

From The Office Of The Mayor...

...Marty Rudloff



Street repairs made possible by the 2009 Bond Issue will continue as soon as weather permits. Phase I is expected to be completed by mid summer. Phase II is on the drawing board now and we hope to have bids ready to go out soon and work beginning this spring. (See page 3)

In front, Mark Rudloff, In back Mayor Marty Rudloff, Theresa and Gerard Siesener, Annie and Frank Edmond, Aletris Stephens, Kathy and Brian Ballou.



Dan Glenzy was appointed to fill the unexpired term of former Alderman John Puzniak on November 5, 2009. Dan is no stranger to City Hall. As a former employee of Waste Management, Dan was responsible for quality control. Dan also was instrumental in securing a grant from St. Louis County for the recycling carts that were delivered in December. We are all looking forward to having Dan on the board.



The Greater St. Marks Family Church, 1229 Shepley Road has relocated to Chambers and Glen Owen, outside of the City of BN. I want to thank the congregation for all that they did as a part of our community. The church building has been sold to The True Redemption Center. They have begun renovations and are hoping to start holding services by March 1.

Thanks to everyone who decorated for the holidays. Congratulations to our 2009 Holiday Decoration Winners. Pictured are:

Jeff Arp, Senior Loss Control Consultant with MIRMA, the City's insurance company appeared at the Board of Aldermen's meeting on December 3, 2009. He presented the city a Risk Management Grant in the amount of \$2,990.50 for participation in the Awards Program. The City was also presented with an additional \$2,000 in recognition of the Police Department's State Certification.



Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or problems that you have. My door is open.

Marty Rudloff

April 6, 2010 Municipal Elections

On Tuesday, April 6, St. Louis County residents will be asked to vote on Proposition A.

Proposition A - Simple majority required. Shall the County of St. Louis impose a county wide sales tax of one-half cent for the purpose of providing a source of funds for public transportation purposes including the restoration, operation and expansion of Metro-Link, Metrobus, disabled and senior transportation, in addition to an existing sales tax of one-quarter of one percent for the same purpose?
Yes or No

City of BN residents will be asked to elect one alderman in each ward for a 4 year term. Candidates are:

Ward 1
Shirley Paro

Ward 2
George Murphy
Dan Glenzy

Ward 3
Mark Roth
James M. Christian

Ward 4
Audrey Hollis
Willis Dillworth

The Riverview Garden's School District will be asking you to elect two directors for 3 year terms. Candidates are:

Reggie Jones
Theo "Ted" Brown, Sr.
LaJuana M. McFadden
Mary F. Oswald

Hazelwood School District will be asking you to elect 2 directors for 3 year terms. Candidates are:

Cheryl Latham
Karlton R. Thorton
John C. Haigler

Be Counted In The 2010 Census!

The City of BN is looking forward to the 2010 Census and urges residents to be counted. Many of the funds that come into the City and community are determined by population, including but not limited to:

- Sales Tax
- Community Development funds
- Gas Tax
- Cigarette Tax
- School Funding
- Grant Programs

Census numbers also determine how many seats each state will have in the US House of Representatives and boundaries of legislative districts.

Census forms will be mailed out mid-March. Each packet will include the census form and a postage-paid return envelope. There are 10 questions for the head of household and 7 questions for each additional household member. This is the shortest Census form ever and takes only a few minutes to complete.

Census workers will begin knocking on doors in April to contact people who have not returned their forms. They will be preceded by a letter and have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. If you are not sure if they are real Census workers, close and lock your door and dial 911. Never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION. The Census Bureau will not ask for income range, Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations.

The Census Bureau will not contact you by E-mail.

The City of BN wants you to be counted; we do not want you to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. Unfortunately, there are people committing fraud and identity theft that prey on citizens who are willing to give out more information than they should.

The best way to be counted and not have to encounter census workers or identity thieves is to send back the Census form as soon as you get it. When you mail in your form, you are done. If you don't mail in your census form in a timely manner, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home to get your information.

Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious persons, vehicles or activities by calling 889-2341 or 911. Try to notice the clothing they are wearing, race, any vehicle and the direction they are traveling.

