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From The Office Of The Mayor.....



Robert J. Doerr

Winter has begun, and with the change in temperature comes snowfall. I want to remind everyone to please remove your vehicles from the street when the threat of snowfall is predicted. Our equipment is large and the streets are narrow. This combination makes it difficult

for our men and equipment to maneuver when the residents leave their vehicles on the street. Please help them to clear your street by cooperating with us. There are certain streets marked "**SNOW ROUTE**"; please be aware of them and the possibility your vehicle may be towed if left unattended.

The City is waiting on plans, from Kroger, the new owner, for the Bissell Hills Shopping Center. I have been told they wish to open their new grocery store, "Ruler", in early summer. Much renovation will be necessary to bring the buildings and parking lot up to code. We look forward to the remodeling and opening later this year. I also encourage our residents to patronize all stores in our community. Commercial establishments only remain in an area if they can survive through your patronage.

I recently promoted Joe Raben, our Assistant Building Inspector, to "Chief Inspector". Ted Stocker, who

has been the "Chief Inspector" for over 20 years, will remain with the Building Department in a part-time position.

I wish to thank members of our community who have volunteered to serve on specific Boards: Kenneth Wilkins to the Park Board; Mary Oswald to the MU Extension Program; and Patrick Barrett to the Planning and Zoning Commission. As always, I am looking for volunteers to serve on all our Boards and Commissions. I currently have an opening on the Planning and Zoning Commission for someone who is a builder, engineer, architect, or in the building trades. Call me with your information or submit a brief summary about yourself and experience to the City Clerk.

April 5th is Election Day. I encourage you to exercise your right to vote. If you have not registered, please do so immediately if you wish to vote this April. The City has one proposition on the ballot, Proposition B. A brief explanation is given on page 5 about this Proposition.

Thanks to all who help keep this community vibrant and alive!

Robert J. Doerr

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From The Office Of The Chief.....



Chief Jeremy Ihler

The New Standard for Law Enforcement Candidates

As your Chief of Police, one of my primary goals is to enhance the quality and diversity of your police department's workforce.

Almost one year ago, the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department and the St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley embarked on a journey together with the intent of taking measures to achieve this goal; a partnership to enhance the grooming, recruiting, and hiring of qualified individuals as police officers and creating the new standard for engagement in the Greater St. Louis Area.

Part of this partnership involves me instructing the Police Supervision course at the College and is designed to be completed in the final semester before graduation. It focuses on the skills needed to be successful in a law enforcement career, such as leadership, decision-making, and stress management. It also involves career preparation – an in-depth view



Chief Ihler (far right) with Criminal Justice Students, Police Supervision Course, Florissant Valley Community College.

and the expectations during the police hiring process and how to design and write high quality cover letters and resumes.

This social and nurturing approach is an opportunity for me to engage students while sharing my 20+ years of law enforcement experience and highly educated background. I am proud to announce that my first class graduated the course December 2015

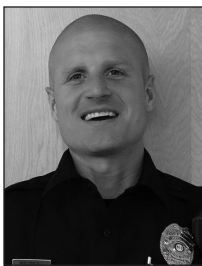
State Implements New Training Standards for Police Officers

The Missouri Department of Public Safety, POST Commission (Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission), is the governing authority for establishing the minimum training standards for police officers across the State. The traditional minimum training requirement for police officers was 48-hours over a 3-year period focused on technical, legal, skill, and interpersonal development.

On December 1, 2015, the State enhanced its training requirements to 24-hours of training each year (72-hours over a 3-year period) and expanded its focus to include officer well-being, including mental health awareness; fair and impartial policing practices, including implicit bias recognition; mental health and cognitive impairment issues; and tactical training to include de-escalation techniques, crisis management, critical thinking and social intelligence.

Fortunately, these training mandates will not have an impact on your police department as police officer training and education has been a priority for many years. On average, each Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Officer already receives 100+ hours of training annually in the categories described above, including the new categories mandated by the State. However, these new mandates increase law enforcement professionalism across the State.

BNPD Notes



New Officer: Michael Pedroli was sworn in as a police officer on December 3, 2015. P. O. Pedroli served the US Marine Corps from 2007 to 2010 and obtained the rank of Sergeant and an honorable discharge. P. O. Pedroli is currently attending UMSL and majoring in Criminal Justice.



