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From The Office Of The Mayor

Marty Rudloff

General Municipal Election - April 5, 2011



Your vote is important and I encourage everyone to vote in every election.

On April 5, 2011, voters will put an elected County Assessor in place for the first time. Voters will also

elect a new, part time Mayor for the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors (City of BN), and Directors for school districts and fire districts. Polling places will be open from 6 AM to 7 PM. March 9, 2011, is the last day to register to be able to vote in the April election.

St. Louis County residents who are unable to get to the polls due to illness or absence from St. Louis County on election day, can vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballot applications are available from City Hall (867-0076) and the Election Board (615-1933). Absentee voting will begin on February 22 and the last day absentee applications will be accepted is March 30. Absentee ballots will be accepted through April 4.

If you need a ride to the polls, call the Recreation Center at 867-0700. Please make your reservation in advance so you are guaranteed a ride.

To the right is a list of offices and candidates in the order they will appear on the ballot.

County Assessor - St. Louis County

Vote for 1 (4 year term)

Jake Zimmerman (Democrat)

L. K. (Chip) Wood (Republican)

Mayor - City of BN

Vote for 1 (4 year term)

Anthony Smith

Robert J. Doerr

Shirley D. Paro

Audrey Hollis

Benjamin M. Broadnax

Director - Hazelwood School District

Vote for 3 (3 year term)

Ann Gibbons

Charles (Chuck) Woods

Brenda C. Youngblood

Nita Curry

Director - Riverview Fire Protection District

Vote for 1 (6 year term)

Norvel H. Paro

Ann Terry Johnson

Theo (Ted) Brown, Sr.

The Riverview Gardens School District is under control of a Specially Appointed Board and no election will be held.

What would you prefer?

Although the City of BN is financially sound, we are always looking for a way to cut expenses. One suggestion was to post the newsletter on the Internet and have a limited number of paper copies available at the City Hall, Recreation Center and local businesses.

Please let us know if you have internet access and would read the newsletter online or if you would prefer a paper copy delivered to your home by calling the City Hall at 867-0076 or e-mailing ddonovan@cityofbn.com

Gina Walsh Honored For Service To Community

The City of BN chose January 20, 2011, the biggest snow day of the year, to invite former State Representative Gina Walsh, her family and friends, to a Board Meeting to thank her for her service to the community.

Mayor Rudloff presented a Proclamation from the City of BN citing Gina's 8 years in the Missouri House of Representatives, and nearly 10 years as a Director on the Riverview Fire Protection Protection District Board and many years in community and church.



Front, Left to Right: Gina Walsh, Mattie Moore
Back: Senator Tim Green and Mayor Marty Rudloff

Also present that evening was State Senator Timothy Green, who remembered how Gina hesitated when first asked to run for the position more than 8 years ago. Senator Green told the audience Gina was a pleasure to work with and he would miss her; he presented Gina with a Courtesy Resolution.

Representing U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill's office was Mattie Moore, Deputy Director. She presented Gina with a letter from the Senator thanking Gina for her efforts.

Thanks were also offered by County Executive Charlie Dooley, County Councilman Mike O'Mara, State Representative Tommie Pierson and Chief Joe Bommarito of the Riverview Fire Protection District, who were not able to attend due to the weather.

Gina thanked everyone for the recognition and told the audience she remembered hesitating before running the first time. She was glad that she ran because she loved every minute of the last 18 years and wouldn't trade it for anything. Gina is planning to keep involved and run for the State Senate in 2012 when Senator Tim Green is term limited out.

Although Gina worked on many issues during her time in the House of Representatives, improving the quality of life for residents at the Bellefontaine Habilitation Center that houses some of the most developmentally challenged individuals in Missouri, was a priority. There is currently \$20,000,000 in improvements coming thanks to Gina and Tim's efforts. Construction should get underway this Spring.

Again, "Thank You," State Representative Gina Walsh, for not only representing the entire 69th District, but for being a part of our community and making a difference in all our lives.