For help with census forms, call the Recreation Center at 897-0700. There will be someone there to help you fill out the forms on March 31 and April 13. (Free)

Street Repairs - Phase I & II

Phase I - 2009 Street Improvements

Ward 1

Admiral	from Colony to Delhi	\$45,000
Danville	from Colony to Delhi	\$36,000
Ensley	from Colony to Delhi	\$36,000
Forest Home	from Bellefontaine to Delhi	\$137,000
	Total	\$254,000

Ward 2

Bella	from Toelle to Trio	\$37,000
Druid	from Esquire to Nectar	\$26,000
Font	from Toelle to Trio	\$33,000
Gabriel	from Bellefontaine to Cabot	\$52,000
Jepson	from Gabriel to Cabot	\$54,000
Neighbor	from Toelle to Trio	\$30,000
Trio	from Bella to Neighbor	\$32,000
	Total	\$264,000

Ward 3

Addison	from Ashbrook to Ewell	\$55,000
Anson	from Darr to Nectar	\$42,000
Byfield	from Darr to Nectar	\$40,000
Comet	from Hwy 367 to Nectar	\$68,000
Ewell	from Ashbrook to Nectar	\$95,000
	Total	\$300,000

Ward 4

Astoria	from Duenke to Waldorf	\$105,000
Duenke	from Waldorf to Waldorf	\$170,000
Oran	from Donnell to Donnell	\$61,000
Troy	from Newby to Waldorf	\$20,000
Yukon	from Astoria to Duenke	\$33,000
	Total	\$389,000

Total Street Repairs for 2009 - \$1,207,000

Street repairs made possible by Proposition S, passed in 2009 got underway in September of 2009. The contract for Phase 1 (2009 Street Improvements) was awarded to Sherrell Contracting who was recommended by Weis Design Group, the engineering firm that represents the City of BN for street improvements.

Street repairs in Ward 1 began in September and included concrete slab and curb replacement, mud-jacking, scraping off old asphalt, a fabric overlay and finally new asphalt finish. Ward 1 streets had more voids beneath the streets than originally expected, so more mud-jacking was needed than expected.

Ward 4 streets were started in October and crews found the need for more extensive curb replacement than expected. Years ago, curbs were hammered off the concrete and covered with asphalt curbs.

Work on Phase 1 was halted in December, '09 due to extreme weather conditions and the remaining work is scheduled to resume again in March, 2010. The remaining work in Phase 1 is expected to take approximately three (3) to four (4) months, bringing Phase 1 to an end around July, 2010.



Sherrell Construction Company working to put asphalt overlay on Forest Home Drive.

Phase II (2010 Street Improvements) will begin before Phase I is completed. Phase II is now on the drawing board. We expect streets from all 4 wards to be confirmed and bids will go out in March. Work on Phase II should begin in April of 2010 and be completed by September 2010.

Below is a list of streets proposed for Phase II.

Phase II - Street Improvements list

Ward 1 - Birtz, Delhi, Hayward, Lochiel, Norchester, Northampton, Northumberland, Patricia Barkalow, Scenic and Surrey Lane

Ward 2 - Cadora, Dwight and Golden

Ward 3 - Kilgore, Nectar and Seaton

Ward 4 - Ardmore, Bluegrass, Dunford, Harden and Yorktown

Residents effected by the street repairs will be notified and in some cases, might be required to park their vehicles in an alternate location for a few days. We are working with the contractors and subcontractors to keep the resident's inconvenience to a minimum. If problems occur, please call City Hall at 867-0076.

Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department



Chief Robert Pruett

Thanks to the residents of the City of BN for helping to pass Proposition E-911 on the November Ballot. The sales tax will be 1/10th of 1 cent or ten cents on one hundred dollars. The money collected will replace outdated radio systems for police, firefighters and paramedics, allow all entities to communicate, locate calls from cell phones quickly, comply with federal requirements and improve coverage and performance of sirens that warn against impending danger.

The City of BN Police Department will be participating in the 25th Annual Torch Run, a fund raiser for



handicap adults and children. The 2010 Torch Run will be held May 24 & 25. Law Enforcement agencies from throughout the state will participate. If you want to help, T-shirts will be on sale at our office.
Short sleeve - \$10
Long sleeve - \$15
Paper torches - \$1

St. Louis County Police Department has created a website so residents can track crime in their neighborhoods.

