

# Bellefontaine News

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



### .....Marty Rudloff

Dear Neighbors,

During the past few months, the Board of Aldermen and I have been working on the 2008 - 2009 budget under the direction of our dedicated Treasurer, Larry Abeln. After making all the cuts we could make without cutting services, we decided to return the utility tax rate to the original .0741 percent as approved by the voters. This was not an easy decision but the increase will balance our budget, give a modest raise to employees and retain City services. (See page 2.)

Congratulations to Josephine Bommarito and Robert P. Doerr who were recognized for their patriotism; and James Caspari on his Eagle Award. (See page 5.)

Congratulations are also due to Senator Tim Green, who was recognized on July 30, 2008, by the Missouri Veteran's Home in Bellefontaine Neighbors for his tireless work for the Missouri Veterans. Senator Green has been able to secure the funding to build and staff a new wing at the Veteran's Home for dementia and

alzheimer's patients. The Veteran's home is now near full capacity of 300 residents and any veteran who thinks they may be needing services at the home should consider getting on the waiting list now. We are proud to have the Missouri Veteran's Home in the City of BN and thank Senator Green for his hard work.



Mike Barth, Director of the Veterans Home and Senator Tim Green

Be aware of what is going on in your neighborhood and call the police when you see a suspicious person or vehicle. Together we can stop crime in our City.

Our annual Town Hall Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18 at 7 PM at the Recreation Center. Please plan to attend for a state of the City report. Refreshments will be served.

*Marty Rudloff*

## Town Hall Meeting, Thursday, September 18 - 7 PM

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# Utility Tax Rate Of .0741% Reinstated

The Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to reinstate the .0741 percent utility tax in July, 2008. Residents will see the increased tax on the utility bills in September of 2008. Funds will go into the general budget.

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## The History Of Our Utility Tax

When the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors was incorporated in 1950, the founding fathers desired the City to be residential in nature. Sometimes called a "bedroom community," we are a planned residential community located on the outskirts of a city.

A bedroom community depends on residents, not business and commercial entities to support our tax base. In 1950, residents overwhelmingly agreed to retain quiet subdivisions without bringing in factories and business parks and fund City services themselves.

So, a real estate tax was established and remains at the original .17 cents per \$100 evaluation which is a very low tax rate compared to many municipalities. The City never asked residents to approve a personal property tax. In later years, the City opted, like many other cities for a \$.01 cent sales tax for Capitol Improvement and when the opportunity came up, the City joined many cities in participating in a pool sales tax in which sales tax collected throughout the St. Louis County area is collected and divided per capita.

In 1983, voters approved utility taxes of .0741 percent in order to support the City services they had come to enjoy. This tax base stayed in effect until 1996, when the Board of Aldermen made a temporary roll back and lowered the utility tax to .04 percent.

During the past few years, the residents of the City of BN have enjoyed the low utility taxes and we have been able to balance the budget without any tax increases due to diligent financial planning and several other financial opportunities. The sale of the 367/270 property and money from the use tax has supplemented our budget and helped us maintain the same services for our residents.

Keeping a strong surplus in our budget is integral for a strong financial base. We have been able to take funds from the surplus because there was more money in the account than necessary. Although the reserve is still adequate for a city our size, we are hesitant to drain the fund any further. Our estimated reserve at the end of the calendar year (June 30, 2008) was \$1,700,000.

Money from the surplus or reserve can be used in many ways. The surplus, can be used from time to time when bills are due before revenue is received or in emergency situations.

This year we are going to be doing repairs to the Shepley Bridge estimated at \$600,000. After the work is done, the City has to pay the bill in full, and then we will be reimbursed through a grant for \$480,000. Without money in surplus, this would not be possible.

