

# Bellefontaine News

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## From The Office Of The Mayor...

### Marty Rudloff



Dear Residents,

Congratulations to Frank Kerz who celebrated 40 years of service as our City Engineer! Frank is both Architect and Engineer. He was appointed in 1968 and has guided us

through building projects, storms, floods and also guided the Planning and Zoning Commission. Frank's family was present to celebrate this milestone. Frank was presented a proclamation for his dedication. We hope Frank will be with us for many more years.

Thanks and congratulations are also in order for Jean Garascia. For the past twenty years, Jean has been working on the history of our city, researching the Gibson, Bissell and Harper families, who were some of the first residents of what is now the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors (City of BN). Jean was also a member of the Fort Belle Fontaine Historical Society and worked with other BN residents to display the history of our city at the 50th Anniversary in 2000. Jean donated her research to the city and is looking forward to relaxing and enjoying life. The proclamation was presented by Alderman Shirley Paro.



Left to Right (first row) Helen Kowalski, Mary Sue Poe, Jennie Stewart\*, Jeanette Bost\* (second row) Bob Bost\*, John & Marilyn Baker, Mayor Marty Rudloff, Clarence Cherry\*

Thanks to the volunteers of the Image and Beautification Committee and the winners of the 2008 Home Beautification Awards, pictured above. Members of the commission have a star (\*) after their names.



Fall is a beautiful time in the City of BN and a good time to remind residents not to rake leaves into the streets and gutters. This can cause sewer water to back up and get into our basements. Leaves can be put out on your regular trash days in cans or kraft paper bags.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

*Marty Rudloff*

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# On The November 4 Ballot....

The City of BN encourages all residents to get out and vote in all elections. This coming election on November 4, 2008 is a very important election and there are many items on the ballot. Below is a list of all items on the ballot. Please keep in mind that the turnout is expected to be big and the ballot has a lot on it, so there may be a wait to vote.

Elderly and disabled residents who need a ride to the polls should call the Recreation Center as soon as possible to get a ride lined up. Other residents who need a ride should call City Hall. We will do our best to help our residents get to the polls.

Polls will be open from 6 AM to 7 PM. Voters are reminded to bring some identification with them and not wear any shirts, caps, t-shirts or buttons that advertise a candidate inside the polls.

## REMEMBER YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

<u>Presidential</u>	<u>Missouri Supreme Court Judges &amp; Missouri Court of Appeals Judges</u>	<b>Proposition B</b> (Regarding Elderly Missourians with disabilities.)
<b>President and Vice President of the US</b>		
<u>Congressional</u>	<u>Circuit Court Judges, 21st Judicial Circuit</u>	<b>Proposition C</b> (Regarding investor owned energy)
<b>US Representative, District 1</b>	<b>Associate Court Judges</b>	<u>St. Louis County</u>
<u>State</u>	<u>Constitutional Amendments</u>	<b>Proposition C</b> (Regarding a Charter Commission)
<b>Governor Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State State Treasurer Attorney General State Senator State Representative</b>	<b>Constitutional Amendment No. 1</b> (Regarding English as the language of all public meetings, etc.)  <b>Constitutional Amendment No. 4</b> (Regarding funding of storm water projects)	<b>Proposition 1</b> (Regarding Children's Service Fund)  <b>Proposition I</b> (Regarding \$120M Bond for Capitol Improvement)
<u>County</u>	<u>Statutory Measures</u>	<b>Proposition M</b> (Regarding one-half cent sales tax for transportation)
<b>County Councilman, District 4</b>	<b>Proposition A</b> (Regarding gambling limits, school taxes and restricting new casinos)	<b>Proposition H</b> (Regarding sales tax on out of state purchases)

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## Another Reminder "To Lock It & Pocket The Key"

The police department reminds us year round not to leave our keys in the car or the car running while running into the house or gas station for just a minute. Most of the car thefts reported were stolen with the keys in the vehicle.

If your vehicle is stolen while the vehicle is warming up or while going into the gas station for just a minute, your insurance may not pay for repairs or replacement.

Car thieves have been known to load a vehicle with as many people as they can get in and cruise neighborhoods looking for unattended, running vehicles. In only seconds, your vehicle can be gone forever or returned badly damaged.

