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From The Office Of The Mayor.....



Robert J. Doerr

This past August, we suffered a tremendous loss in our community with the sudden death of Sgt. Peggy Vassallo. Peggy was the instrument through which our Police Department worked with the citizens in problem-solving and communication as a whole. We miss her warm

smile and dedicated work ethic. The public's outpouring of support shown towards our Police Department and officers is much appreciated. Peggy was the example which we all should follow.

Through the efforts of Sgt. Vassallo and School Resource Officer (SRO) David Owens, our Police Department has been chosen to receive the Missouri Municipal League, "Members Choice Award," and East-West Gateway Council of Government's, "Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award," for Exemplary Accomplishment by a Local Government. We are honored to receive both awards and recognize our Police Department's efforts towards Community Relations.

Last year I announced Save-A-Lot was going to open a store in Bill's Market. That never happened due to a number of issues which arose during negotiations. This year, I am happy to announce a new store, owned and operated by Kroger, named Ruler Foods, will be opening early next year in the same space.

Kroger has purchased the entire shopping center with plans to remodel and upgrade. I am

very happy to have a nationwide company become a partner with our community who will provide a much needed boost to our area.

The Riverview Gardens School District provided us with some very good news recently by surpassing the minimum score needed for consideration of provisional accreditation. For the past four years Riverview has increased their scores. This is a huge step forward for all of us. Dr. Spurgeon and his staff are to be commended for their hard work and dedication in their efforts of returning this district to once again being a district in which we all can be proud. I congratulate the students who worked so hard and encourage you to continue your efforts moving forward.

Lastly I need to mention that the Board of Aldermen is considering placing a bond issue on the April ballot for street improvements. I encourage everyone to consider the need for street improvements throughout the City. We have 95 streets in need of repair or resurfacing in every Ward of this City. More information regarding this bond issue will be explained next issue.

I want to welcome Alicia Smith and Dr. Miranda Avant-Elliot to the Youth Commission.

Robert J. Doerr

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From The Office Of The Chief..... Jeremy Ihler



Since appointed as your Chief of Police on July 2, 2015, I have been faced with several challenges as your police department continues to provide quality services to you.

First, the sudden death of Sergeant Peggy Vassallo has had an effect on everyone – government and community alike. I thank everyone for their support through these trying times. Her life's work will live on in spirit as we continue to selflessly improve the lives of others.

Second, although the St. Louis region in general has experienced an increase in different types of crime, our great city is fortunate not to have been impacted at the level that our adjoining communities

have experienced. I attribute this good fortune to be a product of the community and the police working together in partnership to preserve our way of life. We all have ownership in our community and we all desire to live in an environment that is safe. Therefore, it is necessary that we continue to work together to achieve this goal.

One of the recent enhancements to police services has been the Community Action Patrols to put a "CAP" on crime. Through crime analysis and community feedback, your police department resources are being directed to areas where police presence and activity will potentially have the greatest positive impact on safety. As we put forth our efforts into community-oriented policing, we always welcome new ideas from residents to make police services more effective. Please contact the police department by phone or through the web site and let us know how we can better serve you!

Interim Community Service Police Officer



Since the passing of Sergeant Peggy Vassallo, the role of Community Services Officer has been competently fulfilled by Officer David Owens. Officer Owens was recently awarded the School Resource Officer of the Year for the entire State of Missouri by the Missouri School

Resource Officers Association. He will be temporarily serving in a dual-role capacity as both the School Resource Officer and the Community Services Officer until we restructure staffing to make these roles independent. Officer Owens has, amongst many other things, been working closely with community groups, managing social media for the police department, and providing unique and tailored services as needed by residents.

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch will be continuing under the direction of Interim Community Services Officer David Owens. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (December 2, January 6 and February 3) at 7 PM. Plan to attend these meetings and bring a neighbor!

Chief's Certificate Of Commendation

For their high degree of professionalism and outstanding performance of duty, the following officers were presented the Chief's Certificate of Commendation.



Officer Dennis Lederer for multiple apprehension of burglary suspects:

- December 2014, robbery in the 10100 block of Lewis and Clark. He located the person responsible nearby and made the arrest.
- April 2015, burglar alarm in the 2500 block of Chambers where he was instrumental in the arrests of 4 people that were found illegally in the building.

