

City of Bellefontaine Neighbors

Bellefontaine News

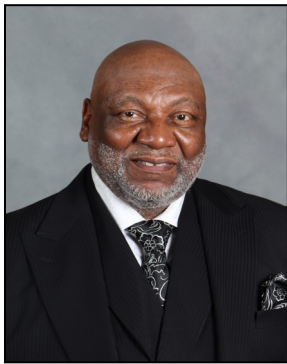
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9641 Bellefontaine Road

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St. Louis County, MO 63137

From The Office of The Mayor.....



Tommie Pierson Sr.

Greetings Residents,

Given the situation surrounding Covid-19 and the recommendations from the CDC, DHSS, St. Louis County Government DPH, etc. and the current stay at home order. The following precautions are being implemented

to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

CITY HALL services are available. There is limited public access to the building.

Please call (314) 867-0076 to conduct all business related to City Hall.

POLICE DEPARTMENT services are available. There is limited public access to the building. Please call Police Dispatch (314) 889-2341 for non-emergencies and 911 for emergencies to conduct all business related to the Police Department.

MUNICIPAL COURT services are available. There is limited public access to the building. The court is open and all court cases have been rescheduled until further notice. Contact the court clerk for questions 314-867-0076 and check website for more information about court proceedings during the pandemic.

PUBLIC WORKS services are available. There is limited public access to the building. Please call City Hall (314) 867-0076 to conduct all business related to Public Works.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT services are available. There is limited public access to the building. Please call City Hall (314) 867-0076 to conduct all business related to the Building Department.

RECREATION CENTER is closed to the public until further notice.

PUBLIC MEETINGS are canceled and will meet ad hoc as necessary with public notice for all commissions. Board of Aldermen meetings will be held as scheduled (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month) and public notice will be given for any cancellations and ad hoc meetings.

HAND IN HAND, TOGETHER WE CAN!

COVID-19 Resources

- **MO Department of Mental Health:** Disaster Distress Helpline
Phone: 800/985-5990 Text: "TalkWithUs" to 66746
- **Department of Health and Senior Services:** 24 hour hotline: 877-435-8411
- **Center for Disease Control and Prevention** <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- **United Way 211:** Dial 211 for assistance finding food, paying housing bills, or other essential needs. Alternative number 314-421-4636
- **Renew Missouri:** List of utility companies and their response to COVID-19 to support the community
- **St. Louis County:** COVID Resources <https://stlouisco.com/>, To subscribe for COVID Related alerts text: STLOU-ISCOALERT to 67283

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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.

Commissions and Meeting Times	Chair	Alderman Representative
Planning and Zoning Commission- 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.	Pat Barratt	Alease Dailes
Public Safety Commission- 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	John Koester	Rev. Dinah Tatman
Youth Commission- 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.	Alicia Smith	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.

How Did Your Alderperson Vote?

Bill #	Date	Description	West (Ward 1)	Tatman (Ward 1)	Reed (Ward 2)	Simril (Ward 2)	Wiese (Ward 2)	James Thomas (3)	Christian (Ward 3)	Dailes (Ward 4)	Avant-Elliott (Ward 4)	Pass or Fail	Ord. #
2562	12/5/19	Authorizing A Contract With Drury Tree Services (Avant-Elliott)		Y	Y	Y	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2558
2563	12/5/19	Amending Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget (Reed)		Y	Y	Y	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2559
2564	12/19/19	Subdivision For Property At 8907 Riverview - Shopping Center (Dailes)	Y	Y	Y	R	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2560
2565	12/19/19	Execution of Contract For Coord. Comm. & Computer Services (Tatman)	Y	Y	Y		-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2561
2566	12/19/19	Medical Marijuana (Christian)	Y	A	A		-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2562
2567	2/6/20	Authorizing a contract for services City Attorney - Dorothy White-Coleman (Tatman)	N	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Pass	2563
2568	3/5/20	Conditional Use - Home Day Care - Blessed Hands - Keona Porter - (Dailes)	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2564
2570	3/19/20	Authorizing MOU with US Department of Justice (Christian)	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2565
2571	3/19/20	Establishing An Emergency Operations Plan (Dailes)	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2566

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

Res #	Date	Description											
2020-1	3/19/20	Emergency Government Proclamation/State of Emergency Resolution for BN (Avant-Elliott)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	

All meetings, records and votes are open to the public; except that any meeting may be closed to discuss legal actions and advice, leasing and purchase of real estate, personnel matters, and other matters as outlined in Ord. No. 1572, § 1, 8-19-04 Sec. 1-21. The City Clerk, Fran Stevens is the official keeper of records. For more information about city government, ordinances or meetings, call Fran at 867-0076. Copies of ordinances are available for a moderate fee.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Message from the Chief of Police



Colonel Jeremy Ihler
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.



