

Bellefontaine News

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Neighborhood Watch Works!

Thanks to the residents of the City of BN who hosted National Night Out Parties on August 4, 2009. The parties are designed to let you get to know your neighbors. Residents got together with pot-luck dinners, hot dogs or just drinks and snacks.

Neighbors are encouraged to watch out for their neighbors by reporting suspicious activities, persons or vehicles. When Neighbors watch out for each other, calls to the police go up and crime goes down.



(Left) Todd Merriweather grills hot dogs for his party on Calumet. (Above) Todd and Mary (waving to the camera) have hosted the party on Calumet for the last five years.

When you see a suspicious person, vehicle or activity in your neighborhood, **call 911 Immediately!**

Neighborhood Watch Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 2 at 7 PM at the Recreation Center. New members are encouraged to attend this Miniature Golf and BBQ meeting. A short business meeting will be held.



Residents on Colonnade Meadows attending James and Dana Hammons Party

Chief Joe Bommarito of the Riverview Fire Protection District will be guest speaker at the September 2 meeting to tell residents about the "File For Life" program and encourage residents to attend CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training. This is a program for citizens to assist in our communities in a time of an emergency or disaster. Classes will be held at the Rec Center on Oct. 9 - 11. For more information on CERT, please call 867-3889.

If you are interested in obtaining a monthly crime report, e-mail pvassallo@cityofbn.com and ask to be added to the e-mail list or stop by City Hall.



Police Contact Numbers

911 - Emergency

889-2341 - Dispatch (non-emergency)

867-0080 - Police Office

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The Mayor's Report



Since the passage of "Proposition S" (streets) last April, The Board of Aldermen (BOA) and I have been working on securing the bonds and getting down to street repairs. We expect to begin repairs this fall. (See page 6.)

Waste Management (WM) has provided the green pages in the center of this newsletter as part of their contract to provide recycling education. The green pages have a lot of information on recycling and trash service. Please keep the green pages as a reference.

Many thanks to Dan Glenzy who worked with the City of BN to apply for a grant for 65 gallon recycling carts. The preliminary approval has been made and we should see the carts by November. (See green pages for more information)

Thanks are due to Mark Dickerson, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department who applied to the Municipal Park Grant Commission for new playground equipment at St. Cyr Park and Bissell Park. At the time this newsletter went to press, the new equipment was in transit.

Our new emergency generator has been delivered and installed. Unfortunately, there have been some delays in activating the generator. Several changes have to be made by AmerenUE to existing service before the generator can be activated. When this work is done, both the City Hall and Recreation Center will be 100% operational during power outages.



Public Works Director Mike Welz and the new emergency generator.

Meet our new receptionist, Lynda Chambers. Lynda was hired by the City of BN in March of 2009 and is working hard to get to know the answers to all of the calls she gets. If she doesn't know the answer, she will find it for you. Lynda and her husband Doug have been Ward 2 residents of the City for 22 years.



John Stygar, 45 year resident of The City of BN passed away on July 26, 2009, on his 82nd Birthday. John, was the owner of Stygar Funeral Homes. He was quick with his opinion and always supportive of his community. John will be missed.

Thanks to the hosts of our Neighborhood Night Out Parties. Neighborhood Watch works! Be a good neighbor. If you see something that doesn't seem right, call the police and have them check it out. Our police department is on duty 24/7 and would rather answer 100 unfounded calls than one burglary. Call 889-2341.

Fall is a wonderful time in the City of BN. We look forward to the beautiful colors of the trees. Please remember not to rake leaves into streets and sewers. It could cause sewer backups in basements.

Let's keep our children safe on Halloween. Talk to your children and let them know the rules. Don't knock on doors that do not have a light on. Wear reflective tape so drivers can see them and most important, go with them. Have a safe Halloween.

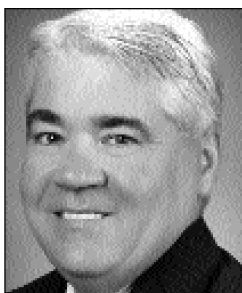
Marty Rudloff

Town Hall Meeting

September 17, 2009 - 7 PM

Recreation Center, 9669 Bellefontaine Road

Jefferson City Report



State Senator Timothy P. Green & State Representative Gina Walsh are celebrating the end of a very busy and successful legislative year in Jefferson City. Working together, they were able to pass bills in the Senate and House to help residents with many issues. (see below) If you have questions, Please call Senator Green's In-District Representative, Marian Qualls-Nelson at (314) 741-0080 or e-mail the Senator at:

timothy_green@senate.mo.gov



MSD - Unfair billing practices by the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) should end now that Gov. Nixon signed House Bill 661 on July 7, 2009. The new law prohibits MSD from assessing a district residential property owner any fee, charge or tax on storm water management services if the district does not directly provide sanitary sewer services to the property and the storm water runoff from the property does not flow or is not otherwise conveyed to a sewer maintained by the district.

Economy - Getting Missourians back to work is the State's top priority. Under Gov. Nixon's Show Me JOBS initiative, the State of Missouri will use a combination of small-business loans, strategic tax credits and other incentives to keep good-paying jobs here in Missouri - and to attract the high-quality, high-tech jobs of the future. By focusing on job training and work force development, we'll make sure Missourians get back on the job.

