

# Bellefontaine News

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



### Robert J. Doerr

I would like to begin by "Thanking" our residents for their patience during the huge snow fall in January. We have not seen a snow storm like it in over 20 years. It was a storm that tested our employees, equipment and everyone's patience. Both

our police and street departments were extremely stressed and exhausted after driving the 54 miles of snow packed streets performing their duties. I think that they deserve a big "THANK YOU" from all of us for their commitment to our city and its citizens.

As we move forward, I would like to inform you that the City is in good financial order. Our annual audit, which was completed this past fall showed that we are correct in our methods of financing and all departments are compliant with the required record keeping. Our staff works hard to make sure that every penny is accounted for and spent wisely.

A reminder that there is an election April 8, 2014. Polls are open 6 AM to 7 PM. Residents who wish to vote in this election must be registered by March 12, 2014. Absentee ballots may be submitted between February 25 and April 2. You may register to vote at City Hall or any public school or library. Absentee ballots may be obtained at City Hall or by calling the election board at 615-1919.

I am still seeking volunteers for the "Youth Commission." Please get involved with your community. We schedule many activities for all ages throughout the year and many opportunities are there for your participation. I am always open to new ideas and suggestions. It seems that every newsletter I am asking you to get involved in some manner. Take this invitation to call and volunteer to help this community. Get to know your fellow citizens by getting involved and keep this city a leader in North County.

Alderman Hollis is not running for re-election in April. She has chosen not to seek re-election so that she may spend more time with her family. I "Thank" Alderman Hollis for her hard work and dedication to this community. Her warm smile will be missed at our workshops and meetings. Good Luck Audrey!

Remember to rake your leaves and cut your grass this summer. Many calls we get about unsightly yards seem to come from your neighbors who take pride in their property. I cannot fix it if I do not know it is broken, so call and let myself or a staff member know if there is a problem.

Also, remember to keep your porch lights on to deter crime.

Finally, I wish to congratulate the new officers who recently joined our police department. See page 2 for further details.

*Robert J. Doerr*

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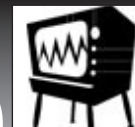
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# Crime Is Down, Calls For Police And Arrests Are Up!

The BNPD is working very hard to reduce and prevent crime. They need your help to eliminate opportunities for crimes to occur and to report suspicious activity IMMEDIATELY, by calling 889-2341. Motor vehicle thefts in the year 2013 were down 38% compared to the same period in 2012. Overall, Crime for December 2013 is 40% lower when compared to the same period in 2012.

During 2013, there were 1,687 arrests

There were six (6) vehicles stolen in the City of BN in December, 2013 and January, 2014

**All of these vehicles were running and unattended when they were stolen.**

made. That was an increase of 491 compared to the same period in 2012.

As the result of an increase in motor vehicle accidents on Interstate 270 and Highway 367 (Lewis & Clark) the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in January 2013, approved the implementation of a two (2) officer Traffic Division in an effort to improve public safety. This program has proven to be very successful. Please drive carefully and obey speed limits.

## Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the City Hall at 7 PM. Each month, crime reports are shared and questions are answered. Residents have an opportunity to meet BNPD officers and let officers know about concerns. For more information about Neighborhood Watch, contact Sergeant Peggy Vassallo, 868-0080.

The following is the schedule for the next quarter:

- **March 5, 2014** - St. Louis County Public Works - Water service line protection program
- **April 2, 2014** - St Louis County Communication Presentation and Traveling Weather Show presented by Mike Redman
- **May 7, 2014** - Personal self defense program

## BNPD Issuing Crime Prevention Checks

The BNPD is always at work making the City of BN a safer place to live by issuing Crime Prevention Checks to residents. These reminders are intended to let residents know that they are at risk or could be targets of thieves.

These reminders are intended to inform residents that a police officer, while on patrol in their neighborhood, noticed a condition that might pose a threat to their property. These checks are intended to encourage residents to be more aware of conditions that are inviting to criminals and to take actions to prevent becoming a victim of a crime.

During the month of January, 2014 police officers issued 168 Crime Prevention Checks of which 68 were for motor vehicles that were running unattended. Please don't become a victim of motor vehicle

theft by leaving your car running unattended. The police also ask that you lock your car and do not leave valuables in plain sight.