Even though we should be proud of our overall average decrease of -14% in crime when comparing 2018 and 2019 (Figure 1.), we must remain vigilant in our effort to improve the quality of life in our community. We celebrate short-term success, but we must keep in mind that the real goal is continuous improvement in the long-term. Success is a process that continues, and it requires the public and the police to work closely together.

Crime: Data, Reporting, and Reducing

As it concerns crime within the City, we have experienced an overall average decrease of -14% in crime when collectively considering homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft annually when comparing 2018 and 2019. (Figure 1.) As for crimes against persons, we have experienced an annual incremental increase in homicide and rape and decrease in robbery and assault. As for crimes against property, we have experienced significant decreases in burglary and larceny while motor vehicle theft remains constant between the two periods. 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 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 and 5:00 pm, to make arrangements. The police department will

have a police officer available to attend your meeting and we will help you with marketing your neighborhood meeting.

Figure 1.

Crime Type	January - December		
	2018	2019	% Change
Homicide	4.0	5.0	20%
Rape	2.0	4.0	50%
Robbery	20.0	15.0	-25%
Assault	151.0	149.0	-1%
Burglary	168.0	111.0	-24%
Larceny	203.0	172.0	-15%
Motor Vehicle Theft	83.0	84.0	1%
	631	540	-14%

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Department on Facebook!**

For the latest information affecting our community. <https://www.facebook.com/BellefontaineNeighborsPD/>

Seasonal Crime and Crime Prevention Methods



Seasonal crime patterns are periodic fluctuations in the victimization rates that tend to occur at the same time each year. Crime rates and weather are, surprisingly, linked in a number of ways. While it might sound odd, the temperature outside has a rather profound effect on the occurrence of crimes in our area. More daylight hours and warmer temperatures means that more people are out for longer periods than in the colder seasons. This means that there are more chances for crimes of opportunity to arise. There are many things you can do to protect yourself from becoming a crime victim:

Home	Vehicle
Lock your doors	Lock your doors
Use a home security system	Use an anti-theft system
Use lights on the exterior of your home	Do not leave valuables out in the open
Keep your yard groomed	Do not leave running and unattended
Get to know your neighbors	Park in well-lit and populated areas
Always be aware of your surroundings	Always be aware of your surroundings
Report suspicious activity to the police	Report suspicious activity to the police

Job Openings



Are you interested in a fulfilling career as a police officer with the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors? As a police officer in our community, you have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those you serve. We enjoy creating and maintaining an environment that supports a positive quality of life for our residents.

The Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department is seeking highly motivated individuals for the position of police officer. The minimum starting salary for applicants that are Missouri Department of Public



Safety Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Certified with no previous law enforcement experience is \$50,000.00 and may be adjusted depending on qualifications. Salary is accompanied by an employee fringe benefits package, which includes health and dental insurance, paid holidays and vacation, tuition reimbursement for eligible areas of study, a defined pension plan (LAGERS), and a defined contribution 457 plan with a limited employer matching 401a plan. Please refer to the City's website for Police Officer Job Opportunities for a complete description of the job requirements, the application, and hiring process. The Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department is an equal opportunity and diversity employer who gives preference to those who live in our community to serve on our team.

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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 pot holes, 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. -Chief Ihler

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 Chambers Road Jennings Station Road Lilac Drive (between Kenran Industrial Drive and city limit near Foxpath Drive) Lilac Drive (between Alcove and Topaz)	30 MPH	St. Louis County DOT
St. Cyr Drive	20 MPH	St. Louis County DOT
All other streets	20 MPH	City of BN Street Department

Figure 3.

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

Local Community News



RIVERVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWS

Provided by: Jennifer Swatek, Fire fighter/paramedic

Spring is just around the corner! Here are some friendly reminders from your area firefighters:

- When barbecuing, please move the pit away from the house and please do not dump your charcoal into the trash cans until it has completely cooled!
- If you didn't change your batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, when you changed your clocks... be sure to do so now!
- If your detectors are "chirping" (a beep every minute or so), the batteries need replacing.
- If your detectors are alarming (constant very loud sound), exit the house and call 9-1-1.