Unemployment Benefits - House Bill 1075, signed into law by Gov. Nixon will inject \$65 million of Federal Recovery Funds into Missouri's economy by extending unemployment benefits. The extended benefits will help families dealing with the highest unemployment rates in Missouri in more than 25 years.

BHC - The Bellefontaine Habilitation Center, located in the City of BN will receive \$18 Million for renovations and new construction. This facility was targeted for closing by the former governor, but because of supportive efforts by our elected officials, Gov. Nixon signed the bills insuring the continued service to severely mentally retarded citizens.

David's Law - House Bill 91 was signed into law on July 2, 2009. David's Law and the Heroes Way Interstate Interchange Designation program creates memorial marker programs for victims of drunk driving. This risk reduction program will promote awareness of drunk driving.

Competitive Bidding in Fee Offices - The era of license office patronage ends as fee offices will be put up for competitive bidding giving preference to specified tax exempt entities and political subdivisions.

Funds for Riverview Garden School District - \$14 Million in state funds have been secured for the Riverview Gardens School District to repair an error made in funding several years ago. Students will receive the state funds that were meant for them and this gives the school district the tools to provide quality education.

Senior Investment Protection Act

The Senior Investment Protection Act was passed by the legislature and signed into law by Gov. Nixon. It gives the Secretary of State, Robin Carnahan's Office the ability to protect Missouri seniors that invest in the financial markets. The new Protection Act establishes a \$50,000 penalty against those who commit financial fraud against seniors or the disabled.

Since taking office, Secretary of State Robin Carnahan has targeted financial scam artists who prey on seniors and worked to get restitution for victims of financial fraud and has recovered nearly \$10 million dollars for thousands of investors. Carnahan encourages people to call the state's toll

free Investor Protection Hot Line at 1-800-721-7996. They can ask if someone is licensed to give investment advice and if the investments themselves are properly registered.

Information is also available on the Secretary of State's web site - www.sos.mo.gov or contact:

Secretary of State's St. Louis Office
U.S. Customs House & Old Post Office Building
815 Olive Street, Suite 210
St Louis, MO 63101
(314) 340-7490

City Clerk's Report



Deni Donovan

This summer has been another wonderful season of opportunities to meet your neighbor and get to know your community a little better. I hope a lot of you took advantage of National Night Out on August 4th. It's not too late to

invite your neighbors over for lemonade and tea! If you weren't able to host a get-together, stop by a

neighbor's house, say hello and get to know them a little better; a simple gesture can go a long way.

My door is always open if I can help with any concerns you might have.

The Board of Aldermen (BOA) meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Please become involved and make it a point to attend a meeting every now and then. The Town Hall Meeting is set for September 17, 7 PM at the Recreation Center.

How Did Your Alderman Vote?

Bill #	Date	Description	Paro (w-1)	Migliazzo (w-1)	Puzniak (w-2)	Merz (w-2)	Roth (W-3)	Jordan (w-3)	Smith (w-4)	Hollis (w-4)	Pass or Fail	Ordinance Number
2182	05/13/09	Establish a Framework for Public Employee Certification & Collective Bargaining	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2103
2183	06/04/09	Authorize the Mayor to enter into a Contract with St. Louis County for Mosquito Control Service	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Pass	2104
2184	07/02/09	Adopt 2009-2010 Municipal Budget	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Pass	2105
2185	07/02/09	Set Department Heads Maximum Salaries	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Pass	2106
2186	07/02/09	Benefits for Part-Time Employees	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Pass	2107
2187	07/02/09	Pay Plan & Compensation for Certain Individuals	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Pass	2108
2188	07/02/09	Compensation for City Collector, Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, Treasurer & Engineer	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Pass	2109
2189	07/02/09	Authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Rejis	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Pass	2110
2190	07/06/09	Authorize & Direct the Issuance, Sale & Delivery of General Obligation Bonds	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2112
2191	07/16/09	Adopt Personnel Rules, Regulations & Personnel Handbook	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2111
2192	08/06/09	Approve Settlement Agreement with A T & T	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	pass	2113

Y - Yes, N - NO, A - Abstain, Blank - Absent

Help Reduce Vehicle Theft

With colder weather just around the corner, we will again be tempted to start the car and run back into the house while it warms up. Don't do it!

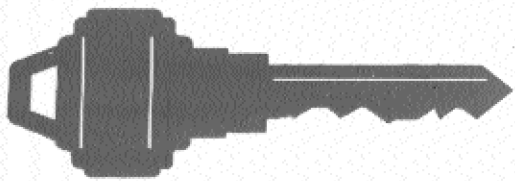
Car thieves ride our neighborhoods to steal vehicles that are left running and unattended, even if just for a few seconds.

Locking the car door while the vehicle is running does not deter thieves. They do not mind breaking a window to get a vehicle.

Chief Pruett reminds residents, "Don't be a victim! Do not leave your vehicle running unattended. Lock it and pocket the key!"

DON'T BE A VICTIM!

"LOCK IT & POCKET THE KEY"



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



Census 2010

An accurate census count in 2010 is very important to the City of BN. Besides deciding congressional seats and district boundaries, the census has an effect on our funding.