2015, while rendering aid to another driver. Sgt. Vassallo had served with the City of BN Police Department for 15 years.

The Police Unity Tour, (www.policeunitytour.com) is a 250 mile bicycle ride beginning in Portsmouth, Virginia and ending at the National Law

Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Washington DC to raise awareness about officers who have died in the line of duty. The funds will help the family with travel expenses, food, lodging, registration fees. Excess funds will be donated to the memorial. To donate:

www.gofundme.com/xbcqtc64

A GoFundme account has been started to raise money for the family of fallen officer, **Sgt. Peggy Vassallo**, so they can attend and participate in the 2016 Police Unity tour in her honor. SRO Officer Ron Shreeves will also be riding in this event. Sgt. Vassallo was struck and killed by a vehicle in August,

Neighborhood Watch



Officer Dave Owens, Community Services Officer

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

It's a simple adage and one that holds immeasurable power when it comes to keeping communities safe. Over the years, neighborhood watch groups

have grown in number, having a positive impact on the reduction of crime in communities throughout the country.

According to the National Neighborhood Watch Program, burglaries nationwide decreased more than 30 percent throughout the 1980's, thanks to communities taking a more active role in stopping crime before it starts. Here in Bellefontaine Neighbors, through partnerships with block captains, the Police Department has received valued intelligence reports resulting not only in prevention but also apprehensions of dangerous criminals. We have seen a marked decrease in crime vs. some of the neighboring communities who are not as proactive.

Crimes in the cities tend to be crimes against persons, like assaults or robberies, which law enforcement defines as forcibly taking property from someone, as opposed to breaking into a home and stealing something. Crimes here in Bellefontaine

Neighbors are also crimes against property, car thefts or people stealing auto parts.

Although it is difficult to measure the effectiveness of neighborhood watch groups against these types of crimes in terms of solid statistics, watch programs are undoubtedly effective. Through the use of Crime Mapping tools and accurate reporting we are able to see our community has far less incidents than the surrounding areas, much of which can be credited to our citizens taking ownership of their community.

Safety in Numbers According to the National Sheriffs' Association, neighborhood watch programs work because they make life too difficult for the potential criminals in a number of ways. Depending on the scope of the programs, watch associations can do everything from encouraging homeowners to get security inspections and upgrade locks, security hardware and lighting to organizing phone trees for quick neighborhood alerts. Watch groups also ward off potential criminal activity by keeping the neighborhood well marked with signs and stickers on homes, the kinds of things that make thieves think twice.

Community Neighborhood Watch Meetings take place the first Wednesday of the month in City Hall at 7 PM. The meetings are casual and informative. Guest speakers are routinely asked to visit in order to keep the information current and interesting. Please consider attending and sharing your concerns with your fellow citizens.

EWGCC Award

The Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department was honored to have received the East-West Gateway Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award for our 2015 Youth Summer Camp. Pictured at right are Chief Ihler, Mayor Doerr, James Vassallo (accepting on behalf of his wife Peggy), and Officer Dave Owens.



The Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department was selected to receive the 2015 Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award for Exemplary Accomplishments by a Local Government Jurisdiction recognizing the department's Youth Enrichment Skills/Recreation Camp, the city's engaging its youth and

supporting strong relationships between the police department and the community.

March Madness; Kids vs. Cops

The second annual, "March Madness; Kids vs. Cops" Basketball game will be held on Thursday, March 17, at noon at the BN Recreation Center. Our own police officers will play against the Division of Youth Services: The Missouri Hill Boys' ELITE, who hold the title for 2015. This game brings the cops and kids together for some fun and fellowship.

Residents are invited to bring your pom-poms and join us cheering for your favorite team. Refreshments will be served after the game.



Human Relations Commission

Bellefontaine Neighbors was pleased to host the Regional Human Rights Commission (RHRC) meeting in January, 2016. The RHRC was formed in October, 2014. The first meeting was held at Kathy's Kitchen in Ferguson, Missouri. They are open to Human Relation Commission members of all municipalities throughout the St. Louis area and are represented by Ferguson, Kirkwood, Jennings, St. Charles County and Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri. Their purpose is: To facilitate regional HRC's the exchange and collaborations of ideas, to assist, support and complement each other more effectively in their efforts to promote human rights, harmony, inclusion and respect within our communities and to celebrate our diversity.



