

9641 Bellefontaine Road

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St. Louis County, MO 63137

From The Office Of The Mayor.....

Let me begin by telling all of you that the rumors regarding the dismantling of our Police Department are totally false. The Board of

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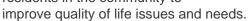
BNPD News & Notes

Chief Robert Pruett

With the approval of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Corporal Peggy Vassallo was promoted to the rank of Sergeant effective

November 27, 2011.

Chief Pruett recommended her for promotion based on her outstanding work performance which has been above and beyond the call of duty. Along with her duties as a D.A.R.E. Instructor and Coordinator of the Neighborhood Watch Program, Sgt. Vassallo works with residents in the community to



Two new officers have been hired by the BNPD; one to replace an officer that left the force and one for a newly created position.

Probationary
Police Officer
Justin Spradlin
was hired on
December 11,
2011. Officer
Spradlin graduated from McCluer
High School in
1999 and graduated from the
Eastern Missouri



Left to right, Justin Spradlin and Daniel Sanders

Police Academy in December of 2004. Officer Spradlin has prior police experience with the Florissant and the Country Club Hills Police Departments.

Probationary Police Officer Daniel Sanders was hired on December 11, 2011. Officer Sanders graduated from Fort Zumwalt West High School in 2001 and graduated with an Associates Degree and first in his class from the Eastern Missouri Police Academy in November of 2011. Prior to entering the police academy, Officer Sanders was a Loss Prevention Manager for Home Depot and Lowes.

BackStoppers Support

Former St. Louis County Police Chief Ron Battelle was on hand at the Board of Aldermen meeting on November 3, 2011, to accept a check for \$2,091.30 on behalf of the BackStoppers Organization. Ron Battelle is currently the Executive Director of BackStoppers. Shown at right, from left to right, are Ron Battelle, Chief Robert Pruett and P.O. Michael Riley.

Patrol Officer, Michael Riley, from the BNPD, organized and executed a BBQ held this fall to benefit the BackStoppers Organization.

Started in 1959, The BackStoppers provides needed support and financial assistance to the spouses and children of all local and county police officers, firefighters, publicly-funded paramedics, EMTs and volunteer fire protection units, who have lost their lives performing their duty.

Both the BNPD and Riverview Fire Protection District stay active supporting the BackStoppers organization throughout the year. This past Summer, The BNPD and RFPD combined their efforts for a "Hats Off" collection on Memorial Day. Pictured at the right is Chief Joe Bommarito (front) and Chief Robert Pruett (rear).

Thanks to P. O. Riley and everyone who work to support the BackStoppers.





Neighborhood Watch / Neighborhood Ownership

Mike Petetit started a citizen-based crime prevention program in the City of St. Louis' Lafayette Square neighborhood to fight crime. The program is designed to get residents to partner with the law enforcement officials to make neighborhoods safer. The program is working well in the Lafayette Square Neighborhood and other neighborhoods within the City of St. Louis. Citizens that have joined these groups have found that they have more power than they ever thought.

Mike made presentations to Neighborhood Watch and the Board of Aldermen, who approved the program. Plans have been made to put the program in place. The City of BN has the advantage of using this program as a prevention tool and keeping crime down instead of waiting until the criminals have taken over.

The program includes a citizen-based safety patrol; citizens who patrol the city and report suspicious activity, trash littering the streets, street lights that need to be replaced, ordinance violations and any concerns they see. Citizen training takes only about an hour. Citizens are not trained to handle crime, only report what they see to the right authority. Citizens on patrol will not replace police officers.

The program also includes a Victim Support Team. Since many crime victims are afraid to show up in court, many criminals are let go or get light sentences. When victims and a support team of neighbors and friends accompany them to court, it is noticed by the Court and taken more seriously.

Working with the courts, Mike Petetit gained insight to be able to implement, "Neighborhood Orders of



Mike Petetit, founder of the Neighborhood Ownership, addresses the City of BN Neighborhood Watch.

Protection." This is a protection order, keeping offenders who committed crimes in the city, and do not live in the city, out of the city.

Training for the Citizen On Patrol will be held on Friday, February 24 at 10 AM & 2 PM at the Bellefontaine Neighbors City Hall, 9641
Bellefontaine Road. Training takes one (1) hour. This is an excellent opportunity to see a presentation of the program and see if you would like to be involved.