The first census took place in 1790 and every ten years since. In March of 2010, census forms will be mailed to every household in the United States. The forms are simple and take about 10 minutes to fill out. Federal law protects the personal information you share in the census.

IT'S IN OUR HANDS

CENSUS 2010

The United States Constitution (Article I, Section 2) mandates a head count of everyone residing in the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas.

The Census Bureau will mail or deliver questionnaires to your house in March, 2010. They will mail a second form to households that do not respond. Households that still do not respond will be called or visited by a Census worker. Census workers can be identified by a census badge and bag.

Census data is used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local and state governments.

Census results have a direct impact on our city's financial status. If you are not counted, the city loses money from Community Block Grant Funds, the sales tax pool and other sources of income that are based on population. Please take a few minutes to fill out the forms and remind your neighbors how important it is to be counted.

Free Family Movie Night On The Lawn

When the Youth Commission found out that the Census 2010 was offering cities funding to help spread the word about the importance of the census, they jumped on the idea of sponsoring a Free Family Movie Night.

The City of BN Youth Commission and Census 2010 will sponsor a Free Family Movie Night on Saturday, September 26, 2009 on the lawn next to the Recreation Center. "Doors" open at 6:30 PM and the movie starts at dark. Concessions will be available. Movie to be announced. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. There will be a short announcement about the Census, cartoons, then a family movie on the giant 18 foot by 15 foot blow up screen provided by Fontier Features. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. In case of rain, the movie will be moved to the gym in the Recreation Center.

Many thanks to the dedicated, volunteer members of the City of BN Youth Commission who sponsor the fishing derby, bicycle rodeo, youth in government night and the youth swim party. Your efforts are appreciated!

It's Time For Flu Shots

Health officials are reminding us that this spring we were confronted with an outbreak of a troubling flu virus called 2009-H1N1. As the fall flu season approaches, it is critical that we reinvigorate our preparedness efforts across the country in order to mitigate the effects of this virus on our communities.

Residents are encouraged to talk to your doctors and ask if the flu shot is right for you.

Individual protection is critical, also. Wash your hands regularly or use hand sanitizers. Take the necessary precautions to stay healthy and if you do get sick, stay home from work or school.

Please bring your insurance and/or Medicare cards. For more information about the flu shots, call the Visiting Nurse's Association at 918-7171.

Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center

9669 Bellefontaine Road (867-0700)

Tuesday, October 13, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Frieden's United Church of Christ

1060 Chambers Road (867-2782)

Saturday, October 17, 9:30 to 11:00 AM

Holy Name of Jesus

10235 Ashbrook (868-2310)

Wednesday, October 7, 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Flu Shots & Health Fair during the Flu Shot Clinic.

Rinderer's Drug Store

10017 Bellefontaine Road (869-2000)

Wednesday, October 7, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Tuesday, October 13, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Proposition S - Street Repairs

Voters in the City of BN approved "Proposition S" last April. This was a bond issue for \$5,500,000 to repair city streets. The Mayor and BOA began working with Stifel Nicolaus to get ready to sell the bonds. The City of BN was able to obtain an A+ rating from Standard & Poor's report for the City's Series 2009 General Obligation Bonds. This attracted buyers at a 4.1% interest rate. The sale of the bonds is expected to close at the beginning of September.

Weis Engineering has been working to determine the worst streets so the work on them could begin in the fall of 2009, just after the bonds are sold and the money is available. The streets for 2009 have been chosen and bids are ready to be put out.

Streets will be repaired over the next four years. Weis has determined the approximate amount of money that will be spent over the next four years.

2009.....	\$1.2 Million
2010.....	\$1.3 Million
2011.....	\$1.3 Million
2012.....	\$1.3 Million
Total Cost.....	\$5.1 Million

Streets will be milled, fabric and asphalt overlay will be made. Some streets will require concrete slab replacement under the asphalt.

Residents will be notified before street work begins so they can make arrangements for parking if necessary. Please be considerate of the workers and stay clear of the work area whenever possible.

2009 Street Repairs

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 Edna	\$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

Community Development Block Grant Funds

Every year, the City of BN obtains funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Federal Government. These funds can be used for streets, parks, city infrastructure or to help low income homeowners with household repairs.

The City of BN is required to advertise and hold a public hearing. In past years, we advertised in the North County Journal, but this year, because of the lack of the newspaper, time requirements and cost, the city sent a flyer around house to house.

This year's CDBG is for \$29,500. The BOA has consistently voted to use the money for low income homeowners. The funds are administered through

St. Louis County and the City of BN has no voice in how the funds are handled.

Recipients of the funds are kept confidential, but a report to the city shows \$46,471 was spent in 2008 - 2009 on 9 cases. Currently they have \$12,532.00 remaining and 2 committed cases for \$10,000.00 of the remaining \$12,532.00. As of this date they have 166 applicants who have requested assistance. At this time, they anticipate a 6 year wait for funds.

For more information on CDBG call 615-8232.

CDBG funds are calculated by population by the Federal Government through Census records.



From the office of Waste Management Municipal Manager, Dan Hannah

Waste Management (WM) is looking forward to serving the Bellefontaine Neighbors Community for the next two years.