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- June 2015, burglar alarm in the 10200 block of Toelle where he was instrumental in the arrest of one person who was found illegally in the building.

all cases.

Officer Ledereris also serves as one of the police department's Field Training Instructors for new police officers.



Detective Kim Tihen for her active efforts with local, state, and federal law enforcement partnerships through information gathering and sharing. Her activities have had a positive impact on crime not only just in Bellefontaine Neighbors, but in the St. Louis region as well:

- Recovery of approximately 30 stolen firearms
- Recovery of approximately 60 stolen vehicles
- Identification of large burglary rings responsible for approximately 100 area burglaries
- Clearance of 12 homicides, including an arrest on the homicide in Bellefontaine Neighbors in July 2015.

The St. Louis County Prosecutor issued warrants on

Sgt. Peggy Vassallo - Last Call

August 24, 2015



Sgt. Peggy Vassallo, 53, died around 11:30 a.m. at DePaul Health Center from injuries she sustained in the line of duty, following a car accident. She is the first officer ever to die in the line of duty in the City of BN.



Sgt. Peggy Vassallo, being congratulated by Lt. John Ruckert, after taking her oath of office in 2001.



Crowds of residents lined the streets in the City of BN to view the funeral procession which went on for miles.

Sgt. Vassallo was compassionate and dedicated to making a difference in North St. Louis County. Her service included DARE Officer and Neighborhood Watch Officer. She also worked with the Youth Commission.

Below, Officers and residents gather at Bellefontaine United Methodist Church for one of many candle light vigils and events that were held in Peggy's Memory.



Sgt. Vassallo, Thank you for your service!

Our sympathy to Sgt. Vassallo's family and friends.

May she rest in peace.



Planting Trees In Memory Of Those Who Served BN

On Friday, September 25, we paid tribute to Sergeant Vassallo with a memorial tree planting in front of City Hall. This tree represents Sergeant Vassallo and her life's work. As the tree grows, it will serve as a symbol of the continuing growth in partnerships between police and community. The Red Bud tree was donated by William R. Johnston and Keith Dagenais.

The City of BN is making plans to plant trees in honor of Jean Garascia (shown below) and Jeannette Bost (recognized in the August edition of the Bellefontaine News Letter). Jeannette was a driving force of the Image and Beautification Board.



Jean Garascia passed away on September 4, 2015. Jean was a dedicated member of the Parks and Recreation Board since May of 1979. Jean was also dedicated to preserving the history of the area and served on the Spanish Lake Historical Society. Her notebooks, full of research, have been donated to the City of BN. Jean was the loving wife of Louis (Lefty) Garascia and devoted mother of Donna Dillingham, Shari Gray, grandmother and great grandmother.

City of BN Selected For 2015 Innovation Award

The City of BN was awarded the coveted 2015 Innovation Award, the "Member's Choice" at the Missouri Municipal League's 81st Annual Conference in Kansas City, Mo in September 2015.

Accepting the award Alderman Anthony Smith, Alderman John Jordan, Mayor Robert Doerr, Chief Jeremy Ihler, and Officer David Owens (Pictured above, left to right). Officer Owens also serves as the School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Riverview Gardens School District and Interim Community Services Officer. He was recently recognized as Missouri's SRO of the Year.



youths to excel on all levels of social and personal growth. Additional objectives were to build and develop youth self-confidence as well as teach respect for themselves and others. Furthermore, they gained a better understanding of the core function of policing as it concerns protecting and serving the community.

Overall, the program encouraged young people in the Bellefontaine Neighbors area to become achievers, role models and effective leaders in school, their neighborhoods, and community.

The award was presented in recognition of Bellefontaine Neighbors "Youth Life Skills Recreation Program". As a program, its primary objective was to encourage, inspire, motivate, and challenge

In special observance of her efforts in creating and implementing the Youth Life Skills Recreation Program, the award was dedicated to the memory of BN Officer Peggy Vassallo, who was fatally injured in a car accident on August 24th, 2015, while on duty.