Additional training for those who cannot attend a day class will be held as residents sign up.

Please call Officer Vasallo at 867-0080 if you are interested.

Neighborhood Watch meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at City Hall, 9641 Bellefontaine Road at 7 PM. Bring your neighbors.



Human Relations Commission

Ordinance # 1127, passed in 1980 was called the Fair Housing Ordinance. It was updated in 1985 and again in 1994, when a three person commission was established to address fair housing practices in the City.

Ordinance # 1980, passed in 2004, changed the commission to a five members and expanded duties, including promoting understanding, eliminating prejudice, improving human relations and investigating discriminatory complaints.

Human Relation Commission members are chosen by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen for a term of 4 years to run with the term of the Mayor. The New Commission members are pictured at right: Front row, left to right; Pat McNamara-Smith, Yolanda Poe. Back row: Willie Roberson, Willis Dillworth. Not pictured, Mike Petroff.

Time To Start Planning Our Community Garden!

Do you like organic vegetables? Prices too high? Grow your own, have some fun and meet other gardeners at the St. Mark Community Garden at Riverview Gardens High School, 1218 Shepley Drive.

We will meet at the Garden in front of the High School Library, Saturday, February 25, 2012, at 9:00 AM. For more information, call Alderwoman Audrey Hollis at 314-435-0414.

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Progress Report From The Riverview Gardens School District

Dr. Clive Coleman

Riverview Gardens School District Superintendent Dr. Clive H. Coleman believes that with parent and community support, all students will become successful, life-long learners competitive in a global society. The philosophy is echoed by teachers and parents. Community members received an update on the District's status at the January 5th meeting of Bellefontaine Neighbors Board of Aldermen.

A cornerstone in the North County community, Riverview Gardens

Schools serve students who reside in nine municipalities. The District currently educates 6,000 students in grades Kindergarten through grade 12 at nine elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school. The District also offers an affordable, award winning, accredited Early Childhood Program, dual learning opportunities and several courses that provide college credit.

While the District remains classified as "Unaccredited" by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, "Our data shows progress and improvement in many areas and we continue to strive toward excellence and accreditation," noted Coleman. Gibson Elementary School made Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) last year and more schools are on track to do the same.

One of the major areas of improvement is student attendance. "Without students attending school daily, learning will suffer." The attendance for Riverview Gardens' students is currently 92.5% which is up from 90.25% last year. "Our 2011-2012 goal is to achieve an attendance rate of 95%," reported Coleman "and we are well on our way."

Financially, the District has generated a strong operating fund balance of approximately 36% for the 2011 - 2012 fiscal year, and recently completed its \$15 million Prop R construction initiation on time and within budgeted parameters. Additionally, the District recently refunded (refinanced) \$9.35 million in outstanding debt associated with a Series 2003 General Obligation bond issue at a savings of \$528,000. The District has also experienced an increase in its bond rating in recent years, with the recently refunded bond issue receiving a "AA+" rating from the Standard & Poor's bond rating agency.

The implementation of the Curriculum and Instruction Evaluation and Revision Process has garnered rave



Left, Dr. Mark Tranel, member of the Special Administrative Board of RGSD, Right, Dr. Clive Coleman, Superintendent

reviews. Annually, administrators and teachers re-evaluate the school-wide results on state and national assessments and determine areas that need to be addressed. Data collected from assessments, parents, teachers and administrators is considered as well as changes in state and national standards, critical issues in the content area, and new developments in educational pedagogy. The result is a rigorous curriculum adaptable to the needs of students at all grade levels.

Riverview Gardens School District regards professional development as a fundamental responsibility for all staff. Support is provided to educators in their continual efforts to improve instruction so that each student may achieve at higher levels. Recently the District adopted "Late Start Wednesdays" which provide teachers weekly professional development opportunities aimed at achieving Missouri School Improvement Plan goals. New teachers are also provided a Teacher Mentor which gives them professional support and guidance from experienced educators.