As part of our community education program, WM has provided this insert in your newsletter to make you aware of the terms of our contract, new items and the importance of recycling and reducing what goes into our landfills.

Please keep this insert handy and call with any questions or problems you may have.

Dan Hannah

City Of BN Opts For Two Year Extension Of WM Contract

When the City of BN contracted with Waste Management (WM) in 2005, we contracted for three (3) years with an option to extend the contract for an additional 2 years.

During the past 3 years, we watched the trash business change drastically due to the organization of trash districts in St. Louis County. Rates for service skyrocketed and everyone in unincorporated St. Louis County was mandated to take recycling service along with trash service. After the dust settled, many of the trash districts in the county are paying as much as the City of BN and not getting the benefit of a trash cart, yard waste and bulky waste removal.

WM made an offer to extend the contract with an increase that was less than the original contract called for. The BOA decided unanimously to accept the offer.

Rates:

June 2009 to May 2010 - \$19.10 month
June 2010 to May 2011 - \$19.67 month

WM has lowered the age for the Senior Citizen Discount to 62. Seniors (head of the household) must stop by City Hall and provide proof of age with a driver's license or state ID. For more information about the discount, call City Hall at 867-0076.

2009 - 2011 WM Contract

Trash - Weekly service will be provided with a 96 gallon cart included with the price of the service. You may use your personal trash cans and bags. Cans should have tight fitting lids and not weigh more than 40 pounds.

Yard Waste - Weekly service will be provided on the same day as trash service. Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, small branches and twigs. Larger branches should be cut into 4 foot lengths and tied into bundles no more than 24 inches across weighing less than 50 pounds. Yard waste can be put in personally owned cans or kraft paper bags. NO PLASTIC BAGS. Additional 96 gallon carts for yard waste are available for \$2.50 a month.

WM will not take branches over 6 inches in diameter. Large branches should be cut and laid out with the cut end facing the street. Call 867-0076 for pick-up.

Recycling - Weekly service will be provided on the same day as trash and yard waste service. Recycling bins and lids are provided free of charge by WM by calling 506-4700.

Bulky Waste - Bulky Waste Service will be picked up on your last pick-up day of each month. Bulky waste includes chairs, sofas, mattresses, tables, household goods, wood, and anything one man can lift. 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. One item per month.

White Goods - including refrigerators, washers, dryers and hot water heaters will be removed by appointment at a charge of \$20.00. Call 560-4700.

Carts and Bins - One 96 gallon trash tote and one 18 gallon recycling bin are included with the service. An additional 96 gallon cart for yard waste or trash is available from WM for \$2.50 a month. An extra 18 gallon recycling bin is available free of charge by calling WM.

For Household Hazardous collection (batteries, paint, insecticides, etc.) see article in this section.

Recycle & Reduce

Dave Cannady and Dan Hannah (right) were on hand at the October, 2008 Town Hall meeting to let residents see the number of items that can be recycled.

Did you know your cake mix boxes and soda cartons can be recycled? WM is accepting junk mail, phone books, all kinds of paper, soda cans and plastic bottles, shampoo bottles, metal and foil trays and even toilet paper rolls.

Check the list below and begin recycling or expand your list. Rinse bottles and cans and remove lids and labels as much as possible. You'll be surprised how much can be recycled.




Recycling Guide

PLASTIC

Check the bottom of plastic bottles, containers and packaging for a small triangle with a number inside. Items with numbers from 1 to 5 and 7 are recyclable. Please rinse out all food, cleaners and labels from plastic, steel and tin can items.

-  Clear and green plastic resin (soda, water and flavored beverage containers)
-  Clear & colored plastic resin (milk & juice jugs, detergent & fabric softener containers)
-  Narrow neck containers (health & beauty aids, household cleaners)
-  Plastic resin (margarine tubs, frozen dessert cups, 6 and 12 pack rings)
-  Plastic resin (yogurt cups, narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles)
-  Plastic resin narrow neck containers, plastic buckets (kitty litter) Containers over 5 gallon not accepted.

There are some items that cannot be accepted.
Item # 6, Polystyrene is not accepted at this time.

-  **Cannot be recycled.** (egg cartons, foam trays, protective packaging)

METALS

Clean aluminum cans, trays & foil, steel cans & tins

GLASS

Glass bottles and jars (clear, brown and green only)
No window glass, dinnerware or ceramics

PAPER

Newspaper, including inserts (remove plastic sleeves), cardboard (no waxed cardboard accepted), kraft, brown paper bags, magazines, catalogs and telephone books, paperback books, junk mail and envelopes, office and computer paper, notebook paper and gift wrap paper (no metal clips, spirals or binders), cereal, cake, food mix & gift boxes, carrier stock, soda and beer can carrying cases



Recycling Cell Phones & Accessories - The City of BN is working with the Knights of Columbus, Santa Cruz Council, 800 Chambers Road to recycle cell phones. Phones may be dropped off at the K of C Hall or the BN City Hall. Phones that cannot be refurbished are dismantled and recycled to reclaim, gold, silver, platinum, copper wiring, nickel, iron, cadmium, lead, and plastic. The phones and reclaimed materials are sold and money is used to buy phone cards for soldiers abroad, in all branches of the service. Phone accessories are also accepted. Donating your old cell phone is an easy sacrifice to make to support our troops.