Please take extra care to sit in your vehicle while it warms up and take the keys with you when running into a gas station or business.



More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and are away from their families. Cell Phones for Soldiers, and the Knights of Columbus, Santa Cruz Council ask you to support these brave men and women by donating your used cell phones. Cell Phones for Soldiers hopes to collect over 50,000 cell phones this year to help keep troops connected with their families.

"Over the past few years, we have been amazed by the generosity of others. But, we have also seen the need to support our troops continue," says Brittany Bergquist, Cell Phones for Soldiers co-founder. "It is easy for Americans to make a small sacrifice of support by donating their used cell phones, and providing families with a much-needed connection to their loved ones overseas."

Local residents can support the collection drive by donating their phones at the Knights of Columbus, Santa Cruz Council location, 800 Chambers Road. (314-867-9727) Look for the green box on the back of the concession stand. Cell phones can also be dropped off at the Bellefontaine Neighbors City Hall at 9641 Bellefontaine Road. (314-867-0076)

"We're proud to show our support for U.S. soldiers and to contribute to a worthy cause like Cell Phones for Soldiers," says Dan Lowes, Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus, Santa Cruz Council.

Cell Phones for Soldiers was created by Brittany & Robbie Bergquist of Norwell, MA. After reading a story about a soldier who ran up a huge phone bill calling home from Iraq, these two teenagers decided to help out. They started by opening an account with \$21.00 of their own money. They are collecting cash donations and old cell phones.

The cell phones are recycled for cash and the proceeds are used to buy prepaid calling cards for our soldiers serving in the Middle East. Cell Phones For Soldiers is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has raised almost \$1 million in donations and distributed more than 500,000 prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving overseas. Their goal is to provide every US soldier with a way to call home for free.

"We are continuously overwhelmed by the enthusiastic support of thousands of Americans who have helped our troops speak with their loved ones," says the teen's father, Bob Bergquist. "However, the need for support keeps growing as more soldiers are sent to the Middle East or are asked to serve extended tours."

The Bergquist family hopes to raise more than \$9 million in the next five years to fund new programs, such as providing video phones and prepaid service to allow soldiers abroad to see their families on a regular basis.

The donated phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each phone - enough to provide an hour of talk time to soldiers abroad.

Approximately half of the phones ReCellular processes are reconditioned and resold to wholesale companies in over 40 countries around the world. Phones and components that cannot be refurbished are dismantled and recycled to reclaim materials, including:

- Gold, silver and platinum from circuit boards
- Copper wiring from phone chargers
- Nickel, iron, cadmium and lead from battery packs
- Plastic from phone cases and accessories

[www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com)

## SNOW ALERT



Public Works Director, Mike Welz, is getting the Street Department geared up and ready for the winter months. Mike put a much effort into getting bids for salt, which has more than doubled in price since last year. Our salt supply has been delivered and the Street Department is ready to keep our streets clear this winter.

The Street Department can use your help. Please try to keep vehicles off the streets as much as possible during snow 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 can offer their driveway to a neighbor who has too many vehicles for their drive way.

# Board Of Aldermen Approves BNPD Grant Application

The Board of Aldermen approved Chief Pruetts request to submit a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant request to the Department of Public Safety. The grant would be used to purchase printers for police vehicles for the "Mobile Ticketing" program. This allows our officers to enter violator information into the car computer. That information is sent to various data

bases for violator driving history, vehicle license checks, wanted checks, etc. Once the ticket is issued and printed all the information is electronically sent to the court clerk. This means the court clerks will not have to enter each ticket into their system. The maximum amount that can be requested is \$10,000 The state pays 90 % and the city would pay 10 %.

## How Did Your Alderman Vote?

Bill #	Date	Description	Paro (w-1)	Migliazzo (w-1)	Puzniak (w-2)	Merz (w-2)	Franzoi (w-3)	Jordan (w-3)	Smith (w-4)	Hollis (w-4)	Pass or Fail	Ordinance Number
2168	8/7/08	Establish 2008 Annual Property Tax Rate	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2090
2169	8/7/08	Amend Sec. 2-11 of the Code Relating to Meetings of the Board of Aldermen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2091
2170	9/4/08	Rezone Property Located at 10708 Redman from PD-R to M-1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2092
2171	10/2/08	Establish a New Speed Limit on St. Cyr Road	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Pass	2093

Y = Yes, N = No, A = Absent

## Ameren UE Project Power ON

Ameren UE is ready to begin Phase 1 & 2 of the "Power On" Project in Bissell Hills. Construction is expected to begin before the end of the year. Ameren UE has been working with more than 300 households to acquire the easements to bury the high voltage power lines. More than 600 households will have increased reliability in their electric service.