In 2011, Riverview Gardens School District students received more than \$2.7 million in scholarships. Of the 348 graduates, 229 were accepted into Post-Secondary Schools and numbers are projected to increase this year. The graduation rate was improved from 67% before the District lapsed to 81% last year. Recently, the Riverview Gardens High School hosted an event aimed at providing students and parents assistance with completing financial aid information online. The FAFSA Frenzy, served over 120 families providing each with financial aid tips and scholarship information. "The event will help encourage students to apply to college by removing the financial barrier which may seem insurmountable," noted Coleman.

Improvements and much needed upgrades were completed this year with Proposition R funds. Completed on time and within budget, renovations to school buildings helped create a safe environment conducive for academic achievement. The benefits enjoyed by students and staff from Prop R improvements are vast and long lasting.

The Riverview Gardens School District continues to make strides and with community support will develop responsible citizens who are globally competitive. More information on District initiatives, activities, programs and curriculum can be found on the website at www.rgsd.k12.mo.us.

Street, Coburg Lands, Belgrove & St. Cyr Improvements

Street repairs made possible by the \$5,500,000 bond issue passed in 2009, will be winding down this year. Street repairs on Siebe, Angeline and Haviland Drive are scheduled to begin in the spring and be finished this summer. At that time we expect the remaining \$160,000 in funds to be depleted.

The East-West Gateway Coordinating Council has approved grants from Missouri Highways and Transportation totaling \$1,246,000 for connector and high traffic streets in our city.

Coburg Lands, from Chambers Road to Bellefontaine Road will be overlaid and sidewalks will be upgraded to American Disability Act Standards. Belgrove Drive will be overlaid from Bellefontaine Road to Lilac Drive. Total cost of this project will be \$607,000. The City of BN will pay \$121,400. Construction is expected in the summer of 2013.

St. Cyr Road from Bellefontaine Road to the Village of Riverview City limits will be repaired and the bridge, estimated to have been built prior to 1930, will be replaced. The total cost for this project is \$950,000. The City's cost will be \$190,000 and this project will is scheduled for summer, 2014. The City of BN will be exploring options to work with Great Rivers Greenway and other entities to make St. Cyr Road a link from the path at Bella Fontaine Park to the Riverfront Trail.

More grants will be explored to repair more streets in the City of BN.

Youth Commission Events

Bike Rodeo

The annual Bike Rodeo will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 10 AM to 1 PM on the parking lot in front of City Hall, 9641 Bellefontaine Road. This event is free to all ages. Bring your bikes and join in the fun. Enter your name for free prizes, helmets and light refreshments. A variety of activities will be available, including viewing a fire truck from The Riverview Fire Protection District. Watch for signs around the city with more information. (Rain Date May 26)

Youth Trivia Night

Attention 5th through 9th graders! Put on your thinking caps and join us for a Trivia Night at our Recreation Center on Saturday March 3, from 6 to 9 PM.



Cost is \$5.00 per person which includes soda, snacks and attendance prizes. Pizza and chicken nuggets will also be served. Doors open at 5:30. No reservations needed. Bring a friend.



Free Income Tax Preparation

Do you need help filing your tax returns? The Friendly Community Tax Coalition will electronically prepare Federal and State Income Tax returns free of charge. Call the City of BN Recreation Center at 867-0700, Monday thorough Friday, between 9 AM and 4 PM to set up an appointment. Appointments are required. The Tax Coalition will be available Thursdays; February 23, March 8 & 22 and April 5, from 9 AM to 12:30 PM.

Disaster Training

The St. Louis Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers is hosting a free, one-hour training class endorsed by the Missouri Seismic Commission on Monday, April 30, at 7 PM, at the St. Louis County Library, Florissant Valley, Auditorium at 195 New Florissant Road.

"Map Your Neighborhood" is an all-hazards program designed to help neighbors prepare for disasters. In a disaster, your neighbors are your most immediate source of help. Traditional 9-1-1 responders are quickly overwhelmed. Some minor preparation and



knowing what to do in the first hour of a disaster response may save a life, reduce the severity of injuries and reduce the amount of damage you, your family and neighbors sustain.

Municipal Election, Tuesday, April 3, 2012

On Tuesday, April 2, 2012, voters will be asked to elect one (1) Alderman from each ward to serve a 4 year term. Polls will be open from 6 AM to 7 PM.

