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From The Office Of The Mayor



As everyone knows, it has been 3 years since I was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. As shocking as this was, I was determined to continue my public service as your Mayor. Understanding the challenges my condition presented, I looked to the future and pledged to the Board and the citizens of Bellefontaine Neighbors that I

would do my best to successfully perform my duties.

After serious thought and many discussions with my family, I have decided that I will not seek re-election in 2011. This was a very difficult decision to come to terms with as I continue to have such great support from many residents of Bellefontaine Neighbors.

For nearly 30 years, I have taken great pride as an elected official of Bellefontaine Neighbors and it is truly an honor to have served as your Mayor.

Bellefontaine Neighbors has provided a great community for Tina and I to have raised 4 wonderful sons. My family is my greatest legacy as I am truly a blessed man.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to my fellow

elected officials and employees who have been so understanding these past 3 years.

I thank you and ask for your continued support as I move forward in my transition to retirement. There is still work to be done as we prepare for new leadership and I promise to work with all of you to keep Bellefontaine Neighbors moving in the right direction.

The Board of Aldermen reviewed the 2009 - 2010 Audit done by Hochschild, Bloom & Company, LLP on October 7. The city was given a good report with a few recommendations for minor bookkeeping changes. To see the audit, stop by City Hall.

The City is participating in Kurt Warner's Warm-Up Winter Coat Drive this year. Please drop off new or gently used coats at the City Hall, between November 1 and 14th, during regular office hours, and help keep someone warm this winter.

On behalf of the Board of Aldermen, City employees and myself, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season. Drive carefully and check in on neighbors who may need help.

Thank you very much.

Marty Rudloff

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Dear Friends,

Eight years ago I came to you, the citizens of the 69th district, and asked you to elect me as your voice in Jefferson City. By virtue of your vote you said yes — through four election cycles.

Thank you. Many things have changed since the election in 2002 in both my personal and public life.

The citizens of this district worked with me to make a difference in our community. Together we have improved the lives of our friends and neighbors across the district. We have seen the beginning of new improvements at the Bellefontaine Habilitation Center, the construction of a new federal facility that will create hundreds of jobs, and improvements for those who have served our country. From the Bellefontaine Habilitation Center to the Missouri Veterans Home as a community, as well as for individual citizens, together we have made a real difference.

It has always been my policy to maintain an open door with each and every resident in the district. Our job has been to reduce the red tape, to bring you the citizen, the services you deserve. The mission of my office has been to resolve your issues in a timely fashion and make your experience with state government as pleasant as possible. It is my hope that we have accomplished our goal.

It has been both an honor and a privilege to represent you. Although term limits have brought my time in the House of Representatives to a close, I remain committed to our community and its residents. Public service is a passion for me, so as I leave the Missouri House you can be assured that I will remain active and engaged in our community. I look forward to working for you in the future.

Respectfully,

Gina Walsh

Missouri State Representative, 69th District

\$10 Million Construction Project At Habilitation Center

\$10,000,000 has been approved for construction at the Bellefontaine Habilitation Center, 10695 Bellefontaine Road, which is home to many developmentally disabled and severely retarded people.

The project is already underway, starting with the demolition of some of the old, unusable buildings. More demolition will follow, then new group homes and facilities will be built during the next year.

Snow Removal, Parking & Branch Pick-up

The Street Department needs your help. Please try to keep vehicles off the streets as much as possible during snow or ice events. By removing vehicles from the street, the Street Department can do a better job of snow removal. Anyone who does not have a vehicle should offer their driveway to a neighbor who has too many vehicles for their driveway.

The City of BN has a Branch Pick Up Program for residents who trim or have broken limbs or branches fall from their trees. Larger branches, from 2 to 5 inches, should be laid out with the cut end facing the street. If you have limbs or branches, call the City Hall at 867-0076 for pick up.

Snow routes in The City of BN are designated by signs indicating no parking during snow events. If you park in a snow route, you may have your vehicle ticketed or towed during a snow event. Snow routes were designated on high traffic, "feeder" streets in subdivisions so emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks and ambulances, can have access in the event of bad weather. Please help us help you by keeping vehicles off streets during snow or ice storms. It could be you who needs help.

The City of BN will not pick up branches from residents who have a professional tree service cut the branches. If you have a contractor or professional tree service cut down branches or trees, please let them know the City will not pick them up and they will have to remove them.

Please do not rake leaves and grass into piles around trees. You can attract rodents and unwanted critters. Make an attempt to remove leaves during the winter months and keep yards neat.

Street Repairs - Phase I & 2

Phase 1 (2009)

Phase 1 Street Repairs were started in the Fall of 2009, suspended during the winter months and continued in the Spring of 2010. All of Phase 1 should be complete in early November:

Addison Drive	Ensley Drive
Admiral Drive	Ewell Drive
Anson Drive	Font Lane
Astoria Drive	Forest Home Drive
Bella Drive	Gabriel Drive
Byfield Drive	North Drive (Ewell to
Church Drive	Anson)
Comet Drive	Neighbor Lane
Danville Drive	Oran Drive
Dell Drive	Trio Lane
Donnell Avenue	Troy Drive
Druid Drive	Waldorf Drive
Duenke Drive	Yukon Drive

Phase 2 (2010)

The following streets have been or will be completed by early November:

Ardmore Drive	Norchester Drive
Bluegrass	Northampton Drive
Comet Drive	Northumberland Drive
Dunford Drive	Norwich Drive
Delhi Drive	Patricia Barkalow Drive
Harden Drive	Yorktown Drive
Lochiel Lane	

Phase 2 (2010 - 2011)

The following streets are being repaired now and should be finished by the end of the year:

Druid Drive	Nectar Drive
Kilgore Drive	Seaton Drive

The following streets are scheduled for Spring 2011:

Addison Drive	Golden Drive
Avant Drive	Grenshaw Drive
Biritz Drive	Hayward Drive
Cadora Drive	Scenic Drive
Dwight Drive	Surrey Lane

Streets for Phase 3 (2011) will be announced and be put out for bid after the first of the year.