City Of BN Gets Preliminary Approval For Recycling Carts

The City of BN has received preliminary approval of a grant for 3,900 - 65 gallon recycling carts with wheels. The carts will be provided free of charge to residents in the City of BN for recycling purposes.

St. Louis County offered municipalities a grant for the 65 gallon recycling carts but underestimated the response they would get. Fifteen municipalities applied for the grant. Total requests were for 22,934 carts at a total cost of \$820,120. St. Louis County was able to meet the requests with a funding increase for this project.

There is still a lot of work to do before the recycling carts are delivered to homes including final approval from the St. Louis County Council. Once approved, the carts will be bid, ordered, approved again by the

County Department of Health, delivered, assembled and if all goes well, to homes by November.

Many thanks to Dan Glenzy, City of BN resident who took on the job of writing the grant, following up with St. Louis County and seeing this project through.

Under our present collection program called "single stream," it's possible to put all items together without separating them. It won't take long to fill the large cart with recyclables, in fact, with the expanded list of recyclable items, more than 70% of your trash is probably recyclable.

Residents who do not want a recycling cart may call City Hall to have cart removed. We ask that you try recycling and see how easy it is.

Why Recycle?

Why recycle? It's simple. Recycling saves money. When landfills fill up, waste haulers have to charge more to establish more landfills. When recycleable materials run out, new materials have to be manufactured. Below are more reasons to recycle:

- **Saves Natural Resources** - By making products from recycled materials instead of virgin materials, we conserve land and reduce the need to drill for oil and dig for minerals.
- **Saves Energy** - It usually takes less energy to make recycled products; recycled aluminum, for example, takes 95% less energy than new aluminum from bauxite ore.
- **Saves Clean Air and Water** - In most cases, making products from recycled materials creates less air pollution and water pollution than making products from virgin materials.
- **Saves Landfill Space** - When the materials that you recycle go into new products, they don't go into landfills or incinerators, so landfill space is conserved.
- **Saves Money and Creates Jobs** - The recycling process creates far more jobs than landfills or incinerators, and recycling can frequently be the least expensive waste management method for cities and towns.

Information For Senior Citizens

WM offers a 10% discount for Senior Citizens who are the head of the household. This discount would lower your service from \$19.10 per month to \$17.19 per month.

To apply for the discount, the head of the household should stop by City Hall with a driver's license or I.D.

Seniors are also offered an option for a smaller 65 gallon trash cart instead of the 96 gallon trash cart. The smaller cart has wheels and is easier to move. There is no difference in price for the smaller cart.

If you are interested in the smaller cart, call WM at 506-4700 and talk to the service representatives.

Household Chemical Collections

St. Louis County sponsors Household Hazardous Collections in the spring and fall of each year. Dates and locations were not available at the time this publication went to the printer.

Hazardous Household Chemical Collections include paints, stains, varnishes, pesticides, herbicides, poisons, gasoline, oil, fuels, solvents, strippers,

aerosols, filters, gas cylinders (BBQ pit size and smaller), fluorescent tubes and bases, car batteries, wood preservatives, drive sealant and mercury-contained items (thermometers, thermostats, salts). For more information on collections, call the St. Louis County Health Department Waste Management Hotline at (314) 615-8958 or check out the web site at www.stlouisco.com/doh/waste_mg.html

WM Information

Contact Information

Waste Management
7320 Hall Street
St. Louis, MO 63147
(314) 506-4700
www.stlouiscsc@wm.com

Service Center - Service Center hours are from 7:35 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Please tell the service representative that you are a resident of The City of BN and are included in our contract. If you are not sure the information you received is correct, please call the City of BN at 867-0076.

Billing - WM customers are billed on a quarterly basis. Bills are sent out at the beginning of the quarter and should be paid before the end of the quarter to avoid disruption of service. The quarters are:

June, July, August
September, October, November
December, January, February
March, April, May

Example, For the billing period of June, July and August, you will receive your bill in the middle of June and the bill is due by the 15th of July. Bills not paid by the beginning of the next quarter may have service discontinued.

Complaints - Please try to resolve any problems with WM first, but if you do not succeed, please call City Hall at 867-0076. Since the city contracts with WM, we can intervene on some issues, on your behalf.

Holidays - WM observes the following holidays:

New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

If one of these holidays falls on a weekday, Monday through Friday, then everything on or after that day is moved back one day.

The next holiday, Labor Day, falls on a Monday, September 7, 2009. Collections on Monday would move to Tuesday, Tuesday would move to Wednesday and so on. Friday collections would be made on Saturday. If the holiday is on a Saturday or Sunday, the schedule does not change.

WM's collection times are from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Protect yourself from identity theft. - Although the City of BN has ordinances to keep scavengers out of your trash, protect yourself by shredding important papers that may contain your social security, credit card and other important information.