Candidates for Alderman

Ward 1							
Tony Migliazzo	Unopposed						
9775 Birch Manor Drive							
Ward 2							
Don Merz	George Murphy						
10121 Maraldo Place	833 Elba Lane						
Ward 3							
John Jordan	Unopposed						
1415 Attica Drive							
Ward 4							
Anthony Smith	Unopposed						
1201 Kimball Court							

Check Your Polling Place Because of redistricting and the elimination of the polling place at Gibson Elementary School, your polling place may have changed. Please check your voters notification card for your correct polling place.

Poll Workers Anyone interested in becoming a poll worker should call St. Louis County at 615-1865.

Register To Vote! To vote in the April 3, 2012 municipal election you must to be registered by March 7, 2012. You can register to vote at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM, or at any public school, motor vehicle registration offices, St. Louis County Libraries or at the County Election Board in Maplewood, # 12 Sunnen Drive. Phone: 615-1800

Internet Voter Registration

http://www.stlouisco.com/elections/

Absentee Vote Information Applications to obtain an absentee ballot are available at City Hall, the St. Louis County Election Board or on the internet. Applications must be received by the election board before March 28, 2012. Anyone who is unable to go to the polls due to physical limitations may vote by absentee ballot and a notary is not necessary. Ballots will be notarized free of charge at City Hall during regular office hours.

Transportation To The Polls Anyone needing a ride to the polls on election day may get a ride on the BN Bus. Call the Recreation Center ASAP at 867-0700 to make arrangements.

Dangerous Animals

The City of BN allows Pit Bull breed dogs and other dangerous animals under restricted conditions. Owners of dangerous animals must register the animal with the city, show proof of rabies vaccination and \$100,000 insurance policy, provide a covered dog run, post signs, use a muzzle and leash at all times when not in a pen and other restrictions. For more detailed restrictions, call City Hall. (Ordinane # 1497)

Any animal, regardless of breed can be deemed a dangerous animal by the police Department.

If you have a serious problem with an animal in your neighborhood, please call the City Hall at 867-0076 to make a complaint.

The City of BN takes dangerous animals seriously and looks into complaints made about animals. The City of BN will investigate the complaint and take appropriate action.

The City of BN will be holding the annual Dog and Cat Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, June 2. Please mark your calendars.

Waste Management Cart Placement Guidelines

Since Waste Management has gone to an automated system, they are asking for our help to make collection more efficient. Here is how you can help:

- Yard waste, garbage and recycling carts should be at least three (3) feet apart.
- Carts should be within eighteen (18) Inches of the curb and the short metal bar must face the street.
- Do not place cart near low-hanging branches, cars mail boxes or shrubbery.
- The lid of the cart must be closed to prevent spillage into your yard or the street.



INCORRECT: Carts placed too close together cannot be picked up using the automated arms of the truck. This slows down collection, takes more effort of the driver and uses more fuel.

CORRECT: Carts placed 3 (three) feet or more apart with no obstructions allow drivers to use automated system efficiently and saves time, effort and fuel.



Image & Beautification

Congratulations to the Holiday Decoration Award Winners for 2011

	Ward	1
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The Rose Family 9928 Calumet Drive

The Hanheide Family 1239 Ensley Drive

Ward 2

Ward 3

The Coffman Family 10442 Bellefontaine Road

The Bailey Family 10439 Gardo Court

The Proctor Family 1475 Haviland Drive

The Raven Family 1181 Nectar Drive

Ward 4

The Steward Family 817 Chain of Rocks Drive

The Walls Family 1029 Oran Drive



Back row, left to right: David Proctor, Calvin Walls, Patricia Steward, Julie & Dave Hanheide, Lynn Bailey and Angela Raven. Front row, seated: Inez Proctor, I & B Board Members Bob & Jeanette Bost and Clarence Cherry

Spring Beautification Action Day, Saturday, April 28, 2012

Members of the Image and Beautification Commission, volunteers from the City of BN, The Division of Youth Services at the Hill Home, and Love In Action Community Outreach will gather at the Recreation Center, 9669 Bellefontaine Road on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at 9 AM to pick up trash along our major roadways. Please plan to join us for a little work, hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch and a round of mini-golf or sand volleyball. Everyone is welcomed. Community Service hours are welcomed. If you can't join us on April 28, consider picking up litter on your own property, block or subdivision.