CRIME PREVENTION CHECK	
Dear Resident:	ADDRESS _____
While on patrol in your neighborhood, I noticed a condition that might pose a threat to your property. People with criminal intent often look for inviting conditions before selecting a target for their crime. You can help us protect your property.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Garage Door Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Automobile/truck Unlocked <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Tools Visible & Unattended
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle Unattended	<input type="checkbox"/> Keys in Automobile/truck <input type="checkbox"/> Valuables Left Exposed in Vehicle
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	
Please join us in making Bellefontaine Neighbors a safer community in which to live. If you want to discuss this or any other security measures, please call the Crime Prevention Unit at the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department at 867-0080.	
Thank you for your help,	
Date _____	Time _____ Officer _____
BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS POLICE DEPARTMENT	

## New Police Officers



Chief Pruet & P.O. Pflueger

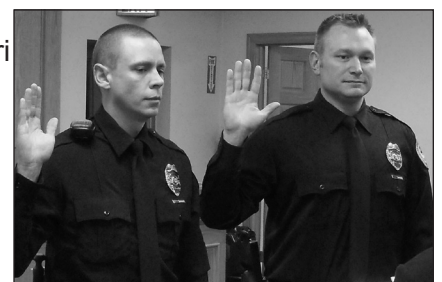
**Alex Pflueger** (at left) was sworn in on Thursday, January 2, 2014, at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen. PO Pflueger grew up in the City of BN and graduated from the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy in December 2013. We are glad that he chose to start his law enforcement career in The City of BN.

**William King Jr.** graduated from the Eastern Missouri Police Academy July, 2013, with an Academic Excellence Award & Top Gun Award. No prior law enforcement experience. Bachelors Degree

in Anthropology, University of Missouri St. Louis and has a Masters Degree in Linguistics Theology, from Covenant Theological Seminary.

**Jason Herndon** graduated from

the Eastern Missouri Police Academy in October, 1996. He has 11 years prior experience at the Bel-Ridge Police Department; St. Louis Airport Police Department and the Calverton Park Police Department. He is a Certified Field Training Officer; Taser Instructor and Firearms Instructor. He has an Associate Degree.



l to r: PO King & PO Herndon



# Municipal Court Updates

With the addition of a two man Traffic Division, the upgrading of our computer system to include on board computers and printers that enter tickets directly into the court system and the more assertive actions of our police officers, our court docket has become bigger than ever before. Our Municipal Court employees have provided excellent service, however additional resources were needed.

The City of BN now accepts debit and credit card payments for court fines, building permits & fees, Recreation Center fees and City fees for services. The City of BN does not accept cards for bonds.

Police officers are distributing envelopes along with municipal violations that can be mailed to avoid a court appearance. Payment must be mailed within 15 days of the occurrence, paid by "Ipaycourt," paid at City Hall before the court date, or the offender must appear in court or a warrant for arrest could be issued. (See info on envelope at right.)

If you have received a ticket or summons, you still have the right to appear in court. If you plead "not guilty," a trial date will be set.

Municipal Court convenes at 6:30 PM on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in the Courtroom, located at 9641 Bellefontaine Road. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Cases are heard on a first-come, first-served basis. The Judge will call defendants in the order they have signed in. Payment is expected at the time of court appearance.

## Rules Of The Court

- Appropriate dress is required
- All defendants, under the age of 18, must appear with a parent or legal guardian
- No children are allowed in the Courtroom
- All electronic devices must be turned off

The objective of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is not increased income. The objective is to bring offenders into compliance and keep our streets safe.

## How To Avoid Court Costs

The best way to avoid court costs is to avoid being ticketed or summoned to court. Be aware of the signs that posts speed limits, no parking zones and safety issues.

Review the Missouri Driver's Guide available at the Department of Revenue offices or on the internet at <http://dor.mo.gov/drivers/dlguide/>

If you have questions about safe driving or want to report a dangerous situation, call the Police Department at 911 or 889-2341.

## NOTICE TO OFFENDER

You have received a complaint for a traffic / municipal violation

- 1) Pay the fine by mail or online prior to the court date.  
<https://www.ipaycourt.com/cityofbn>
- 2) Contest the complaint in Traffic Court at the address, date and time specified on your ticket.
- 3) If you fail to appear or satisfy this complaint, **a warrant will be issued** for your arrest.
- 4) No refund will be made on overpayment.

### SCHEDULE OF FINES: (INCLUDES COURT COSTS)

11 MILES OVER.....	\$ 107.00	16 MILES OVER.....	\$ 145.00
12 MILES OVER.....	\$ 115.00	17 MILES OVER.....	\$ 152.00
13 MILES OVER.....	\$ 122.00	18 MILES OVER.....	\$ 160.00
14 MILES OVER.....	\$ 130.00	19 MILES OVER.....	\$ 167.00
15 MILES OVER.....	\$ 137.00	20 MILES OVER.....	\$ 175.00

