

City of Bellefontaine Neighbors

Bellefontaine News

July 2019

9641 Bellefontaine Road

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St. Louis County, MO 63137

From The Office Of The Mayor.....



Tommie Pierson Sr.

Greetings Residents, I am the new Mayor of the great City of Bellefontaine Neighbors. I have not been Mayor long enough to give you a long list of things so let me begin by saying thank you for placing your trust in me to lead this city. I look forward, along with you to make this city a better place to live, work, and play. I know together we can make our city a shining star in North County.

My overall goal is to organize the city ward by ward around your concerns and have the city's leadership aid you in solving your own problems. We have over 300 vacant houses in our community and this concern is at the top of my agenda. We do not have a dine-in restaurant in our city and have a low business tax base and my goal is to address these concerns as well.

We want to make sure that every citizen in the great City of Bellefontaine Neighbors have equal protection under the law. We are a city of laws and I trust that every citizen will abide by the ordinances. This means respecting the rights of each neighbor, respecting the laws of the road, and each other's property. We're in this community together and we must live together in peace and harmony.

Winning my election is not the change we seek, but the opportunity for change. Let's take advantage of this opportunity. Please look forward to a more specific outline of goals in the next newsletter.



HAND IN HAND, TOGETHER WE CAN!

City Officials



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Board of Aldermen

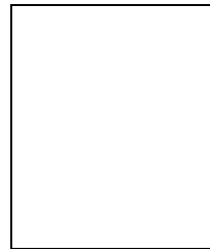


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City of Bellefontaine Neighbors Meetings

Board of Aldermen- 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 PM, Pre-Meetings are at 6:30 PM

Town Hall Meeting- September 19, 7:30 PM at BN Recreation Center

Municipal Court- 2nd Wednesdays, 6:30 PM and 4th Wednesdays, 1 PM

Commissions and Meeting Times	Chair	Alderman Representative
Planning and Zoning Commission- 2nd Monday, 7 PM	Michael Wiese	Alesee Dailes
Public Safety Commission- 4th Thursday, 6:30 PM	John Koester	Rev. Dinah Tatman
Youth Commission- 3rd Monday, 7:30 PM	Alicia Smith	N/A
Image and Beautification Board- 2nd Tuesday, 7 PM	Jennie Stewart	N/A
Parks and Recreation Board- 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM	Vacant	N/A
Board of Adjustment- Upon Request	John DuHadway	N/A
Human Relations Commission- Upon Request	Yolanda Poe	N/A

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the City of BN City Hall except the Parks & Recreation committee, which is held at the BN Recreation Center.

Bellefontaine Neighbors Welcomes New Staff



City Clerk

Fran Stevens is a Ward 4 resident of Bellefontaine Neighbors of 5 years. She is a native of St. Louis, Missouri and a proud parent of 4 adults and 5 grandchildren. In her free time, she enjoys family functions, traveling, reading and is a whiz with jig saw puzzles.

She graduated from Northwest High School and attended Florissant Valley Community College. She received her Real Estate License along with credentials as a Medical Assistant and various other business related certificates.

Fran's employment history include: St. Louis County's Arraignment Clerk, Employment Specialist with Human Development Corporation and City Clerk for 20 years in a North County municipality. As City Clerk for Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri, Fran is able to fulfill her desire of community involvement.



Municipal Judge

The Honorable Judy P. Draper attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Bachelors in Labor Relations (1977) and a J. D. from Howard University School of Law (1980) Law Journal honors.

Judge Draper clerked for the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Office of Administrative Judges, Washington, D.C. is a former Prosecutor for the City of St. Louis; and Adjunct Professor of pre-trial practice at Washington University School of Law. She was also the first female General Counsel for the Missouri Department of Corrections; Law Clerk to late Federal District Court Judge Clyde S. Cahill; Municipal Judge for the municipalities of Northwoods and Berkeley while in Private Practice in Civil, Criminal and Domestic (both Federal and State) prior to her appointment to the Bench. She is on the Board of the St. Louis Transitional Hope House and former member of the Board of the United Way and the Korean American Association. She was also appointed in 2011 and currently serves as Honorary Consul for the Republic of Korea. She is on several committees, has had several appointments, and community involvement throughout her career as a judge.