Ordinance Violations - Leaves & Yard Waste



The Building Department has avoided sending letters in mass for ordinance violations regarding leaves accumulating in yards and are just responding to specific complaints called into City Hall. However, beginning March 1, warning letters or tickets will be issued to anyone who has accumulated leaves, fallen branches and debris. Please take advantage of the warmer days by taking time to clean up your yard.

Our contract with Waste Management provides every home with 1 trash cart and 1 yard waste cart at no extra cost. If you don't have a trash or yard waste cart, call Waste Management at 506-4700, tell them you want a cart and it will be delivered to your home. Yard Waste is picked up year round. The carts are easy to handle and eliminate the costs of yard waste bags. Recycling carts are available from City Hall at 867-0076.

The Audubon Center At Riverlands



The St. Louis District of the Corps of Engineers and Audubon Missouri have been working together to fund, staff and provide programs for a new facility on Highway 367, just South of the Clark Bridge to Alton, Illinois. The new facility opened October 15, 2011.

The Audubon Center at Riverlands will offer world-class birding, education and

outdoor opportunities along one of the most significant migratory flyways on earth; the Mississippi River. The Center is expected to attract national attention and serve as an economic driver for the region. Free programs for children and adults are available. The Center is open 8 AM to 4 PM every day except holidays. For more information, check out http://riverlands.audubon.org.



Storage Trailers, PODS, Dumpsters & Bagsters

The Board of Aldermen passed Ordinance # 2201 regulating the parking and placement of storage trailers, portable on demand storage units (PODS), dumpsters, including soft-sided dumpsters, Bagsters and other similar devices on November 17, 2011. This ordinance was passed to preserve our neighborhoods, insure the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents. The following restrictions apply:

• Storage trailers, PODS, dumpsters, Bagsters and

other similar devices cannot be parked on any street, highway, roadway, fire lane or sidewalk.

 Storage trailers, PODS, dumpsters, Bagsters and other similar devices must be placed on a durably paved surface such as concrete or asphalt and shall be situated to minimize the potential of interference with sight lines for motorists on adjoining streets and nearby drive ways.

Permits are required for all storage trailers, PODS, dumpsters, Bagsters or other similar devices by the City Engineer. Cost of the permit is \$25.00 and expires in 30 days. No more than two permits may be issued for any lot or parcel of property in a twelve (12) month period. Bright orange permit cards shall

be displayed in the window of the

property.

Provisions have been made that in case of natural disasters or special circumstances, the City Engineer shall have the authority to waive restrictions. For more information, Call 867-0076.



Building Department User Fees

The Board of Aldermen passed Ordinance # 2203 on December 1, 2011. This is the first time Building Department user fees have been raised in 17 years.

The ordinance was passed to address the increase of costs of processing permits by the Building Department and office personnel, increases in notices put in newspapers, inspections, fuel and salaries. Increases do not reflect the entire cost of the permits, but split the costs between the city and applicants.

If you have any questions, please contact the Building Department at 867-0076.

Permits for new buildings, additions, residential storage sheds and accessory buildings were previously \$30.00 for the first \$1,000 of building cost and an additional \$3.50 for each additional \$1,000 of building costs. New permit fees will be \$50 for the first \$1,000 of building costs and an additional \$3.75 for each additional \$1,000.

Fee Type	Formerly	Current
Conditional Use Permit, Commercial	\$125.00	\$350.00
Conditional Use Permit, Home Day Care	\$125.00	\$150.00
Zoning Amends	\$120.00	\$200.00
Siding	\$30.00	\$50.00
HVAC	\$30.00	\$50.00
Fences	\$20.00	\$35.00
Patio	\$20.00	\$35.00
Sidewalks	\$20.00	\$35.00
Driveway/Parking Area	\$20.00	\$35.00
Excavation/Grading	\$10.00	\$50.00
Demolition Principal Building, Residential	\$30.00	\$100.00
Demolition Principal Building, Commercial	\$30.00	\$200.00
Demolition Accessory Building	-	\$10.00
Roof	\$30.00	\$30.00
Occupancy, Residential	\$30.00	\$30.00
Occupancy, Commercial	\$30.00	\$100.00
Occupancy Update	\$12.00	\$15.00
Occupancy Inspection, Residential	\$30.00	\$50.00
Occupancy Inspection Commercial	\$30.00	\$100.00
Extra Trip Re-Inspection, Residential	\$30.00	\$30.00
Extra Trip Re-Inspection, Commercial	\$30.00	\$50.00

Tornado Damage Update

Clean-up is still in progress from the April, 2011 tornado, but most people have been able to get back to normal. The City of BN is working with residents who still have tarpaulins on the roofs. We are also close to completing the endless paperwork for reimbursement by FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and SEMA, The State Emergency Management Agency.