Since we found more damage to streets than anticipated, the project is taking longer than expected. Failed concrete slabs have to be removed and replaced.



Pictured above, crews removing concrete slabs and (at right) crews pouring concrete.



The Shepley Road Bridge Reconstruction Project

The Shepley Road Bridge Deck Reconstruction Project, which had many setbacks due to delays from the Railroad, got underway in September. Weis Design Group was finally able to get the paperwork in order and X-L Construction is off to a good start.

In simplified terms, the first task was to remove the top layer of pavement on the bridge to expose the four steel expansion joints on the deck of the bridge (See photo at lower right). The expansion joints will all be removed and replaced and then a new concrete deck and approachment will be poured. Last comes the fencing around the bridge.

The Shepley Road Bridge Deck Reconstruction Project is expected to cost \$580,300. A grant from the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council's Bridge Replacement Program will pay 80% or \$464,300 and the City of BN will pay 20% or \$116,000.

The reconstruction on the bridge is scheduled to be completed in mid November.



X-L Construction workers removing the pavement on the Shepley Road Bridge to expose the expansion joints and rebar.



Deteriorating expansion joints

Police Officers Recognized For Outstanding Service

Chief Robert Pruett recognized eight of our City of BN police officers at the Annual Town Hall Meeting on September 16, 2010. The officers were recognized for professionalism and tireless efforts to provide outstanding service to the residents of the City of BN.

Many thanks to the men and women who protect us and put themselves in the line of danger every day.

Next time you see a police officer, wave or tell them how much you appreciate their service.

You can help our police officers by calling and reporting suspicious persons, vehicles and activities at 889-2341.



First row from left to right: Lieutenant Eugene Boston, P.O. Matthew Shaw, Corporal Joe St. Clair, Corporal Peggy Vassallo, P.O. Phillip Grover, and Chief Robert Pruett. Second row: Sergeant David Elliot, P.O. Gary Roberts, P.O. Michael Riley and P.O. David Freeman.
Not pictured: Corporal Jason Hagan

Patrol Officer Phillip Grover and Patrol Officer David Freeman were both presented a Commendation of Valor for swift and professional action stopping a male subject's destructive and dangerous action after an accident on Nectar and Ewell. Upon arriving at the scene, they were faced with the male subject waving a weapon at the officers. The officers engaged the male with gunfire to stop him from firing at the officers or citizens in the area. It was later determined the male shot his girlfriend and drove his car through a residence occupied by senior citizens on Nectar, who were not hurt in the incident.

Sergeant David Elliot was presented a Certificate of Merit for his efforts to right a wrong. He was angry at the insensitivity and ill timing of a robbery that took place at the Boy Scout Christmas Tree Lot at Grace Chapel and took it upon himself to pass the hat at City Hall and neighborhood businesses. A total of \$525.00 was collected and was presented to the Boy Scout Troop without any fanfare.

Corporal Jason Hagan and Patrol Officer Matthew Shaw were both presented a Letter of Commendation for stopping a vehicle on Bellefontaine Road and noticing a strong odor of marijuana. When the vehicle was searched, 89 grams of marijuana and \$1,776 in cash were found. The driver was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance and for several warrants from St. Louis City.

Patrol Officer Gary Roberts and Patrol Officer David Freeman were both presented Letters of Commendation for their quick response and actions when responding to a call in the Surrey Lane Subdivision for a woman who had fallen and was not breathing. The officers administered CPR until the Riverview Fire Protection District and Paramedics arrived. Thanks to their efforts, the woman's life was saved.

Corporal Joe St. Clair was presented a Letter of Commendation for observing a parked vehicle with the engine running near the Bissell Hills Shopping Center. While on surveillance, Cpl. St. Clair observed a male suspect run out of the Family Dollar store carrying a shopping basket and jumped into the waiting vehicle. Cpl. St. Clair stopped the vehicle, arrested the driver and gave a description of the other suspect who ran. The other suspect was arrested 30 minutes later in the Bissell Hills Subdivision and all the stolen property was returned to the rightful owner.

Corporal Peggy Vassallo was presented a Certificate of Merit for tireless efforts in the D.A.R.E. Program, Neighborhood Watch, Special Olympics, National Night Out and other outreach programs.

Patrol Officer Michael Riley was presented a Certificate of Merit for his efforts to plan, organize and execute the 2010 BackStoppers Bar-B-Q to support families of police officers and firefighters who have perished in the line of duty.

Police Grants And News

Chief

Robert Pruett



The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) informed the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department (BNPD) that they were awarded a 2010 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant. The funds provided to the department by this grant will be used to purchase National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests. This grant is a 50% match, which means the grant funds will pay for 50% of the costs to purchase the NIJ compliant vests and the city will pay for 50% of the costs of the vests. The cities portion of the match will be paid by using Drug Forfeiture Funds.