### 21 MILES AND OVER, ACCIDENTS, SCHOOL ZONE, NO INSURANCE, NO DRIVER'S LIC., COURT APPEARANCE IS REQUIRED.

FAIL TO SECURE LOAD	\$ 150.00	NO LICENSE PLATES	\$ 100.00
HANDICAP PARKING	\$ 150.00	OVERNIGHT PARKING	\$ 100.00
IMPROPER REGISTRATION	\$ 125.00	CHILD RESTRAINT SEAT	\$ 75.00
DISPLAY PLTS OF ANOTHER	\$ 100.00	DISPLAY ONE LIC PLATE	\$ 75.00
EXPIRED LICENSE PLATES	\$ 100.00	NO STATE INSPECTION	\$ 75.00
FAIL TO OBEY ELECT SIGNAL	\$ 100.00	PARKED IN FIRE LANE	\$ 75.00
FAIL TO OBEY STOP SIGN	\$ 100.00	DERELICT VEH.	\$ 50.00
FAILURE TO YIELD	\$ 100.00	FAIL TO DIM HEADLIGHTS	\$ 50.00
FOLLOWING TO CLOSELY	\$ 100.00	FAIL TO KEEP RIGHT	\$ 50.00
IMPEDING TRAFFIC FLOW	\$ 100.00	FAIL TO SIGNAL LN CHNG	\$ 50.00
IMPROPER LANE USAGE	\$ 100.00	NO HDLIGHT/TLIGHT	\$ 50.00
IMPROPER PASSING	\$ 100.00	PARKING VIOLATION	\$ 35.00
IMPROPER TURN	\$ 100.00	NO SEATBELT	\$ 10.00

ANY VIOLATIONS NOT LISTED—GO TO CITY WEBSITE AT:

**WWW.CITYOFBN.COM**

INSTRUCTIONS TO PAY YOUR FINE BY MAIL: MONEY ORDER OR CHECK PAYABLE TO "CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS MUNICIPAL COURT". ENCLOSE SPECIFIED AMOUNT AND A COPY OF THE TICKET AND MAIL **WITHIN 15 DAYS** OF RECEIVING THE TICKET.

**DO NOT SEND CASH**

**BELLEFONTAINE COURT CLERK (314) 867-0076**

## City Of BN Speed Limits

**60 MPH** Interstate 270

**45 MPH** Highway 367

**35 MPH** Bellefontaine Road

**30 MPH** Chain of Rocks, Chambers, Jennings Station and Lilac (from Kenren Industrial to city limit)

**25 MPH** Lilac (from Alcove to Topaz), St. Cyr (from Bellefontaine to 367), & Chambers, School Zone (from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM on school days,) Western city limits to Colonnade Meadows)

**20 MPH** All other streets in the city

## News & Notes From MSD

### Do You Have A Septic Tank?

Representatives from MSD's Department of Engineering and St. Louis County Public Works Plumbing Department were at the January 2 meeting of the Board of Aldermen, to explain a new environmental project, "The Septic Tank Closure Program," that will eliminate septic tanks and connect lower income, owner/occupants to MSD sewer connections at no cost.

To see if you qualify, check out MSD's web site at <http://www.projectclearstl.org/sewer-connection-septic-tank-closure-program/>, call 314-768-625 and ask for The Septic Tank Closure Program for the City of BN or call City Hall at 867-0076. MSD will refer you to your community lateral insurance program or you will be contacted by MSD to complete the full application.

### Pick Up After Your Pets



Pet waste left in our yards comes into contact with storm water when it rains. The storm water then becomes contaminated from contact with pet waste and carries pollutants into the storm water sewer system. The storm sewers quickly drain the water directly to our area streams without any treatment.

New laws require the City of BN to post signs in city parks reminding residents to pick up after their pets.

The Parks and Recreation Center will be trying a new program at St. Cyr park this summer that will put a supply of disposable bags in the park. If this program is successful, more may be added. Please clean up after your pets and pick up any trash or debris that can end up in our storm water system.

### MSD Asks Residents To COOL IT, CAN IT & TRASH IT

Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) clog pipes both inside your home and outside in our sewer system. FOG can be found in many of our favorite foods. After a meal, these fats, oils, and grease are often poured down the sink or garbage disposal, but neither is designed to properly handle these materials. MSD's Project Clear reminds you, please DON'T pour fats, oils and grease down the drain or outside into the public sewer system. Once the grease is in the drain, it sticks to the sides of sewer pipes, both on your property and in the public sewer system. Over time, the grease will build up and block the pipes. Blocked sewer pipes can cause sewer backups into homes and/or streets, costly cleaning, maintenance, and water pollution. MSD asks you to:

- Never pour grease down sink drains, into toilets or down the sewer system.
- Encourage friends and neighbors to keep FOG out of the sewer system.
- Scrape visible FOG and food scraps from plates, pots and utensils into the trash.
- Scrape visible fats, oil and grease into an empty pet food, vegetable, coffee can or jar. Allow the grease to cool and solidify. Throw the container in the trash. **COOL IT, CAN IT & TRASH IT.**

For more informations about MSD programs, go to <http://www.projectclearstl.org/>

### Riverview Fire Protection District

#### Chief Joe Bommarito



As we move toward the end of the winter please remember to have your home air conditioner serviced and to change your filter regularly throughout the year. This will help your unit operate more efficiently.