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## 2008 - 2009 Budget

The **General Budget** is the general operating budget with all revenue from taxes, fees, fines and permits. This budget pays for salaries, utilities, general operating funds and all city expenses. Rounded figures for the 2008 -2009 General budget are:

Revenue - \$3,590,000  
Expenses - \$3,989,000  
Deficit - \$399,000

The **Capitol Improvement Budget** is a special budget that is funded by a \$.01 cent sales tax and can only be used for the purchase and maintenance of capitol improvement items such as vehicles, streetlights, gasoline and certain salaries that are associated with capitol improvement assets. At this time, we have \$690,000 in fixed expenses, which is the amount of income expected. The additional \$300,000 in this budget reflects money approved for police vehicles and

equipment, street and facility repairs and computer updates to name a few. Rounded figures for the 2008-2009 Capitol Budget are:

Revenue - \$692,000  
Expenses - \$996,000  
Deficit - \$304,000

There is approximately \$250,000 in the Capitol Improvement budget left from previous years that will be applied to the deficit. The figures above do not include \$100,000 in cell telephone revenue that was paid in protest and expected to be released to the 2008 - 2009 budget; and \$360,000 in new utility tax revenue. When these additional funds come through, we expect to see a balanced budget. The Board of Aldermen review the budget on a regular basis and the budget is adjusted as required by state statutes. At this time, we have \$1,700,000 in surplus.

# City Of BN Speed Limits

## Speed Limits in The City of BN

Interstate 270 - **Variable**

Highway 367 - **45 MPH**

Bellefontaine Road - **35 MPH**

Chain of Rocks Drive, Chambers Road, Jennings Station Road and Lilac (from Kenren Industrial Drive to the city limit near Foxpath Drive) - **30 MPH**

Lilac (from Alcove to Topaz) - **25 MPH**

Chambers Road School Zone (from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM on school days when children are present, Western city limits to Colonnade Meadows Drive) - **25 MPH**

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

One of the common reasons for people being guests in our Municipal Court is speeding. These ordinances are enforced for the protection of pedestrians and other drivers.

Basic speeding fines are based on \$4.00 per mile traveled over the limit and court costs of \$25.00. Speeding 15 MPH over the limit plus court costs would be \$85.00. Anyone speeding more than 20 miles over the limit is required to appear in court and the Judge will determine the fine. Additional fines can be added if the offense is written in a construction or school zone. Failure to use seat belts is an additional \$10.00 fine and failure to have insurance is \$300.00 plus \$25.00 court costs. All fines are subject to the discretion of the judge who may alter the fines due to past driving record, etc.

Variable speed limits are being enforced on Highway 270. Speed limit signs will vary between 40 and 60 MPH.

With school starting and the kids walking to and from school, let's be especially careful and obey the speed limits, signals and signs.

## C-SPAN Campaign Tour 2008 Bus Comes To BN



In June of 2008, students at the Riverview Gardens High School had a chance to tour the C-SPAN Campaign Tour 2008 Bus thanks to the people at Charter Communications and C-SPAN.

The bus is a technical wonder and has hosted all of the candidates for the 2008 presidential election. Students who were studying journalism and government had a tour of the bus. They also had a chance

to take part on the network's "Washington Journal" program and to ask questions to Elias Serhouni, Director of the National Institute of Health.

Many thanks to C-SPAN and Charter Communications for giving our school district the chance to participate in this program.



## New Home Based Businesses

### New Beginnings Travel The World (Travel Agency)

Spencer & Tamara Williams  
314-494-5801

Travel Agency web sites:  
[www.newbeginningstraveltheworld.com](http://www.newbeginningstraveltheworld.com)  
[www.newbeginningstraveltheworld.biz](http://www.newbeginningstraveltheworld.biz)

### Sedgwick Montgomery Contracting

Sedgwick Montgomery  
314-226-0490

Heating, Cooling, Drywalling, Flooring. Windows, Siding, Roofing & Remodeling of kitchens and baths  
Call for free estimates on any home repair.

## Exterior Lighting For Safety

Research has confirmed that having good area lighting helps deter crime. Some simple, energy efficient, inexpensive exterior lighting can make your home safer and more attractive.

Pinpoint the dark spots around your home that can serve as potential hiding places for criminals. Identify dark areas where you feel uncomfortable, like areas you use at night such as driveways, porches, decks, steps and doors, potential hazards like lawn ornaments, uneven concrete walks and areas where someone could hide.

Use lighting to direct traffic to the safest routes by placing lights along the path you want people to follow.