Interactive Crime Incident Mapping

<http://maps.stlouisco.com/police/index.html>

or

<http://maps.stlouisco.com/police/beta/index.html>

Neighborhood Watch meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome. Listed below are the programs planned for the March, April and May meetings.

March 3 - Power point, video, and hands on demonstration regarding civilians using pepper spray as a self defense tool. Cold Steel has donated and provided their Inferno pepper spray video and inert demo key rings and 1 pepper spray key ring for an attendance gift.

April 7 - Gang video, Information on gang activity.

May 5 - The guest will be St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Robert McCulloch.

BNPD Crime Comparison 2001- 2009

The City of BN Police Department keeps detailed records of crime in our city. Crime reports are reviewed monthly by the Police Department, Mayor and Board of Aldermen. On page 5 of this newsletter is a Crime Comparison Report for 2001 to 2009.

The Crime report is encouraging. In many cases, crime is down. The most encouraging news is the line for "calls for service." This includes all calls made to the police department and many of those calls are from residents reporting suspicious persons, vehicles and activities. If you see something that just doesn't look right to you, call 889-2341 and report it. If we all work together, 2010 can be a better year!

Alderman Dan Glenzy



I am honored to be appointed by Mayor Rudloff and the Board of Aldermen to fill the unexpired term of former Ward 2 Alderman, John Puzniak who recently relocated. John served the City well for over 18 years. I thank him for his years of service to our community and wish him and his family well.

Jan and I are members of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. I serve on both the parish finance committee as well as Christ The Light Of The Nations School. I am, also, a member of the Knights of Columbus, Santa Cruz Council.

I am a graduate of UMSL. I am currently semi-retired having spent 26 years working for Waste Management Inc., in various financial and general management positions.

I have been a resident of the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors for 28 years. My wife Jan and I reside at 1228 Huntsman Dr., where we raised our four children, Shelly, Chris, Tricia and Tim. Prior to moving to BN we lived in Glasgow Village. As you can see, we have strong ties to North County.

I look forward to meeting all the families in Ward 2. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or feel I can assist you in any way. I look forward to working with the Mayor and the Board to help our City grow and move forward.

**Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department
Year to Date Crime Comparison 2001 - 2009**

YEAR	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	2	1	0	2	3	3	4	5	4
Robbery	14	15	6	16	13	19	18	16	20
Assault: AGG	19	24	36	32	52	34	44	53	42
Burglary									
Forcible Entry	55	59	49	37	67	89	145	106	101
Unlawful Entry	17	12	20	24	27	24	50	39	35
Attempted Entry	8	11	12	4	8	12	9	16	9
BURGLARY TOTAL	80	82	81	65	102	125	204	161	145
Stealing	481	348	414	319	312	228	270	202	177
Motor Vehicle Theft	72	107	95	117	90	80	89	91	72
Arson	0	1	0	0	2	4	4	2	4
Part I Offense TOTAL	668	578	632	551	574	493	633	530	464
Assault: Simple	71	46	79	96	123	147	157	118	133
Property Damage	118	122	131	149	152	158	199	162	178
Part II Offense TOTAL	189	168	210	245	275	305	356	280	311
TOTAL OFFENSES	875	746	842	796	849	798	989	810	775
Arrests	1500	1305	1764	1612	1468	1286	1151	1204	1118
Calls for Service	14338	16387	18413	19655	19644	19193	20582	23573	24030
Robbery									
Highway	6	6	1	9	8	9	8	6	12
Commercial House	5	2	2	3	1	0	2	3	3
Gas or Service Station	0	3	1	0	0	3	1	1	0
Convenience Store	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Residence	1	0	0	2	2	6	3	3	2
Bank	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Miscellaneous	2	3	2	2	0	0	2	2	3
TOTAL ROBBERY	14	15	6	16	13	19	18	16	20
Burglary									
Residence									
Night (6PM - 6AM)	24	22	23	19	29	20	46	22	17
Day (6AM - 6PM)	37	33	49	25	64	95	142	54	51
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	63
Non-Residence									
Night (6PM - 6AM)	14	20	6	11	7	6	10	10	3
Day (6AM - 6PM)	5	7	9	10	2	4	6	2	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	11
TOTAL BURGLARY	80	82	87	65	102	125	204	161	145
Stealing									
Pick-Pocket	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Purse Snatching	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Shoplifting	114	56	44	32	35	24	25	28	31
From Motor Vehicle	58	46	53	34	49	49	60	50	42
Motor Vehicle Parts & Acc	66	88	70	49	52	48	46	43	32
Bicycles	6	14	10	9	6	4	4	2	4
From Building	64	61	61	55	55	43	77	44	36
Any Coin Operated Mach	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
All Others	171	82	176	137	115	57	55	35	31
TOTAL STEALING	480	348	414	319	312	228	270	202	177