The Board of Directors, the Firefighters, and I are preparing informational meeting dates to meet with our residents. Once all dates have been established

we will post them so you can attend. We will be meeting with our residents to explain how the declining assessed valuations in our area have affected your fire district and what we have done and continue to do. As we plan for the future we would like you to be aware of our options. Please make time to attend these important meetings.

We have a limited amount of smoke detectors and if you do not have one please call 314-867-3889 so we can schedule a time to install one for you. Your firefighters and I are proud to serve you.

### April 8, 2014, Municipal Election

The following candidates will be on the April 8th ballot:

Ward 1 - Shirley Paro  
Ward 2 - Scott Schultz  
Ward 3 - Mark Roth  
Ward 4 - Willis Dillworth

Polls will be open from 6 AM to 7 PM.

To vote in this election, residents should be registered to vote by March 12, 2014. Absentee ballots may be submitted between February 25 to April 2, 2014.

Other candidates and issues may be on the ballot, including but not limited to, the Hazlewood School District, The Jr. College District and a tax increase.

You can register to vote at the City Hall, any public school or library. Absentee ballots can be obtained at the City Hall or by calling the St. Louis County Election Board at 615-1919.



## Grace Chapel DARE Graduation



Students of the 5th Grade Class of Grace Chapel Lutheran School celebrated their DARE Graduation on November 26, 2013. Friends, family and officials from the City of BN were there to celebrate with them.

The DARE Graduates took the DARE Pledge, sang the DARE songs and received their Graduation Certificates from the Instructor, Sergeant Peggy Vassallo.



### Essay Winners

(l to r):  
3rd place  
Olivia Hilton,  
2nd place Nate  
Laesch and 1st  
Place Isaiah  
Thompson

The Riverview High School Navy Junior ROTC read the essays and determined which would be 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place winners.

The surprise of the day was a visit from Hazelwood Police Officer Brian Hale and his Canine partner, Chavier. Hazelwood and other departments with Canines often assist cities like the City of BN when needed. Since the kids had lots of questions about police dogs, the surprise visit was arranged.



Officer Hale explained police dogs have been on duty in the St. Louis area since the early 1950's. German Shepherds can be used as multi-tasking dogs, while other breeds are usually trained for specific tasks, such as tracking or drug detection.

Congratulations to the Grace Chapel Lutheran School 5th Grade class for their commitment to remain drug and violence free and thanks to Officer Hale and Chavier for making that special visit.

## AMEREN Missouri Warns Against Scams

Ameren Missouri has sent a warning to residents and businesses about thieves demanding phone payments with Green Dot Money Pack Cards; credit cards that can be purchased at local businesses. Ameren asks customers to be aware: Ameren representatives never demand payment be made over the phone or asks for pin numbers. Ameren suggests that you follow these tips:

- Never give your credit card, debit card, Social Security, ATM, checking or savings account

number to anyone who calls or sends an E-mail.

- Never allow anyone into your home or business who wants to check your electrical wiring, natural gas lines or appliances unless you have scheduled an appointment or reported a natural gas leak.
- Ameren Missouri employees always carry a photo identification, which includes name, employee number and an official Ameren logo. If you are not sure if the ID is authentic, end the conversation immediately call the BNPD for verification. Ameren asks that you notify them, also.

## Avoiding Scams, Property Fraud

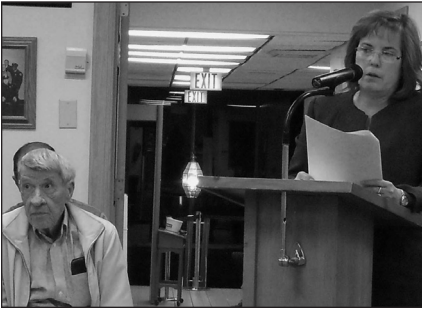
George C. Parker was the greatest con man in American history. In fact, he sold the Brooklyn Bridge at least twice a week, one time for as much as \$50,000. Sometimes the police would have to stop the "new owners" from setting up toll booths in the middle of the bridge. Mr. Parker died in prison at Sing Sing, but many have followed in his footsteps.

Scam Artists have become more creative. They contact you in person, by phone, mail and E-mail offering to reduce credit card interest rates, handle an inheritance from someone you never heard of before or informing you that you won a sweepstakes you never

entered. If you receive something that you suspect to be a scam, call the BNPD at 889-2341. Officers can direct you to the appropriate office to report it.