The BNPD applied for the 2011 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LEEBG), "Cruiser Safety Enhancement Project". The project is intended to help procure new rear seat safety partitions (cages), window and door safety panels. The replacement of the existing partitions is necessary due to their age and numerous modifications that have been made over the years to adjust to new vehicles. The addition of the window and door safety panels will increase the overall safety and security by protecting the doors from being kicked out by prisoners and reducing areas where contraband or weapons could be secreted.

The total project costs will be \$9,768.80. The city is responsible for ten percent of the project cost, which is \$976.88. The remaining portion is covered by the grant funds in the amount of \$8,791.92.

Missouri Child Passenger Safety Laws

Lieutenant Eugene Boston



It's so important for parents and caregivers to understand the importance of child restraints. It's not just following the law - it's preventing serious injury and may even save your child's life. Regular child safety seat and safety belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. Crashes are the Number 1 killer of kids.

- **Children under four years or less than 40 pounds:** must be in an appropriate safety seat.
- **Children ages four through seven who weigh at least 40 pounds:** must be in an appropriate child safety seat or booster until they reach 80 pounds or 4'9" tall.
- **Children eight and over or weighing at least 80 pounds or at least 4'9" tall:** are required to be secured by a safety belt or booster seat appropriate for the child.

Note: Children under the age of 13 are safest in the back seat. (This is not statute specific.)

Child Passenger Safety Laws are listed. If you have questions, please call 867-0080 or stop by the BNPD.

We Need Your Help

Alderman Don Merz



Over the past several years, we have seen a decline in younger adults moving into our city and an increase in older residents moving or passing away. This is leaving our city with empty homes and unkept property. There are over

40 foreclosed homes and a lot of "for sale" signs. This is where we need your help. If there are problem properties, please call to report it at 867-0076. We will inspect the property in question. If you see no progress has been made, call again and ask, "What has been done to resolve the issue?" If the answer that you receive doesn't sit well with you, call your respective Alderman for assistance.

We really appreciate your concerns. If you call or write a letter, please include your name and number. We want to thank you and listen. We also want to report the problem. The names and contact number you provide are NEVER given to the building department or the police, UNLESS you request it. We, as Aldermen, do not mind calling to report the problem: that is what you elected us to do. We also, want to follow up with a phone call and make sure everyone is doing their job and the problem has been resolved.

Too many times, we have received letters with no contact name or number. We forward the complaint, but cannot respond to the author to make sure things have been resolved. So please, help us keep this city: A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO LIVE AND RAISE A FAMILY.

Bellefontaine Neighbors Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Thanks to everyone who contributed to The City of BN's 60th Anniversary. October 3 was a beautiful fall day at Bella Fontaine Park for residents to meet and visit over free food and activities that included hot dogs, hamburgers, a washer tournament, volleyball, bingo, children's games and a game of football and volleyball. Thanks to our elected officials who visited and presented the city with proclamations. Thanks to the churches that participated, including Bellefontaine Baptist Church, Faith in Hope Ministries, Grace Chapel Lutheran Church, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, and The True Redemption Center.



Dan Glenzy & Mark Dickerson at the B-B-Q



Music man, Wayne Anderson



Mark Kollbaum leads a tour at the Bissell House



State Senator Tim Green



St. Louis County Executive Charlie Dooley, Mayor Marty Rudloff and Lou Aboussie, representing Congressman Lacy Clay



State Rep. Gina Walsh



Holy Name of Jesus - "Tacos in a bag"



True Redemption Center - Cotton Candy



Bellefontaine Baptist - Snow Cones

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN



Hip Hop Dance - New Fees!!

Brittany's Back!! Learn the latest urban dance and hip hop moves in this exciting class. Kids 8 to 12 years will integrate funky aerobic hip hop steps in jammin' combinations. The children will perform their routine at the end of the last class.

Day: Mondays, Jan. 10 - Feb. 21 (No class Feb. 14)

Time: 7 - 8 PM

Fee: Resident \$18, Nonresident \$24

Holiday Nights (ages 3 to 7)

Each class will have storytelling, arts & crafts and special snacks appropriate to the season. These parties are sure to prepare and excite your child for the holidays!

Thankful Thanksgiving - Nov. 19

Happy New Year - Jan. 7

Winter Wonderland - Jan. 21

Very Valentine's - Feb. 11

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Fee per class: Resident \$7, Nonresident \$9



USTA Tennis Program Lessons

Tennis is a great lifetime sport that can be enjoyed by anyone of any age. The small class size allows Coach Rodgers to work with each person at their ability level. All sessions are six classes long. Some racquets are available for \$13.00.

Day: Friday, Jan. 14 - Feb. 18

Times: 12 & Under 5 - 6 PM, Teen 6 - 7 PM,
Adult 7 - 8 PM

Fee: Resident - \$30, Nonresident - \$36



Swim Team Stroke Clinics

This program is offered to past team members of the North County Swim League, ages 5 to 18. Practices will emphasize stroke drills and conditioning, with games and relays incorporated to create a recreational atmosphere.

Note: Swimmers must be able to swim two lengths of the pool, perform rhythmic breathing and tread water. For their safety, new swimmers must have instructor's permission to assure appropriate skill level.