Ameren UE's Power On Program is budgeted at \$1,000,000,000 (One Billion Dollars) over the next three years. Residents in Phase 1 & 2 have been notified of the construction plans. If you have not been

notified, you are probably not included in phase 1 or 2, but we expect many more phases over the next three years.

Residents are not required, but will be given the option to bury their personal service lines from the pole to the house, to have an even better chance of not losing electrical power during storms. Ameren estimates the homeowner's cost between \$1,200 and \$2,000. Anyone who opts to bury personal lines will qualify for a \$750.00 rebate if the lines are buried within 12 months of the completion of Phase 1 & 2.

## MSD Sewer Project Update

The "Bellefontaine #1 Lateral Sanitary Relief Project" began in June, 2008. This project includes replacing 3,400 feet of 6 inch to 15 inch sewers on Ashbrook Drive from Chambers Road to Bissell Park. This project is expected to cost MSD \$450,000 and is expected to relieve basement back ups and over-charged sewers. Workmen from XL Contractors are working with residents to keep the streets open and accessible.

Another project, "The Bissell Hills Sanitary Relief Project" is now on the drawing boards and expected to start construction in April of '09. This project will cost \$4,500,000 and rehab 64,000 feet of pipe and



1,677 service connections. No streets have been identified as of yet. MSD has many other projects lined up as a result of smoke testing and CCTV tapes made to identify failing sewer systems.

# Police Officers Recognized For Outstanding Service



Chief Robert Pruett was proud to present "The Chief's Letter of Commendation" to six of our police officers for professionalism and dedication. These police officers went over and above the call of duty to protect our residents. Residents are encouraged to assist the police by participating in Neighborhood Watch, being aware of your neighborhood and calling the police to report suspicious persons, activity or vehicles. Many thanks to the people who have called in and assisted police by identifying the suspects or giving information that helped in investigations. Neighborhood Watch is held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 at City Hall.

## **P.O. David Owens P.O. Michael Dunn**

On April 15, 2008, P.O. Michael Dunn conducted a traffic stop for a vehicle speeding in the area of St. Cyr and Adler. P.O. Dunn requested assistance and P.O. David Owens assisted. As a result of that traffic stop, the officers determined that the driver had an active felony warrant through St. Louis County. The officer searched the vehicle and found a loaded 9mm Beretta pistol and over 1,044 counterfeit DVD movies and music compact discs. A search of the driver resulted in the officers finding a large amount of money in the driver's jacket. The driver disclosed that he sold the counterfeit DVD's at flea markets. A criminal history inquiry revealed that the driver had a prior felony conviction. The officers charged the driver with speeding, counterfeiting, unlawful use of a weapon in the commission of a felony and unlawful possession of a weapon by a convicted felon. For their professionalism and dedication during this investigation, the officers were presented the Chief's Letter of Commendation.



## **P.O. David McGary**

On July 5, 2008, P.O. David McGary responded to the 1200 block of Darr for a sick case, unconscious victim not breathing. P.O. McGary was the first responder on the scene and immediately began and continued CPR until EMS arrived. P.O. McGary continued to assist EMS personnel and drove the ambulance to the hospital so that both paramedics could assist the victim. Through the efforts of P.O. McGary and EMS personnel, the victim was revived at the hospital. For his professionalism and dedication in handling this sick case, he was presented the Chief's Letter of Commendation.



## **P.O. David Owens Corporal Timothy Sanders**

On April 9, 2008, Cpl. Timothy Sanders and P.O. David Owens responded to the 9200 block of Edna in reference to several subjects trespassing in the rear of the property. The officers were aware that the residence was a vacant home and there were prior reports of the residence being burglarized. The officers found an open rear door and conducted a search of the building. The officers discovered three subjects hiding in the basement. The subjects were arrested and charged with Burglary 2nd. For their professionalism and dedication during this investigation, the officers were presented the Chief's Letter of Commendation.



