

# Bellefontaine News

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



### Robert J. Doerr

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer fun; school will begin shortly, please pay attention to school crossings and buses stopping.

August 2nd, the City will have a Bond Issue ballot placed before you for your consideration.

Please take the time to read the ballot issue (\$8 million street improvement) and vote. More information is listed on page 3 and the insert in this newsletter..

On August 20th, 10:00 AM, at the Missouri Veterans Home, the official renaming of Highway 367 north of Chambers and up to Highway 270 will take place. This section of the highway will be called "Sgt. Peggy Vassallo Way" in honor of Officer Vassallo. All are invited to attend this dedication ceremony. On August 24th, 10 AM, the 1st anniversary of her passing we will dedicate a stone at the base of the tree in front of City Hall, which was donated in her memory. Please plan to attend.

Ruler Foods will open near the end of August; watch for further details at Bissell Hills Shopping Center.

The Image and Beautification Commission will be hosting their semi-annual "Beautification Action Day" on September 24th. Please plan to attend.

Our annual Town Hall meeting will take place at 7 PM at the Rec Center on September 15th and National Night Out will take place on October 4th. If you plan to sponsor a neighborhood get-together, please contact the Police department. Our annual Human Relations Diversity Meeting will be held in October; date to be determined.

Our police department has been recognized by the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis for their annual "Sustainability & Preservation" Award for recruiting efforts of minorities in our Police Department. Congratulations Chief Ihler!

Welcome to Tim Compass who has been appointed to the Youth Commission and Juanita Best who has been appointed to the Public Safety Commission. Re-appointments to the Human Relations Committee are as follows: Yolanda Poe (Chairman), Willie Roberson (Co-Chairman) Michael Petroff, and Pat McNamara-Smith (members). A new appointment to the Commission is Anthony Smith (member).

I want to "Thank" two long time employees of our City for their dedication and service to this community. Ted Stocker has retired from our Building Department where he has worked for the last 24 years. Larry Abeln has retired from our Accounting Department where he has been the City's Treasurer/Asst. Treasurer for the last 39 years. We will miss them both.

*Robert J. Doerr*

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# Proposition S - Street Repair

The following proposition will be on the August 2, 2016 ballot.

## Proposition S

Shall the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$8,000,000 for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, extending, repairing and improving the surface subsurface conditions affecting city streets and sidewalks, and acquiring any land necessary therefor?

YES or NO



**By Alderman Shirley Paro**

Most of the streets in the City of BN are 60 years old. The city tried very hard to maintain them for all these years.

But some of our streets look bad and they are, and other streets may look in pretty good condition but have cracks which indicates problems with the concrete underneath.



Since so many streets are in such bad shape and we do not know the extent of damage under the asphalt. We do not know how many streets we can get repaired for \$ 8 million.

## Recent History of Street Repairs



**By Alderman John Jordan**

Years ago the city would do what is called "slurry seal", this was a process that ground off the top layer of the street and coated it with a slurry of asphalt and gravel to cover and

seal the surface. This process would make the street look good for a few years but then would start to breakdown; therefore it was not working as a long term solution. It was decided that slurry seal did not last and was not worth the expense.

The city has been trying to secure grants where possible to do street and bridge repairs. In order to get these grants we have to have streets and bridges that meet the requirements of the grants. These grants are typically 80/20 match, the East-West Gateway Council (EWGC) through federal and state funding provide 80% of the cost and the City

would pay the remaining 20%. EWGC has a list of the streets that they qualify for grants, and we have to submit a proposal and cost and hope that they agree to let us do the project and funds are available. These projects are usually spread over several years and have a very strict order for what must be done when in the time line.

In the last year we have spent \$160,000 in matching funds for street and bridge repairs; these included cost for the Shepley Bridge, the St. Cyr Bridge, and the Ashbrook Projects. These three and the Coburg/Belgrove Project expenses from 2013 through 2015 totaled \$633,000. Expenses for these projects are spread over several years, with a large portion of the cost when the construction is done. We are just starting the Ashbrook Project which will redo Ashbrook from Chambers to Cabot and Cabot up to Coburg. The expected cost is \$1M of which the city will be responsible for \$200,000 by project completion.

**.For more information about Proposition S, see insert in this newsletter.**

This article was prepared and paid for by the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors solely to educate and inform residents about a question that will be presented at the polls. It is NOT intended to advocate, support or oppose the passage or defeat of the measure. Each voter should vote for or against the question based on his or her own judgment.

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# 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, 7:00 PM  
Board of Adjustment - Upon Request  
Municipal Court - 2nd Wednesday - 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

**Labor Day, Monday, September 5**

## Waste Management Holidays

**Labor Day, Monday, September 5**

Trash, Yard waste and recycling pick up will be delayed by one day.

## Daylight Savings Time

ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 6

## Report suspicious persons, vehicles or activity

The number, to report non-emergency events or persons to the police department is **636-529-8210**. Although the old number is still active with no end date at the time of this writing, residents are encouraged to start using the new number:  
**636-529-8210.**

## Beautification Action Day - Saturday, September 24

The City of BN, Image and Beautification Board will host a trash pick-up day on Saturday, September 24. Volunteers will meet at the Recreation Center at 9 AM. Wear comfortable shoes and bring gloves. After the clean up, lunch will be served.

Board members are needed for the Image and Beautification Board. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Call City Hall if you are interested on serving on the board.

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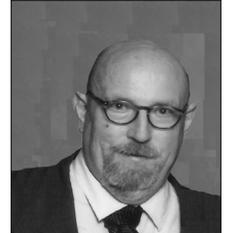
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