Pictured left to right: Toni Dupree from Ferguson Human Rights Commission, Willie Roberson from Bellefontaine Human Relations Commission and Carole Bannes from St. Charles Human Rights Commission.

On July 16, 2015, BN HRC members Mayor Doerr and City Clerk, Deni Donovan attended a meeting with members from the Missouri Commission on Human Rights. At the meeting, Dr. Alisa Warren Executive Director of the MCHR, pledged to support us by providing assistance for training and our Housing Resource fair which will be held in the Spring.

On September 9, 2015, our members, along with the RHRC members, and others received refresher diversity training from Amanda Biondolino, attorney for MHRC.

On October 8, 2015, we sponsored the second annual Bellefontaine Neighbors Diversity Meeting.

On November 6, 2015, three members of our HRC attended the Annual Conference Celebrating Human Rights Day.

On December 19, 2015, we supported Mayor Doerr with his mission to increase the number of applications for the Marrow Registry, "Be The Match" at the American Red Cross Blood Drive, held at Hazelwood East High School.

Bellefontaine Neighbors is proud to have an active HRC since August 19, 2004. The original Human Rights Commission was established in 1985 to fight discrimination, primarily in Fair Housing. Since that time, City Officials felt the need to expand the role of the HRC. A full description of our HRC is in Chapter 14 of the City Ordinances. Listed below are activities that our HRC have been involved with recently.

Residential Street Repairs

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen are aware that major repairs on residential streets are badly needed.

For the past year, Alderman John Jordan has spent countless hours determining which streets need repair, measuring, and determining the cost of the projects. His work has given us an insight as to what to expect.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is being prepared sent out for Engineering Services so we can get a better evaluation of what is ahead of us. The RFP should reveal the amount of bonds we will have to ask for to make the repairs.

Research has, also, gone into funding of the streets. Since the City's finances cannot cover the cost of streets, a Bond Issue will have to be passed.

The Board of Aldermen are determining the cost of streets and bonding capacity available. Aldermen are committed to making an informed decision while keeping options open in the case of an emergency so funds are still viable.

In the next weeks, as more information is available the Board of Aldermen will be deciding if they are ready to put a Bond issue on the August Ballot. More information will be available to residents in the May edition of the Bellefontaine News.

St. Louis County Road Repairs



St. Louis County Councilman Mike O'Mara is happy to announce that Chambers Road has been put out for bid and will be paved in Spring of 2016 from West Florissant to Bellefontaine Road. Councilman O'Mara hoped to have this on the 2015 calendar, but funds were not available in the 2015 budget.

Lilac Avenue is also on the calendar for 2016, however the engineering or bids have not been completed and there has not been a time set for construction.

Please be careful when driving in a construction area. Besides the obvious threat to workers, fines can be greatly increased for traffic violations in construction areas.

On The April 5, 2016 Ballot

The following are the candidates and propositions, in the order they appear, on the ballot:

Ward 1 (4 year term) Al Herl Rhodia Sleet	Proposition B Out of State Motor Vehicle Tax (See information below)	accepted through the mail or in person from a guardian or relative of the applicant
Ward 2 (4 year term) Don Merz James Carroll Theresa L. Reed	The following are important dates for the April 5 election:	April 2 Election Board Office open for absentee voting
Ward 3 (4 year term) John G. Jordan (Unopposed)	February 23 Absentee voting opens	April 4 Last day for voting an absentee ballot in person at the Election Board office for the
Ward 4 (4 year term) Anthony Smith Alease Dailes	March 9 Last day to register for the General Municipal Election.	April 5 ELECTION DAY , Polls open from 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Ward 4 (2 year term) Andrew Fields (Unopposed)	March 25 Last day to file as a write-in candidate	Additional information is available at the Election Board's Web Site, http://www.stlouisco.com/YourGovernment/Elections or by call 314-615-1800
	March 30 Last day (5:00 PM) absentee applications will be	

Frequently Asked Questions about Proposition B, Motor Vehicles (Official Ballot Language)

Shall the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO, continue applying and collecting the local sales tax on titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boars and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed, Missouri dealer? Rejection of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide for vital services in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO, and it will place Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats and trailers at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats and trailers.