One of the latest scams is Property Fraud where scammers can file fraudulent papers and transfer your property to them. St. Louis County has put a **Free Property Fraud Alert Program** in place. By signing into: <http://www.stlouisco.com/YourGovernment/CountyDepartments/Revenue/RecorderofDeedsDivision/PropertyFraudAlert.aspx> or calling 1-800-728-3858, you can be alerted by phone or E-mail any time a document is filed in your name.

## July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 Audit Report



Treasurer Larry Abeln (left) listens to the Angela Dorn's report.

Angela Dorn of Hochschild, Bloom & Company LLC, presented the City's mandated audit at the November 30, 2014, Board of Aldermen meeting, for the year ending on June 30, 2013.

Ms. Dorn reported, "The City's financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, and its activities are with accounting principles generally accepted in the USA." This is equivalent to the City getting an "A" in accounting practices.

The City's revised total budget for July 1, 2012 to

June 30, 2013, was \$5,232,304. The City holds a reserve fund balance of \$2,611,992. Several factors that affected the budget were:

- Increased Court revenue from the traffic division
- Early payoff of lease agreements (PD vehicles)
- Reduced expenditures for street improvements (Belgrove and Ashbrook street repairs will be reflected on the 2013-2014 budget)
- FEMA/SEMA refunds for 2011 disaster relief

Thanks to Mayor Robert J. Doerr, Budget Director Mark Roth, Treasurer Larry Abeln, the Board of Aldermen and City staff, our finances are stable and in accordance to US Standards for Municipalities.

The City's audit and budgets are open public record. Please call Deni Donovan at 847-0076 to arrange a time to review the documents.

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## Electronic Recycling Event, May 3, 2014



The City of BN will be partnering with WITS Inc., to sponsor a Free Electronic Recycling Event on Saturday, May 3, 2014, on the City Hall parking lot, 9641 Bellefontaine Road from 9 AM to 2 PM.

WITS is dedicated to reuse and recycling. WITS fixes and refurbishes electronics, computers and surplus equipment then puts it back into the community. Items that cannot be fixed are dismantled and taken to appropriate recycling facilities.

WITS protects information on computers with data destruction software which will perform a complete data destruction per NIST and DoD (Department of Defense) 5220.22-M standards. After the data wipe there is no data remaining on the drives. All donations are tax deductible and tax letters are available upon request at drop-off. Donations are welcome to help cover the cost of recycling.

WITS accepts almost everything that runs on electric or batteries and some small machinery that runs on gas. If an item you would like to donate is not on the list, call to find out if they will accept it. 314-382-1650 or check out their web site at [www.witsinc.org](http://www.witsinc.org).

### WITS accepts:

Computers	Phones	Industrial mach.
Monitors	Clocks	Lawn equip.
Printers	VCRs	Tools
Cables	Stereos	Lawn mowers
Keyboards	Satellite dishes	Tillers
Mice	Home electronics	Batteries (any)
Office equip.	Blenders	Holiday lights
Business equip.	Toasters	CDs
Servers	Irons	VHS tapes
TVs (all sizes)	Medical equip.	Heaters
Radios	Cable	Usable Toys

**There is a \$5 charge for:** Items with freon; refrigerators, air conditioners, etc., Items containing mercury; thermostats, white goods; washers and dishwashers.

**There is a \$10 charge for:** console or projection TVs and a \$.50 per pound for household batteries. WITS accepts car batteries and rechargeable batteries at no charge.

There is a limit of two (2) TVs per car.

WITS does **not** accept paint, chemicals, or tires

WITS now accepts all sizes of reusable clothes, shoes, toys, dishes, silverware and baby items.

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## Audrey Hollis Not Seeking Re-election



Alderman Audrey Hollis announced she would not be running for re-election in the April 8, 2014, election. She told the Board she had enjoyed her time on the Board, but has family obligations that need her attention.

Audrey was elected in a special election in 2007 to fill an unexpired term and went on to

be reelected in 2010. Audrey has served as a liaison to the Public Safety Commission, organized the GSM community garden, worked to get people involved in the community and served as an advocate for our youth, Veterans and Neighborhood Watch. Audrey is also dedicated to her church, The Greater St. Mark's Family Church. We are sorry to see her leave the Board of Aldermen but hopes she stays involved with the City of BN. We wish her well!



# Every Day Is Veterans Day In Bellefontaine Neighbors

Fort Bellefontaine Memorial American Legion Post 335 hosted a Veteran's Day Program on Monday, November 11, 2013 and had a surprise for the residents and Administration of the Veteran's Home.

American Legion Post 335 Commander Anthony Smith, Missouri Veteran's Commission Executive Deputy Director Bryan Hunt, Scott Air Force Bases' Lieutenant Colonel Elgin and the Director of the Missouri Veteran's Home in The City of BN Stan Smith, thanked the Veterans for their service.