BN Church Events

Bellefontaine Baptist Church
1410 Kilgore Drive, 63137
868-6880

Easter Cantata
Sunday, April 4 - 10:45 AM

Silver Circle Senior Group
2nd Friday of every month - Noon
Minimal charge for food &
entertainment

5th Sunday Hymn Sing
Sunday, April 25 - 6 PM

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

New Hours on Sundays
Coffee/Hospitality - 9 to 11 AM
Nursery - 9 to 11:30 AM
Worship - 9:30 AM
Youth Education Class - 9:30 AM
Adult Sunday School - 10:30 AM

Fish Fry - Friday, March 5 & 19,
April 2 & 16, 4:30 to 6:30 PM
Fried, baked fish or chicken

Staying Strong Together - A
Healthy Relationship for Couples
March 27 - Cost \$15.00
Free Child care, reservations

Weather Spotter Training
St. Louis County Program
Saturday, March 27
Call for reservations

**Holy Name of Jesus
Catholic Church**
10235 Ashbrook
868-3210

Lecture Series In The Cafeteria
Monday, March 1, 7 - 8:30 PM
"Know 10 Signs Of Alzheimers"

Monday, March 15, 7 - 8:30 PM
"Stress Management/Self-Care"

Monday, March 22, 7 - 8:30 PM
"Grieving And Loss"

Monday, April 5, 7 - 8:30 PM
"Practical Solutions"

Saturday, April 10, 9 AM to Noon
Fr. Dominic Garramone, OSB
Famous Baker/Priest - "What Kind
Of Bread Shall We Be?" (Free)

Fish Fry - Friday, Feb. 26,
Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Apr. 2
3:30 to 6:30 PM

Holy Week at Holy Name

Holy Thursday, April 1
7 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 2
7 PM - Passion of Our Lord

Holy Saturday, April 3
Easter Vigil - 8 PM

Easter Sunday, April 4
Mass - 8 & 10:30 AM

**Christ Light of the Nations
Catholic School** will host Casino
Night mouse races on Saturday,
March 20, 6 PM at Holy Name of
Jesus Parish Center \$80 per table.
Call 355-3738 for reservations.

Grace Chapel Lutheran Church
10015 Lance Drive
868-3232

Grace Chapel Lutheran School
Open house, Sunday, Feb. 21,
1 to 3 PM - Tour the school and
meet the teachers. Enrollment
information available.

Midweek Lent Worship Services
Wednesdays, Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10,
17 & 24 - 7 PM
Lenten Dinners Wednesdays from
5:30 - 6:30 PM - Free will offering

Holy Week at Grace Chapel

Palm Sunday Service
March 28 - 8 & 10:45 AM

Maundy Thursday Service
April 1 - 2 & 7 PM

Good Friday Tennebrae
April 2 - 2 & 7 PM

Saturday, April 3 - Easter Vigil
8 PM (No 4 PM Saturday service)

Sunday, April 4 - Festival of Easter
8 & 10:45 AM
Easter Breakfast at 9:30 AM

AARP Mature Driver Safety Program

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will sponsor Mature Driver Safety Programs at the City of BN Recreation Center. Pre-registration is required and cost for AARP members is \$12 and non-members is \$14 due at the time of the class. Call 867-0700 for reservations.