Dates: Jan. 12 - Mar. 3

Days & Times: Wednesday, 9 AM -9:45 AM
Tuesday and/or Thursday, 5 PM - 6 PM

Fees: Resident - \$16, Nonresident - \$20

Swimming Lessons

We offer classes for patrons age six months through adults. The Turtles class, for ages 6 months to 3 years, requires parent participation. The Puddleduck classes are for ages 3 to 5 and the Level classes are for ages 6 to 12. We also offer teen/adult lessons beginning at age 13. Please check the Fall brochure for class descriptions and dates & times. Classes are offered Monday or Wednesday early evenings and Saturday mornings.

Fees: Resident - \$18, Nonresident - \$24

ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

RECREATION CENTER ACTIVITIES

If you want to get in shape, the Bellefontaine Recreation Center offers many classes to help you. There is something for everyone. Registration for the January classes is now being accepted. For more information, call the Recreation Center at 867-0700.

Water Fitness Classes

Jan. 10 - Mar. 4

Our water fitness classes are offered both mornings and evenings. Each type of class is geared to specific goals, as described in the Recreation brochure. All are held in the shallow end of the pool. Please contact the Recreation Department for specific times and schedules.

Fees: Resident - \$16, Nonresident - \$20

Core Fitness & Sculpting

Jan. 12 - Mar. 2

This invigorating class begins with warm-up and progresses to a full-body, cardio workout with an emphasis on the core. Exercises include combination and kick boxing influenced moves, which incorporate kicks, crunches, punches, lunges and squats. The cool down includes sculpting and toning moves for arms, legs and stomach.

Day & Time: Wednesday, 6 - 6:50 PM

Fee: Resident - \$16, Nonresident - \$20

Core & Strength Training

Jan. 10 - Feb. 28

Tone your body and strengthen your core with this low-impact fitness class. Enhance balance and stability as you improve core strength and sculpt and tone all major muscle groups. Exercises include yoga moves, lunges, squats, presses and floor exercises. Use your own body weight for resistance or bring your own hand weights. **Light hand weights (1-5 lbs.) recommended but not required.

Days & Times: Monday, 5:45 - 6:30 PM

Fee: Resident - \$16, Nonresident \$ 20

Beginner Fitness

Jan. 12 - Mar. 4

This exercise program is intended for beginners who are not quite ready for a strenuous exercise program. Class will include a series of low level exercises that are basic yet comprehensive, and embrace every part of your body. These movements improve circulation, respiration and digestion, and will also improve range of motion of all joints.

Days: Wednesday &/or Friday

Times: 9:45 - 10:45 AM

Fees: Resident - \$10, Nonresident - \$12

Kick Boxing Aerobics

Jan. 15 - Mar. 5

Improve your endurance, raise your heart rate and burn calories with this vigorous class. Exercises incorporate jab, hook, uppercut and kick boxing moves. The cool down includes floor exercises, toning moves and stretches.

Day & Time: Saturday, 9:15 - 10 AM

Fees: Resident \$16, Nonresident \$20

Aerobics Fitness

Jan. 10 - Mar. 3

This class helps to improve breathing, heart rate, energy level, flexibility and tone muscles to create a trimmer figure. It includes a walking warm-up, 20 - 25 minutes of aerobic dance, walk down and floor work.

Days & Times:

Monday &/or Thursday
9:15 - 10:15 AM

Tuesday &/or Thursday
6:45 - 7:45 PM

Monday Fees:

Resident - \$12,
Nonresident - \$15

(No class Jan. 24
& Feb. 28)

Tuesday & Thursday

Fees:

Resident - \$16,
Nonresident - \$20



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Day: Friday

Times: 12 & Under: 5 - 6 PM

Teens: 6 - 7 PM

Adult: 7 - 8 PM

Fee: Resident - \$30, Nonresident - \$36

ADULT ACTIVITIES, EVENTS & TRIPS

Adults have a lot more to choose from when visiting the Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center besides classes. The weight room is open usually from 8 AM to 9 PM Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 8 PM, Saturdays and 1 PM to 8 PM on Sundays. For residents, the charge is \$2.00 per day after getting the recreation ID. The same is true to use the pool during lap, senior or open swim. We also offer passes. Please see the Fall Recreation Brochure for more information.

Lunch And Bingo

Come for good food, good company and some friendly bingo. Fee covers lunch with dessert and beverage, two bingo cards and prizes. Residents can sign up one month in advance, on the day of Bingo; nonresidents can sign up the following Wednesday.



Day & Time: Wednesday, 11:30 AM
Dates: Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, & Feb. 9
Fee: Resident \$6, Nonresident \$7

Bunco

Try something new! You don't need to know the rules for this dice game. Just expect to have a good time. A great lunch is included.

Day, Date & Time: Wednesday, Jan. 26, 11:30 AM
Fee: Resident \$6, Nonresident: \$7



Casino Trips

Monthly Trips

Try your luck at these popular casinos. All trips are 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

Fee: Resident \$15,
Nonresident \$17

Ameristar - Nov. 15

Lumiere' - Dec. 13
(Includes \$10 free play)

Casino Queen - Jan. 24
(Includes \$5 free play)

Harrah's - Feb. 28

Isle of Capri Casino

Enjoy the day out with your friends and try your luck at the Booneville casino, The Isle Of Capri. The fee includes bus transportation, a lunch buffet and \$5.00 cash back.