Bellefontaine Neighbors Ordinances

WM's collection times are from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Residents may put trash, yard waste and recyclables out for collection after 5 PM on the day before pick-up on the night before pick-up and carts, cans and bins must be removed by 5 PM the next day. Code - Sec. 2-20 (ss-b)

City ordinances prohibit scavengers going through your trash or your neighbors trash. Thieves can steal your identity by getting names, account numbers, pass codes, etc. from your trash. Please call the police department at 889-234 (or 911) if you see anyone going through trash cans. Code -12-24 (ss-6)

Trash bags may be set out for pick-up, but cannot be

used to store trash on the side or back of the house. Any trash that is opened and scattered by birds or animals is your responsibility. You could be fined for littering. Please use trash bags only for non-food and non-perishable items. Code - Sec. 25-14

Burning prohibited unless permits are approved by the City of BN and Riverview Fire District. Code - Sec. 13.58

Raking into streets, sewers, creeks is prohibited. Leaves raked into streets and washed down the sewers can cause sewer back-ups in your home and your neighbor's homes. Please place leaves in cans or bags and set out for removal. Code - Sec 12-43

Church Activities

Friedens United Church of Christ
1060 Chambers Road
867-2782

Holy Name of Jesus
10235 Ashbrook
868-2310

Rummage Sale - Sat., September 5, 12, and 19
8 AM to Noon

Annual Fall Festival - September 12, 2009

Jazz Fest - Saturday, September 26, 2009 2 to 5 PM
On the lawn. The music is free but there will be food
for purchase. Bring lawn chairs.

Walk/Run - Begins at 9:00 AM Early registration is
available or sign-up the day of the event by 8:30 AM

Grace Lutheran Chapel and School
10015 Lance (Chambers at 367)
868-3232

Festival opens 11:00 AM. Hamburgers, hot dogs,
brats, soda, ice cream / game booths / raffle booth /
Chili Cook-Off - Noon to 2 PM - (Bring heated chili in
a crock pot between 10 and 11 AM - \$5 entry fee)

Fall Festival and Races, Friday, September 11, 2009

Bingo at 12:00 PM./ Beer booth.
Pork Steak Dinner 4:00 - 7:00 PM

4 PM	Race Registration Opens
4 PM	1 K Race
5 PM	2 K Race-Opening Act
5 PM	5 K Race
5 PM	"Watching Judas" on stage
6 PM	Award Ceremony
7 PM	Lloyd Garrelts on stage

Music:

The Moode Girls Violin Group 12:15 - 1:00 PM
D.J. & Karaoke will play from 2:00 - 5:00 PM
The Band - "Third Degree" 6:00 - 10:00 PM

For the kids:

Face Painting, "The Gladiator Joust," "The
Dragonfly," "The Bungee Run," "A Sponge Bob
Bouncer" and the "Human Hamster Balls."

Road Races, Bands, Food Booths, Game Booths,
Blow-Up Rides, Face Painting and Chili-Cook-Off

FEMA News

FEMA (The Federal Emergency Management Agency) is proposing changes in the existing flood plain that will affect about 49 homes in The City of BN. Residents who are going to be added to existing flood plains received notice from the city the first week of August. Residents who find themselves relocated in a flood plain have 90 days to appeal in writing to the City Clerk of The City of BN. Only appeals supported by scientific or technical data will be considered before FEMA makes it's final determination. The City of BN is working with FEMA to get more information for residents who are being added to the flood plain.

Christmas Concert At The Sheldon

Catch the spirit of the season with the Clarion Brass as they perform holiday favorites spanning five centuries. The morning will begin with coffee and pastries and end with lunch on your own at Union Station. Of course, shopping will be optional. Registration deadline: Nov. 23

Wednesday, December 9 - 8:15 AM - 2:15 PM (Resident - \$31.00, Nonresident - \$34.00)

Town Hall Meeting September 17 - 7 PM

The City of BN will host the Annual Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, September 17 at 7 PM at the Recreation Center, 9669 Bellefontaine Road. Mayor Rudloff will report on the state of the City, "Proposition S", street repairs and the budget. Chief Pruett will also report on the police department.

Plan to attend this important meeting with your neighbors. Questions and comments will be taken from the residents at the end of the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

2009 Home Beautification Awards

Congratulations to our 2009 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 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 Clark Home
9820 Colony**



**The Jones Home
920 Marias**



**The Mulligan Home
823 Bella Lane**



**The Schmalzer Home
1234 Bellabrook**



**The Johnson Home
1508 Attica**



**The Lee Home
1426 Akron**



**The Buford Home
1220 Duenke**



**The Stevens Home
1254 St. Cyr**

Image And Beautification Notes

By Jenny Stewart



The Image and Beautification Board would like to thank you for helping to keep our City beautiful by:

- Keeping your grass cut below 8 inches.
- Keeping your shrubs and trees trimmed.
- Keeping your lawn free of litter.

Fall is fast approaching and once again leaves will be everywhere. Please remember Waste Management will not pick up leaves in placed plastic bags. If you have a suggestion, comment, or if you would like to

be a member of this Board, please call City Hall.

Our next Beautification Action Day is Saturday, September 26, 2009. Individuals and groups (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church Groups) are invited to help clean litter off our streets. We will even sign for your service hours! Meet at the Recreation Center at 9 AM. When done, return to Rec Center for hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, cookies and a round of miniature golf.

