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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK 07/20/2023 & 8/03/2023

GREETINGS:

We have been affected by severe weather storms for the last few weeks. We are grateful that there was no loss of life. Seeing neighbors helping neighbors clear their land of trees, tree limbs, and debris was encouraging. Our staff, employees, and police department worked together to ensure your safety.

We have a new online portal in the Public Works department to assist you when requesting help. <https://cityofbn.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/cityofbn>.

WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT!

- I'll be spending Mondays and Fridays out in the community! If you have an issue you want to discuss or have an idea you want to share, call city hall in advance at 314-867-0076, and we'll come by and visit! You can also make an appointment to see me!
- **ON JUNE 19, 2025, our city turns 75 years old. We want to start planning for this momentous occasion. If you want to join the planning committee, call City Hall at 314-867-0076. Planning meetings will begin on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.**

WHAT'S BEEN DONE:

- I attended the Missouri Municipal League's Annual meeting for the Economic Development Human Resource Committee in Columbia, Missouri. We made recommendations for several legislative amendments.
 - Director Jimmy Kirincich and I had a conference call with Amrit Mehra, Director for the National League of Cities, about featuring the city in their upcoming report to USDA (United States Department of Agricultural) for the Urban Forestry Grant Application process (see attachment).
 - Chief Jeremy Ihler, and I attended the Crime Summit hosted by Mayor Ella Jones and the City of Ferguson.
 - I attended the Metro North County Mayor's monthly meeting.
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- Donna Williams, CEO and, Francine Williams, Board of Directors Treasurer for Bridge Builders, and I met to discuss Economic Development.
- I attended the “Barracuda” swim meets.
- Director Jeff Ross, Code Enforcer, Felicia Bishop, Assistant District Manager, Kyle Carevic for Davey Tree Service, spent three hours in the community assessing our trees.
- I facilitated a meeting for citizens concerned about our health and safety.
- I taught a grant writing class. The class will be offered perpetually!

HEALTH:

- All cloth furniture needs to be steamed and cleaned.
- Vents in the Recreation Center need to be cleaned.
- Three air conditioning units need replacing or repaired: Public Works Department, the Administration Building, and the Recreation Center.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE:

- Hire a part-time Assistant Finance Director.
- We listed the position on the city’s website, Facebook page, and marquis in front of City Hall.

- Hire an Administrative Assistant for the Mayor.
- Hire a full-time Maintenance person.
- Hire a full-time Building Inspector.
- Hire two laborers for the Public Works Department.
- Hire Parks and Recreation Supervisor
- Appoint someone to serve the unexpired term in Ward #1.

Sec. 7-3 [Code 1964, § 9-8]

If a vacancy occurs in any elective office, the mayor or the person exercising the duties of the mayor shall cause a special meeting of the board of aldermen to convene where a successor to the vacant office shall be selected. The successor shall serve until the next regular election. If a vacancy occurs in any office not elected, the mayor shall appoint a suitable person to discharge the duties of such office until the first regular meeting of the board of aldermen after that, at which time such vacancy shall be permanently filled.

- We are applying for the Municipal Parks Grant. The grant will be used to repair the restroom and pavilion in Tanglewood Park.

SECURITY:

- A new security door system needs to be installed on the front and side doors in City Hall.
- A new security door system needs to be installed on the back doors of the Police Station.
- New lighting and bulbs must be replaced in front of the Recreation Center.
- New lighting must be installed, and bulbs changed before City Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Our Annual Townhall meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21,2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

From: Dinah Tatman <DTatman@cityofbn.com>
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Subject: Re: Impact Feedback Request - NLC's Missouri Federal Grant Navigation Program

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Dear Amrit:
I pray you are doing well.

Thank you for the invitation to share our experience with the NLC USDA Urban and Community Forestry grant application process.

We appreciate the assistance we received from you and Fred. It's people like you who help give disadvantaged communities, opportunities to access needed funds to revitalize, build, and rebrand our cities.

I would love to talk with you. Please let me know when it's convenient.

YOUR SERVANT LEADER
Mayor Dinah Tatman

From: Amrit Mehra <Mehra@nlc.org>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 1:16:14 PM
To: Dinah Tatman
Subject: Impact Feedback Request - NLC's Missouri Federal Grant Navigation Program

Mayor Tatman,

Hope you are doing well!

NLC was impressed with your engagement with our Federal Grant Navigation Program last year on submitting a grant application for the **USDA Urban and Community Forestry grant**. They would like to feature the **City of Bellefontaine Neighbors** and your experience in the final report for the initiative. We know you are busy and we value your time, so we are offering 2 convenient and quick options to provide feedback in the next few days.

1. Answer the survey questions electronically here (should take about 10 minutes): <https://forms.office.com/r/t8cfVu79q1>
2. Complete a brief phone call with me to answer the questions over the phone (my direct cell # is 678-525-9294).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,
Amrit

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