Major Case Squad

Thanks to Detectives, Sgt. Applegate, P.O. Tihen and the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad for their dedication and efforts to solve homicides in 60 Missouri and Illinois Counties.

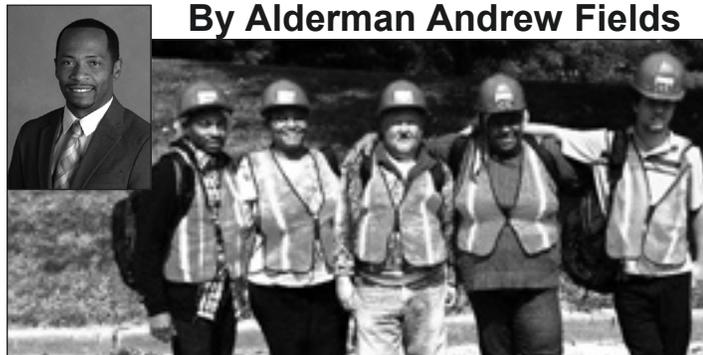
The Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad is the 1st ever and largest task force of it's kind and have a 86% success rate.

The Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad celebrated their 50th Anniversary this year, with more than 470 trained investigators who can be called in on an hours notice to solve any murder.

The Major Case Squad does not bill municipalities for their services, rather they rely on participation from members. The Major Case Squad only expects municipalities to supply gasoline and food for investigators.

C. E. R. T. Training

By Alderman Andrew Fields



CERT graduates: Andrew Fields, Charlotte Abel, Leslie Sutterfield, Barbara West and Daniel Woelbling.

Five North County residents received emergency response training the weekend of September 18-20. CERT is a program within Citizen Corps that trains residents how to cope with the aftermath of a natural disaster while waiting for fire/police/EMS to arrive.

The course is 20 hours in length and was hosted by the Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center and instructed by members of the Riverview Fire Protection District. Thanks to Fire Chief Joe Bommarito and Mayor Bob Doerr for providing the funding to have this class.

More information about CERT or Citizen Corps can be found by visiting FEMA.gov

Warming Your Vehicle In Cold Weather

DON'T BE A VICTIM!

"LOCK IT & POCKET THE KEY"



"DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR RUNNING OR UNATTENDED WITH THE KEYS IN IT"

**BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS POLICE DEPARTMENT
AUTO THEFT PREVENTION**

It is always a temptation to go out on a cold morning, start your vehicle and let it warm up while you finish getting ready, but it is not worth the risk. Leaving your vehicle running for just a minute could result in a theft occurring. Even if your vehicle has an automatic shutoff when put into drive, thieves might smash your windows and attempt to steal your vehicle. Don't take that chance. The BNPD reminds you that the vast majority of vehicle thefts happen when the keys are left in the vehicle. Would you rather spend a few minutes in your vehicle warming it up or hours on the phone with the police and insurance company looking for it? Lock it and pocket the key.

Alderman Tony Migliazzo Resigns



Alderman Tony Migliazzo submitted his resignation on September 9, 2015. Tony and his wife Mary, moved to the City of BN in 1976. Both Tony and Mary were active in the community serving Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and School and City activities, especially the City of BN Swim Team. Mary has served as a Water Aerobics

Instructor at the Recreation Center for more than 15 years. Tony held the position of Alderman since May of 2002.

As much as we will miss them, we wish them well in all they do and hope retirement serves them well. Tony's seat on the Board of Aldermen is up for re-election in April of 2016, with filing opening on December 15. Because of the short time until filing, the Board of Aldermen decided to leave the seat open.

Notice Of Election Filing

NOTICE OF ELECTION FILING CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS

Please take notice that the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri, will conduct a municipal election on April 5th, 2016, for the offices of one Alderman from each of the four (4) Wards for a term of four (4) years each and one Alderman from Ward 4 for an unexpired term ending in 2018. Persons desiring to file as a candidate for the election to office to be elected

at said election may file a declaration of candidacy at the office of the City Clerk at 9641 Bellefontaine Road, Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri. The opening date is Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. and close on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Deni Donovan, City Clerk

The Board of Aldermen are still working out the details, but plans are being made to put a bond issue on the ballot for street repairs. Watch the February edition of the newsletter for more information.