AARP Mature Driving Program Dates

Tuesday, March 9, 1 - 5 PM
Tuesday, June 1, 1 - 5 PM

The program is a refresher course for drivers age 50 and older and has helped millions of drivers remain safe on today's roads. Students will learn about current rules of the road, how to operate your vehicle more safely, and how to make some adjustments to common age related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Depending on the state you live in and your insurance company, you may be eligible for a discount in insurance premiums. Please contact your insurance company or agent for details.

Recycling & Trash Service Information

Recycling Guide



Many thanks to the City of BN residents who have taken the recycling program seriously.

Many residents have found that 70% of their trash can be recycled. Did you know that you can recycle all of your mail, TV dinner boxes and trays, cake mix and cereal boxes, catsup bottles, toilet paper rolls, soda

and beer boxes, cans, wrapping paper, bath soap boxes and wrappers, paper towel rolls, and even the metal and paper from frozen orange juice cans?

The list of items that **cannot** be recycled is much shorter. These items include items with a triangle with a number 6 and includes egg cartons, foam trays and protective packaging. Do not recycle containers that were used for poison or engine oil. No window glass, dinnerware or ceramics. No plastic grocery bags or waxed cardboard (fruit boxes).

The more we recycle, the longer we can use existing land fills. When our existing land fills are full, then it is expensive to obtain alternate land fills and the consumer pays the price. Give recycling a try.

Everything You Wanted To Know About Trash!

The new recycling carts were made possible by a grant from St. Louis County. The grant was established to promote recycling. Every household in the City of BN is entitled to a cart. If you don't want the cart, or want one and didn't get one call 867-0076.

The old 18 gallon recycling totes can be returned to WM if you are no longer using them. If you wish to return a tote, leave it at the curb (turned upside down) on your regular trash pick-up day during the week of March 1 through 5.

City of BN residents are required to have trash service. If you do not currently have trash service, you can sign up with Waste Management by calling 506-4700 between 7:35 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Please tell the customer service agent that you are a resident of the City of BN.

Trash cans, carts and totes, including recycling carts must be stored behind the building line when not out for pick-up. Leaving your cans, carts and totes in front of the house or garage will result in a court summons.

Plastics - Check the bottom of plastic bottles and containers for a small triangle with a number in it. Items with numbers from 1 to 5 and 7 are recyclable. Please rinse out all food or products and remove the label if possible. These items include plastic bottles, plastic milk and juice jugs, detergent and fabric softener containers, health/beauty aids, household cleaner containers, margarine tubs, frozen dessert cups, 6 pack rings, yogurt cups, narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles, and plastic buckets under 5 gallons.

Metals - include rinsed aluminum cans, trays, foil, steel cans and tins.

Glass - Clear, brown and green glass.

Paper - includes all paper, newspaper including inserts (remove plastic sleeves), cardboard, kraft, brown paper bags, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, paperback books, junk mail and envelopes, office and computer paper, notebook paper, gift wrap, cereal, cake, food mix boxes, frozen food boxes, kleenex boxes, bath tissue rolls, gift boxes, carrier stock, or soda and beer can carrying cases.

WM's collection times are from 7 AM to 6 PM. Residents may put trash, yard waste and recyclables out for collection after 5 PM the night before pick-up. Cans, carts and totes must be removed from the curb by 5 PM the day after pick-up.

Yard waste may be put out year round.

Bulky waste, including chairs, sofas, mattresses, tables, household goods, wood and anything one man can lift will be picked up on your last pick-up day of the month without additional charge from WM. One bulky item per month is allowed.

Bulky waste that takes more than one man to lift should be scheduled and will be billed separately. Wood and lumber should have all nails removed, cut into 4 foot lengths and tied in bundles of no more than 50 pounds. White goods, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, dishwashers and hot water heaters will be removed for a charge of \$20.

If you have questions, call WM at 506-4700.



Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

801 Strodtman Road
St. Louis, MO
314-877-6014

Directions

CBCA is in North St. Louis County. Take the Riverview Drive exit from I-270, then go north about 2.5 miles.

Just minutes from the City of BN, The Columbia Bottom Conservation Area (CBCA) is

situated at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. The Department of Conservation has created habitats that include shallow wetlands, bottomland, hardwoods, prairie, croplands, 6.5 miles of river frontage, and a 110-acre island that attract a variety of resident and migratory wildlife.