Many thanks to the teens at the Hill Home, Division of Youth Services on Bellefontaine Road who come out to help on our Beautification Action Day. We appreciate your help and enjoy having you here.

Collector Mark Tranel Honored By NCI

Mark Tranel, City of BN Collector was recognized by North County Inc. (NCI) for his leadership and service in 2007 and 2008 as President at their Annual Breakfast May 15, 2009.

Mark has represented UMSL's Public Policy Research Center (and the City of BN) on the Board of Directors and Executive Board. NCI acts as a catalyst to define and advocate economic and community development in North St. Louis County. At right, New President, Lilly Dumas, Mark Tranel and NCI Director, Rebecca Zoll.



Volunteers Are Needed For C.O.R.P.

Do you have a few hours a month to make a difference in the life of an older neighbor? That is all it takes to help an older adult continue to maintain a fulfilling and independent lifestyle. The St. Louis Older Resident Programs (CORP) offers many wonderful volunteer opportunities to be of service to your older neighbors. Transportation to medical appointments is the most critical need, but there are many ways you can help. Training and mileage reimbursement is available. Help us help others. To find out more about how you can make a difference in an older person's life, call 314-615-4561.

Welcome To Our New Businesses

Commercial Businesses

RBA Realty

10004 Bellefontaine Road
(314) 867-0121

Owner Johnny Jones, specializes in residential real-estate, remodeling and room additions.

Home Based Businesses

The City of BN allows a variety of home based businesses. For more information about home based business, please call Mark Tranel at 867-0076.

Let's Go Home Health Care Service

(314) 222-3260

Owner Tracy Lloyd, LPN, specializing in in-home health care services, working to help seniors stay in their own homes.

Nansko Enterprises

(314) 458-0649

Nancy Montgomery, specializing in on-line weight loss program (www.irepcni.com/Nansko1), embroidered logo apparel (e-mail to nanskobiz@att.net), fund raising (www.tampogo.com/Nansko1)

Confluence Cell Phone Audio Tour

The Confluence Cell Phone Audio Tour is a guide to conservation, heritage and recreation sites in the greater St. Louis bi-state region that will help you explore and reconnect to our Great Rivers.

Step 1: Dial 1- 877-767-0603, Step 2: Enter the site number (see list below) followed by the # key. You choose what you want to hear and in what order. No cost except your minutes. Track lengths average 2 minutes.

The Confluence Cell Phone Audio tour was made possible through the cooperative efforts of the following: Funding - Mable Dorn Reeder Foundation, Technology - guidebycell.com and additional assistance - KWMU. Narration provided by Robert R. Archibald, Karen Foss and Donn Johnson.



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| 10 Katy Trail State Park
1000 S. Riverside Dr
St. Charles, MO 63301 | 18 Bellefontaine Cemetery
4947 West Florissant Ave
St. Louis, MO 63115 | 28 Gateway Arch Riverboats Metro
50 S. Leonor K. Sullivan Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63102 |
| 11 First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site
200 South Main Street
St. Charles, MO 63301 | 19 Meachum Freedom Crossing
20 McKinley Bridge | 29 Cahokia Courthouse State Historic Site, 107 Elm St.
Cahokia, IL 62206 |
| 12 Portage des Sioux Natural Area
Corner of Main St. & Saucier St.
Portage des Sioux, MO 63373 | 20 Bikeway/Branch Street Trestle
3 Branch Street
St. Louis, MO 63102 | 30 Jarrot Mansion State Historic Site
124 E. 1st Street
Cahokia, IL 62206 |
| 13 Jones-Confluence Point State Park
1000 Riverlands Way
West Alton, MO 63386 | 21 Missouri History Museum
5700 Lindell Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63112 | 31 Holy Family Church
116 Church Street
Cahokia, IL 62206 |
| 14 Fort Belle Fontaine Park
13002 Bellefontaine Rd
St. Louis, MO 63138 | 22 Scott Joplin House Site
2658 Delmar Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63103 | 32 Malcolm W. Martin Memorial Park 185 W. Trendley Ave
East St. Louis, IL 62201 |
| 15 Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
801 Strodman Rd
St. Louis, MO 63138 | 23 RiverView Park
1246 Lewis Street
St. Louis, MO 63102 | 33 Cahokia Mounds Historic Site
30 Ramey Street
Collinsville, IL 62234 |
| 16 Old Chain of Rocks Bridge
10950 Riverview Drive
St Louis, MO 63137 | 24 Eads Bridge | 34 Chouteau Island |
| 17 Calvary Cemetery
5239 W Florissant Ave
St Louis, MO 63115 | 25 The Captains Return Statue
30 ft. south of Eads Bridge on levy | 35 Lewis & Clark State Historic Site
One Lewis and Clark Trail
Hartford, IL 62048 |
| | 26 Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Drive
St. Louis, MO 63102 | 36 Pere Marquette State Park
Route 100
5 mi west of Grafton, IL |
| | 27 Jefferson National Expansion Memorial- Old Courthouse
11 N. 4th Street
St. Louis, MO 63102 | |

General Daniel Bissell House

St. Louis County Parks is sponsoring activities at the General Daniel Bissell House, 10225 Bellefontaine Road this fall. Take advantage of the programs and City of BN history. Call 314-544-6224 or e-mail mkollbaum@stlouisco.com for reservations.