Day & Date:
Tuesday, Feb. 22
Time: 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Fee: Resident \$30,
Nonresident \$33

River City Casino

Just Announced!!

Nestled in the heart of South County lies an entirely new city; and it's ready and waiting for you to explore. Stroll through the Grand Promenade ...stop at the tables and slots, or go straight to the delicious buffet, where excitement abounds. It's part spectacle, part swagger, and all surprises. Fees cover bus, \$10 off buffet (\$12.99) and \$10 free play. It's like paying you to go!

Day & Date: Tuesday, December 28
Time: 9:15 AM to 3:45 PM
Fee: Resident \$13, Nonresident \$16

It's Game Time!



Remember when friends pulled out board games or cards and spent the afternoon having fun? Well, the good old days are back. On the first Wednesday of each month, there is a table waiting for your group at the Bellefontaine Recreation Center. Bring your lunch, friends and games and be prepared to enjoy good companionship and a little friendly competition. To make it even better, this program is free for everyone and no registration is needed. The fun begins at 11 AM.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

RECREATION CENTER ACTIVITIES

Silver Bells Dinner Dance

We cordially invite our friends to celebrate the holiday season at our Silver Bells Dinner Dance. Enjoy a delicious three-course dinner and enjoy and dance to the songs you remember. Seating is limited so get your tickets early for this special event. A cash bar will be available. Dinner is served at 5:30 PM.

Date: Tuesday, December 21

Time: 4:30 -7:30 PM

Fee: \$10



The Night Before Christmas



Ages 3 - 8 Children will be dropped off (in their pajamas) at the Recreation Center for a festive evening of Christmas preparation with our staff. We will make Christmas crafts. While waiting for a visit from Santa, the group will enjoy Clement C. Moore's timeless story, The Night Before Christmas. This is a perfect night for parents to plan an evening out! Registration must be made in advance.

Date: Friday, December 17, 6:30 - 9 PM

Fee: Resident \$10, Nonresident \$12.

For more Holiday Nights programs, please see the Children's Activities page.

Free Welcome Center Tennis Lessons

Have you wanted to try tennis? As part of the national Welcome Tennis Center Campaign, Bellefontaine Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to offer a series of free "Learn-to-Play" tennis lessons. Our USTA tennis pros will take you through a one-hour class, giving you a chance to try out the game or get back into it and meet other players. Practice racquets are provided. These are free classes, but pre-registration is required. Call the Recreation Center at 867-0700 to sign up.

Date & Time: Monday, December 20, 10 to 11 AM



Free Income Tax Preparation

Metro St. Louis Community Tax Coalition will electronically prepare Federal and State returns free of charge. Please call the Bellefontaine Community Center at 867-0700, Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM to set up your appointment. (No walk-ins) **Day & Dates:** Thursdays, Feb. 17, Feb. 24, Mar. 10 & Mar. 17

Metro St. Louis Community Tax Coalition will also provide free income tax preparation on Saturdays, 10 AM to 2 PM at the following locations. (Walk-ins only) No appointments will be taken.

Christ Embassy Church
9713 Diamond Drive
Riverview, MO 6313
868-9962
January 29 thru March 5

Trinity Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
11575 Halls Ferry Road
Florissant, MO 63033
921-1606
January 21 thru April 9

Free home visits for the disabled.
Please call:
Marie Green
616-9425



From The Office Of The City Clerk

Deni Donovan

We are heading into a special time of the year, at least it is for me, when there are so many things to do. The Holidays will be here before we know it and everyone is hurrying around to get things done. Please remember, even though it may be very hectic, take a breath and relax. Enjoy your family, friends and the com-

munity in which we live. Appreciate the little things around you. By doing this, you may find you don't need to run around in a panic; things may work out just fine all by themselves. Be good to each other. Happy Holidays.

The Board of Aldermen meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. (There will not be a meeting the third Thursday of December.) Below are items the Board voted on during the last quarter.

How Did Your Alderman Vote?

Bill #	Date	Description	Paro (w-1)	Migliazzo (w-1)	Glenny (w-2)	Merz (w-2)	Roth (w-3)	Jordan (w-3)	Smith (w-4)	Hollis (w-4)	Pass or Fail	Ordinance Number
2221	08/19/10	Approving agreement with Cricket (taxes)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2143
2222	08/19/10	Approving agreement with T-Mobile (taxes)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2144
2223	08/19/10	Agreement for City Newsletter	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Pass	2145
2224	09/02/10	Granting a Conditional Use Permit for Auto Repair	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2146
2225	09/16/10	Establishing rate of Ad Valorem Tax	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2147
2226	10/07/10	Amend Conditional Use Permit for Grand Slam Storage	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2148
2227	10/07/10	Approving police officer for Drug Task Force	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2149
2228	10/07/10	Dedication of street in Green Acres	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2150

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

Pending Legislation - The Board of Aldermen are discussing possible changes in the City's administrative structure that would be implemented after the April election. Changing the Mayor's position from full time to part time with appropriate salary adjustments, changes in supervisory duties for department heads, and the possibility of adopting a City Administrator type of government are being discussed. Decisions should be finalized before the filing period begins in the middle of December. For more info, call 867-0076.