The Riverview High School Navy Junior ROTC presents the Colors.



The Grace Chapel 4th grade class sings the National Anthem

Missouri Veteran's Home this year were read as a "Final Farewell" in remembrance and acknowledgement of the sacrifices they made.

The big surprise came at the end of the program when Commander Anthony Smith presented Director Stan Smith and Volunteer Director Julie Goulet with a check for

\$10,000 from Fort Bellefontaine Memorial American Legion Post 335. The check was a donation to be applied to the purchase of a new bus that will be used to transport Veterans to doctor visits, outings and events.

The Riverview Gardens High School, Navy Junior ROTC, led by Instructor Dyrol Amantine, posted and retired the flags ceremoniously and The Principal's Ambassadors Club of Westview



Commander Anthony Smith (Center) presents Volunteer Director Julie Goulet and Director of the MVH, Stan Smith a check for the new bus.

Middle School in the Riverview Gardens' School District read letters and poems to thank the Veterans. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade class from Grace Chapel Lutheran School, led by Music Director Sandy Kratzer, performed a Patriotic Music Tribute.

After the program, friends and family had a chance to visit with the Veterans and service men and women from Scott Air Force Base to thank them for their service.

The names of 123 Veterans who passed away at the

## Mark Your Calendars For City Events

**St. Patrick's (Senior) Dinner** - Tuesday, March 4  
(See Recreation Center Brochure.)

**Municipal Election** - Tuesday, April 8. (See page 4.)

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Saturday, April 19, 10 AM. Residents only. (See Recreation Center brochure.)

**Beautification Action Day** - April 26, 9 AM  
Meet at the Recreation Center. (See page 8.)

**Electronic Recycling Event** - Saturday, May 3, 2014  
at City Hall parking lot. (See page 6.)

**Cinco De Mayo (Senior) Dinner** - Tuesday, May 6  
(See Recreation Center Brochure.)

**Bicycle Rodeo**, Saturday - May 17, 10 AM, at City Hall, all ages. Rain Date, Saturday, May 24.

Check the May edition of the Bellefontaine News for:

**Memorial Day, Monday** - May 26, 10 AM at the Missouri Veteran's Home, 10600 Lewis & Clark

**Dog and Cat Clinic** - Saturday, June 7, 9 AM to Noon.

**Fishing Derby** - Saturday, June 7, 8 AM at the Bellefontaine Conservation Area, 270 & 367

**Back to School Resource Fair**- planned for July

**National Night Out** - Tuesday, Oct. 7

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## Image and Beautification Commission

Congratulations to the winners of the 15th Annual Holiday Decorating Awards for 2013.

### Ward 1

Kulla Family  
1104 La Roux Ct.

The Whittington Family  
101 Green Acres

### Ward 2

The Heidebur Family  
1347 Coburg Lands

The Green Family  
1466 Belgrove

### Ward 3

Jason Brooks, Robert Cook  
10533 Ewell

The Redd Family  
1464 Blackhurst

### Ward 4

Angela Stevenson  
1057 Fontaine

The Crayton Family  
1070 Fontaine



l to r: Seated: Carla & Val Heidebur, Michaelia Green, Robert Cook and Jason Brooks. Standing: John Kulla, Larry Green, Wesley Crayton and the Redd Family.

The award was especially appreciated by the Redd Family who's honored husband and father, Undra Redd, passed away. They decorated their home the same as he did in 1997; the year he won the award.

Thanks are also in order for our hard-working I & B commission that judged the homes. The I & B Commission works to plant gardens, water and weed all season long. They will be judging for Home

Beautification Awards in June. They invite you to come out and help on Beautification Action Day.

### Beautification Action Day

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Meet at the Recreation Center at 9 AM

Help keep our City beautiful

Lunch & mini golf after the work is done.

Service Hours welcome!

## Waste Management Contract Extended

Our current contract for residential trash service was due to expire in 2015, but Waste Management (WM) offered to extend the existing contract a year early and give City of BN excellent rates. The Board of Aldermen voted to accept the offer.

Instead of our rates going up on June 1, 2014, our rates will remain the same until June 1, 2015.

Our contract includes once a week pick up of trash, yard waste and recycling, one 90 gallon cart for trash

Current rate \$20.45 per month, Senior rate \$18.40

Year beginning June 1, 2014, \$20.45 per month, Senior rate \$18.40

Year beginning June 1, 2015, \$20.85 per month, Senior rate \$18.75

Year beginning June 1, 2016, \$21.25 per month, Senior rate \$19.10

Year beginning June 1, 2017, \$21.25 per month, Senior rate \$19.10

Year beginning June 1, 2018, \$21.70 per month, Senior rate \$19.50

and one 90 gallon cart for yard waste is included. Damaged carts will be replaced at no charge and additional carts will remain at \$2.50 per month. The contract also includes one bulky item per month, on the last pick up day of the month. For more information, call WM at 506-4700.