Judge Draper is married to George W. Draper III, newly appointed Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice, attends Covenant Community Church, and has one daughter, London who is a graduate of Washington University School of Law Kings College, and currently serves as a Prosecutor for St. Louis County. Judge Draper has received numerous awards and recognitions and is excited about serving the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors as municipal judge.

City Retirements



**Mayor
Bob Doerr**



**City Collector
Mark Tranel**



**Parks and Recreation
Director
Mark Dickerson**



**City Clerk
Deni Donovan**



**Ward 2 Alderman
Don Merz**

Thank you for your service to the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Message from the Chief of Police



Colonel Jeremy Ihler
Chief of Police

The mission of the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department is to act in concert with the community to safeguard peoples' lives and property, enforce laws, preserve peace, reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and provide a safe and peaceful environment in which to live, raise families, and retire. The Department encourages all residents in our City to play a strong role in crime prevention by being active participants in the policing solutions to problems. Although formal policing is the traditional role of the police department, informal policing is organized and controlled by the members of our community. Informal policing by the community includes awareness of your surroundings, knowing and working with your fellow neighbors, and being a vested partner with the police department in solving problems. Please report concerns, issues, and problems as they occur – this includes suspicious people and vehicles, inoperable street lights, crimes in progress, and any other situations that you feel may need police attention. We work to serve your best interests and you are the best source of information in keeping our community safe.



Emergency Management



For the first time since 1993, our community was threatened by the rising waters of the Mississippi River

and Maline Creek due to consistent torrential rain. Similar to the flood 26 years ago, the area of Lebon Drive and Marias Drive located in the southeast area of our city faced the eminent threat of property damaged and possible displacement of our residents. Guided by foresight, the City worked together with multiple stakeholders, such as the St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management, Riverview Fire Protection District, Americorps, United Way, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Waste Management, Mann Meats Company, Highway 67 Barbeque, all major public utilities, to develop and implement a plan to protect our community. Numerous volunteers donated their time and energy to filling and stacking sandbags to build a wall that would protect this area from the rising waters. The wall was successful in keeping flood water at bay and its removal is currently underway.

Police Chaplain Program



The Department has a very strong and involved Police Chaplain Program. The Police Chaplain Program exists in order to provide

an avenue for the police department employees to obtain counseling and spiritual guidance, and to encourage community support for law enforcement objectives. They ride with patrol officers regularly and have a firm understanding of police operations and processes. Our Police Chaplains are also available to any member of our community seeking counseling and spiritual guidance. The service of a chaplain can be requested at any time. They can be reached by calling the main office of the police department, police dispatch, or emailing them directly through the contact information provided here (identified in order of appearance, from left to right, between Major Warren Williss and Chief Jeremy Ihler):

Glen Connoley, gconnoley@cityofbn.com
Nathan Ruback, nruback@cityofbn.com
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Crime: Data, Reporting, and Reducing



As it concerns crime within the City, we have experienced an overall average decrease of **-21%** in crime when collectively considering homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft. (Figure 1.) As for crimes against persons, our homicides have decreased since last year but we have experienced an increase in rape and assault. Even though the robbery rate remains unchanged, this also remains a concern. As for crimes against property, burglary and larceny have remarkably decreased, yet we are still experiencing problems with motor vehicle theft – many of which occur to people leaving their vehicles running, unlocked, and unattended.

Policing starts with you – the community. You are the heart of the policing mission and we require your involvement to increase the safety and security of our community. If you observe suspicious activity, a crime about to occur, or a crime in progress please call the police immediately so that the police department can investigate these matters quickly to prevent and stop crime. **For non-emergency situations, call police dispatch at (314) 889-2341 or (636) 529-8210. For emergency situations, dial 911.** Any resident who would like to host a Neighborhood Watch meeting in their area to discuss crime and other policing related matters and initiatives, please contact the police department office during normal business hours, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, to make arrangements. The police department will have a police officer available to attend your meeting and we will help you with marketing your neighborhood meeting.

Figure 1.