Ground level patio lights shining up toward your home are inexpensive and make it impossible for someone to hide next to your home without casting a shadow. Avoid shining lights aimed at windows because the glare makes it harder for you to look out and see someone lurking outside your home.

Keep in mind that light used for safety or security doesn't have to be obtrusive or bright. For example, you can highlight the texture of your brick exterior and simultaneously illuminate the shrubs where someone might hide.

Cutting overgrown bushes and trimming trees helps by eliminating hiding places and makes your house more

visible for the police when they are patrolling.

Report any street lights that are not functioning. Each street light has a band near the top with a number on it, something like B45. Get the number and call City Hall at 867-0076 so we can report it to Ameren UE and get it repaired as soon as possible.



Most important of all is to be a good neighbor. Before you go to bed or when you get up during the night, look out and check your neighborhood. Ask neighbors to keep an eye on your home. Call the police if you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary. Police contact numbers are:

**911 - Emergency Police or Fire**  
**889-2341 - Police Dispatch (24 hour line)**

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## Image & Beautification Report

Congratulations and welcome to our four new board members. They were appointed by the Mayor in June.

This is a volunteer board made of Bellefontaine residents interested in assisting in the beautification and upkeep of our City. The board is a working board and tends City gardens and hosts bi-annual beautification



days. We also are responsible for picking the winners of the summer Home Beautification Awards (See page 10) and the Holiday Decorating Awards. If you would like to become a member, contact City Hall at 867-0076 and ask to speak to the City Clerk.

**Reminder** - Don't forget to keep your grass cut. Our City ordinance states that our grass should be under 8 inches tall. You maybe ticketed and fined.

Volunteers are needed for the Fall 2008 Beautification Action Day. Meet at the Rec. Center at 9 AM on Saturday, September 27 and help pick up litter on our main roads. No experience needed. After the work is done, return to the Rec. Center for BBQ hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and chips. Scouting groups and schools are encouraged to participate.

(left) The garden in front of City Hall is one of the gardens maintained by the I & B board.

## Honored for Patriotism



In 1968, City of BN resident, **Josephine Bommarito** was the driving force to organize and charter the Fort Belle Fontaine American Legion Auxiliary Post 335 in Spanish Lake, MO. On June 17, 2008, Josephine was presented her 40 year pin and honored for her efforts to organize the group and for continued service to

encourage patriotism in the Auxiliary.

State Representative Gina Walsh honored Josephine, along with several other members of the Auxiliary, with a proclamation. The ladies were also presented with letters acknowledging their efforts from State Senator Tim Green and County Councilman Mike O'Mara.

A tree in Klein Park, located at the intersection of Bellefontaine and Chambers Roads, has been donated by the Auxiliary and dedicated to the American Veteran and Josephine Bommarito for her efforts to honor the American Veteran and 40 years of service to the organization, keeping the Auxiliary focused on volunteerism, patriotism and service to our Veterans.



The City of BN and Fort Belle Fontaine American Legion Post 335 have worked together to plan annual Memorial Day Services for the past 10 years. Retired Alderman, **Robert P. Doerr** has served as the Chairman for this event since its beginning.

At the June 5th meeting of the Board of Alderman, Robert P. Doerr was presented with a memorial brick in recognition for his hard work to coordinate the past

10 annual Memorial Day Services.

The brick read, "Robert P. Doerr - I love this country," and the brick was added to the bricks at the Veteran's Memorial in Klein Park at the intersection of Bellefontaine and Chambers Roads so Bob will always be a part of the memorial he loves so much.

The city began the memorial brick program in 2006 when the first eight bricks were installed to honor the eight elected Mayors of the City of BN. Since then, people have been buying the bricks to honor family and friends. If you are interested in buying a brick, stop by the City Hall for more information.

## Eagle Scout Award



James Anthony Caspari of Troop 374 at Frieden's Chapel in the City of BN, was presented his Eagle Award at a Court Of Honor on May 27, 2008. James is the 71st member of Troop 374 to reach the rank of Eagle and the 28th member to achieve the rank of Eagle under the leadership of Scoutmaster Mark Wilbour. Pictured at left, Alderman Shirley Paro presents James with a plaque from the Mayor and Board Of Aldermen in recognition of his accomplishment.