Ghost Stories at the General Daniel Bissell House - Friday, October 16, 7 & 8 PM (All Ages) Hear spooky stories told by costumed storytellers in the candlelit house. Dim lights, creaking stairs and slightly opened doors set the scene. Two story times offered. Advance registration. (\$5.00 per person)

Feast of the Hunters Full Moon at the Bissell House - Saturday, November 14, 6 to 9 PM (Ages 21+) Your evening begins by walking the can-

dlelit pathway and a tour of the historic Bissell home then to the barn for a five-course meal and music of the era. (\$50.00 per person) Reservations required.

Candlelight Tour of the General Daniel Bissell House - Friday & Saturday, December 11 & 12, 7 to 8 PM (All Ages) Decorated as it was in the early 19th century and lit by candlelight. Costumed interpreters will provide a history as you go stroll from room to room. Hot chocolate or cider with holiday cookies. Advance registration. (\$5.00 per person)

Boutique in the Barn at the General Daniel Bissell House - Saturday, December 12, Noon - 9 PM (All Ages) Crafters will provide an opportunity to purchase unique, last minute holiday gifts.

Fort Belle Fontaine Park

Fort Belle Fontaine Park is located 3 miles north of Highway 270 on Bellefontaine Road. Call 314 544-6224 or e-mail mkollbaum@stlouisco.com.

Walking Tours of Fort Belle Fontaine Sunday, October 4, Noon & 2:30 PM (All Ages) A close-up look at the first American fort west of the Mississippi. A guide will explain the history and the sites' significance. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. Advance registration. \$5 per person

Ghost Stories at Fort Belle Fontaine Saturday, October 17, 7 & 8 PM (All Ages) Gasp at scary stories amid the cold, stone ruins at sites along the Missouri River. The route will be lit by candled lanterns and bonfires. Hot chocolate. Advance registration. \$7 per person

Living History Hayrides at Fort Belle Fontaine Saturday, November 14, 10 AM, 12:30 & 2:30 PM & Sunday, November 15, 12:30 & 2:30 PM (All Ages) Fall in historic Fort Belle on a hay wagon with costumed re-enactors from the War of 1812, Civil War & World War II explain their uniforms and equipment. Advance registration. \$7 per person

Gather 'Round the Fire and Hayrides at Fort Belle Fontaine Saturday, November 7, 3 to 4 PM & 4:15 to 5:15 PM (All Ages) Gather on top of the Grand Staircase for a breathtaking view of the Missouri River. The hayride will tour along Coldwater Creek, woodlands and along the river past stone structures built in the 1930's. Bonfire with hot chocolate, marshmallows and live bluegrass music. Bring camera, a roasting stick, and blanket. (\$10.00 per person)

Car Shows At Chain of Rocks Bridge And Spanish Lake Park

Fun Car Cruise and Hayrides at Spanish Lake Park Saturday, September 12, 1 to 9 PM Cruise to Spanish Lake Park to show off your favorite classic, vintage or antique vehicle. They offer many trophy classes, attendance prizes, commemorative dash plaques and goody bags to first 100 to register. Hayrides run throughout the evening (\$1.00 per person). Concessions are available. Gates open at 1 PM Call 314-615-8840.

St. Louis Route 66 Festival on the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge Saturday, October 3, 11 AM to 6:30 PM. Get your kicks on Route 66 during the St. Louis Route 66 Festival. The event offers 7 hours of fun and activities, including a classic car parade, motorcycle exhibit, live music, road food and a beer garden. Free parking & shuttles from the St. Louis Welcome Center (Riverview & 270) and North Riverfront Park south of the waterworks.

1812 Encampment At The Confluence

The 1812 Encampment at Columbia Bottoms will be Friday & Saturday, September 18th & 19th (9:30 AM to 4 PM) & Sunday, September 20th (9:30 AM to 3:00 PM) Parking and admission is free. Mountain Man food available. Take Riverview Drive three miles North of the Chain of Rocks Bridge, turn right at the Confluence entrance. Sponsored by Living History Reenactors, Inc. <http://www.livhis.org/>

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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 7:00 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 Will Be Closed For The
Following Holidays**

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day

Important Dates To Remember

Thursday, September 17 - Town Hall Meeting
7 PM at the Recreation Center

Saturday, September 2 - Beautification Action Day
Meet at the Recreation Center at 9 AM to help clean the streets
of litter. Groups welcome. Lunch served after the work is done.

Saturday, September 26 - Free Movie on the Lawn
Doors open at 6:30 PM, Movie starts at dark.
Concessions available.

Saturday, October 17 - Beer & Wine Garden
5:30 to 10:00 PM
Cost \$5.00 - per person - by advanced sales only.
snacks & wine sold - Live music under the stars.

Halloween Family Hayride & Bonfire
at the Rec. Center (Residents only, bring your ID)
Friday, October 30 - 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Entry fee - can goods for area food banks.
Hot Dogs and hot chocolate will be served.

November 1, 2009 - Day Light Saving Times ends
(Set Clocks back 1 hour)

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