## **Corporal Joe St. Clair P.O. Scott Wills**

On November 8, 2007, P.O. Scott Wills responded to the 1100 block of Jolene, in reference to three (3) suspicious persons in the area. After P.O. Wills obtained a description of the three (3) suspects from a witness, he determined there was a residential burglary that just occurred in the 1100 block of Jolene, he broadcasted the information over the police radio. Corporal St. Clair, who was off duty but monitoring his portable police radio, observed three subjects fitting the description of the broadcast walking in the 9200 block of Bellefontaine Road. The suspects were detained by Corporal St. Clair and the three individuals were positively identified by the witnesses. A search of the individuals subsequent to their arrest revealed that they had property in their possession taken in the burglary. For their professionalism and dedication during this investigation, the officers were presented the Chief's Letter of Commendation.



# Bellefontaine Neighbors



All city churches offer you an invitation to join them for events or worship. For more information, call the number listed.

**Friedens United Church of Christ**  
1060 Chambers Road  
867-2782

**Grace New Covenant Church**  
1060 Chambers Road  
388-3333



**Bellefontaine Baptist Church**  
10115 Ashbrook Drive  
868-6880

Free Christmas Breakfast  
Saturday, Dec. 20, 9:30 AM  
Children (& adults) in 63137 zip.

Thanksgiving Communion Service  
Sunday, Nov. 23, 11:15 AM

Adult Christmas Cantata  
"Hope Has Hands"  
Sunday, Dec. 14, 10:45 AM

Christmas Eve Service  
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 7 PM

Men's Prayer Breakfast  
Saturday, Dec. 13, 9:00 AM  
An invitation to men to gather in fellowship & prayer, and learn more about leading their families while enjoying a hearty breakfast.

Christmas Eve Service  
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 5 PM



**Grace Chapel Lutheran Church**  
10015 Lance Drive  
868-3232

Men's Service Celebration  
Sunday, Dec. 14, 11:15 AM  
All males (youth, young adults, & seniors) are invited to participate.

**Bellefontaine Methodist Church**  
10600 Bellefontaine Road  
867-8754

All Saints Day Celebration Service  
Saturday, Nov. 1, 5:30 PM  
Choirs from Chapel of the Cross, Salem and Grace Chapel.  
Refreshments will be served.

Sunday - Dec. 21, 11:15 AM  
Celebrate Jesus and enjoy the children in worship!

Fish Fry on 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month, 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve Worship Service  
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 7:30 PM

Thanksgiving Worship  
Wednesday, Nov. 26, 7 PM  
Thursday, Nov. 27, 9:30 AM  
Thanksgiving Day Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 8 - 9 AM  
Free will offering.

New Year's Eve Watch Meeting  
Wednesday, Dec. 31, 10:00 PM  
A special time of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Join us as we give God thanks for bringing us and this nation through 2008 and offer our petitions for 2009.



**Beth-El Baptist Church**  
10115 Ashbrook Drive  
869-1221

Advent by Candlelight  
Sunday, Nov. 30, 6:30 PM  
An evening of devotion for women.  
RSVP 314-868-3232



**Greater St. Mark's Family Church**  
1229 Shepley Drive  
388-1180

For a list of events at Beth-El Baptist Church, please call.

Advent Worship - Wednesdays,  
Dec. 3 & 10, 2 & 7 PM

Thanksgiving Service  
Thursday, Nov. 27, 10 AM

Children's Christmas Program  
Sunday, Dec. 21, 11 AM

**Covenant Community Church**  
1351 Shepley Drive  
869-4367

Day School Christmas Service  
Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2 & 7 PM

Watch Night Service  
Wednesday, Dec. 31, 10:30 PM

Bar-B-Que & Christmas Store  
Saturday, Dec. 13, 11 AM - 6 PM

Children's Christmas Service:  
"Jesus: Our Light in the World"  
Sunday, Dec. 21, 5 PM

Christmas Eve Family Worship,  
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 5 PM