The City of BN has four very active troops that will begin re-organizing in September for the year. If you are interested in joining one of these troops, call:

Troop 374 at Friedens' Chapel - Mark Wilbour - 869-3399  
Troop 551 at Grace Chapel - Donna Yarbrough - 868-1003  
Troop 229 at Holy Name of Jesus - Steve Carr - 388-3063  
Bellefontaine Methodist - Dean Hanshew - 869-6766

## Flu Shots

Flu shots will be available again this year at several locations in The City of BN. Check with your doctor and bring your insurance or medicare card. Call the numbers below for more information.

City of BN Recreation Center  
9669 Bellefontaine Road  
Tuesday, October 7  
7:30 AM to 3 PM  
867-0700

Frieden's United Church of Christ  
1060 Chambers Road  
Wednesday, October 18  
9:30 AM to 11 AM  
867-2782

Renderer's Drug Store  
10017 Bellefontaine Road  
Wednesday, October 1 & 8  
10 AM to 2 PM  
869-2000

# The History Of The City Of BN

Dr. John Wright Gibson, one of the original land owners in The City of BN, built a civil war period, three story, brick home at 9549 Bellefontaine Road in the mid 1800s. It was located where the stone entrance to the park and maintenance building is now. In 1870, the home was sold to Miss Jane Bagnell and it was sold again in to Mr. Thomas Sayman in 1920.

The Sayman house, called Cloverdale Farms, was lavishly furnished. The third story was for servants and served as a lookout post so strangers couldn't approach unseen. To the south of the property stood a huge barn was built around 1900 and was lavishly furnished with pine stalls to accommodate his wife's thoroughbred horses. The barn also housed a workout room and gym. Both the house and barn were "air-conditioned." To the west of the house was a circular work out track for the horses. At least two caretakers were on site at all times.

Thomas M. Sayman was the founder and owner of Sayman Soap Company and had a large manufacturing building on Easton Ave. (Now Martin Luther King Drive.) "Doc" Sayman, not a doctor, but liked to be called Doc, was a very colorful character. He lived his life with theatrical flair.

Doc Sayman was born about the year 1854 in Indiana. At a tender age of nine years old, he left the farm, barefooted and overalled, to seek his fortune. When a passerby saw him gazing into a store window at a suit of clothes, and learned he had left home to make his own way, he bought him the suit and gave him advice he would follow for his life, - "Whenever in doubt about anything, consult a businessman".

At ten, he became a member of the circus. At eleven he organized his own medicine show, complete with a wagon pulled by his faithful horse Dolly. He beseeched audiences to step closer, buy the soaps, salves, and tonics. He had a real flair for showmanship, and he prospered.

Doc Sayman, traveled with his traveling (patent) medicine show before moving to St. Louis and establishing

a million dollar business, Sayman Vegetable Wonder Soap, that is still made today. As wealth rolled in, so did trouble. Perhaps paranoid by robbery, Sayman was well stocked in arms and wasn't afraid to flourish a pistol, which landed him in confrontation with police and courts over fifty times.



Thomas "Doc" Sayman



The Sayman House, reprinted from a 1939 news paper photo.

Al Roth, who was born just north of the Sayman Farm in 1925 remembers Doc Sayman driving to his parent's farm. He was loud and rough spoken and scared Al when he was a small child. Al remembers Doc Sayman driving a big limousine with his gun lying on the seat. Al also remembers him slipping him a quarter when he left.

Doc Sayman was fond of flourishing his blue-steel revolver, which he called "Ol' Becky True-heart," and he was frequently arrested, but the police were never severe with him

because, in addition to numerous benefactions to the poor, he always gave \$500 to any officer who shot and killed a robber. Frequently his gun-toting privileges were revoked, but he always triumphed and his pistol was always returned.

While always represented by legal counsel, Sayman usually took charge of the courtroom. He heckled witnesses, gave loud

commands to his lawyers, preached to spectators, and generally demoralized the dignity of the court. When 80 years old, and charged with pointing a pistol, he jumped to his feet in the court room, shouting that he hadn't pointed a pistol at all, but instead had waved it - and proceeded to do just that with a gun he drew from his coat. Witnesses, spectators, and lawyers alike scurried for cover. He enjoyed the show.