Free recycling carts are available by calling City Hall at 867-0076. Seniors over the age of 62 should show a drivers license or ID at City Hall to qualify for the Senior Discount.

## Traveling Weather Show. Saturday March 1, 2014

The City of BN has experienced more than our fair share of storms in the past few years and since we cannot prevent storms, the best solution is to learn to recognize threats and respond safely.

Bellefontaine United Methodist Church, (BUMC) at 10600 Bellefontaine Road will be hosting a **Traveling Weather Show** on Saturday, March 1, 2014. The program is free, pre-registration is not required and refreshments will be served.



weather observation and safety training. Qualifies you as a trained weather spotter.

**Level 2, 1 - 4 PM:** Level 2 is an optional advanced class providing additional and enhanced information.

Participants receive a certificate attesting to the completion of training through the Traveling Weather Show. Anyone age 13 and older, should have no difficulty in grasping the content of the program. Anyone needing handicap access should call BUMC on weekdays for parking and access information. 314-867-0800.

**Level 1, 9 AM - Noon:** Level 1 is basic severe



## Planning & Zoning (P & Z)

One of the reasons the City of BN was incorporated in 1950 was the booming housing industry that flourished after WW II. The 766 residents who comprised, what was then the City of BN, wanted local control over land use and wanted to preserve what was best for both the present residents and the 16,000 residents that would move in during the next 10 years.

To meet this pressing need in 1950, committee members worked without pay for 5 months, often meeting three nights a week from 7:30 PM to 3 AM to complete a zoning plan for the City of BN.

Many things have changed, but today's P & Z Commission members take their jobs as seriously as their predecessors did more than 64 years ago.

Today's P & Z Commission is under more pressure than anytime before to provide sound advice to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. P & Z members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen based on qualifications, knowl-



Bottom row, l to r: Aldermanic Representative Tony Migliazzo, Chairman Bob Stolte, City Engineer Phil Lum.

Top row: Commission members Mel Jennings, Matt Borzymowski, Jerry Van Deven, Willis Dillworth and John Baker.

edge of ever-changing zoning, engineering laws and City ordinances. The P & Z Commission meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 PM. We thank them for their dedication! The City of BN Code of Ordinances and Property Maintenance Codes are available on our web site: [www.Cityofbn.com](http://www.Cityofbn.com)

## Street Department And Police Department Out In The Cold



Public Service Director, Mike Welz, and Street Department employees worked around the clock to clean our streets during the harshest winter we have had in many years and the Police Department never missed a beat because of the weather.

While most communities were facing salt shortages and inflated salt prices, the City of BN was prepared and still has salt on hand because we contracted well in advance.

When you see our Street Department or Police Department on the street, give them a "thumbs up," to thank them for a job well done. Thanks to the residents that moved vehicles out of the street to make it easier for the cars and trucks to navigate. It was appreciated.

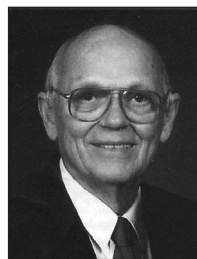


This has been a familiar site to residents in the City of BN for the past months and so have the police cars. Thanks to both the Street Department and the Police Department for working so hard especially during the storms and bitter cold that we endured this winter.



**Jerome (Jerry) Wieggers** (left) passed away on September 6, 2013. Jerry was the owner and founder of his family spice business and served as a Trustee of Surrey Lane Corners until his health started failing. Thanks to Jerry for the time and effort he gave for the residents.

**John R. Morris**, (right) retired US Navy, Lt. Commander, served as trustee of Surrey Lane Corners until his death on November 17, 2013. John and his wife retired to The City of BN and worked diligently to keep the subdivision viable.



Both Mr. Wieggers and Mr. Morris were Veterans and interred at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

**Jacob (Jake) Zeller**, (right) who many knew as one of the twins who worked for years at the Recreation Center while attending school, passed away on December 8, 2013, at the age of 24. Jake grew up in the City of BN, and is missed by family, friends and the Holy Name of Jesus congregation.



Our sympathy and best wishes go out to the families and friends of the men who all worked to make the City of BN a better place for all of us. They will all be remembered.

# City Of BN Church & Not-For-Profit Activities

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

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

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

Giveaway! Everything will be free!  
Clothes, household items, books,  
toys, etc. March 22, 9 AM to 3 PM  
Accepting donations now.