Rev. Tommie L. Pierson St., Pastor  
Birthday Dinner  
Sunday, Jan. 25, 10:15 AM

Children's Christmas Musical  
"The Christmas County  
Spelling Bee"  
Saturday, Dec. 20, 7 PM  
Sunday, Dec. 21, 6 PM

Choral Candlelight Service -  
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 11 PM

Christmas Day Worship  
Thursday, Dec. 25, 9:30 AM

Christmas Candlelight Service  
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 6 PM

New Year's Eve Worship  
Wednesday, Dec. 31, 7 PM



## Church Events



**Holy Name of Jesus  
Catholic Church**  
10235 Ashbrook Drive  
868-2310

Blood Drive - Saturday, Nov. 22  
9 AM - 1 PM in the Parish  
Community Center

Thanksgiving Mass  
Thursday, Nov. 27, 9 AM

Christmas Eve Mass  
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4 PM &  
Midnight

Christmas Day Mass  
Thursday, Dec. 25  
7, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

New Year's Day Mass  
Thursday, Jan. 1, 6:30 & 8 AM



**Christ Light of the Nations  
School**

Christ Light of the Nations - Barnes  
and Noble Book Sale at the  
Florissant Store on  
Friday, Dec. 5, 4 - 8 PM  
For more information call 741-0400

Christ Light of the Nations  
Christmas Program at Trinity High  
School - Thursday, Dec. 18, 7 PM



**Hope Central Ministries**  
10115 Lewis & Clark  
869-8573

For a list of events at Hope Central  
Ministries, please call.



**Hope Church**  
10636 Bellefontaine Road  
869-7777

DivorceCare groups meet weekly to  
help you face challenges and move  
toward rebuilding your life.

Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM  
beginning Nov. 5th. These meet-  
ings will be held in the green room  
by the North Upper level entrance.

DivorceCare classes will run for  
approximately 12 weeks. These  
meetings are free, all are welcome  
to attend. Please call the church  
office for holiday schedule changes.

### Food Pantry

Hope Church has a food pantry  
available for residents living in the  
63137 zip code. The food pantry is  
open 6 - 6:45 PM on Wednesday  
evenings. Proof of zip code is  
required to obtain groceries.

Christmas Services  
Sunday, Dec. 21  
9:00, 10:15 & 11:30 AM



**Jericho Church of All Nations**  
1315 Duenke Drive  
388-2062

Thanksgiving Service  
Thursday, Nov. 27, 8 AM

Christmas Service  
Thursday, Dec. 25, 8 AM



**One Way Missionary  
Baptist Church**  
10117 Lewis & Clark Blvd.  
388-2288

For a list of events at One Way  
Missionary Baptist Church,  
please call.



**Knights of Columbus**  
800 Chambers Road  
867-9727

Trivia Night - Saturday, Nov. 8  
Doors open at 6:30 PM - Questions  
start at 7 PM. Table of 8 for \$120  
(includes can beer and soda).

Tables must be reserved in  
advance. For reservations call  
314-869-3609. Proceeds to benefit  
Knights of Columbus charitable  
donations to youth, veterans and  
handicapped organizations.



### Scouting for Food

The Greater St. Louis Area Boy  
Scout Council will sponsor the 24th  
Annual Scouting For Food in  
November. On Bag Distribution  
Day, Saturday, November 19,  
Scouts will deliver bags to resi-  
dents. The following Saturday,  
November 17, Bag Collection Day,  
Scouts will return to pick up the  
bags filled with donated canned  
goods. The canned goods are dis-  
tributed by area food pantries to  
help the needy.



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## Scout Christmas Tree Lots

Scouts from Troop 374 and 551 sponsor Christmas Tree Lots in the City of BN. Money earned by selling trees is used for scout activities and charitable organizations. Please help support Scouting in the City of BN by stopping by and buying a live tree.

**Boy Scout Troop 374**  
Frieden's Chapel  
1060 Chambers Road  
(Just West of Bellefontaine Road)

**Boy Scout Troop 551**  
Grace Chapel Lutheran Church  
10015 Lance Drive  
(Highway 367 & Chambers)

# News From The Riverview Fire Protection District

During the most recent Town Hall Meeting Chief Bommarito introduced and presented certificates crediting Captain Jack Keller and Firefighters Tom Newsham and Matthew O'Donnell for a clinical save on the morning of September 9, 2008. Their truck (4910) responded before an ambulance for a resident not responding. Upon confirming the patient was not responding, their AED (automatic external defibrillator) was used to administer shocks whereby reviving the patient. The EMS unit arrived and working as a team, they stabilized and transported the patient to Christian Hospital Northeast. The patient is doing very well.