Does the City currently collect this tax?

No, however, prior to 2012, BN residents DID pay City Sales Tax and Missouri Highway Use Tax (equal to State Sales Tax) on motor vehicles bought out-of-state when licensing them. In 2012, there was a change in statewide legislation which required each municipality to pass a local sales tax on out-of-state motor vehicle purchases.

Who will pay this sales tax?

You will not pay this tax unless you purchase a

vehicle from an out-of-state dealer, which is exempt from local sales tax. Unlike retail purchases, motor vehicles are charged sales tax based on where you live, not where it's purchased.

Will I pay this tax if I purchase a vehicle from an individual in another state?

Yes, just like at a dealership, you would pay the sales tax when you license the vehicle.

Will I pay this tax if I purchase a boat or trailer from out-of-state?

Yes, the tax will apply to all motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats and trailers just like if purchasing/licensing in Missouri.

Why should there be a tax on out-of-state motor vehicle purchases?

Today, if a BN resident purchases a vehicle from a Missouri car dealer, they must pay local sales tax. This means that with tax, the same car sold at the same price will cost more if purchased locally than if it is purchased from out-of-state. This puts local dealers at a disadvantage, encouraging residents to do business outside of Missouri. In the end, it hurts local businesses and jobs.

Anonymously Report Drug Activity

The City of BN participates in the St. Louis County Police Department Bureau of Drug Enforcement. Citizens are encouraged to use the following link to report drug activity that they have observed to the Bureau of Drug Enforcement. This can be done without identifying yourself, or you can provide contact information if you are willing to be contacted by an investigator.

You may also provide information by calling 314-863-DOPE (3673) or by sending an email message to <http://stlouisco.com/LawandPublicSafety/PoliceDepartment/DrugActivityReportingForm>.

Bissell Hills Shopping Center

There has been a lot of speculation and rumors about the future of the Bissell Hills Shopping Center. As of the date the newsletter is going to the printer, this is what we know.

The Kroger Food Chain has purchased the entire shopping Center at the corner of Bellefontaine and Chambers Roads after a long negotiation with the former owner. The US Bank building is independently owned and not a part of the purchase.

The site is intended to house a Ruler Food Store as the anchor store in the site of the former Bill's Market. Ruler Foods is a warehouse store grocery chain, owned by Kroger. It is a no-frills grocery store where 80% of the offerings are Kroger Brand, the customers bag their own groceries at the checkout, and rent shopping carts for 25 cents.

Although no plans have been submitted to the City of BN yet, the Property Management Office for the Ruler Food Store has been assessing the property and making plans for renovations that include: parking lot renovations, an improved front on all stores in the center, indoor and outdoor building renovations to accommodate Ruler's needs and health and safety updates to the entire shopping center.

When the plans are submitted to the City of BN, they will be reviewed by the City Engineer, Phil Lum and the Planning and Zoning Commission (P & Z). The P & Z recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Aldermen for final approval. Ruler is hoping to open the new store in 2016.

We are all looking forward to the revitalization of the shopping center and hope to have more news soon.

Chief's Citizen Citation Award

Chief's Citizen Citation Award is awarded to a citizen whose assistance to the Police Department was given without regard to personal welfare and had a positive bearing on the outcome of an incident and contributed to the furtherance of law enforcement in the community.



Talor Williams

On October 16, 2015, Talor Williams' mother, Melanie Sims, had a headache and was acting in a disoriented manner. Talor recognized that her mother needed medical attention. Without direction, Talor called her grandfather for help, who in turn called emergency services for medical help. It was later

determined that Melanie Sims had an infection that

could have been fatal without immediate medical attention. Talor's cognizance and swift action saved her mother's life.



Nashia Coffie

On October 18, 2015, an incident occurred in which Nashia Coffie's family members were held at gunpoint. Nashia directed her younger siblings to escape the residence through a bedroom window. Nashia then courageously placed herself between the perpetrator and the adults in the residence,

in an effort to protect them. Nashia remained calm and decisive during an extremely dangerous situation. Her actions and incredible bravery saved the lives of her family.

Free Events At St. Louis County Parks

Introduction to Geocaching at Fort Belle Fontaine Park, Saturday April 30 10 AM -11:30 AM.