Youth Commission Events

The **7th Annual Youth Trivia Night** will be held on Saturday, February 19 at the Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center. Trivia Night is for residents in grades 5 through 9 and their guests. Doors open at 5:30 PM, Trivia begins promptly at 6 PM and ends approximately 9 PM. The cost for this event is \$5 per person. This includes soda, hotdogs and attendance prizes. You may bring your own snacks. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Rec Center.

The annual **Bike Rodeo** will be held on May 14 from 10 AM to 1 PM on the parking lot in front of City Hall. This event is free to all ages. Enter your name for



free prizes and helmets. Watch for signs around the city with more information. (Rain Date May 21)

From the Desk Of The Editor

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Street & Bridge Repairs

Phase 1 (2009) Street Repairs are complete.

Phase 2 (2010) street repairs are nearly 60% complete.

Phase 2 streets that are complete except for asphalt surfacing are: Kilgore (Coburg Lands to Ashbrook), Seaton, Addison, Avant, Cadora and Grenshaw.

The streets that only require the final asphalt surface will be completed within the first couple of weeks of construction commencing in March. The contractor needs temperatures over 50 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer to pour the asphalt surface.

Phase 2 streets that were not started in 2010 are: Birtz, Dwight, Golden, Hayward, Scenic and Surrey Lane.

Contractors are working on a list of proposed streets for Phase 3 (2011). Phase 1 was completed at a cost of \$1,711,269.19. Phase 2 is estimated to come in with very similar costs, leaving \$1.5 to \$1.7 million remaining for Phase 3. Streets in Phase 3 will be announced in the May edition of the BN News.



Left to right: Alderman Dan Glenzy (with Street Department Head, Mike Welz hiding behind him), Mayor Marty Rudloff, Paul Spotanski (Weis), Matt St. John (X-L Contracting), Shane McNay (Weis) and Mark Saurwein (MoDOT)

X-L Contracting notified the City of BN the Shepley Road Bridge was near completion and asked for a walkover on December 23, 2010, when the bridge was formally opened to traffic.

This project was scheduled to be complete over a year ago, but delays from the railroad forced postponements. Thanks for everyone's patience while the bridge was not in service. Please drive carefully.

North County Post Office Takes Action To Improve Service

City of BN residents have had many complaints about poor mail service. After hearing complaints at the Board meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2010, Mayor Rudloff asked Alderman Shirley Paro to contact US Representative William Lacy Clay's office and get them involved.

Congressman Clay's Office, in turn contacted the Post Office and they have responded with the following improvements that will be made in the coming weeks:

- Regular carriers will be assigned to more routes - this will decrease the potential of mistakes which are made because a relief/sub carrier is unfamiliar with the route.
- Vacancies will be filled which will decrease the need to pivot routes.
- A misdelivery log will be kept on all customer reported delivery issues.
- Errors will be immediately addressed with the carrier assigned to the route.
- Appropriate corrective action will be taken for recurring instances.

- Station Manager and Delivery Supervisors will be following up with customers who report recurring delivery issues to ensure that delivery service improves.

We are very pleased to see that both Congressman Clay's Office and the Post Office have acknowledged our problems and are working to improve mail service. We understand that this will take some time to implement the proposed changes, but we are looking forward to the improvement.

The Post Office has apologized for any inconvenience that there has been in the past and recommends that all complaints about postal service should be directed to the Manager, Evelyn Thomas or the Delivery Supervisors at 869-2319.

In the past weeks, The City of BN has been keeping track of complaints so we have an idea of the scope of the problems. We will continue to log all complaints that are called into City Hall and, if multiple complaints continue to come in, we will forward them to Congressman Clay's Office. Please be sure to note the date of delivery so the carrier can be identified and proper action can be taken. Your help in this matter will make a difference.