Image & Beautification Notes

Thanks to the young people of the Missouri Hill Home, residents and elected officials who helped pick up the trash along our roads on Saturday, September 18. After the work was done, our volunteers had hot dogs, hamburgers and a few rounds of mini golf.



You can help keep our streets clean by not littering. You can be fined if you get caught! Please do not rake grass clippings and leaves into the streets,

sewers or creeks. Leaves can clog up sewers and cause storm water to back up into your basements and homes (Per ordinance # 2129).

Keep your lights on during the week of December 12th to 18th. We will be judging homes for Holiday Decoration Awards. Two homes from each ward will be chosen.



We are looking for members of the I & B Board. If you like hands-on gardening, call the City Clerk at 867-0076.

I & B Commission Members: Margie Cook, Clarence Cherry, (Chairman) Jeanette Bost and Bob Bost

BN Boy Scouts Celebrate 100 Years

The City of BN presented proclamations to the four Boy Scout Troops in the City on Thursday, August 19th at the Board of Aldermen Meeting. The proclamations were to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. All of the local troops took a part in service projects and special events sponsored by the St. Louis Council.

The next project for the Scouts will be Scouting for Food. City of BN Scout Troops will join with other troops from the Area to collect non-perishable can goods for area food pantries. Bags will be dropped off at homes on Saturday, November 13. Scouts will return on Saturday, November 20, to pick up the bags. Be generous and help the Scouts help those in need.



Surrounded by scouts and support staff, In the second row: Scoutmaster Dennis Bresnahan of Troop 229 at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Scoutmaster Tim Woelbing of Troop 271 at Bellefontaine Methodist Church, Mayor Rudloff, Scoutmaster Mark Wilbur of Troop 374 at Frieden's United Church of Christ, and Scoutmaster Donna Yarbrough of Troop 551 at Grace Chapel Lutheran Church

Boy Scout Christmas Tree Lots

Boy Scout Troop 374, Frieden's Chapel, 1060 Chambers Road will have a Christmas Tree Lot. The lot will open Saturday afternoon, November 27 (2 days after Thanksgiving) 9 AM to 8:30 PM on weekends and 5 PM to 9 PM on weekdays. Balsam, White Pine and Scotch Pines available. Proceeds support Scouting at Frieden's.

Boy Scout Troop 551, Grace Chapel 10015 Lance Dr. (Corner of Chambers Road and Highway 367) will have a Christmas Tree lot. The lot will open on Friday, November 26. The lot will be open 9 AM to 9 PM on the weekends and 5 PM to 9 PM on weekdays. Balsam, Frasier and Scotch Pines available. Proceeds support Scouting at Grace Chapel.

Bissell House Events

Harvest, Hats & Happenings at the General Daniel Bissell House (All Ages)

Saturday, November 6, Noon to 4 PM. Friends of Mrs. Bissell have come to spend the afternoon refurbishing their hats and bonnets for the harvest season and creating headpieces for the Harvest Ball. Join in their discussions over the ever changing fashions of 1825 and learn proper dance etiquette or visit with the gentlemen while they discuss politics and changes in the military - each is sure to have his own opinion. Advanced registration is required. Call 314-544-6224 or e-mail mkolbaum@stlouisco.com \$5 per person

Christmas by Candlelight at the General Daniel Bissell House (All Ages)

Friday - Saturday, December 10 & 11, 6 to 10 PM. Candlelight is aglow as the Bissell's friends come to visit for the holidays. Recollections of the 1820's fill their conversations. Learn about the origins of the Yule Log and why the Hamiltons are upset over their horse! On Friday, period holiday music by Peat Fire Flame fills the air. On Saturday, enjoy a visit by Saint Nicholas! Advanced registration is required. Call 314-544-6224 or e-mail mkolbaum@stlouisco.com \$7 per person

Eagle Viewing Close To Home

View Eagles at the Chain of Rocks Bridge

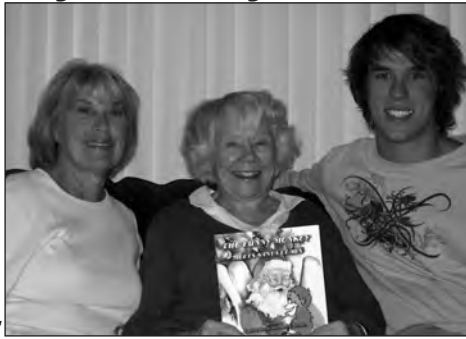
January 15 & 16 - 9 AM to 3 PM. View majestic bald eagles at Eagle Days at the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, 10950 Riverview Drive. Watch eagles fishing, riding ice floes, soaring or roosting in nearby trees from 9 AM to 3 PM each day, with an educational program, featuring a live eagle, every 20 minutes from 10 AM to 2:40 PM Free. Concessions available.

Eagle Watch & Walk at Fort Belle Fontaine Park

Saturday, January 22, - 11 AM to 2 PM. Spend your day with the Friends of Fort Belle Fontaine Park observing the eagles. A live eagle and other birds of prey from Noon to 2 PM. Guided hikes on the 3 mile trail. Hikers and bikers are welcome to take the trek on their own throughout the day. Refreshments will be served. Call 314-615-5270 for more info. Free

“The Funny Monkey And Santa Claus”

Edward J. Huneke, former resident and City Attorney for the City of BN passed away in 1991, but the lovingly created stories he told his children and grandchildren lived on in their memories. This past year, the family decided to keep the stories alive for everyone to enjoy, so they published their first book, “The Funny Monkey Meets Santa Claus.”