Chief Bommarito spoke about the calls the Fire District runs assisting the ambulance and expressed his appreciation and praised the firefighters for a job well done.

Chief Bommarito and the firefighters from "B" Crew, Captains Jack Keller, Don Mayse and Firefighters Mick Caldwell, Mark Leggitt, Matthew O'Donnell and Terry Sydnor gathered in front of Fire House number 1 located at 9933 Diamond Drive as they spent a portion of their morning honoring the fallen Firefighters, Police Officers, and citizens who perished from the tragedy of September 11, 2001. Chief Bommarito spoke about the tragedy and they all recited the Firefighters Prayer. As part of the ceremony the Fire District apparatus and staff car were placed on the front ramp of the engine house and the sirens were sounded for one (1) minute at the exact time the second World Trade Center Tower fell. The station flag was lowered to half staff. Some Fire District residents were present for the ceremony.

Chief Bommarito would like to thank the residents of the community for their cooperation during the flash flooding that took place on September 14th. Your firefighters responded to many calls for water in basements throughout the entire fire district. There was water in basements never reported in the past. With the help of Mayor Rudloff and members of our CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Mr. Ed Meier, Mr. Doug Chambers and Mr. Jeff Lofton, the

recreation center was opened and staffed to provide a safe place for residents to stay during the flooding. The community center in Moline Acres was also opened to provide shelter for the families from the Lewis and Clark Apartments that were evacuated due to the rising water from the creek on Lewis and Clark.

Chief Bommarito would also like to remind residents that they need to heed the warnings provided by the news media during stormy weather. Remember to have a plan for your family as well as an emergency response kit ready "just in case". Be prepared to bring

valuables to higher levels of the home if flooding is possible. If water is in your basement, stay away from the electric panel. If water gets above the electric receptacle height, you need to contact an electrician to have the electric checked out before using the receptacles. The same thing goes for the furnace and water heater; if the water gets into them they need to be checked out prior to use.

You should have your appliances secured to the floor so they do not move during severe weather or in case of flooding. If you need to shut off your gas service to the furnace or water heater make sure you call a service person to check it out before the pilot is relit.

As we move into the fall and winter months, remember to have your furnaces checked out and remember to change your furnace filter regularly. It is always pretty to see the homes decorated for the holidays but remember not to over circuit the electric. Only use extension cords rated for outdoor use when putting up exterior decorative lights.

And always remember smoke detectors save lives, but unless they are electric powered with a battery backup they need to have a good battery for the smoke detector to work. Remember to "change your clock and change your smoke detector battery".

Have a safe holiday season!



Chief Joe Bommarito, Matt O'Donnell, Tom Newsham and Captain Jack Keller.



# St. Louis County Park Activities Close To Home

## **Military Timeline Hayrides - Fort Belle Fontaine**

(All Ages) Your family will enjoy a scenic hayride through Fort Belle Fontaine along the Missouri River and be entertained by re-enactors from the French and Indian War through World War II. Each group will briefly explain his time period, uniform and equipment. After the hayride you may visit the camps to talk with the re-enactors. Call 314-544-6224.

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 AM, 12:30 & 2:30 PM

Sunday, Nov. 9, Noon & 2 PM

\$5 per person, 7 and under free

## **Feast of the Hunter's Full Moon at the Daniel**

**Bissell House** (Ages 21+) Your extravagant evening adventure begins by walking the candlelit pathway to the door of the Daniel Bissell House where a valet will escort you on a tour of the historic Bissell home. You will be guided to the barn by period re-enactors depicting fur trappers and soldiers where you'll enjoy a five course meal with libations and music of the era. Call 314-615-8840. NCR-18106

Friday, Nov. 14, 6 - 9 PM \$50 per person

## **Candlelight Tours at the General Daniel Bissell**

**House** (All Ages) Visitors will enjoy a tour of this grand old 19th century mansion lit by candlelight and decorated for the holidays. Begin the evening with hot apple cider and cookies and then enjoy the tour presented by costumed interpreters. Call 314-544-6224 or e-mail [mkollbaum@stlouisco.com](mailto:mkollbaum@stlouisco.com). Call 314-544-6224.