Gibson Artifacts Donated To Faust Park Historic Village

When Frieden's United Church of Christ decided to close its doors, they took great efforts to do the job correctly, including finding a home for the artifacts from the Dr. James Gibson Home, named "Tanglewood," which was built around 1880 and still stands on the church property. Dr. Gibson and General Daniel Bissell were the two original land owners that had vast properties in what is now The City of BN.



The church was in possession of a cradle used by the Gibson Family, a cabinet, table, silverware, a place setting, crystal, figurines,

books, photo albums, pictures, paintings and other items including the Gibson Family Bible.

Church members searched for the best home for the artifacts, and decided to donate them to the St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Department. Under the direction of Jesse Francis, who is the curator for Faust

Park, the items were carefully packed and moved into the vehicles for transport.

After they are catalogued, most of the items will be on display at The Davis House in Faust Park Historic Village, 15185 Olive Boulevard, Chesterfield, MO. 63017 (Call 314-615-8328 for information on

tours, costs, etc.) The sixteen buildings in the village date from 1840 to 1900 and represent the lives of farmers, doctors, slaves, immigrants, trades people and inventors who lived in the small towns and farmland that are now St. Louis County. The addition of these artifacts will be greatly appreciated.

Since Dr. Gibson was one of the first landowners in what is now The City of BN, we have requested one of the portraits of Dr. Gibson be displayed at the Bissell House as a reminder of his contribution to the history of The City of BN.



Dr. James Gibson

The Grand Slam Market Place Is Open For Business



Grand Slam Storage, 10041 Lewis & Clark Blvd., has opened The Grand Slam Market Place. The Market Place is an indoor,

climate controlled flea market that offers 189 spaces for vendors and a large variety of new and used merchandise at reasonable prices. All vendors are licensed by the City of BN. Parking and admission are free. The Market Place is open Wednesday thru Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM, Saturday and Sunday, 8 AM to 6 PM. For more information call 314-227-9115.



A home based business license has been issued to **Paula M. Battle - Independent Avon Representative.** If you are interested in becoming a customer, call Paula Battle at 303-0588.

If you are interested in starting a home based business, Call the City Collector, Mark Tranel at 867-0076 for information about what kind of businesses are accepted, license fees and restrictions.

From The Desk Of The City Clerk

Deni Donovan



Welcome 2011! There is always something special about the new year; everything seems so new and fresh. It has been a little crazy the past few days due to the weather. I've learned first hand what it's like to

work together, not only with my fellow co-workers, but with everyone in the community. I believe the reason we made it through more smoothly is because we worked together towards a common goal - getting the neighborhood safe and secure. Thank you to all who made it easier for me to do my job. Join us for a Board of Aldermen's meeting held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 PM.

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
2229	11/04/10	Approving a CUP for Drayage Trucking	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2151
2230	11/04/11	Repealing ordinance relating to office of Mayor	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2152
2231	11/18/20	Approving compensation and duties of Mayor	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Pass	2153
2232	01/06/11	Approving a new Electrical Code	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2154
2233	01/06/11	Amending Property Maintenance Code	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Tabled	
2234	01/06/10	Approving a CUP for the Tribe of Judah Church	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2155
2235	01/20/10	Adopting regulations for smoking restrictions	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2156
2236	01/20/11	Amending Deferred Employee Compensation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2157
2237	01/20/11	Amending Employee Cafeteria (Health) Plan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2158
2238	01/20/11	Amending Health Reimbursement Arrangement	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2159
2239	02/04/11	Adopting a new Plumbing Code	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2160
2240	02/04/11	Adopting a new Mechanical Code	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2161
2241	02/04/11	Adopting a new Building Code	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2162
2242	02/04/11	Contract St. Louis County Communications	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2163

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

“Make A Difference Day”