A special thanks goes to Cati-Beth, Kelly and Lauren, Green Acres residents, who wanted to help those whose homes were damaged in the tornado. The kids set up a Lemonade Stand and raised \$140. The money was divided and given to residents whose homes sustained the most damage in the subdivision. Way to go, Kids!



From The Office Of The City Clerk

Deni Donovan



Happy Winter! Or wait, what time of year is it?? I can't believe what a wonderful year we have had so far. When we did have snow, our guys were right on it. I would like to point out a few reminders:

- If the street light in front of your house goes out, call Ameren directly at 342-1000 for quicker service.
- If you have not received a FREE Recycle Cart, call City Hall for delivery at 867-0076.

- If you have not received a FREE Yard Waste Cart, call Waste Management at 506-4700.
- If you have a water main break, call the Water Company at 1-800-256-6426 immediately.
- If you need a branch pick-up, use your FREE Yard waste cart or for large loads, call City Hall at 867-0076.

Thank you for taking pride in your home and community. Always know the way we feel about our neighborhood reflects in how others feel about it. If you need to contact me, call 867-0076.

How Did Your Alderman Vote?

Bill #	Date	Description	Paro (w-1)	Migliazzo (w-1)	Glenzy (w-2)	Merz (w-2)	Roth (W-3	Jordan (w-3)	Smith (w-4)	Hollis (w-4)	Pass or Fail	Ord. #
2279	11/03/11	Authorizing an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation for Belgrove/ Coburg Lands improvements. (Merz)	Y								Pass	2198
2280	11/03/11	Authorizing an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation for St. Cyr Road and bridge Improvement Program. (Migliazzo)	Y								Pass	2199
2281	11/17/11	Amending code for enforcement of seat belt ordinances (Hollis)	Y	Y		Y					Pass	2200
2282	12/01/11	An ordinance to regulate parking and placement of storage trailers, portable on demand storage units, dumpsters, bagsters and other devices. (Smith)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ				Pass	2201
2283	12/01/11	An ammendment relating to the parking and storage of certain vehicles. (Smith)	Y		Y				Y		Pass	2202
2284	12/01/11	An Ordinance establishing user fees for building department services and land use operations. (Glenzy)	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y		Y	Υ	Pass	2203
2285	12/01/11	An ordinance authorizing participation in the multijurisdictional drug task force with St. Louis County and approving a qualified officer to be assigned. (Roth)	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y		Y		Pass	2204
2286	12/15/11	Approving an ammendment for employees benefit plan. (Hollis)	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Pass	2205
2287	12/15/11	Approving an ammendment for employees benefit plan. (Paro)	Y		Y						Pass	2206
2288	01/15/12	Approving an agreement with St. Louis County for communications and other related services. (Roth)	Y						Y		Pass	2207
2289	02/02/12	Amending Chapter 21; organization and responsibilities of the police department (Smith)	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	

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

Leonard Aubuchon

Leonard Aubuchon passed away at the age of 86 on December 17, 2011. Leonard served as a United States Marine in WW II, retired as Chief of the Riverview Fire Protection District in 1989 and served as Ward 3 Alderman in the City of BN from 1991 to 1996. Thanks to Leonard for his many, many years of public service and dedication. Our sympathy goes to Leonard's family who have asked that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the BackStoppers.

City Of BN Church And Not-For-Profit Activities

Bellefontaine Baptist Church 1410 Kilgore Drive 868-6880

Worship - Sundays - 10:45 AM Sunday School - Sundays - 9:30 AM Bible Study - Wednesdays - 7 PM

Silver Circle - lunch & entertainment 2nd Friday of the month, Noon Call for reservations

"I Love You" Banquet Friday, Feb. 24, \$12 per person Reservations required

Family Film Time
Saturday, March 24, 1:20 PM
Free refreshments. Children under
16 must be accompanied by adult.