Crime Type	January - June		Percentage
	2018	2019	Change
Homicide	2.0	1.0	-50%
Rape	0.0	2.0	200%
Robbery	9.0	9.0	0%
Assault	67.0	77.0	13%
Burglary	89.0	57.0	-36%
Larceny	120.0	66.0	-45%
Motor Vehicle Theft	37.0	43.0	14%
	324	255	-21%

Fraternal Order of Police Contract Signed

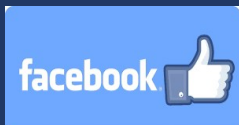
In May of 2009 the Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance to agree to go into collective bargaining with the police and the FOP. Thus, the process began with each side; the city and the FOP putting their desires on the table for a contract.

Unfortunately, this process was not as easy as expected. Therefore, after several years of conflicts and starting over the process seemed as if it was never going to be completed. In February 2018 the process started over with a clean slate and renewed attitudes to get the negotiations completed.

In June 2019, after fifteen months of meetings, research, phone calls and compromise the Board of Aldermen voted to approve an ordinance for a two year contract with the FOP.

Report: Alderman John Jordan

Follow the Police Department on Facebook!



There are many times when certain situations occur within our community and that information needs to be disseminated quickly to the public to keep you informed. The police department encourages you to follow us on Facebook for the latest information affecting our community. <https://www.facebook.com/>



RIVERVIEW FIRE DISTRICT

Message from the Chief Keith Goldstein

9933 Diamond Drive

St. Louis, MO 6313

Phone: (314) 867-3889 Fax: (314) 867-9965

It's been a very busy seven months in 2019. Your men/women have responded to over 1900 calls for services within the Riverview Fire Protection District, and have attended numerous training classes, and community events. As Chief I am proud to say that I stand by these brave men/women as they continue to provide to you the following: Service * Dedication* Professionalism. The Fire District is always working to keep your men/women safe in their profession, by replacing older equipment with the newest updated (firefighting gear, breathing apparatus, rescue tools, and emergency medical equipment).

As summer draws to a close the Riverview Fire Protection District along with the Schools, Churches and our Community Outreach are gearing up for Back to School, Health, and Safety Events. Each year across the United States our children are involved in serious injury or death due to drivers not paying attention to the Laws regarding School Buses. I ask that we keep our children safe as you travel through our streets and slowdown in school zones.

Also as fall/winter approaches please make sure you have your furnaces check, and fire place flues cleaned by a professional chimney cleaning company. Burning of leaves/brush is illegal in most Municipalities in St. Louis County. If you need smoke detectors please contact our Headquarters to arrange for us to come out and install them. We give out two (2) per household, and they are "FREE".

Please visit our Website at www.Riverviewfpd.com, or follow us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/rvfpd for additional information regarding fire safety tips.

Upcoming Events:

July 26, 2019- Boys & Girls Club

August 3, 2019- Back to School (Riverview Gardens School)

August 4, 2019- Back to School W/City Gear

August 4, 2019- Back to School True Redemption Church

August 10, 2019- Zion Travelers Health and Back to School Event

August 17, 2019- Back to School (Jennings School)

The Riverview Fire Protection District along with our Board of Directors, Mr. Richie Tiberghien, Mr. Kevin Anthony, and Ms. Grace Harvey, welcome you, and your family to join us in all the fun filled events soon approaching in your neighborhood.

Yours in Fire Safety,

Keith Goldstein

Board of Director Meetings

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:00pm, unless otherwise posted

Location: 9933 Diamond Drive

2019 Image and Beautification Winners

WARD 1

9627 Duluth and 4 Green Acres



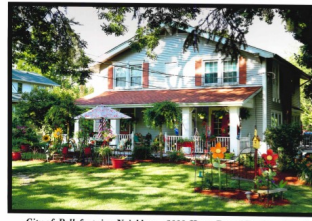
*City of Bellefontaine Neighbors - 2019 Home Beautification Award
The McIntosh Home, Ward 1*



*City of Bellefontaine Neighbors - 2019 Home Beautification Award
The Pilot Home, Ward 1*

WARD 2

10442 Bellefontaine Road and 10442 Seaton



*City of Bellefontaine Neighbors - 2019 Home Beautification Award
The Coffman Home, Ward 2*



*City of Bellefontaine Neighbors - 2019 Home Beautification Award
The Little Home, Ward 2*