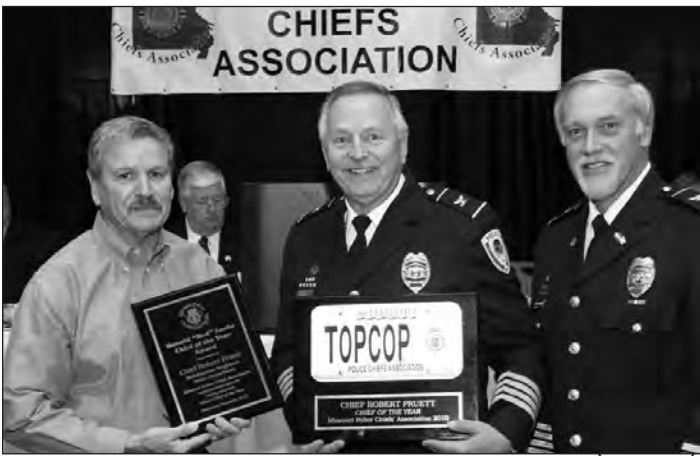
The City of BN invited the organizers of Make a Difference Day to a Board of Aldermen's meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2010 and presented them with a Proclamation for all their hard work. Thanks for a job well done!

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints, Hazelwood Ward, organized a service project, “Make A Difference Day,” for some residents in the City of BN on Saturday, October 23, 2010. The objective was to help people who needed help maintaining their yards. Crews numbered over 40 and got quickly to work raking, pulling weeds and cleaning up. Their plan worked and residents were thankful for the help in getting their yards raked and cleaned.



Front Row: Leslie Ringling, Anna Poeppelmeier and Clair Jordan.
Back Row: Bishop Kevin Moore, Desi Poeppelmeier and Jill King.

Chief Pruett Named Chief Of The Year



Chief of Year Award is presented annually to a Missouri Chief of Police that exemplifies professionalism and represents leadership, character, and integrity. To receive this award, a candidate is evaluated by his or her peers. On December 9, 2010, Chief Robert Pruett was recognized as the 2010 MPCA's Chief of the Year at the annual conference.

Chief Pruett has served the citizens of Missouri for 46 years as a law enforcement officer. He served with the St. Louis City Police Department, the Florissant Police Department, and for the last nine years as the Chief of

BNPD. He served as President of the MPCA in 2006, Chairman of the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation in 2007, Chairman of the MPCCF State Certification Division, Co-Chairman of the MPCA Standards and Goals Committee, 2010 Chairman of the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association, Area 1 Chairman of the Code 1000 Mutual Aid Committee and the International Chiefs of Police.

Chief Pruett has demonstrated the leadership and professional traits valued by the MPCA throughout his career. He restructured his entire department and in doing so changed the culture to one that his community and officers have a sense of ownership and pride to call their own. Chief Pruett is committed to the mission of enhancing the law enforcement community and dedicated to enhancing the law enforcement profession. This has been demonstrated by his development of the first Missouri-based certification process that encompasses standards for operation, and accountability.

Mayor Rudloff, along with the City of BN and the entire community, is extremely proud of Chief Pruett's recognition.

Residential Burglaries

Several weeks ago, a home in The City of BN, located on a busy, residential corner was burglarized during the afternoon hours. None of the neighbors saw anything or reported any suspicious activity. Our crime rates are comparatively low but break-ins are happening throughout the St. Louis area.

Burglaries are sporadic and often there are weeks without burglaries. When there is a trend in the neighborhood and burglaries are up, extra patrols are put on the street to try and keep our community safe with the resources we have. The BNPD needs your help.

Keep an eye on your neighborhood and call in suspicious persons, vehicles or activities. When burglars are caught, questioned by police or even notice neighbors watching them, they are more apt to move on.

A suspicious person is often someone who you do not recognize or have not seen before. Burglars don't



wear a mask or striped shirt like we see in cartoons; they look like regular people. The thing that makes them suspicious is they are somewhere they do not belong, doing something they shouldn't be doing.

When you see someone who does not belong in the area or at a specific home, call the police at 889-2341. If it is an authorized repairman, friend of the family or anyone with reason to be there, the police will speak to them and let them be on their way.