Bellefontaine Methodist Church 10600 Bellefontaine Road 867-0800

Worship - Sundays - 10:30 AM Sunday School - Sunday - 9:30 AM Bible Study - Mondays - 6:30 PM

Coffee House Women's Bible Study 1st & 3rd Thursdays - 7 PM

United Methodist Women 2nd Monday of month - 12:30 PM

Project Hope Food Pantry
Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 AM - Noon

Beth-El Baptist Church 10015 Ashbrook Drive 239-8229

Worship - Sundays - 10:30 AM Sunday School - Sundays - 9:30 AM Bible Study - Wednesdays - 6:30 PM

Faith In Hope Ministries 9308 Lewis & Clark Blvd. 388-1001

Worship - Sundays - 9 AM Bible Study - Tuesdays - 7 PM

Covenant Community Church 1351 Shepley Drive 869-4367

Worship - Sundays - 10 AM Bible Study - Tuesdays - 7 PM

Grace Chapel Lutheran Church 10015 Lance Drive 868-3232

Worship - Saturdays - 4 PM Sundays - 8 & 10:45 AM Sunday School - Sunday - 9:30 AM Bible Study - Thursdays - 9:30 AM

Senior Citizen Bible Class & Meeting, 3rd Friday - 10:15 AM

Grace New Covenant Church 1060 Chambers Road 867-2782

Donations of food for the Food Pantry are needed. Call the church for more information.

Holy Name Of Jesus Catholic Church 10235 Ashbrook Drive 868-2310

Mass - Saturdays - 4 PM Sundays - 8 & 10:30 AM Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8 AM Tuesdays & Thursdays - 6:30 AM

Blood Drive, Tuesday, March 20, 3 to 7 PM. To sign up, call Buffy Modde at ext. 11

Casino Night, Saturday, March 31 Doors open at 6 PM, Mouse Races start at 7. \$10/person includes beer, soda & setups. Call Pete or Mary Jones at 355-3738 for tickets.

Fish Frys - 3 to 6:30 PM
Ash Wednesday, February 22,
Fridays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,
April 2, &
Good Friday, April 9

Hope Central Ministries 10115 Lewis & Blvd. 869-8573

Prayer Service - Sundays -9:30 AM Worship - Sundays - 10 AM Bible Study - Thursdays - 7 PM

One Way Missionary Baptist Church 10117 Lewis & Clark Blvd.

Worship, Sundays - 10:30 AM Sunday School, Sundays - 9 AM

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Hope Church 10636 Bellefontaine Road 869-7777

Worship Sundays 8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM Bible Study - Wednesdays - 7 PM

Divorce Care Meeting
1st & 2nd Wednesdays - 7 PM

True Redemption Center 1229 Shepley Drive 868-3082

Worship - Sundays - 10 AM
Bible Study - Wednesdays - 7 PM

Fort Bellefontaine American Legion Post 335

Post 335 and the Women's Auxiliary meet at the K of C Hall, 900 Chambers Road the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. For info, call 869-0528.

Knights Of Columbus 900 Chambers Road 867-9727

Indoor Meat Shoot Sunday, February 19, 1 PM

Bingo 2nd & 4th Sundays
Doors open 11 AM, Starts 1 PM

Love In Action 1000 St. Cyr Road Rosemary Whitehead 283-3131 Willie Lomax 574-8261

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of the youth and young adults that we serve, through a wide range of development programs, and expose them to a higher level of living, in place of drugs, violence and economic oppression.

Motivational Seminar Saturday, February 25, 2 to 4 PM

Storman Academy 10600 Bellefontaine Road 395-1200

How Can You Help?

The Churches and Not-For-Profit organizations in the City of BN are always busy helping people. Many of their good deeds go unnoticed by everyone except the members of the church or organization. We can all help one way or another, even if we don't have cash to give. Check out the opportunities below and see if you can help.

Bellefontaine Baptist Church is collecting clothing and household items and holds free rummage give-aways for anyone in need. Donations may be dropped off or arrangements can be made for your donation to be picked up. Consider donating the items left over from a garage sale. 868-6880.