WARD 3

10400 Ewell and 1422 Haviland



*City of Bellefontaine Neighbors - 2019 Home Beautification Award
The Lorenzini/Heiz Home, Ward 3*



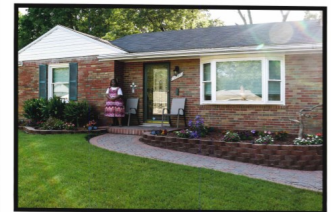
*City of Bellefontaine Neighbors - 2019 Home Beautification Award
The Roberson Home, Ward 3*

WARD 4

9225 Waldorf and 1200 Edgewater



*City of Bellefontaine Neighbors - 2019 Home Beautification Award
The Lucy Home, Ward 4*



*City of Bellefontaine Neighbors - 2019 Home Beautification Award
The Lang-Baker Home, Ward 4*

BUSINESS

Veterans Home



*City of Bellefontaine Neighbors - 2019 Home Beautification Award
The Missouri Veterans Home*

Image and Beautification Commission Chair: Jennie Stewart

The Image and Beautification Commission meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at City Hall. The meetings begin at 7:00pm. The commission consists of volunteers who assist in enhancing the image and beauty in the city. Along with upkeep of any community gardens and flowerbeds, the commission and its volunteers pick up litter along our major roads twice a year. The commission also selects the homes each year for the Summer Beautification and Holiday Decorations awards.

Ashbrook Street Project

The Ashbrook Project was a \$1M project submitted to East-West Gateway Council in January of 2015; with a grant application for 80% funded by EWGC and 20% by the city. The grant was approved, which meant the project would be managed by MODOT on their schedule.

The scope of the project was Ashbrook Dr. from the corner of Chambers Rd. to the corner of Cabot Dr. and then along Cabot Dr. to Coburg Lands Dr. The existing sidewalk was to be replaced with five-foot-wide ADA compliant sidewalks and crossings. The road surface was to have the asphalt ground off the damaged concrete slabs replaced and new asphalt overlaid.

Due to scheduling with MODOT, the construction ran late, and the concrete work was done during the winter to keep progress going. In March 2019 the street was milled and the slab replacement started. There were some issues during construction but things have moved along and with a couple of extra change orders to the design, the project will come in under the \$1 million dollar mark.

Report: Alderman John Jordan

Upcoming Events and Information

Become a Census Worker for the 2020 Census



A committee of members from all wards are needed in preparation for the 2020 U.S. Census. We need your help so OUR CITY will not lose any federal, state, and local tax dollars. If you would like to join the U.S. Census committee or if you are a Veteran (special services are available) contact Alderwoman Alese Dailes, Ward 4: (314) 403-0888.

Upcoming City Events

- August 24th-Free Mammograms, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM sponsored by Siteman Cancer Center at BN Rec. Center for appt. call 747-7222
- October 1st-National Night Out (Call the Police to share your scheduled event)
- September 19th-Town Hall Meeting, 7:30 PM, at BN Rec. Center
- December 28, Kwanzaa Celebration, 2 PM-6 PM, at BN Rec. Center

For ward specific events, please contact your alderman representative

City Hall Holidays

- Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28
- Day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29
- Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 (Close at noon)
- Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25
- New Years Eve, Tuesday, December 31 (Close at noon)
- New Years Day, Wednesday, January 1
- Martin Luther King Jr., Day, Monday, January 20
- President's Day, Monday, February 17

Waste Management Holidays

- Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2019 (Monday through Friday collection will be up to one day delayed.)
- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 2019 (Thursday and Friday collection will be up to one day delayed.)
- Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2019 (Wednesday through Friday collection will be up to one day delayed.)

Our current trash contract includes yard waste and recycling pick-up. Free carts are available for both.

If you need a cart call: **314-506-4700**

Now Accepting Applications

- Parks and Recreation Director
- City Collector
- Treasurer
- Part-time Recreation Workers (see website for specific positions)
- Various Commissions (Board of Adjustment, Image and Beautification, and Parks and Recreation)

For more information and to apply go to www.cityofbn.com

This publication was developed and edited by Ward 4 Alderwoman, Dr. Miranda Avant-Elliott with collaboration from city officials and staff.