A suspicious vehicle is a vehicle that you do not recognize or have not seen before. The vehicle can be a bicycle, motorcycle, car or truck that does not belong in a neighbor's driveway or on the street. Jot down the license plate if you can read it, vehicle color and number of doors then call 889-2341. Again, the police will come by and check it out.

A suspicious activity is something that you can easily sense. A suspicious person walking out of a house with a backpack or a big screen TV, someone walking down the street knocking only at doors that do not have a vehicle in the driveway or a strange sound like breaking glass could mean there is a burglar in the neighborhood. Call 889-2341. Tell the police what you saw or heard and they will again respond and check the neighborhood out. You do not have to give your name; anonymous calls will be investigated.

By working together, we can make a difference and keep our neighborhoods safe.

Resources For Animal Problems



Officer Sharie Pigot, St. Louis Animal Control was a speaker at the Neighborhood Watch Program in the fall of 2010. Sharie explained the difference in the ordinances of St. Louis County Animal Control and the City of BN. Both the City of BN and St. Louis County have good ordinances to protect animals and people, but they are very different. Each entity only enforces their own ordinances.

Working together, we can get the best of both resources. If you have a problem with a neighborhood animal, call 889-2341 and ask both the BNPD and Animal Control be dispatched. They will not duplicate fines or summons, but can make sure they will work together to get the best results for your problem.

This fall, there was a new service started by St. Louis County called, "Heffie's Hotline." Heffie was a pit bull found in poor health on a very short chain in North St. Louis. Heffie became a poster child for this project because he represented what chained and mistreated dogs go through. The hot line is on 24 hours a day and allows you to remain anonymous. Follow the prompts and you can leave a request to investigate abuse or neglect, get information on spaying and neutering and much more. The number is 615-1777.

St. Louis County will address some wildlife issues, but they are limited in what they can do unless the animal is believed to have rabies. If you have a wildlife problem, call the Missouri Wildlife Rescue Center at 636-394-1880. The Wildlife Rescue Center is a non-profit Missouri organization that hospitalizes and rehabilitates native Missouri wildlife. Annually, they treat over 2,000 animals and field over 10,000 phone calls.

Keep the following numbers handy and call when you have a problem:

- City of BN, Dispatch - 889-2341
- St. Louis County Animal Control - 831-6500
- Heffie's Hot Line - 615-1777
- Wildlife Rescue Center - 636-394-1880

Neighborhood Watch Meetings



Neighborhood Watch Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at City Hall, 9641 Bellefontaine Road. The program includes speakers, crime prevention tips and reviewing crime reports.

The following speakers are scheduled for the next meetings:

March 2 - St. Louis County Crime Lab - DNA - How & What is Law Enforcement doing with this?

April 6 - St. Louis Co. Weatherization- Mike Redman

May 4 - St. Louis County Communications

What To Do If You Lose Power

- Check for a blown fuse or circuit breaker.
- Call AmerenUE at 1-800-552-7583.
- If you see power lines down, call 911 immediately.
- Listen to a battery powered radio for news and shelter information.
- Unplug appliances so when electric comes back on, it does not cause a drain or power surge.
- Dress warmly, in layers.
- Avoid opening refrigerator or freezer. If you have a generator, do not connect it to the home's power system unless it has been properly installed and disconnects you from the main power grid when operating.
- Use only approved alternate heating. Do not use kerosene heaters, BBQs or any other outdoor heaters that cause carbon monoxide.
- Check on elderly neighbors who may have medical equipment operated by electricity. Report these cases to the Riverview Fire District at 867-3889.

BN Church Events

Bellefontaine United Methodist Church
10600 Bellefontaine Road
868-0080

Hope Church
10636 Bellefontaine Road
869-7777

New Children's Ministry Room Open
Serving Children Ages 7 - 12 years old
Immediately following Our 9 AM Service

New Contemporary Service - 11 AM Sundays
Across Generations Band - New Visitors Welcome!