(Ages 7 and up) FREE

Geocaching is an adventurous, modern day scavenger hunt. Tying technology and nature together, this outdoor hobby is enjoyable at any age. Bring your family to Fort Belle Fontaine Park and join us for an introduction on the basics of geocaching and then try your hand at hunting for hidden objects. GPS Units will be provided. Bring your lawn chair. Sign in at the guard house at the entrance to the park and get directions to The Grand Staircase. In Partnership with: Missouri Department of Conservation. Advance registration required. Call 314-877-6014.

Fort Belle Fontaine Park is located on Bellefontaine Road, 3.5 miles North of Chambers Road. Visitors must check in at the Guard Shack.

Hike at Fort Belle Fontaine Park, Saturday April 30 1 PM -3:30 PM.(Ages 7 and up) FREE

Experience the natural wonders of Fort Belle Fontaine Park: Search for spring wildflowers in the prairie, enjoy the peaceful sounds of Cold Water Creek, and take in the spectacular view of the Missouri River from the Grand Staircase along a 3-mile trail. Guides will be present to share some of the amazing history of the location including how this was the first military installation west of the Mississippi River. Sign in at the guard house at the entrance to the park and get directions to parking. In Partnership with: Missouri Department of Conservation. Reservations not required.



Free Smoke Detectors

The Riverview Fire Protection District has smoke detectors and batteries available and will install them in any **owner occupied residence**. If you need a smoke detector or new batteries, call the RFPD at 867-3889 to schedule an appointment and the firefighters will come to your home to install your detectors. The new smoke detectors have a 10 year battery life. This is not just for the City of BN, but any owner occupied residence within The Riverview Fire Protection District. Renters are urged to contact landlords if their premises do not have working smoke detectors.

Free Housing Resource Fair

The City of BN will be hosting its 5th Annual Housing Resource Fair, April 6, 2016 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM at the Bellefontaine Recreation Center, 9669 Bellefontaine Rd. It is free and open to everyone. There will be a wealth of resources available covering all aspects of home ownership. If you have questions and need answers, don't miss this event. Consider:

- Is it better to rent or buy?
- Behind on your mortgage? Can I refinance or restructure?
- What are the advantages/disadvantages of reverse mortgages?
- Where can I get assistance with home repairs?
- What alternatives are there to foreclosure?
- Credit problems? How can I improve my score?

North County is a wonderful place to live with great, affordable housing. With many positive things on the horizon, knowledgeable and stable homeowners add to our success. You can benefit from a host of resources provided in an effort to strengthen North County and be an empowered residents. Stop by and meet some of the people who could assist in making your life better.



Youth Resource Fair

Bellefontaine Neighbors Youth Commission's first Annual Youth Resource Fair will be held on March 19, 2016 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Bellefontaine Recreation Center. The event is open to youth of all ages to provide families with information and opportunities to support students' social, emotional, health, career, academic, and physical development. The admission is free and all small children must be accompanied by an adult. For More Information: Call the BN Recreation Center 314-867-0700 or email Dr. Miranda Avant-Elliott, Chair, at dravantelliott@gmail.com

D.A.R.E. Dance, Friday, March 11

D.A.R.E. Dance - Friday, March 11, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, 5th and 6th Graders only. No hats, hoodies, or sagging pants. Cost is \$5 per person. (includes a soda and a bag of chips). Please call the Recreation Center for more information. 867-0700

City Of BN Coming Events

DARE Dance, Friday, March 11, 6:30 to 8:30 PM (See above)

St. Patrick's (Senior) Dinner Thursday, March 15 (See Recreation Center Brochure)

Youth Resource Fair, March 19, 4:30 to 7:30 PM, at the recreation center (See above)

VA Town Hall Meeting, March 22, 5 to 7 PM at the City Hall

Municipal Election - Tuesday, April 5. (See page 5)

Housing Resource Fair, Wednesday, April 6, 4:30 to 7:30 PM (See above)

Beautification Action Day (Trash Bash) - March 19, 8:30 AM (See page 9)

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 26 (see Recreation Center Brochure)

Cinco De Mayo (Senior) Dinner - Tuesday, May 3 (See Recreation Center Brochure)

Watch for these events in the May edition of the Bellefontaine News:

Bicycle Rodeo - Saturday - May 21, at City Hall.

