grade Teacher Scott Spurgeon, superintendent of schools. "We are now able

to level the playing field with greater access to Wi-Fi and technology for our students."

- Meadows Elementary School: Kamille Williams-Norris, 3rd Grade Teacher

- Riverview Gardens School District is hiring for multiple

- Michelle Obama Early Childhood Academic Center: Mary Reich, Pre-K Special Education Teacher positions, including teachers, substitute teachers, custodians, security and food service. Apply at

School: Jean Heil, 3rd Grade Teacher www.rgsd.k12.mo.us

Teacher

- Central Middle School: Asia Nash, Social Studies

- Riverview Gardens School District is hosting a Virtual

Teacher Teacher Hiring Fair on Saturday, April 10. Immediate openings are being filled as well as positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Sign up at rgsd.k12.mo.us

- Proposition E was successful after 68.6% voted "Yes" in

operational tax levy increase aimed at Equity to the RGSD community.

- The SAB Approved 2021-2022 Academic School Year Calendar has been published. The full calendar can be

- Westview Middle School: LaChrista Wilson, Science

- Riverview Gardens High School: Joshua Gaither, Science Teacher

Board of Education Meetings support of the

All meetings of the Special Administrative Board will be held on providing Educational the second & fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our board

meetings are now being held virtually. Recordings can be found at www.rgsdmo.org. Questions can also be submitted online.

Image and Beautification

The Image and Beautification Commission meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at City Hall with the exception of December thru February. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. The commission consists of volunteers who assist in enhancing the image and beauty in our City. Along with upkeep of flowerbeds, the commission and its volunteers pick up litter along our major roadways twice a year. The commission also selects the homes each year for the Summer Beautification and Christmas Decorations awards.

The Commission has also created an Adopt-a-Street program for our community roadways. Please visit the City's website at www.cityofbn.com for more information on how to adopt in your neighborhood.

The next citywide clean-up will be on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., please contact City Hall if you would like to volunteer. The week of June 13 – Homes will be judged for Summer Beautification Awards. If you would like to nominate a home, call City Hall at 314-867-0076 with the home address.

ITS TIME TO FIX-UP, PICK-UP, CLEAN UP AND PAINT UP

REMINDERS: Trash containers should be stored behind the front wall of your property. Trash containers shouldn't be placed at the curb no earlier than 5pm on the day prior to your trash day and must be removed by 5pm on the day after collection. Grass should be no taller than 8 inches in height.



- Let's pick up the litter that has accumulated in front of and on our property
- Don't leave cut grass in the street or sidewalk
- Rake leaves - Don't rake them in the street or let them accumulate on your lawn or in the sewer
- Remove broken limbs and debris and put them in the yard waste container
- Cut back and shape overgrown bushes/shrubs
- Replace damaged garage doors and windows
- Paint and fix up
- Derelict vehicles should not be left on the roadway

*Let's Do our Part to keep
Bellefontaine Neighbors Clean and Beautiful!!!!*

*Thank you so much
The Image and Beautification Board
Jennie Stewart, Chairperson*

Treasurer's Report

Current Key Notes from Treasurer Patrick Howard:



- As of **February 2021**, the city held a total of \$4 million in funds at the local investment banks administered by the city treasurer, mayor and city clerk.
- The annual audit for fiscal year 2019-2020 was completed and provided to the state audit department on 12/30/2020.
- The annual report due by 1/31/2021 is complete and was filed with Gilmore & Bell, P.C.
- The City has received the remaining 50% of Cares Act Funds from STL County. (\$373,426.50) in February.
- Revenue Notes:

- o Annualized sales tax revenue is trending above budget.
- o Licenses, Fines & Rec Center revenue are down due to COVID.
- o Overall, current annualized revenue is trending above budget due to the receipt of CARES act funds.

• Expense Notes: o

General Fund

- All departments are operating at or below total budget YTD.
 - In person services are still trending below budget due to the pandemic.
- Indirect expenses overall are below budget by 25%. This excludes payroll, insurance and employee related taxes

o Capital Fund

- Rec Center is below budget YTD. Budgeted pool repairs haven't started yet but are planned to begin before fiscal year end.
- Police Dept is above budget but a budget amendment for the new vehicles will adjust expected budget spend for the fiscal year.

o Debt Fund

- Expenses related to the debt fund have been paid for the fiscal year.

- Overall Financial Health: o The city has solid liquidity to meet short-term obligations or those due within the current fiscal year, considering the recovery of loss revenue from the CARES Act funds.

Now Accepting Applications

- City Administrator
- Police Officers
- City Collector
- Various Commissions (Board of Adjustment, Public Safety, and Parks and Recreation etc.)

Upcoming Events

- April 24, at 1 PM: Community Virtual Resource Fair (Contact Ward 4 Alderwoman Dr. Miranda AvantElliott for Information)
- June 19, at 10:00 AM: Black History Program (Contact Ward 4 Alderwoman Alease Dailes for more information)

For more information and to apply for city positions go to www.cityofbn.com

Phone: 314-867-0076