Revival - March 22, 7 PM  
Evangelists: Phil Hamilton

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

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

Sunday School - Sunday - 9:30 AM  
Bible Study - Tuesdays - 6 PM

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

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

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

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

**Beth-El Baptist Church**  
10015 Ashbrook Drive  
239-8229

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

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

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

**Covenant Community Church**  
1351 Shepley Drive  
869-4367

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

**Grace Chapel Lutheran Church**  
10015 Lance Drive  
868-3232

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

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

Grace Chapel Youth Dinner  
Theatre: April 11-13. Enjoy a tasty  
meal and an entertaining melo-  
drama, complete with hero and  
heroine. Call for reservations.

Grace Chapel School Auction:  
Friday, May 9 - 6:00 PM

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

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

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

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

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

Mass - Saturdays - 4 PM  
(5 PM during Daylight Savings)  
Sundays - 8 & 10:30 AM  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8 AM  
Tuesdays & Thursdays - 6:30 AM

Fish Fries, 3 to 6:30 PM  
Ash Wednesday - March 5 and all  
Fridays during Lent: March 7, 14,  
21, 28, April 4, 11 & 18

**JRO Ministries**  
10011 Bellefontaine Road  
868-2440

Dance, sewing and Martial Arts

**Hope Church**  
10636 Bellefontaine Road  
869-7777

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

**Hope Central Ministries**  
10115 Lewis & Blvd.  
869-8573

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

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

Worship - Sundays - 10:30 AM

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

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

**Fort Bellefontaine Memorial  
American Legion Post 335**

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

**City Hall Holidays**  
Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

**Waste Management Holidays**  
There will be no interruption of ser-  
vice until Memorial Day,  
Monday May 26

**Daylight Savings Time Starts**  
Sunday, March 9, 2014  
(Spring forward)





## Board of Aldermen

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## How Did Your Alderman Vote?

Bill #	Date	Description	Paro (w-1)	Migliazzo (w-1)	Schultz (w-2)	Merz (w-2)	Roth (w-3)	Jordan (w-3)	Smith (w-4)	Hollis (w-4)	Pass or fail	Ord. #
2348	11-7-2013	Amending 2013-2014 budget (Roth)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Pass	2267
2349	11-21-13	Granting a Conditional Use permit for a filling station at 10320 Bellefontaine Road (Schultz)	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Pass	2268
2350	1-2-14	Authorizing a contract to secure easement on St. Cyr Road for road construction (Migliazzo)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2269
2351	1-16-14	Authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement with WM to extend trash contract. (Roth) (See page 9)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		Pass	2270
2352	1-16-14	Relating to the theft of cable television. (Smith)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y		Pass	2271
2353	2-6-14	Authorizing an agreement with Insight Title Co. for property services (Paro)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2272
2354	2-6-14	Authorizing an agreement with Real Estate Analysts Ltd., for property services (Migliazzo)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2273

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

Board of Aldermen Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome.

## No Soliciting Per Ordinance # 2063

In order to assist residents in preserving their privacy and avoiding petty annoyances that disrupt the quiet enjoyment of their homes the city has a Soliciting Ordinance, # 2063. Each solicitor (any person attempting to sell or obtain a donation) has to obtain a permit and ID card from City of BN.

Applicants will have to submit to a background check by the BNPD. Applications may be denied if the applicant has been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor or if any of the statements on the application have been found to be false. The permit to solicit may be revoked at any time. The fee for the issuance of each identification card is \$7.50 per day and the city requires solicitors to display an identification card on outer clothing where it is visible. ID cards are only approved for individuals, not groups or businesses.

Our ordinance prohibits solicitors from entering any private property where the property has clearly posted sign, visible from the street, indicating a prohibition against soliciting with letters at least two inches in height.

### City of Bellefontaine Neighbors PERMIT TO SOLICIT

(Company or organization)

(Name)

(Permit #)

Expires (Date)

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Collector

Residents are encouraged to call the police if they see a solicitor or peddler that is not wearing a badge issued from the City of BN or if the person looks suspicious. Please call 911 or 889-2341 and have a description of the person along with the direction of travel. Never open your door if you do not recognize the visitor.

Residents are also encouraged to contact the BNPD to check out utility service workers and others that seem suspicious to you. Police officers can verify they are legitimate

or remove them from the area.

Watch out for your neighbors and encourage them to do the same for you. Call the Police Department to report strange or suspicious persons, vehicles and behavior. When calls for service go up, crime goes down. Our police officers are glad to answer calls that may deter crime.

Working together, we can keep our neighborhoods a safe place to live. For more information on Ordinance #2063, check out our web site at [www.cityofbn.com](http://www.cityofbn.com)

# NO SOLICITORS

## Per Bellefontaine Neighbors Code of Ordinances # 2063