Memorial Day, Monday - May 30 At the Missouri Veteran's Home.

Dog and Cat Clinic - Saturday, June 4, 9 AM to Noon at City Garage

Children's Fishing Experience - Saturday, June 4, 8 AM at the Conservation Area, 270 & 367

How Did Your Alderman Vote?

Bill #	Date	Description	Paro (w-1)	Vacant (w-1)	Schultz (w-2)	Merz (w-2)	Roth (w-3)	Jordan (w-3)	Smith (w-4)	Fields (w-4)	Pass or fail	Ord. #
2430	11-6-15	Authorizing an amendment to an agreement for disaster recovery efforts (Roth)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2347
2431	11-6-15	Adopting an amendment to the personnel rules and regulations (Smith)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2348
2432	11-6-15	Authorizing an agreement with the Missouri Highways Commission regarding street repair (Jordan)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2349
2433	11-19-15	Amending the 2014-2015 budget and appropriating funds (Roth)			Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Pass	2350
2434	12-17-15	Authorizing a proposition on the April 5, 2016 ballot to allow the City of BN to continue to collect local sales tax on motor vehicles, etc., that are purchased from other than a licensed Missouri Dealer. (Roth)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2351
2435	12-17-15	Approving an agreement with Horner & Shifrin for the Ashbrook - Cabot Improvements (Jordan)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2352
2436	1-7-16	Revising the permitted uses for the Bissell Hills Shopping Center	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2353
2437	1-21-16	Amending Ordinance No. 2327 and Fiscal year 2015 - 2016 budget (Roth)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2354
2438	1-21-16	Authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement with St. Louis County for communications (Fields)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2355

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

Resolution #	Date	Description	Pass or Fail
2015-03	11-19-15	Approving an applicant for the Municipal Park Grant Program (Merz)	Pass
2016-1	1-21-16	Approve and adopt the City's 457 Plan and Trust for city employees (Roth)	Pass
2016-2	1-21-16	Approve and adopt the City's 401 (A) Compensation and Matching Plan for employees (Roth)	Pass

Eagle Court Of Honor Held For Xavier Race Langston

Xavier Race Langston was presented his Eagle Award on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at Bellefontaine United Methodist Church (BUMC), in The City of BN. Xavier is the 111th Scout to earn the Eagle Rank in Troop 271.

Xavier designed, constructed and supervised the building of a Memorial Walkway for BUMC that connects the west sidewalk from the front of the church to the east driveway that connects the front and back parking lots.

Troop 271 is growing stronger all the time! When Troop 235, from the Jamestown area found themselves short on Scouts, they merged with Troop 271 bringing on new Scouts and Leaders. For information on joining Troop 271, call 838-9887. Ages 10 through 18 are accepted. The troop meets on Sunday afternoons.



Left to right: Carl Langston, Eagle Scout Xavier Langston, Kim Langston and Scout Master Tim Woelbling

Image & Beautification Commission News

Trash Bash!

This year, the City of BN Image and Beautification Commission will be partnering with the St. Louis Regions first Large Scale Cleanup: the Confluence Trash Bash on Saturday, March 19, 2016.

Confluence Trash Bash is the annual clean-up in North St Louis and North St Louis County. It is organized by Greenway Network, MSD (Metropolitan Sewer District), St. Louis Audubon Society, Missouri Stream Team and a long list of local organizations. Call 867-0076 to RSVP.

Volunteers will meet in front of the Recreation Center at 8:30 AM. Volunteers will pick up trash in the City of BN, as we always do. Tee shirts and supplies will be provided and lunch will also be provided at the Chain of Rocks Bridge Site. Everyone is invited to join in! Call 867-0076 to sign up.

Congratulations to our 2015 Christmas Decoration Winners and thanks to everyone who worked to dress up our city for the holidays!

Ward 1

#14 Green Acres The McWilliams Home
9928 Calumet The Rose Home

Ward 2

1343 Coburg Lands The Hanson Home
1347 Coburg Lands The Heidebur Home

Ward 3

1181 Nectar The Raven Home
1251 Bakewell The Messmer Home

Ward 4

828 Chain of Rocks The Holman Home
1116 Astoria The Cook Home



Decoration winners, from left to right: Dave McWilliams and his son, Matt, Frank Hanson, Stefanie Messmer and Carla and Val Heidebur

This June, I & B members will be judging homes for the Summer Beautification Awards. Start spiffing up your house now to be considered for this award.