Old Glory Relay



On October 23, we were honored to take part in the Old Glory Relay which traveled through Bellefontaine Neighbors. On September 11, Team Red, White & Blue (Team RWB) – a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supporting U.S. Veterans – and presenting sponsor, Microsoft, kicked off the second annual, coast-to-coast Old Glory Relay. 59 teams of runners are charged with moving a single American flag across the country, in a 3,540-mile journey from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. Pictured at left, Officer Dane Kaltenbach saluting the flag as the runners pass.

Senator Gina Walsh, “This Is Your Library!”

The Lewis & Clark Branch Library hosted a Grand Opening on Friday, October 30. Senator Gina Walsh was on hand to let the students attending know, “This is your library.” The Senator challenged the students to use the resources at the new facility to further their education.



The branch features an expanded children's area, a business center with fax, copy and scanning machines, three different computing areas with all new computers (57 total), a large community meeting room, private study rooms, and an expanded teen area.

The iconic stained glass windows depicting Lewis, Clark and Sacagawea have been reinstalled at the branch. Originally created by Emil Frel & Associates, the windows were removed before demolition, cleaned and restored. The windows are now on display on the East side of the Library.



Report Street Lights That Are Out

Street lights make our streets safer. Please keep your streets safer by reporting lights that are not lit. Please report all lights that are not lit to Ameren UE at 342-1000. Each light has a band near the top with a number, such as BN12. Ameren will ask your for this number for a faster response. You can also report lights out to the City of BN. (867-0076)

Home Beautification Awards



Left to right (standing) Howard Haynes - 1122 Chambers - W 1, The Dotson Family - 9850 Colony - W 1, The Davidson Family - 10159 Jepson - W 2 and The Simril Family - 10430 Coburg Lands - W 2. (seated) The King-Monroe Family -1512 Ballard - W 3 and The Poe Family - 1038 Donnell - W 4. Not pictured, The Jones Family - 1518 Haviland - W 3 and The Owens Family - 937 Fontaine - W 4.

Congratulations to the 2015 Home Beautification Award winners pictured at left. Thanks to everyone in the City of BN who made the extra effort to make their home and our city beautiful.

Thanks are also in order for the Image and Beautification Committee who water, weed and plant city gardens and spend hours riding around judging homes for the awards.

Judging for the Christmas Decorating Awards will be in mid-December. Turn your lights on and take a ride around the city and nominate your favorites! (867-0076)

Thanks to everyone who works so hard to keep our city beautiful.

Beautification Action Day

Beautification Action Day was held on Saturday, September 26, 2015.

Thanks to the volunteers from Love in Action, the Image and Beautification Commission and the residents that gave up a Saturday morning to help clean up the city.

Pictured at right are some of the volunteers: Rodney Weeden, Shelley Davis, Andrew Fields and Kathy Mason. Your work is appreciated!



Leaves

Every year many people have unnecessary flooding in their basements due to backups caused by sewers being blocked by leaves and debris. Backups cause property damage and can damage water heaters, furnaces and washers and dryers. You can help prevent



these problems by getting rid of leaves and debris properly. Yard waste should be put in the 96 gallon carts provided free from Waste Management, in your own cans or "kraft" paper bags made from bio-degradable bags.

Please report illegal dumping of yard waste into creeks, sewers and streets by calling 636-529-8210.

Adopt-A-Vet From The Missouri Veteran's Home

The Missouri Veterans Home - St. Louis is part of the Bellefontaine Neighbors' community. At this time of year they organize an annual campaign for organizations and individuals to "Share in the Spirit" and "Adopt A Vet" for all the holidays. The donations provide each resident a \$10.00 cash gift and a gift valued up to \$20.00. The balance of funds raised are used for other holiday celebrations throughout the year. For more information visit the web site at <http://slvhc.org>

Sickle Cell Association - Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross, in partnership with the Sickle Cell Association and the City of BN - Human Rights Commission, will be hosting a blood and marrow drive on Saturday, December 19, from 10 AM - 2 PM at Hazelwood Central High School, 15875 New Halls Ferry Rd., to help fight sickle cell disease. Blood from a donor with a similar ethnic background as that of the patient is less likely to cause complications, particularly for those patients whose chronic conditions require repeated transfusions. Sickle cell disease is one such chronic condition affect-

ing as many as 100,000 people in the United States. Donors are encouraged to roll up their sleeves to help sickle cell disease patients and others in need this holiday season. To make an appointment to donate download the Red Cross Blood Donor App from app stores or text BLOODAPP to 90999 to receive a download link, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). All donors must be at least 16 years old and have a picture ID.