Donna, Angela, and Joseph Huneke

The Funny Monkey is a character made up by Ed that delighted his children and grandchildren and gave him pleasure in their joy and laughter. The book has a moral; to teach the rewards of good behavior.

Donna, who is a watercolor artist, won first place at the 2010 Hazelwood Fine Arts Competition for the storyboard for the book. There were

The book was a family affair, written by Ed’s wife, Angela and his grandson, Joseph. Ed’s daughter-in-law, Donna did the illustration and Ed’s son, Dennis took care of the legal aspects and publishing.

over 500 entries in the competition.

The book is available at the Gift Garden in Kirkwood. For information E-mail: dlouisehun@hotmail.com

New Commercial Businesses

St. Louis Sheet Metal

1247 Belgrove

550-8107

Anthony DiSalvo

Commercial & Residential Heating, Ventilating & Air Conditioning Contractor

LGM Studio

10002 Bellefontaine

412-9312

Stan Beecham

Barber Shop

Tues. - Fri., 9 AM - 5

PM Sat. 5 AM - 5 PM



Grand Opening

Monday, Nov. 15

Noon to 5 PM

“Meet & Greet”

Stop by to meet Stan

New Home-Based Businesses

TGIF Computer Services

372-1179

Steve Brutlag

Computer repair and installation

Just Our Thought

707-9774

Joshua Gierer

Industrial Design & Entertainment Design Services

Rinderer’s Drug Store Closes

Rinderer’s Drug Store, which has served the residents of The City of BN well for many years, closed on October 27, 2010. Customers who have prescriptions on file at Rinderer’s can get their refills at the Shop ‘n Save on Highway 357 and St. Cyr Road or ask any other pharmacy to transfer their prescriptions. We wish all the former employees the best.

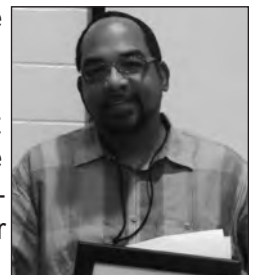
Businesses Recognized For Landscaping



Two City of BN businesses were recognized for their efforts in landscaping at the City of BN Town Hall Meeting on September 16.

Mr. Ronald Jones, (pictured at left) owner of New Bethlehem Memorial Park Cemetery, was recog-

nized for the vast improvements he has made to the cemetery. Mr. Jones is committed to improvement. Mr. Pierre Smith, (pictured at right) Administrator of Bellefontaine Gardens Nursing Home was recognized for continued excellence over the years. Thanks for your efforts.



Home Beautification Awards

Residents were recognized for the Summer Home Beautification Awards at the BN Town Hall Meeting on September 16. Eight homes were selected, two from each ward. Homes were selected on the basis of originality, neatness and most improved over the last year. Congratulations to our winners!

From left to right: Willie McIntosh, James Schweitzer & Teresa Wiele, James Mooney & Cheryl Owens, Catie Peters and Rozlyn Hoffmann



City Of BN Church & Holiday Activities



Bellefontaine Baptist Church
1410 Kilgore
868-6880

5th Sunday Hymn Sing
 Various churches participating

Silver Circle Adult Group
 2nd Friday of each Month - Noon
 Minimal charge for lunch
 & entertainment

Thanksgiving Dinner
 Tuesday, Nov. 16 - 6:30 PM
 \$11 Adult, \$7 children under 10
 Reservations Required

Christmas Cantata
 Sunday, Dec. 12 - 10:45 AM
 "Hope Has Hands"

Candlelight Services
 Sunday, Dec. 19 - 5 PM

Bellefontaine Methodist Church
10600 Bellefontaine Road
867-0080

Thanksgiving Day Brunch
 Sunday, Nov. 21 - 12:30
 Everyone welcome. No charge.

Project HOPE is a helping ministry
 preparing turkey baskets. To
 donate or ask for assistance, call
 Ms. Wayne at 867-0806

Christmas Toy Drive
 Now through Nov. 18
 Drop off new or gently used toys

Hope Church
10636 Bellefontaine Road
869-7777

Special Christmas Service
 Wednesday, Dec. 22
 5:30 & 7:30 PM



Covenant Community Church
1351 Shepley Drive
869-4367

B-B-Q & Christmas Store
 Saturday, Dec. 4 - 11 AM to 6 PM

Children's Christmas Musical
 "Star of Wonder"
 Saturday, Dec. 11 - 7 PM
 Sunday, Dec. 12 - 6 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Friday, Dec. 24 - 10 PM



Grace Chapel Lutheran Church
10015 Lance Drive
868-3232

Thanksgiving Worship Services
 Wednesday, Nov. 24 - 7 PM
 Thursday, Nov. 25 - 9:30 AM
 Breakfast 8 - 9 AM free-will offering

Advent Services Wednesdays
 Dec. 1, 8 & 15 - 2 & 7 PM

"Holy Light" Candlelight Service
 Saturday, Dec. 18 - 6 PM
 Choirs of Grace Chapel,
 Chapel of the Cross and Salem
 Lutheran Church

Children's Christmas Service
 Tuesday, Dec. 21 - 2 & 7 PM

Sunday School Children's Service
 Sunday, Dec. 19 - 5 PM

Christmas Eve - Friday, Dec. 24
 Family Service - 5 PM
 Candlelight Service - 11 PM

Christmas Day Worship
 Saturday, Dec. 25 - 9:30 AM

New Year's Eve Service
 Friday, Dec. 31 - 7 PM



Holy Name of Jesus
10235 Ashbrook
868-2310

Thanksgiving Mass
 Thursday, Nov. 25 - 9 AM

Christmas Eve Mass
 Friday, Dec. 24
 4 PM and Midnight

Christmas Day Mass
 Saturday, Dec. 25 - 8 & 10:30 AM

New Years Day Mass
 Saturday, Jan. 1 - 9 AM

Fish Fries - 3:30 to 6:30 PM
 Fridays, Nov. 12 & Jan. 14

Breakfast with Santa
 Saturday, December 11
 Call for reservations.