Mathews-Dickey North County Baseball League

April marks the second year for the Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club (MDBGC) North County Baseball League. The epicenter of activity will be the Bob Russell Park, owned and operated by MDBGC at 1105 St. Cyr Road in Bellefontaine Neighbors.

There are opportunities for youth to enjoy RBI softball and baseball (ages 13-18), competitive softball and baseball (ages 8-12) along with Redbird Rookies T-Ball (ages 5-6), Baseball (ages 7-12) and Softball (ages 5-12). Practices start in April with games held from May to July.

The program is designed to offer youth an opportunity to learn sportsmanship, teamwork and fair play in a safe and structured environment. The fun and learning goes beyond the baseball diamond. In conjunction with the Cardinals Care's Redbird Rookies program youth have an opportunity to be a part of the Redbird Rookies Summer Reading Program, Schnucks for Healthy Eating Healthy Shopper Program, attend performances at the St. Louis Black Rep and Sheldon Concert Hall, Busch Stadium school supply distribution event, baseball game and parade.

Sign-ups are underway now, call Joyce Jones at (314) 679-5251, Rae Merriweather at (314) 679-5265 or stop by the Mathews-Dickey Booth at the Bellefontaine Youth Commission's first annual Youth Resource Fair from 10 AM to 2 PM, Saturday, March 19 at Bellefontaine Recreation Center.

Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club is a 55 year-old non-profit organization and United Way member agency that provides comprehensive Athletics, Arts, Healthy Living, Educational Enrichment, Leadership, Professional Development and Summer Camp programs to thousands of young men and women, ages 5-18. Their mission is to produce physically active, well-educated and hopeful youth with families at the center of Their efforts.



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

City Of BN Church & Not-For-Profit Activities

Bellefontaine Baptist Church
1410 Kilgore Drive
868-6880

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

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

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

Worship - Sundays - 10 AM
Sunday School - Sundays - 9 AM

Food Pantry Tuesdays, 8 - 11 AM

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

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

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

Covenant Community Church
1351 Shepley Drive
869-4367

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

Grace Chapel Lutheran Church
10015 Lance Drive
868-3232

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

Grace New Covenant Church
1060 Chambers Road
867-2782

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

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 until after
daylight savings time, then reverts
back to 5 PM

Sundays - 8 & 10:30 AM
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8 AM
Tuesdays & Thursdays - 6:30 AM

Fish Fries - 3:30 to 6:30 PM
Fridays, February 19, 26, March 4,
11, 18 & 25

Hope Church
10636 Bellefontaine Road
869-7777

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

Hope Central Ministries
10115 Lewis & Blvd.

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

True Redemption Center
1229 Shepley Drive
868-3082

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

Knights of Columbus
800 E. Chambers Road
867-9727

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

**Fort Bellefontaine Memorial
American Legion Post 335**

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

Cityofbn.com



Cityofbn.com is the official City of BN website. Residents can find information about news, meeting minutes, job opportunities, links to Department Heads and elected officials, code of ordinances and links to services, agencies, schools, churches and utilities. Information is also available on the Police Department and

Courts. Many fines can be paid on line, so check out our web site to find out how you can pay on line. Information is also available about our Recreation Center and Parks.

Check out our on line calendar for meetings, events and city holidays.

Black History Month At The Lewis & Clark Library

9909 Lewis & Clark Blvd.



Rhythms and Folklore of Africa, Thursday, February 18, 7:00 PM All ages, free. Immerse yourself in the rhythms and stories of Africa as you join Kenya Ajanaku in this exciting program.

"Sweet Jenn, A Living Exhibit" Performed by Lakeetha Blakeney Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 PM All ages, free. "Sweet Jenn" sheds light on the female slave narratives that have been captured in American literature, yet are rarely explored. Blakeney has expertly woven the various narratives into a dramatically-layered and lyrical one-woman show.

Emergency Contact Information

Would we be able to contact you for a water boil alert or evacuation order? Are there people in your house who are home bound, on oxygen or are a special concern during a power outage?