Saturday, Dec. 20, 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 PM

\$5 per person

## **Christmas Craft Show in the Barn - General Daniel Bissell House**

(All Ages) Pick up that last minute Christmas gift or simply enjoy the crafts presented by local crafters. The Bissell Barn will be filled with beautiful arts and crafts and filled with the holiday spirit so come out and enjoy the day. Call 636-532-7298.

Saturday, Dec. 20, 10 AM - 3 PM

\$20 for exhibit space; free admission

## **Eagle Watch and Trail Walk at Fort Belle Fontaine**

(All Ages) Spend your day with the Friends of Fort Belle Fontaine Park observing the eagles. A live eagle and other birds of prey from the World Bird Sanctuary will be on site from noon until 2 PM. Enjoy two guided hikes on the three-mile trail. Hikers and bikers are welcome to take the trek on their own throughout the day. Refreshments will be served. Dress for the weather. Call 314-821-1209 ext.14.

Saturday, Jan. 24, 11 AM - 2 PM. Free admission

## **30/30 Hikes Program**

(All Ages) Enjoy 30 St. Louis County Park trails that take approximately 30 minutes to walk. This program encourages individuals, families, scouts, and other groups to get those 30 minutes of exercise that are so critical for good health. Get the master map and 30 individual maps online at [www.stlouisco.com/parks](http://www.stlouisco.com/parks). You can get a punch card for free or the map packet for \$10 at any of the five recreation complexes, the Clayton office, Laumeier Sculpture Park, or Faust Park. Once all 30 sites are visited and punched on your card, turn it in and receive a 30/30 Hikes patch. Call 314-615-8822.

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## Speed Limit Changed On St. Cyr Road

The Board of Aldermen has approved an ordinance to change the speed limit on St. Cyr Road from 20 miles per hour (MPH) to 25 MPH.

The change was made at the recommendation of St. Louis County. The traffic studies have determined the speed of 25 MPH is the safest and most manageable speed in school zones.

St. Cyr Road has two elementary schools and two playgrounds and parks. Because of this the speed was set at 20 MPH and maintained at that until new guidelines were set.

The speed limit on Chambers Road is 30 MPH, except in school zones during the times children are walking to and from school when the speed limit goes down to 25 MPH. Additional fines can be assessed for speeding in a school zone when children are present.



Please be alert to the speed limits all around the city when driving, especially while children are walking to and from school or during hazardous weather conditions. Speed limits will be enforced by the police department.

## Now Is The Time To Get Involved

### Alderman Audrey Hollis



On behalf of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, I would like to encourage all residents to get involved! Now more than ever before, we need people to get involved and

work together to make The City of BN a better place to live. This is your home and your community and together we can keep it safe and we can keep it beautiful.

By attending Neighborhood Watch meetings, residents can learn how to make their neighborhood safer. Knowing when to call police and giving them the right information is the key to stopping crime!

Members are especially needed for our Image and Beautification (I & B) Board which is chaired by Gina Sharpley. The board meets monthly to plans projects and works to tend gardens to keep our City beautiful.

Please call City Hall if you would be interested in joining I & B or Neighborhood Watch or call your Aldermen and let them know you want to be involved. Contact information for the Aldermen is on the back of this newsletter.

All meetings are open to the public and held at the Bellefontaine Neighbors City Hall, except Parks and Recreation, which is held at the Recreation Center.

#### ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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

Planning and Zoning Board - 1st Monday 7:00 PM

Public Safety Commission - 4th Thursday 6:30 PM

Neighborhood Watch - 1st Wednesday 7:00 PM

Youth Commission - 3rd Monday 7:30 PM

Image and Beautification Board - 2nd Tuesday 6:30 PM

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

(At Recreation Center)

Board of Adjustment - upon request

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

Human Relations Commission - Upon Request

(Call City Hall for re-scheduling of meetings falling on holidays)

## North County Post Office Now William "Bill" Clay Post Office



About 250 friends, family, politicians and post office employees gathered on October 17 to help celebrate the renaming of the North County Post Office to the William "Bill" Clay Post Office.