One of the very few legal battles he lost involved a charge of misrepresenting three products. He paid his \$1,000 fine in \$1 bills, and pulled them from a roll one by one. He believed in getting his money's worth.

Doc Sayman was married twice and had four children. He had homes on Easton Avenue, Westminster Boulevard, and Franklin Avenue while keeping the summer home on Bellefontaine Road.

## City Of BN - Incorporated June 19, 1950

Doc Sayman had a soft heart for animals. He loved birds and he put out wheat shocks in the back yard in one of St. Louis' most fashionable suburbs to make the feathered creatures feel at home. He bought 100 pound bags of peanuts for the squirrels. When he discovered a sick calf at his farm, loaded it in his limousine, drove to the nearest drug store, demanded the pharmacists mix medicine at the soda fountain, and provide curb service for the ailing animal.

Doc Sayman bought 2,400 acres of what is now the Roaring River State Park on the courthouse steps in 1928 for \$105,000. An often-told but undocumented story, says that Doc Sayman did not buy the property with the intention of giving it to the State of Missouri, but instead looked forward to owning it. His first attempt at trout fishing was such a dismal failure that incensed; he deeded the land to the state. Today his statue stands in the park.

Thomas M. Sayman's colorful career came to an end with his death in September of 1937. He made a fortune manufacturing soap and patent medicine and left his family several million dollars. He died quietly in his sleep at the age of 84.

The Sayman Home was sold to Lou Rothbarth in 1946. Mr. Rothbarth was also a very wealthy man who was the president of the National Garment Company on Boyle and Duncan.

Al and Darlene Roth remember at that time, Bellefontaine Road was nothing but a dirt road and the shopping center at Bellefontaine and Chambers, along with most of the city were open fields in 1949, belonging to about 10 families. Sherman Builders began buying up farms and building homes. It was at this time Lou Rothbarth, Al Roth and Arthur W. Schnur, who was to be the first Mayor, got together and decided something had to be done to regulate the building boom and provide police protection, so they decided to incorporate as a 4th class city.

Al Roth remembers the discussion to name the new City. Bellefontaine Road was the main road and trail to Fort Belle Fontaine, which was the first U.S. Military Post west of the Mississippi and had a large clear water spring that furnished a supply of fresh water for the garrison. The early French had long called this spring "la belle fontaine" which meant "the beautiful waters." It was decided Bellefontaine should be in the name of the city. Al Roth recalls that someone said, "Well, we're all neighbors, so let's call it Bellefontaine Neighbors." And it was decided.

Al Roth doesn't remember a lot of legal work to incorporate the city, but thinks the matters may have been taken care of by Mr. Rothbarth's lawyers. We know the papers were filed in November of 1949 and a hearing was held in December of 1949. The incorporation was recorded on June 19, 1950. By that time the population had already increased to 766.

There was no election in 1950, instead they all agreed that Arthur Schnur was the best candidate and since there was no opposition, the court appointed him Mayor in June of 1950. A Board of Aldermen was selected and the first employee of the Police Department was Allen Pruett, Chief of Police and father of our present Chief, Robert Pruett.



Chief Al Pruett and Mayor Schnur

Al Roth remembers Al Pruett, in his blue Chrysler, took on the duties of law enforcement, street department and the ambulance service. He patrolled the city, carried cinders and salt for hazardous conditions and drove many of the city's expecting mothers to the hospital for delivery.

Al also remembers the Helzabush boys who owned a repair shop on Larimore Road. They had a '35 Ford with a V-8. Al remembers it had straight exhaust pipes and nickels in the manifold to make it sound so sweet. When the boys would come roaring down Bellefontaine Road at 80 MPH from Baden, Chief Pruett was waiting for them, but never got them. Al said the Chief would have gotten them if he wanted to, but there was so little traffic on the dirt road at the time, no one cared.



Al Roth in his garden on Bellefontaine Road

The old barn, owned by Leo Rothbarth burned in 1940 and the house burned in 1949. The only reminder of the Saymans' and Rothbarths' is the stone pillars at and a fireplace in the park. Since incorporation, our City has grown and changed, but one thing still remains; we are all neighbors and we should strive to be good neighbors.