Snow Routes

The street department does an amazing job keeping our streets open during snow events. The City of BN has passed ordinances to ensure sufficient space for emergency vehicles to serve residents and snow removal equipment to easily maneuver and clean streets efficiently. Ordinance #2096, passed in 2008, limits parking during snow or ice events on:

- Addison, 1000 block
- Akron, 1400-1500 block
- Avant, 1000 block
- Comet Drive, between Ashbrook and Dwight
- Dwight, 10151

- Hamlet Court
- Kelvin Drive, cul-de-sac only
- Kimball Court
- Laire, 1100-1200 block
- Larue Court
- Southworth Court
- Surf, 10232, 10236

Ordinance #2314, passed on January 15, 2015, designates Green Acres Road from Bellefontaine Road, generally westward to the "Y" intersection at lot #47, including Orchard Court, Orchard Lane, Willow Court and Willow Lane as no parking snow routes.

The Recreation Center Has Something For Everyone

The Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center has something for everyone. We have "Open Swim" Fridays from 5:30 to 8:45 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. There is also "Adult" or "Lap Time" during the weekdays. If you want to work out, the weight room is open almost anytime the facility is open. All these activities have a daily fee, or you can purchase an annual pass.

Did you know The Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center offers fun and reasonably priced activities for the whole family? We offer **Karate** on Mondays and **Tennis Classes** on Fridays.

Swimming Lessons are offered for ages 1 year to adult, on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings. There are **Adult Fitness Classes** both in the heated indoor pool and in the gymnasium Monday through Saturday. Please check the brochure for schedules and prices.

Tickets for the popular **Silver Bells Dinner** which will be held on Thursday, December 10 are on

sale at the Recreation Center for \$12.00. While you are there, sign up for the monthly **Casino Trips or Lunch & Bingo** (fees apply).

2016 Park Reservations will be accepted beginning January 2, 2016. There are also 2 meeting rooms that residents can reserve at the Recreation Center. Don't wait until the last minute; they go fast!

We will begin accepting reservations for the **Free Tax Service** beginning Tuesday, December 1, 2015. The Metro-St. Louis Community Tax Coalition will pre-

pare and e-file federal and state returns on 5 Wednesday mornings in February and March. Space is limited so reserve your slot now.

For more information, stop by the City of BN Recreation Center to pick up a brochure or call 314-867-0700. You may also access the Recreation Center brochure online at www.cityofbn.com.



Senior & Disabled Transportation Service

The City of BN is eagerly waiting for a new van for the Senior and Disabled Transportation obtained from a grant from the East West Gateway Coordinating Council. The grant was obtained in 2012, but due to cutbacks in spending, the City of BN has been with other entities on a waiting list.



The van takes residents to medical appointments along the 270 corridor as far as DePaul Hospital, Shop 'n Save, Target, K-mart, Schnucks, Aldi, Post Office, Drug Stores, Hair Salons, Barber shops, and the Recreation Center for classes, activities.

The present vehicles have racked up a lot of miles, but are still road worthy and make life a little better for a lot of people. Residents age 55+ or those with qualifying disabilities are eligible. The van is wheelchair accessible. Residents must purchase an annual ID card at the cost of \$5. There is no cost for trips.

For more information about the Senior and Disabled Transportation Service, call the Recreation Center at 867-0700 or download a packet which explains the service and provides you with an application at: <http://www.cityofbn.com/departments/parks-and-recreation> Click on the "Transportation" link.

How Did Your Alderman Vote?