Newly appointed St. Louis Postmaster Robert Cavinder was master of ceremonies. Speakers included Danita Aquiningoc - District Manager USPS, Congressman Russ Carnahan, Congressman William Lacy Clay and St. Louis County Executive Charlie Dooley.

Former Congressman Bill Clay was happy to see everyone, including old friend from the 1960's when he was first elected, City of BN resident Al Chamberlain.



The two were able to spend a few minutes talking about the good old days.



## Holiday Home Decoration Awards

The Image and Beautification Board (I & B) will be judging homes in mid December for the Holiday Decoration Awards.

Homes will be judged on many factors, including originality, color and design.

Decorate your home and turn on the lights. The Board plans to judge the homes in mid December.

To nominate your neighbor or yourself, call 867-0076.

# Frank Kerz, City Engineer Honored For 40 Years Of Service

Frank Kerz, City Engineer was surprised on Thursday, October 16 when his family joined the Board of Aldermen to celebrate 40 years of service to the City of BN. Frank was presented a proclamation by Mayor Rudloff from the Board of Aldermen proclaiming Thursday, October 16, 2008, "Frank Kerz Day in the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors." Frank was thanked by the Mayor and Board for the his dedication over the years.



Frank's duties as City Engineer are to oversee all construction and re-construction, verify all plans and building are done according to City ordinance and guide the Planning and Zoning Commission.

## Important Numbers To Remember

All elected officials encourage your calls and E-mails, but if you have an emergency, **Please call 911 first.** If you see a suspicious character or suspicious vehicle, hear glass breaking or see lights on when you know someone is not home, call Police Dispatch immediately at (314) 889-2341 or 911 and have the police department check it out. Don't wait until the next day to call an Alderman when it is too late to do anything.

### Helpful Numbers

Emergency	911
Police (dispatch)	(314) 889-2341
City Hall	(314) 867-0076
Police Department (office)	(314) 867-0080
Recreation Center	(314) 867-0700
Riverview Fire Protection District	(314) 867-3889

## WM Encourages Recycling

Dave Cannady and Dan Hanna were present at our recent town hall meeting to let residents see the number of items that can be recycled.

Recyclables are picked up on the same day as regular trash service and include newspapers, brown paper bags, phone books, office, computer and notebook paper, junk mail, food mix boxes, cardboard and soda cartons. Many containers, including milk, soda, water, detergent, shampoo, glass bottles and jars, aluminum food cans, trays and foil and metal food cans can be recycled.

Many of our residents who have tried recycling say they have very little trash. Give it a try!



## Help For Elderly Homeowners Is Available

The Job Squad (North East Deanery) is a multi-faith based, not for profit organization with a mission to help elderly homeowners stay in their own homes by offering help around the house to residents of all faiths.

Job Squad volunteers offer a variety of services such as gutter cleaning/repair, replacing smoke detector batteries, weatherization, minor plumbing work and yard work. They will match senior homeowners with volunteers to help with home repairs.

Job Squad is now working with 27 Catholic, Baptist

and Lutheran Churches and expanding services through other major denominations in the area.

Sister Rose Mercurio of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church encourages residents to call Job Squad for help. She says they are a wonderful group and it is great, because your neighbors are the ones who show up to help.

Residents age 65 and older who need help around the house and anyone who is able to volunteer to help should call James Ehlinger at (314) 664-9700.



*The Mayor and Board of Aldermen wish everyone a blessed Holiday Season.*

**City Hall Will Be Closed For The Following Holidays**

- Tuesday, November 11 - Veteran's Day
- Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving
- Thursday, December 25 - Christmas
- Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day
- Monday, January 19 - Martin Luther King Day

**Waste Management Holiday Pick-up Schedule**

- Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day
- Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day
- Thursday, January 1 - New Years Day

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day fall on Thursdays, so Monday through Wednesday, trash pick up will not change. Thursday's trash pick up will be Friday and Friday's trash pick up will be Saturday.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**  
**Ends on Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 2:00 AM.**  
**Turn clocks back one hour.**

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