Thanks to Al and Darlene Roth for sharing their precious memories and Thanks to Thomas Kempland's Glassplate Photo collection for permission to print the photo of Doc Sayman. For more Sayman photos, check out <http://www.usgennet.org/usa/mo/county/stlouis/sayman/>

# From The Desk Of The City Clerk.....



## Deni Donovan

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable (and hopefully cool) summer so far! The kids really have been enjoying the pool this year. Things are always hopping at City Hall. I have noticed how nice the City has been looking, so "Thank You" to all who have kept up with your yards, homes and your community.

If there is ever anything I can do to help, please don't hesitate to call me at 867-0076.

## How Did Your Alderman Vote?

Bill #	Date	Description	Paro (w-1)	Migliazzo (w-1)	Puzniak (w-2)	Merz (w-2)	Franzoi (w-3)	Jordan (w-3)	Smith (w-4)	Hollis (w-4)	Pass or Fail	Ordinance #
2160	5/1/08	Approving Lewis & Clark Subdivision	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2082
2161	5/1/08	April 8, 2008 Election Results	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2083
2162	5/15/08	Speed Limits for Motor Vehicles on Hwy 270; Amend Code Section 17-320	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2084
2163	6/5/08	Conditional Use Permit to Conduct Religious Services at Jericho Church of All Nations	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2085
2164	7/3/08	An Ordinance Suspending Waiver for Utility Tax to .0741%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2087
2165	6/19/08	Adopt 2008-2009 Municipal Budget	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2086
2166	7/3/08	Conditional Use Permit to Conduct Religious Services at Hope Central Ministries	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2088
2167	7/3/08	Amend Ordinance #2085 to Correct Address to Read 9315 Duenke Drive	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2089

Y = Yes; N = No; A = Absent

## Limbs and Leaves



Fall is a beautiful time in the City of BN. We are fortunate to have beautiful, mature trees that show beautiful colors against the Autumn sky. Then the leaves fall to the ground.

Please dispose of leaves properly. Leaves raked to streets, gutters or creeks can clog up drains and actually cause back-up water to come into your basement. You could end up in court for disposing of yard waste improperly.

Leaves should be raked and put into kraft paper bags, cans or totes and put out with trash on your regular pick-up day. (NO PLASTIC BAGS.)

Small twigs can be included with regular yard waste. Larger limbs, 2 to 5 inches in diameter can be cut in 4 foot lengths and tied in bundles not larger than 24" around or 60 pounds.

Larger branches should be cut and laid out with the cut end facing the street. Residents should call the City of BN at 867-0076 for pick up. The City will not pick up branches unless you call. Branches cut by a tree service companies will not be picked up.

Please do not rake leaves and grass into piles around trees or to fill low spots in the yard. You can attract rodents and unwanted critters to your yard. Please make an attempt to keep your yard free of leaves during the fall and winter months.

The City of BN will remove dead or dying trees from the easement which is usually 12 feet from the street. We will not remove healthy trees. If you have a tree that needs to be removed, call City Hall at 867-9976 and ask for our Public Works Department contact you.

# Welcome New Churches

## Hope Central Ministries

Pastor Victor Hicks  
869-8573  
10115 Lewis and Clark Blvd.

Regular Worship Services - Sunday - 10 AM  
Intercessory Prayer Services - Monday - 6 PM  
Bible Study - Thursday - 7 PM

Hope Central Ministries is a non-denominational family orientated Christian Church, bringing the teaching of the Bible to all age groups. Pastor Hicks invites all generations to join the friendly congregation for some contemporary worship services. Everyone Welcome!

## Jericho Church of All Nations

Pastor John W. King, Jr.  
388-2062 or 218-8430  
1315 Duenke Drive

Regular Worship Service - Sunday - 11 AM  
Sunday School - Sunday - 9 AM  
Bible Class - Wednesday - 7 PM

Jericho Church of All Nations is a community orientated Christian Church offering both teaching for all ages and counseling. Pastor King is anxious to get involved with the community and help people in need. Everyone is welcome!