Zumba classes every Wednesday
 6 - 7 PM in the Community Center

Blood Drive
 Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 AM - 1 PM
 Bring identification



Knights of Columbus
800 Chambers Road
867-9727

Indoor Meat Shoots, Sundays,
 Nov. 7, Dec. 5 & Jan. 2 - 1 PM
 House guns and ammo

Trivia Night - Saturday, Nov. 20
 Call 867-9012 for tables

Soldiers Wish List - Dec. 4 - 9 AM
 Drop off and packing for Christmas

Bingo
 Sundays, Oct. 24, Nov. 14, 28,
 Dec. 12, Jan. 9 & 23
 Doors open 11, Bingo starts 1 PM



Connecting Trails Along Maline Creek



Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) and a collaborative partnership with public and non-profit agencies are developing a Bicycle Master Plan for the St. Louis region. One phase of this master plan

souri, St. Louis Campus to the Confluence Greenway and North Riverfront Trails. This project is called the Maline Greenway. GRG is working with municipalities, parks, schools, public and private properties to establish the links needed. GRG is funded by a 1/10th of a cent sales tax from the Park District.

is to develop a trail along Maline Creek between the St. Vincent's Greenway near the University of Mis-

Open houses have begun and more open houses will be held during the next year. For more information about Maline Greenway, check out www.grgstl.org

Grace Chapel School Hosts Grandparent's Day



Teachers, staff and students from the 2 year old preschool to 8th grade, at Grace Chapel Lutheran School welcomed grandparents to the school for the annual Grandparent's Day on Friday, October 22. Grandparents attended Chapel Services, were served donuts and coffee and were treated to special performances from each class in the gym. Students and Grandparents were dismissed at 11 AM. For information about Grace Chapel Lutheran School, call Principal Eric Broford at 867-6564.

Welcome "Faith In Hope Ministries"

A long time empty shopping center at the corner of Jennings Station Road and Lewis & Clark Boulevard is coming back to life with the opening of Faith In Hope Ministries. Aldermen Anthony Smith, Audrey Hollis and Shirley Paro attended the ribbon cutting and dedication service on Sunday, September 19 to welcome them to the City of BN with a proclamation.

The Faith in Hope Congregation is excited to be in their new home and looking forward to becoming a part of the BN Community. The members are friendly and enthusiastic in their worship. For more information about the Faith In Hope Ministries, call 388-1001.



Left to right, Pastor Charles Hilton, Aldermen Anthony Smith and Audrey Hollis

A Message From Friedens UCC

Friedens Chapel United Church of Christ, 1060 Chambers Road, will close soon, after fifty-eight years of ministering to the Bellefontaine Neighbors Community and beyond.

The generous support of our outreach ministries and fund raisers given by nearby churches and members of the community has been greatly appreciated. Please continue to care for and look after those who are in need of your help.



Christmas Carolers Wanted!

June Lang, a former resident of Bellefontaine Neighbors now lives in Spanish Lake and is celebrating her 35th year as a chairman for North East County, St. Louis Christmas Carol's Association. June is looking for clubs, groups and families to keep the Christmas Carol tradition going. June will be happy to supply you with song sheets, canisters and identification. Give her a call at (314) 355-0159. Proceeds goes to help more than 50 children's organizations in the St. Louis Area.

All City Meetings Open To The Public

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

Board of Aldermen - 1st and 3rd Thursdays - 7:30 PM

Planning and Zoning Board - 1st Monday - 7 PM

Public Safety Commission - 4th Thursday - 6:30 PM

Neighborhood Watch - 1st Wednesday - 7 PM

Youth Commission - 3rd Monday - 7:30 PM

Image and Beautification Board - 2nd Tuesday - 7 PM

Parks and Recreation Board - 3rd Tuesday - 7:30 PM

Board of Adjustment - upon request

Municipal Court - 2nd Wednesday and 4th Tuesday - 6:30 PM

Human Relations Commission - Upon Request

City Hall Holidays

Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11

Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday, November 25 & 26

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

New Years Eve, Friday, December 30

Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 17

President's Day, Monday, February 21

Waste Management Holidays

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25

Collections for Thursday, November 25 will be made on Friday,

Friday's collection will be made on Saturday.

No change in service for Christmas and New Years Day - Sunday, December 25 and January 1

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 7

Set clocks back one hour.

Filing Opens For April Elections

Filing for the April 5, 2011, General Election opens on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 8 AM and will close on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 5 PM.

Offices on the ballot include, but are not limited to, Mayor, City of BN, Director for the Riverview Fire Protection District and Directors for the Riverview and Hazelwood School Districts.

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