SAFETY TIPS

RFPD would like to remind you to pull over and stop for emergency vehicles running with lights and sirens! Not only is it the law, but our hope is to not create another emergency on our way to one!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the developments of the Covid-19/ Coronavirus, the Riverview Firefighters Community Outreach has decided to postpone the Rock 'n' Roll Bingo to a later date (likely end of Summer/ early Fall). If you have signed up for a table, it is still yours!

If you're unable to make the new date, please contact Jennifer at jswatek@riverviewfpd.com. If you haven't signed up yet, it's going to be a great evening with some awesome music and lots of fun! Contact Jennifer to register your table (of 8) today!

Director Meetings

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

Location: 9933 Diamond Drive

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Provided by: Anthony Kiekow, Communications Director

RGSD Shines on National Stage: Dr. Scott Spurgeon, Superintendent of Riverview Gardens School District, was recognized at the AASA National Conference on Education in San Diego on Feb. 13. The recognition was the result of Dr. Spurgeon being named Missouri Superintendent of the Year. The Superintendent of the Year from each state as honored at the conference. Dr. Spurgeon was praised for the historic progress RGSD has made under his leadership. Anthony Kiekow, executive director of communications of RGSD, served a social media presenter during the conference. His presentation focused on using positive images to change perceptions.

Building-Level Teachers of the Year: Riverview Gardens School District has announced the 2019-2020 building-level Teachers of the Year. RGSD was fortunate to have many deserving candidates this school year, but only 13 teachers could be selected for the special honor. The 13 winners were chosen for their skill, dedication and work ethic.

Here are the winners:

Kelly Ross, Danforth
Kellie Brown, Gibson
Donna Crate, Glasgow
Elizabeth McCrary, Highland
Viveca Robinson, Koch
Dave Macer, Lemasters
Janet Webb-Brown, Lewis & Clark
Haley Weber, Meadows
Clarity Sayre, Michelle Obama
Twila Conwell, Moline
Aaron Heil, Central Middle
Alvinette Collie, Westview Middle
Abena Bradley-Madkins, RGHS

Jobs: RGSD is hiring full-time teachers and salaried positions. See website for more information.

Board of Education Meetings

All meetings of the Special Administrative Board will be held on 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.

2019 Image and Beautification Clean-Up

The **Image and Beautification Commission** meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at City Hall. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. The commission consists of volunteers who assist in enhancing the image and beauty in the city. Along with upkeep of any community gardens and flowerbeds, the commission and its volunteers pick up litter along our major roads twice a year. The commission also selects the homes each year for the Summer Beautification and Holiday Decorations awards.

The Commission has also created an Adopt-a-Street program for our community streets. Please visit www.cityofbn.com or call City Hall at 314-867-0076 for more information on how to adopt in your neighborhood.

The next citywide clean-up scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. has been postponed, please check website and other media for updates. Week of June 14 – 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.

REMINDERS: Trash Bins should be stored behind the front wall of your property. Trash containers shouldn't be placed at curb no earlier than 5pm on your trash day and removed by 5 pm on the day after collection. All yard waste should be placed in the yard waste container provided by Waste Management including tree branches and shrubs. Grass should be no taller than 8 inches in height.



Let's Work Together to Keep Our City Clean and Beautiful

- ⇒ Don't leave cut grass in the street
- ⇒ Rake leaves - Don't 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 overgrown bushes/shrubs
- ⇒ Replace damaged garage doors and windows
- ⇒ Paint and fix up

Now Accepting Applications

- Parks and Recreation Director
- Full-time Court Clerk
- Full-time Parks Maintenance Worker
- Part-time Recreation Workers (see website for specific positions)
- Various Commissions (Board of Adjustment, Image and Beautification, and Parks and Recreation)

For more information and to apply go to www.cityofbn.com

Upcoming City Events 2020

- All city events have been suspended until further notice and clearance is given
- April 20: I-270 Project starts
- June 2: New Municipal Election Date
- June 14: Home Beautification Judging
- July 31: Census Completion Date
- Block Unit Meetings are forthcoming, please look for communication on the City's website and contact Alderwoman, Alese Dales for more information.

For Ward specific activities contact your alderpersons

City Hall Holidays

- Good Friday, April 10
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 25
- Independence Day, July 3

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