Bill #	Date	Description	Paro (w-1)	Migliazzo (w-1)	Schultz (w-2)	Merz (w-2)	Roth (w-3)	Jordan (w-3)	Smith (w-4)	Fields (w-4)	Pass or fail	Ord. #
2415	8-6-15	Authorizing a reimbursement agreement with the Metro Park and Recreation District (Migliazzo)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2333
2416	8-6-15	Authorizing an agreement with Leadsonline, LLC for electronic crime investigation services (Fields)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2334
2417	8-6-15	Authorizing an agreement with the Regional Justice Information Service (Shultz)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2335
2418	8-6-15	Authorizing an agreement with Topos Surveying Corp for land surveying services (Merz)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2336
2419	8-6-15	Authorizing an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (Merz)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2337
2420	8-6-15	An ordinance calling for a bond election (Jordan) WITHDRAWN for more consideration										
2421	8-20-15	An ordinance authorizing acquisition of certain real estate property at tax sale (Smith)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2338
2422	8-20-15	An ordinance authorizing an agreement with Desco Systems, LLC for pool resurfacing (Merz)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2339
2423	9-17-15	Agreement with Riverview Gardens Schools for a School Resource Officer (Schultz)	Y		Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Pass	2340
2424	9-24-15	Establishing the Ad Valorem Tax for 2015 debt service and general municipal services (Roth)	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2341
2425	9-24-15	Authorizing an agreement with the US Department of Justice (Smith)	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2342
2426	10-1-15	Authorizing a re-subdivision of lots in Ward 2 to be recorded with the Recorder of Deeds (Merz)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2343
2427	10-1-15	Granting a Conditional Use Permit for Reliable Automotive Group at 10708 Lilac (Schultz)	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2344
2428	10-15-15	Agreement to participate in a Multijurisdictional Drug Task Force (Fields)	Y			Y	Y		Y	Y	Pass	2345
2429	10-15-15	Authorizing the sale of property at 10030 Bellefontaine Road (Merz)	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2346

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

Riverview Gardens Scores In Fully Accredited Range

School Performance Reports, which the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released Friday, October 23rd, shows that Riverview Gardens School District (RGSD) earned 79.3 percent of the possible points. Last year, the RGSD earned a score of 45.4 percent on the reports, which incorporate data such as test scores, graduation and attendance rates.

“I couldn’t be a more proud superintendent than I am today,” said Scott D. Spurgeon, who began in July 2013 leading the RGSD, where part of the focus has been on attendance and curriculum improvements. “I can’t tell you what happens from here, other than that we had a very, very, very,



very good year, and we believe we have a really solid system in place to provide a high academic program for our scholars.”

The RGSD has asked state officials to shed its unaccredited designation, which allows students to transfer to better-performing schools, because newly released state data showed it made substantial academic gains.

The Missouri State Board of Education will consider districts’ accreditation during a December meeting, according to Missouri Education Commissioner Margie Vandeven. She declined to offer specifics about what recommendations would be made. “We are really very cautiously optimistic about what we are seeing,” Vandeven said. “Those are great things to see.”

City Of BN - Open Records

Ordinance # 1903, was updated and passed August 19, 2004, to reflect current Missouri State Statutes. This legislation is commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law.

Chapter 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1-21. Meetings, records and votes to be public; exceptions.

All meetings, records and votes are open to the public; except that any meeting, record, minutes or vote relating to one (1) or more of the following shall be closed unless the public governmental body votes to make them public: legal actions, confidential or privileged information protected from disclosure by law, personnel records, computer codes, credit card numbers, etc. For a complete list, refer to the Code of Ordinances. (Ord. No. 1983, §2, 8-19-04)

Sec. 1-32. Fees.

- (a) The custodian shall charge ten (10) cents per page for a paper copy not larger than nine by fourteen inches, plus an hourly fee for duplicating time not to exceed the average hourly rate of pay for clerical staff of the City. (Ord. No. 1983, §9, 8-19-04)

The City of BN, in an honest effort to remain transparent, lists as much information as possible on our web site www.cityofbn.com

A link to the Code of Ordinances is <http://www.ecode360.com/BE3235>, and Property Maintenance Code is listed on the City Clerk's page of our website: <http://www.cityofbn.com/administration/city-clerk/> City Ordinances include the adoption of the BOCA Code (Building Officials Code Administrators), Electrical Code and Plumbing Code. If you do not find an answer to your question, please call the building department at 867-0076.