CBCA offers bicyclists and walkers a five-mile biking trail and a three-mile hiking trail along the Missouri River. Activities include bird watching, educational programs, canoeing or kayaking and managed hunts. A boat ramp and a fishing pier are located on the Missouri River. Visit the viewing deck at the confluence.



Education And Visitor Center Hours

Wednesday through Friday 8 AM - 5 PM
Saturday & Sunday 8 AM - 4 PM

Area Hours

Columbia Bottom Conservation Area is closed from one half hour after sunset until one half hour before sunrise daily except for authorized hunting and fishing activities and launching and landing boats.

Newsletter Of Events

To subscribe to the free, monthly newsletter call 314-877-6014 or go to www.missouriconservation.org and click on St. Louis Region. Below are some of the free programs offered. Reservations are required.

February 27 - Coyotes Howling At The Snow Moon Saturday, 7 - 8:30 PM

(Ages 6 and up) Do you know why coyotes howl? Examine a coyote pelt and feel their sharp teeth in a skull. After we discuss the "little prairie wolves," as Lewis and Clark called them, we will take a short hike at night to listen for their howling under a full Snow Moon. (Reservations begin February 13.)

March 5 - Snake Feeding Friday Friday, 10:30 - 11 AM

(All ages) Join me as I feed our resident Prairie King Snake it's once a month meal. I will also share some interesting information about snakes and answer any snake questions. (Reservations begin February 19.)

March 6 - Native Plants for Your Backyard Habitat Saturday, 10 AM - Noon

(Adults) Would you like to attract birds, butterflies, and other interesting creatures to your yard? We'll introduce you to hardy native plants that thrive in our area and plants that attract a variety of native animals. (Reservations begin February 20.)

March 25 - Nature Journaling Thursday, 1 - 2:30 PM

(Ages 8 and up) Many outdoor writers and artists keep a nature journal. We'll try various drawing techniques while exploring Columbia Bottom rain or shine, dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair. (Reservations begin March 11.)

St. Louis County Park Events

Upland Prairie Walk at Fort Belle Fontaine Park

(all ages) Join Park Naturalist, Dennis Hogan as he explores the wonders of an upland prairie and wetland habitat in St. Louis County park's historic hidden Jewel, Fort Belle Fontaine Park. This program is free for members of the Friends of Fort Belle Fontaine Park. Advance registration is not required. Call 314-615-5270. \$3 per person.

Saturday May 1 10 AM

War of 1812 Symposium at Bissell House

(All Ages) The 20th Annual War of 1812 in the West Symposium at the historic General Daniel Bissell House. Topics will address the impact of the War on the military, citizens of the United States and the Native Americans. Free admission, no reservations needed. For information call 314-544-6224.

Saturday March 20 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday March 21 9 AM - Noon

From The Office Of The City Clerk Deni Donovan



All City meetings are listed on the back cover of this newsletter. All meetings are open to the public.

Everyone is welcome to the Board of Aldermen Meetings. Have your voice heard or just keep up with what is happening in your city. Please come by and meet everyone.

Volunteers are needed for the Public Safety Commission, Youth Commission, Image & Beautification Board and the Parks & Recreation Commission. If you are interested in serving on one of these boards, call 867-0076.

With warm weather, children being out again, and street repairs just around the corner, please take your time and extra care while driving on City streets. Turn off the cell phones and keep your eyes on the streets!

How Did Your Alderman Vote?

Bill #	Date	Description	Pato (w-1)	Migliazzo (w-1)	Glenny (w-2)	Merz (w-2)	Roth (W-3)	Jordan (w-3)	Smith (w-4)	Hollis (w-4)	Pass or Fail	Ordinance Number
2179	11/05/09	Conditional Use Permit for Daycare at 1237 Waldorf	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2116
2196	11/19/09	Required Payment for Trash Collection	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2117
2197	01/07/10	Conditional Use Permit for True Redemption Center at 1229 Shepley Drive	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2118
2198	01/29/10	Contract with St. Louis County re: Communications	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Pass	2119
2199	01/29/10	Contract with St. Louis County re: Multijurisdictional Drug Task Force	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Pass	2120

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

Image & Beautification Notes Jennie Stewart



Please join the Image and Beautification Board in keeping our City free of litter by picking up trash and removing fallen tree limbs from your property. It only takes a few minutes to pick up the bottles, cans, and papers that litter our driveways

and lawns. It will certainly go a long way in helping to make your property look so much better.