The Riverview Gardens School District is working for accreditation. You can help by reading to a class or helping in the office, call 869-2505 and tell them you'll help.

Several of our Churches have food pantries and are always looking for ways to help more people. If you would like to make a donation, volunteer or ask for help, call:

Grace New Covenant Church 867-2782

Bellefontaine Methodist Church 867-0800

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church 868-2310

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church will be holding a Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 20, 3 to 7 PM. Your donation could save someone's life. Call 868-2310 to sign up.

St. Patrick's Center is in need of casseroles. Recipes, pans and lids can be delivered to you and picked up by volunteers from the neighborhood after cooked and frozen. Recipes are simple and inexpensive. For Information, call 868-2310.

Mark Wilbur Honored For 25 Years Of Service To Troop 374

On Sunday, December 11, 2011, members of Troop 374, past members and friends gathered to honor Mark Wilbur who retired as Scoutmaster at (formerly) Frieden's Chapel, 1060 Chambers Road in Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO. The Church is now owned by Grace New Covenant Church.

Mark entered the Boy Scouts as a Cub in 1961 and worked his way through the ranks to Eagle Scout in 1973. Mark

stayed involved and joined Troop 374 in 1981 as Assistant Scout Master. Former Troop 374 Scoutmaster, George Gray, presented Mark with a custom "Scoutmaster Emeritus" neckerchief. In the last 25 years, Mark has guided hundreds of young men, and 32 of them have achieved the Eagle Rank. Three of these 32 now serve as Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman and

Advancement Chairman. Several speakers, including Mark Price (retiring committee Chairman), Ken Klienberg, and Nick Kobel (incoming Scoutmaster of Troop 374) spoke about the commitment, dedication and the encouragement Mark gave to the members of the troop.

Alderman Shirley Paro presented a proclamation from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen proclaiming Sunday, December 11,

2011, "Mark Wilbur Day in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Mo."

Mark has retired as Scout Master, but plans to be an active part of Troop 374. New Scout Master, Nick Kobel invites young men, aged 11 to 17 to visit the troop on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 PM at 1060 Chambers Road.

Congratulations, Eagle Scout Albert Hammons

Eagle Scout Albert Hammons was recognized by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on January 19, 2012, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Albert was presented his Eagle Badge at a ceremony on December 17, 2011. Albert is a member of Boy Scout Troop 551 at Grace Chapel Lutheran Church.

Albert's Eagle Project was to renovate the Press Box at Trinity Catholic High School by replacing drywall and ceilings, painting, cleaning and replacing wiring. Albert spent several weeks on the project. Pictured at right, from Left to right: James Hammons, Asha Hammons, Albert Hammons (Eagle Scout), Dana Hammons and Mayor Doerr.



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All City Meetings Open To The Public

Board of Aldermen - 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 PM Planning and Zoning Board - 2nd 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 & 4th Wednesdays - 6:30 PM Human Relations Commission - Upon Request

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

City Hall Holidays

City Hall will be closed for the following Holidays: Monday, February 20, President's Day Friday, April 6. Good Friday

Waste Management Holidays

There will not be any interruption of services until the Memorial Day Holiday, Monday, May 28, 2012.

Daylight Savings Time Starts Sunday, March 11 Set clocks ahead one hour.

New Businesses

In Marilyn's Care Beauty Salon

(Formerly Transitions) 10008A Bellefontaine Road 869-2221

Owner: Marilyn Marie Minor

The Barber Shop

(Formerly Initram) 9319 Duenke 494-9786

Owner: Dale Crawford

Bellefontaine Automotive

(New owner) 9309 Bellefontaine Road 867-9701

Owner: Dr. Jawed Siddiqui

DaVita Dialysis

(Formerly BlockBuster) 10241 Lewis & Clark 868-5982

Owner: Jerome Glick

DON'T BE A VICTIM:

"LOCK IT & POCKET THE KEY"



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

The City of Bellefontaine Neighbors and many other municipalities are experiencing auto thefts from driveways and gasoline stations. Many vehicles are stolen while they are left unattended and running to warm in the winter months or at filling stations.

Chief Pruett reminds residents "Don't be a victim! Do NOT leave your car running or unattended with the keys in it. Lock it and pocket the key."

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