A link to past city audits is listed on: <http://www.cityofbn.com/departments/finance>

Reports from the City Collector are listed on: <http://www.cityofbn.com/administration/city-collector/collector/>

A link to the Minutes of Board and Commission meetings are listed on: <http://www.cityofbn.com/administration/boards>

New documents are posted to the web site as they are approved and become permanent record.

St. Louis County's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program

If you have lead based paint and children or grandchildren frequent your home, you may be eligible for St. Louis County's Lead-based Paint Hazard Control Program.

The St. Louis County Office of Community Development offers NO COST home improvements to keep your children safe. These improvements may include window and door frames, exterior trim enclosures and interior and exterior painting. To qualify, you must meet the following criteria:

- You own a home built before 1978
- You are current on your property taxes
- You have a child under the age of six living in the home or you have a child under the age of six who frequently visits the home.
- You have an adjusted household income that meets HUD guidelines.

For more information on this program, contact Bradley R. Waller at 314-615-4428 or e-mail bwaller@stlouisco.com.

Special Home Buyer Assistance Program

St. Louis County has a beautiful, extensively remodeled like new, home available for purchase in Bellefontaine Neighbors. Qualified buyers will receive \$13,000-\$18,000+ in assistance to purchase. Why rent if you can own with a total monthly house payment of around \$625. If you have about \$1,000, and average-to-good credit, take advantage of this

limited time opportunity. The home is available to purchase today, and is move-in-ready. For additional information and to view photos, please visit: <http://www.stlouisco.com/PropertyandRoads/CommunityDevelopment/NeighborhoodStabilizationProgram> or call St. Louis County Office of Community Development at 314-615-4592.

Keeping Up With What's Happening In BN

 **Cityofbn.com** is the official website for the City of BN, posting local events, news and items of interest along with a directory of city officials, the City Code and meeting notices.

 **Nextdoor.com** is a private social network. Follow community events, news and get crime reports. It's free. Register and they will send a post-card and password (to verify you are a resident).

 **Twitter-Bellefontaine MO@BNPDpolice** Do you tweet? Follow us on Twitter and keep up with the latest news from the BNPD.

 **Facebook - Bellefontaine Neighbors Then and Now**, created for past and present residents to remember the old days or discuss current topics.

City Of BN Church & Not-For-Profit Activities

Bellefontaine Baptist Church
1410 Kilgore Drive
868-6880

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

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

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

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

Food Pantry Tuesdays, 8 - 11 AM

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

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

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

Covenant Community Church
1351 Shepley Drive
869-4367

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

Grace Chapel Lutheran Church
10015 Lance Drive
868-3232

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

Grace New Covenant Church
1060 Chambers Road
867-2782

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

One Way Missionary Baptist Church
10117 Lewis & Clark Blvd.

Worship, Sundays - 10:30 AM
Sunday School, Sundays - 9 AM

Holy Name Of Jesus Catholic Church
10235 Ashbrook Drive
868-2310

Mass - Saturdays - 5 PM
Sundays - 8 & 10:30 AM
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8 AM
Tuesdays & Thursdays - 6:30 AM

Fish Fries - 3:30 to 6:30 PM
Fridays Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 10, 12,
19, 26, Mar. 4, 11, 18, & 25

Hope Church
10636 Bellefontaine Road
869-7777

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

Hope Central Ministries
10115 Lewis & Blvd.

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

Tribe of Judah Church
10229 Lewis & Clark
388-5742

Worship - Sundays - 10:30 AM

True Redemption Center
1229 Shepley Drive
868-3082

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

Knights of Columbus
800 E. Chambers Road
867-9727

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

**Fort Bellefontaine Memorial
American Legion Post 335**

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

Happy 100th Birthday, Mr. Meinhardt

By Gregory Warnusz



Fifty-year BN resident, Arthur Meinhardt, turned 100 years old on October 25, 2015.

Art grew up in old North Saint Louis, around the old Saint Liborius Catholic Church, which he joined at age 21. He enlisted in the Coast Guard and served "for the duration" of World War II. When the Guard learned he could play clarinet, they assigned him to their Saint Louis-based military band. Four of Art's brothers served in our armed forces during that war. "Thankfully," Art says, "we all came home."