We will be sponsoring a Clean Up Day on April 24th from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Meet us at the Recreation Center on Bellefontaine Road. Bring your teenagers, your neighbors and friends for a day of picking up litter. Lunch will be served afterward and you can also play miniature golf free of charge as a way of saying thank you.

Spring is coming soon, so lets get out and mow our lawns, paint our homes, trim shrubs and plant flowers.

If you have ideas that will make our City more beautiful, feel free to contact me by calling City Hall at 867-0076 and leaving me a message.

Thanks to all the residents who decorated for the holidays. Our 2009 Holiday Decoration Award winners are:

Ward 1

9927 Delhi - Annie & Frank Edmond
9920 Delhi - Gerard & Theresa Siesener

Ward 2

10632 Foxlair - Steven & Janis Randman
827 Font Lane - Aletris Stephens

Ward 3

10546 Ewell - Mark & Jennifer Rudloff
1230 Bakewell - Brian & Kathy Ballou

Ward 4

1057 Fontaine - Angela Stevenson
1116 Astoria - LaJuan Walker

Thank you for your cooperation. This is our City and it is our responsibility to help keep it beautiful.

New Bethlehem Memorial Cemetery



In 1849, a group of German, Lutheran Immigrants organized Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the Hyde

Park area of St. Louis and Old Bethlehem Cemetery in Baden at the intersection of Bittner and Switzer. At the same time, a cholera epidemic hit the St. Louis area and by July of 1849, 4,500 cholera victims or 10% of the population of St. Louis died. Following the epidemic, the City of St. Louis passed an ordinance that required new cemeteries to be located beyond the city limits, hoping it might prevent another epidemic.

The first cemetery was small. Land for a new, larger cemetery at 9650 Bellefontaine Road was donated. The first interment was in 1885. Graves from the old cemetery were moved to the new cemetery; one of the largest Lutheran burial sites in St. Louis.

Both the church and the cemetery prospered, but in past decades, with declining membership and burials, both hit hard times. The church could no longer afford maintenance and the cemetery was neglected and in need of clean up of overgrowth and storm damage.

In 2004, "The Friends of Bellefontaine Cemetery" was organized to address the condition of the cemetery. They gathered people who had family in the cemetery, former members of Bethlehem Church, and even the 8th grade class of Grace Chapel Lutheran School to make the cemetery more presentable. They paid for tree trimming, hosted work and cleanup days.

In 2009, there were rumors that the cemetery was being sold. The grass was being cut and the cemetery was starting to look even better. Ronald L. Jones, the owner of Ronald L. Jones Funeral Home, (the former Matt Hermann Funeral Home) on Fair and West Florissant came into City Hall and introduced himself as the new owner of New Bethlehem Memorial Gardens. Licences and permits were issued.

Before the sale was final, Mr. Jones had many of the trees that were damaged by disease and storms removed, bushes trimmed, the fence painted, section markers set, roads fixed and trash cans installed.

Before Mr. Jones took the cemetery over, there was one part time and one full time employee. Now there are 8 full time employees.

Currently, Mr. Jones is having a Kiosk - a computer installed that will sit outside the office so people can enter a name and get a printed map with directions to find graves when the office is closed.

Mr. Jones' immediate plans include more grounds improvements, resetting some of the stones that are leaning and a new road through the undeveloped portion of the cemetery. Future plans include a cremation garden, mausoleum above and in the ground and possibly a crematory.



Mr. Jones is known nation wide for his talent as a restorative cosmetic artist and for the lavish and extravagant funerals that he has produced. When asked about it, he says, "That is not what's important. Death is a very personal thing and only you know what it will take to get you through. We try to help people through."

Mr. Jones works with many charities to make services and a final resting place available to the poor. Known to many people as "Pops", Mr. Jones' greatest hope is to be part of the community and help the people left behind. He calls it "planting seeds."