Over the years, people's phone numbers change, are unlisted and now more than ever, people are using cell phones as their only phone. Residents are asked to update their contact information with the City of BN by calling 867-0076 and give a current phone number and/or e-mail address.

Are you disabled or have special needs? We are asking residents with special needs to register with the BNPD so we can check on them during a power outage or disaster. (867-0080) Information submitted will be kept confidential and on file for emergency use only by the BNPD or Riverview Fire Protection Dis-

trict. With this information, we would be able to check on you after a tornado or other natural disaster.

Please give the PD the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Special Needs
- Emergency Contact and Phone

"File of Life" packets are available through the Riverview Fire Protection District. The File of Life packet is a small packet with a magnet for your fridge that contains all of your information on emergency contacts, medications, preferred doctors and special needs. Having all of this handy could save your life in an emergency. The packets are available at the Riverview Fire House, 9933 Diamond Drive.

Congratulations Rams!

Riverview Gardens Named Innovative District by the International Center for Leadership in Education

The Riverview Gardens School District has been named one of the 2016 Innovative Districts by the International Center for Leadership in Education.

The designation was based on several factors including:

- RGSD's systemwide approach creates cultures of innovation
- Embraced a systemwide vision
- Success across multiple schools with respect to student learning and rapid improvement
- RGSD has embraced the three elements of organizational leadership, instructional leadership and teaching as a way to support instruction
- The district has specific focus areas that are being addressed
- RGSD recognizes that students come first

The district will be honored at the 24th Annual Model

Schools Conference in June.

NJROTC Receives Boeing Grant

Riverview Gardens NJROTC team will once again attend the Flight Academy this year thanks to a \$20,000 donation from Boeing. In celebrating its Centennial, Boeing will once again sponsor students on the trip to Florida as well as invite them to participate in the visit of the Blue Angels when they perform for the Spirit of St. Louis Airshow in May.

Koch Principal Named SLSEPA New Exemplary Principal

Howard Fields was recently named the 2016 New Exemplary Principal by SLSEPA of the Missouri Association of Elementary Principals. This recognition is given to principals in his or her second or third year as a principal. Honorees demonstrate exemplary performance in the demonstration of skills that reflect the best in educational leadership. Honorees will be recognized on March 12th during the Celebration of Leadership Banquet at the 2016 MAESP Leadership Conference.



Robert P. Doerr passed away on November 25, 2015. Bob served on the Traffic Commission before becoming a Ward 1 Alderman in 1965. During his 37 years in the office of Alderman, Bob was a driving factor in many issues, including the concept and bond issue to build the Recreation Center. The Center was only a vision when Bob

took office, and now it is not only a reality, but paid for! Bob was very proud of the City of BN and chose to live his last days at the Missouri Veterans Home so he could remain in the City of BN.

Bob's family and friends want to thank the administration and staff of the Missouri Veterans Home for the care and compassion Bob and all the residents are shown. Bob was shown the respect he deserved before and after death.



Karen Strunk passed away on November 10, 2015. Karen worked as a clerk in the Building Department for many years at the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors. Our sympathy goes out to Karen's family and friends.

All City Meetings Open To The Public

Board of Aldermen - 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 PM
 Planning and Zoning Commission - 2nd Monday, 7 PM
 Public Safety Commission - 4th Thursday, 6:30 PM
 Neighborhood Watch - 1st Wednesday, 7 PM
 Youth Commission - 3rd Monday, 7 PM
 Image and Beautification Board - 2nd Tuesday, 7 PM
 Parks and Recreation Board - 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM
 Board of Adjustment - Upon Request
 Municipal Court - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays - 6:30 PM
 & the 3rd Wednesday at 1 PM
 Human Relations Commission - Upon Request

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

City Hall Holidays

Good Friday, March 25

Waste Management Holidays

There will be no interruption of service until Memorial Day, May 30

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 13
 "Spring Forward, Fall Behind"

Report suspicious persons, vehicles or activity

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

Our current contract with Waste Management includes trash, yard waste and recycling pick-up. Free carts are available. If you need a cart, call:

Free Trash or Yard Waste Carts - Waste Management 506-4700

Free Recycling Carts - City of BN - 867-0076

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