Art used to frequent the YMCA on North Grand Boulevard, where he played in a harmonica ensemble and gave lessons. He's proud that they once played for the leader of the famous Harmonicats.

Art and his late wife Muriel lived in University City after the war, and came to BN in the 1960's.

Art worked 35 years as a pressman for the Saint Louis Post-Dispatch, retiring from there. He still subscribes and reads the paper daily. But it's his opinion that the Post is not up to its old standards.

Arthur is a regular at Sunday mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church. He likes his neighbors, and likes to read, mostly the Bible, lives of the saints, works of Thomas Merton and Fulton Sheen, and other religious books. His children helped him set up a daily exercise regimen. "When people ask me the secret of my life," he said, "I tell them: 'Keep smiling, keep moving, and keep praying.'"

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Diversity Meeting



The City of BN, Human Relations Commission hosted our annual Diversity Meeting on Thursday, October 8 at the BN Recreation Center.

Speakers (shown at the right, from right, from left):

- Roy Gillespie - Representing the American Red Cross Diversity trainer,
- Amanda Biondolino - a lawyer for the Missouri Commission on Human Rights,

- Larhonda Wilson, Professor of Sociology at Florissant Valley Community College and
- Jan Mirikitan - Diversity and Law Enforcement trainer (not pictured)

The speakers made presentations and the residents in attendance had the chance to make comments and ask questions about problems and concerns.

Those attending were also able to visit with the speakers individually after the meeting.



The Human Relations Commission
Left to right, standing: Willie Roberson, Audrey Hollis, Mike Petroff. seated: Pat McNamara Smith and Yolanda Poe.

BN Police Officers Hold Bingo At Veteran's Home

The City of BN Police Department wanted to do something in the memory of Sgt. Peggy Vassallo, so on Sunday, October 17, they gave up their afternoon to host a Bingo for the residents of the Missouri Veteran's Home.

The residents of the Missouri Veteran's Home and the police officers, officials and city residents that volunteered had a good time and enjoyed each other's company. It was hard to determine who was happier; the Veteran that won the pot or the volunteers. The City of BN and United Mart furnished refreshments.

The Veteran's Home was chosen for this event because of the love that Peggy Vassallo had for the Veterans.



Mother's Little Angel Has Everything Under Control

Melanie Sims, member of the BN Youth Commission, woke up one morning in disoriented and unable to walk. She pulled herself into her daughter, Taylor's room. Taylor is shown at left. Melanie told Taylor to call Grandma. Grandma called 911 while Taylor helped Melanie dress, turned off the alarm system and comforted Melanie while waiting for help to arrive. "Most 9-year-olds you wouldn't think could handle a situation

like that, most adults couldn't," Melinda Sims, Taylor's grandmother, said, "but that's why we thank God for Taylor."

While Melanie has recovered and is doing well, Taylor is still worried about her mom, and watches her closely, but in any event, we know that Taylor has it all under control. Good work, Taylor. Job well done. Melanie calls Taylor her Angel.



BN Student Earns Scholarship

On August 13th, McDonald's celebrated and recognized a Mathews-Dickey's and Bellefontaine Neighbors' student, Quentin Phillips, who received an Academic Excellence Scholarship. The McDonald's Academic Excellence Award Scholarship is a one-time, \$3,000 scholarship that, in partnership with the UNCF, is awarded to col-

lege-bound St. Louis and Metro East high school seniors. McDonald's values education and offers scholarships to empower area youth and provide resources to help them attend college. Quentin is currently pursuing an education as a Petroleum Engineer. Good Work, Quentin and good luck in all you do!

All City Meetings Open To The Public

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

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

City Hall Holidays

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26
 Day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 27
 Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 (Close at 3 PM)
 Christmas Day, Friday, December 25
 New Years Eve, Thursday, December 31 (Close at 3 PM)
 New Years Day, Friday, January 1
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 18
 President's Day, Monday, February 15

Waste Management Holidays

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26
 Christmas Day, Friday, December 25
 New Years Day, Friday, January 1

The Holiday schedule: pick-up will be delayed for one day after holidays.

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

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

Free Recycling Carts - City of BN - 867-0076

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