Bethlehem Cemetery has many famous burials, including members of the Frankenstein family, NFL running back for the Denver Broncos Damien Darnell Nash, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame musician Johnnie Johnson, electric guitarist Bennie Smith, blues legend James Crutchfield and comedian Rodney Winfield.



City of BN officials are very pleased to see the improvements being made at Bethlehem Cemetery and hope Mr. Jones is able to complete his vision.

Good Deeds

Thanks to the BN residents and business owners that help people during the Christmas Season and the year round. So many things are going on around us that we don't hear about, so it's time we did!

Thanks to BNPD Sgt. Dave Elliott who decided to help Boy Scout Troop 551 from Grace Chapel when the Christmas Tree Lot was robbed in December. Sgt. Elliot started by asking City Hall and Police Department employees for donations and then hit some of the city businesses. Sgt. Elliot presented more than \$526.00 to the scouts. Sgt. Elliot said, "It's just great that even though times are tough, the people of BN are willing to donate to the Boy Scouts."

Thanks to the City of BN employees who donated food for the Frieden's Chapel Food Pantry at the annual Christmas Party and coats for the Winter Warm-up. We collected an overwhelming number of coats. Our employees and residents are the best!

Thanks are also in order for members of the Image and Beautification Board. They took the time to work the kitchen at the Hill Home to make pizzas for the kids who help with the spring and fall Beautification Action Days. Pictured below are: Margie Cook, Ben Seres, with his back to the camera - Bill Cira, Shelly Davis, Jenny Stewart and former Alderman Robert P. Doerr.



DARE Graduation At Grace Chapel

Congratulations to the 5th Grade Class of Grace Chapel Lutheran School. All of the class successfully completed the DARE Program. Each student wrote an essay and the top three essay winners were invited to attend a Board of Aldermen's meeting and were presented a proclamation from the city. The 3 essay winners are pictured at the right.

Third Place winner - Taylor King
Second Place winner - Taylor Ewing
First Place winner - Grayson Knight



ROTC Community Service Project

The Riverview Gardens High School Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Naval Science Cadets are planning a service project in the City of BN. The project will be to paint addresses on curbs for residents that request them. The program is free.

Visible house numbers painted on the curb are valuable to all emergency first responders and to all residents. A visible address marker will ensure a faster response to any resident calling for emergency help or assistance. It also makes it easier for family and friends to locate your home easily.

Cadets will start the project in April, or when the weather allows. Cadets will paint a white frame with latex paint then lay numerical address stencils down and spray with black gloss paint.



To sign up, call Cpl. Vassallo at 867-0080, ext 242 or e-mail pvassallo@cityofbn.com

Welcome To Our New Businesses

S.A.F.E., LLC (Home based business)
614-6459

Cherkitha Miller

Selling personal alarms, mini alert alarms, electronic pocket whistles, and personal protective devices.

Instant Tax Service
10002 Bellefontaine Road
533-6622

Semere Teehage
Tax preparation services.

All City Meetings Open To The Public

All meetings are held at the City of BN City Hall except Parks & 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 PM

Public Safety Commission - 4th Thursday 6:30 PM

Neighborhood Watch - 1st Wednesday 7 PM

Youth Commission - 3rd Monday 7:30 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 Wednesday and 4th Tuesday - 6:30 PM

Human Relations Commission - Upon Request

City Hall Holidays

City Hall will be closed on Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

Waste Management Holidays

There will not be interruption of services during February, March and April

Daylight Savings Time

Starts on March 14, 2010 (Set clocks ahead 1 hour)

Free Income Tax Preparation

For Seniors - February 25, March 11 & 18

Call the Recreation Center, 867-0700 for an appointment

Help With Census Forms

March 31 and April 13

Call the Recreation Center, 867-0700 for an appointment

Bike Rodeo

City of BN Youth Commission will sponsor a

Free Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 15 from 10 AM to 1 PM

on the Bellefontaine Neighbors City Hall parking lot. Bring your bike and get a free helmet! Cruise around the "SafetyVille" Riding course to test your skills. Decorate your helmet. Make your own personalized license plate. Drawings to win bikes and other prizes.

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