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## BN Church Events

For more information on church events, please call the church.

### Frieden's Chapel

1060 Chambers Road  
867-2782

#### Jazz Festival

Friday, Sept 12 - 6 PM  
Outside on the grounds  
Bring your lawn chair  
Free to the public  
Food for sale

### Grace Chapel Lutheran

10015 Lance Drive  
868-3232

#### Fall Festival

Saturday, September 13  
8 AM - 2 or 5 mile walk/run  
Food, Fun, Music

### Greater St. Mark Family Church

1229 Shepley Drive  
388-1180

Rev. Tommie L. Pierson, Sr.  
31st Pastoral Anniversary  
Friday, August 15 - 7 PM  
Sunday, August 17 - 3:30 PM

Jo Ann Pierson, 1st Lady of  
Greater St. Mark Luncheon  
Saturday, August 16 - Noon

Community Fun Day  
Saturday, September 20

Women's Retreat  
Wednesday, November 8

Voices of Praise Annual Concert  
Thursday, November 16 - 5 PM

### Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

10235 Ashbrook  
868-2310

#### Fall Festival

Saturday, September 13  
9 AM - 2 or 5 mile walk/run \$15.00 entry fee, which includes a t-shirt  
11 AM - starts with game booths, face painting, dress up, blow up bouncers, games of chance, raffle baskets full of lots of different items, quilt booth/raffle, food & drink for purchase, chili cook-off contest

Noon to 3 PM Bingo in the cafeteria  
4 - 7 PM - BBQ pork steak dinner  
6 PM to 10 PM - live music by:  
The Purple of Distance Band  
Mass @ 5:00pm

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## November 4, 2008 Voter Information

If you are not registered to vote, you have until Wednesday, October 8th to register so you can vote in the November 4th General Election. If you need to register or transfer your registration, you may do so at the City Hall, any library or state license office.

If you are planning to be out of town on election day, you may apply for an absentee ballot by sending an application available at the City Hall or by calling your elected officials. Absentee ballot applications are also available on the St. Louis County Web site at [www.stlouisco.com](http://www.stlouisco.com). Click on voter information and then the link to the absentee ballot application. If you

are out of town, your ballot will have to be notarized. The Clerks at the City Hall can help you with this.

Elderly voters who are unsteady on their feet, are encouraged to obtain an absentee ballot to avoid long lines at the polls. Voters who cannot get to the polls due to illness or incapacity do not require a notary.

If you are elderly or disabled and need a ride to the polls, please call the City of BN Recreation Center at 867-0700. The city's senior and disabled transportation service will take you to the polls. Please call in advance for a reservation.

# 2008 Home Beautification Awards

Congratulations to our 2008 Home Beautification Award Winners! We are proud of you. Thanks to our Image & Beautification Board who took time to drive the city and pick the winners. Board members came back and were amazed at the beautiful homes in our City and urge residents to keep up the good work! Homes are judged on several aspects, including most improved, neatness and creativity.

The Beautification Board will be judging homes in mid December for the annual Holiday Decoration Awards. To nominate someone for the award, call the City Hall at 867-0076.



**The Panhorst Home  
9608 Hemlock**



**The Kowalski Home  
624 Haddock**



**The Weitkemper Home  
1258 Belgrove**



**The Eberle Home  
1368 Shepley**



**The Slominski Home  
1224 Esquire**



**The Baker Home  
1535 Haviland**



**The Corrigan Home  
1249 Waldorf**



**The Poe Home  
1038 Donnell**

## MSD Activities In BN

The City of BN has a two phase sewer system; the sanitary sewers and the storm water sewers.

Water from our homes (sinks & toilets & drains) goes into a closed sanitary system which is carried to MSD's treatment plant to be processed and returned to our rivers. Water from storms and washing our cars goes into storm water drains and creeks.

When the closed sanitary sewer system has failures or leaks, there is a danger of polluting our storm water system. There is also a danger of storm water getting into our sanitary system and creating a overflow situation that could result in basement back-ups.

MSD is hired a contractor to "smoke test" main sanitary lines to identify breaks. After the smoke has been forced into the sewers, workmen look for places the

smoke is getting into storm water lines.