Holy Name of Jesus
10235 Ashbrook
868-2310

Casino Night Mouse Races at the Community Center
Saturday March 26 - Doors open 6 PM
\$10 a person, includes beer, soda and set-ups
Contact: Peter and Mary Jones 355-3738
Limited Space - so get your reservations in soon.

Divorce Care Class
For anyone divorced, separated or considering
1st and 2nd Wednesday of each month
7 PM - Everyone Welcome

Grace Chapel Lutheran Church
10015 Lance Drive
868-3232

Midweek Lenten Services - Wednesdays, 2 & 7 PM
Ash Wednesday - March 9
Wednesdays, March 16, March 23, March 30 & April 6
Maundy Thursday - April 21
Good Friday - April 22
Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 23, 8 PM

Great Rivers Greenway Open Houses

Great Rivers Greenway thanks you for your feedback for the Maline Greenway planning process with your neighbors and organizations.

If you have any questions about the Maline Greenway or want to get involved call Rachel at 314-621-5566 or visit www.greatrivers.info. Forums will be held:



In late October, Great Rivers Greenway and its consultants held two public forums in Bellefontaine Neighbors and Ferguson to educate the public about greenway concepts and discuss the Maline Greenway trail alignment opportunities.

In March, we will host two public forums to share the proposed alignment and amenities along the trail.

Tuesday, March 22, 2011
Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center, 6 to 8 PM

Thursday, March 24, 2011
In Ferguson (location TBA), 6 to 8 PM

Great Rivers Greenway is proud to announce the aquisition of the property at the Chain Of Rocks Bridge from the Koman Family. The newly acquired property, which has been used with the Koman Family's permission for public functions in the past, will eventually be used to provide greater public access and additional amenities at the bridge and trailhead. A planning process involving neighbors, public and non-profit stakeholders will begin this year.



Volunteer Opportunity

The Northeast County Senior Ministry is currently looking for group or individual volunteers to help complete yardwork around older adult homes with the Lights On! Neighborhood Engagement Program. Volunteers will increase safety around the homes by

trimming bushes and low hanging tree limbs to eliminate areas criminals can hide. For more information about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Whitney Calliotte at 314-664-9700 or housing@sgsmnetwork.org.

Image And Beautification Notes

The Annual Spring Beautification Day will be held on Saturday April 30, 2011. Volunteers should meet at the Recreation Center, 9669 Bellefontaine Road at 9 AM. No experience needed. Vests and clean-up equipment is provided. Return to the Recreation Center after the work is done for hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and a round of Mini Golf.

2010 Holiday Home Decoration Winners

Thanks to everyone who decorated their homes for the Holidays and Congratulations to the 2010 Home Decoration Winners!

Ward 1

95 Green Acres
658 Bagnell Dr. Rich & Toni Pflueger
Denny & Cheryl O'Keefe

Ward 2

10247 Cabot
10050 Elba Lane Jimmie Williams & Varessa Murphy
Gloria & Tom Barnes

Ward 3

1411 Blackhurst
1430 Haviland Dr. William & Rashland Simms
Robert & Robbyn Taylor

Ward 4

9459 Yorktown
1110 Troy Dr. Harry & Sandra Terry
Mary Runions



Back row, left to right: Mary Runions, Mayor Marty Rudloff, I & B Board members, Clarence Cherry, Jeannette and Bob Bost and Alderman Anthony Smith. Front Row: Pat Hanlon, Greg Kranz and Alex Pflueger

Winners were invited to a board meeting on January 6 and presented a certificate. Accepting the award for Rich and Toni Pflueger are son Alex and friends who did all the work and accepted the award.

With Spring around the corner, the members of the I & B Board remind you to clean up the yard, dispose of trash and yard waste properly and do not rake leaves or grass clippings into the street where they can go down sewers and cause sewer back-ups in your homes.