Occasionally, they will find smoke coming from someone's lawn indicating that there may be a break in the sanitary sewer lateral line going from the main to someone's home. The lateral sewer is the home owner's responsibility. MSD will be sending notices to anyone who may have a lateral problem.

The City of BN has a lateral sewer program and each home owner contributes \$28.00 a year for lateral insurance. The lateral insurance does not pay for roto-rooting or video-taping of the lateral, but we will pay for any repairs for broken lateral lines.

If you think you may have a problem please call Public Works Foreman, Mike Welz at 867-0076 and he will be glad to stop by and talk to you about the problem.

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### What should you do if you think you might have a sewer problems?

The Sewer Lateral Program covers breaks in the Sewer Lateral between the house connection (where the clay tile pipe joins cast iron pipe, usually four feet or more outside the house foundation) and MSD's sewer main. If you have a blockage or back-up, these are the steps that you should take.

1. Have the lateral cabled. Most times the blockage can be cleared.
2. If unable to clear the blockage, have lateral video taped. Tape should be narrated and give date, address and name of firm making the video tape.

The above two items of work are at homeowner's expense.

3. Bring video tape and the most recent Paid Real Estate Tax Bill Receipt to the City Hall, Building Dept.
4. Complete sewer lateral application, leave video tape and have a copy of your Real Estate Tax Bill receipt made. (Retain your original receipt.)

The Sewer lateral tape will be reviewed by the committee. If the lateral needs repair or replacement the City will take bids from licensed Drain Layers and award a contract for work to the lowest responsible bidder. Repairs are made as quickly as possible.

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### MSD Low Income Assistance Program

MSD is offering an expanded Low Income Sewer Assistance Program to qualified single family home owners who receive sewer service from MSD. Eligible homeowners receive a rate reduction equal to 50% of their current charges for wastewater and/or storm water services on their monthly bill. Applications can be obtained at [www.stlmsd.com](http://www.stlmsd.com) or by calling 314-768-6333.

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### MDS Working In Bissell Hills



Many residents have noticed piles of pipe along Ashbrook. These pipes will replace old sanitary sewer mains from Chambers through Bissell Hills and Bissell Hills Park and end at Ewell Drive. Please drive carefully through these streets or avoid them, if possible. Work is expected to last several months. If you have problems associated with the replacement of the sewer lines, please contact MSD at 768-6260.

## All City Meetings Are Open To The Public

All meetings are held at the Bellefontaine Neighbors City Hall except Parks and Recreation which is held at the Recreation Center.

**Board of Aldermen** - 1st and 3rd Thursdays 7:30 PM

**Planning and Zoning Board** - 1st Monday 7:00 PM

**Public Safety Commission** - 4th Thursday 6:30 PM

**Neighborhood Watch** - 1st Wednesday 7:00 PM

**Youth Commission** - 3rd Monday 7:30 PM

**Image and Beautification Board** - 2nd Tuesday 6:30 PM

**Parks and Recreation Board** - 3rd Tuesday 7:30 PM

(At Recreation Center)

**Board of Adjustment** - upon request

**Municipal Court** - 2nd Wednesday and 4th Tuesday - 6:30 PM

**Human Relations Commission** - Upon Request

(call City Hall for re-scheduling of meetings falling on holidays)

### City Hall Closed For Holidays

**Monday, September 1** - Labor Day

**Monday, November 11** - Veteran's Day

### Important Dates

#### **TOWN HALL MEETING**

Thursday, September 18 - 7 PM

#### **Beautification Action Day**

Saturday, September 27 - 9 AM

#### **Wine and Cheese Garden**

Saturday, October 18 - 7:30 to 11:30 PM

#### **Halloween Hayride**

Friday, October 24 - 7 PM

#### **General Election**

Tuesday, November 4 - 6 AM to 7 PM

### Waste Management Holiday Pick-up Schedule

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day

Labor Day is on Monday, September 1, so Monday's trash pick up will be rescheduled to Tuesday, Tuesday would move to Wednesday, etc. Friday's trash pick up will be on Saturday.

**Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 2, 2008**  
Set clocks behind one hour.

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