War Of 1812 Symposium At The Bissell House

The 21st Annual War of 1812 In The West Symposium will be held on Saturday, March 26 from 9 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, March 27 from 9 AM until to Noon at the Daniel Bissell House, 10225 Bellefontaine Road.

The Symposium is held yearly and rotates between the Bissell House in the City of BN, Fort Osage, near Kansas City, MO and Arrow Rock, near Columbia, MO. The event is well attended by historians from all over the country.

The Symposium is free and open to the public with no registration required. This program is hosted by the 1st Infantry Regiment and Friends of Fort Belle Fontaine Park. Exhibits of Original War of 1812 artifacts will be on display. Refreshments will be served.



For more information, call Dave Bennett at 816-582-0280 or 314-544-6224 or e-mail ebclemnson@aol.com

What To Know If You Are Planning A Garage Sale

With warmer weather on the way, many may be thinking of holding a garage sale to get rid of the things that clutter up their garages and basements. It's a good idea to recycle things instead of throwing them out.

Residents are required to have a permit for any sales.

Permits are issued free and available at the City Hall during working hours. Sales are limited to two a year and signs are not allowed on street corners, poles or trees. If you are planning a block or subdivision sale, please notify the BNPD to see if there is a need for signage, traffic control to keep streets passable.

Emergency Preparedness, 2011

When the warning went out on February 2, 2011 that the region would be hit with a "Historic Winter Storm," people in The City of BN, along with the Riverview Fire Protection District sprug into action to prepare for the worst, even though it didn't happen.

The biggest worry had been addressed in 2009 when the Board of Aldermen approved the purchase and installation of an emergency generator that powers both the City Hall and Recreation Center during power outages. The unit is serviced periodically and tested monthly so it is always ready for emergencies.

During times like this Chief Pruett and Fire Chief Bommarito work very closely together to ensure the safety of our community. Chief Pruett and Chief Bommarito's check list looked something like this:

- Coordinate both agencies (Police and Fire) for the implementation of emergency plans in the case of a power outage.
- Contact the Red Cross for cots and blankets.
- Contact the St. Louis County Emergency Operations Center for emergency meals and bottled water;
- Get in touch with residents who may need emergency medical service.
- Coordinate with the Petroleum Company to insure an appropriate amount of fuel for the generator is available.
- Coordinate with Mark Dickerson about the use of the Recreation Center for a Warming Center.
- Contact the Public Safety Committee and CERT members to ask them to assist in manning the warming center, if needed.

Fortunately, this storm was not as bad as predicted and emergency measures were not required. **But we were prepared.**

The next step is to contact St. Louis County Emergency Management and inform them we are prepared to host a warming or cooling center.

St. Louis County has to approve the center and takes over the media alerts.

City of BN residents are urged to keep this in mind and tune into the TV or radio or call the Recreation Center at 867-0700 to ask if the Center has been designated a heating or cooling center.

Residents who have life sustaining equipment that is dependant on utilities should contact the Riverview Fire Protection District and register. In case of an emergency situation, their needs can be addressed. The number to call is 867-3889.

Check on home bound or elderly neighbors. If the neighbor needs something you can't provide, call their family or 211. In many cases, homebound people are just glad to know someone is thinking about them.

Establish a daily contact with someone who could notify the PD in the event that you cannot be contacted. The officers in the PD are happy to check on the welfare of a resident.

Be prepared for emergency situations. Keep enough food, water and medications on hand so you are prepared for a week. Remember in a true emergency our immediate resources will be limited so each home should be prepared to be self sufficient for at least 72 hours.

During times of emergency situations, residents should call 911 for true emergencies ONLY. The United Way has a referral service that will deal with quality of life issues. Residents should call 211 for help during emergency and non-emergency events.

Thanks to everyone who offered their driveway to neighbors who park in the street due to limited driveway space. Getting vehicles off the street gives the street department the opportunity to get snow and ice off the streets so emergency vehicles can get through.

Not only was the Public Works Department out clearing the streets, the Police Department was also on duty to answer calls. Thanks to everyone that works to help keep us safe during these emergency situations.



Help Is Available

The Senior Living Options Fair will take place at James J. Eagan Center at #1 James J. Eagan Dr., in Florissant from 9 AM to Noon on Saturday, March 19, 2011. It will feature representatives from home health services, assistive technology providers, durable medical equipment retailers, senior centers, long term care facilities, independent living facilities, assis-

tance animals, and many other businesses who serve older adults in the St. Louis area. All older adults and caregivers are invited to attend and learn about the valuable resources and living options available to them in the community. There is no cost to attend. To learn more, contact Whitney Calliotte at (314) 664-9700, or visit www.sgsnetwork.org.

The Weatherization Assistance Program - The Community Action Agency of St. Louis County (CAAS-TLC) has funds available through the Weatherization Program (WAP) to help people improve energy efficiency. After a state-of-the-art home energy audit, they will hire contractors to update insulation, seal windows and other energy leaks, and replace

inefficient furnaces, AC units and water heaters. The energy savings resulting from these efforts help our country reduce its dependence on foreign oil and reduce the cost for families in need while improving the health and safety of their homes. The program is for low income residents. To see if you qualify for the program, call 446-4436.

Homeless Prevention Grants Available - The St. Louis County Older Resident Program has funds available to help citizens who are 60 years or older, have limited income, are homeless or in imminent danger of becoming homeless. These funds were

made available through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. People who might be eligible for this funding are encouraged to call 615-4516 for referral to a case manager.



Free Income Tax Preparation - Do you need help filing your tax returns? The Friendly Community Tax Coalition will electronically prepare Federal and State returns free of charge. Please call the Bellefontaine Recreation Center at 867-0700, Monday - Friday 9 AM to 4 PM to set up your appointment.

The Friendly Tax Coalition will be on hand on Thursday, Feb. 17, Thursday, Feb. 24, Thursday, Mar. 10 and Thursday, Mar. 17. Appointments are required.

Good (Bellefontaine) Neighbor Awards

Do you have a neighbor that has done a good deed and you want them recognized for their good work? When we heard the story about a neighbor who found lost cash, checks and papers and returned them to their rightful owner, we decided to start a Good Neighbor Award Program. Residents can submit nominations for other residents and we will invite both you and the Good Neighbor to our annual Town Hall Meeting in the Fall.

Please limit nominations to Bellefontaine Neighbors residents. Although employees of the city are not eligible, we would still like to hear about them. Send your nomination to ddonovan@cityofbn.com or The City of BN City Hall, 9641 Bellefontaine Road, St. Louis, MO 63137



Check If Permits Are Need Before Starting Projects



The Building Department reminds residents they should call the office before beginning home improvement projects to see if a building permit is needed. Building permits are issued for structural, electrical plumbing and other projects to insure the job is done up to code, safely and correctly.

The Building Department is happy to answer any questions you might have about remodeling, contractors, permits or restrictions. Call 867-0076 between 8 AM and 5 PM, Monday thru Friday. You can also call to verify hired contractors have all required permits needed to do the job.

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

Monday, February 21, President's Day

Friday, April 22, Good Friday

Waste Management Holidays

There will not be any interruption of services during February, March and April.

Daylight Savings Time Starts Sunday, March 13

Set clocks ahead one hour.

What would you prefer?

Although the City of BN is financially sound, we are always looking for a way to cut expenses. One suggestion was to post the newsletter on the internet and have a limited number of paper copies available at the City Hall, Recreation Center and local businesses.

Please let us know if you have internet access and would read the newsletter on line or if you would prefer a paper copy delivered to your home by calling the City Hall at 867-0076 or e-mailing ddonovan@cityofbn.com.

Branch Pick-up

The City of BN provides branch pick up for residents. All branches collected have to be from the homeowner's property. Branches should be stacked with the cut end facing the street. Branches will not be picked up unless the resident calls and requests the service. We will not pick up branches cut by commercial contractors.

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