

Summer 2022 Brochure



Bellefontaine Recreation Center



OFFICE INFORMATION



Hello Bellefontaine residents! As summer approaches our dedicated Parks and Recreation Team sets out every day to provide guests with a clean, beautiful and safe experience in our City's parks. I hope this summer you continue to take an active role of support by participating in activities, swimming at aquatic facilities, taking a walk, or enjoying a round of golf on our 18 hole mini golf course. As always, please help us continue to keep Bellefontaine clean and beautiful by picking up pieces of trash and reporting any concerns. The outdoor pool will open for the season on Monday, May 30th. Memberships are now available for purchase at the Recreation Center. Thank you for your patience as we continue to update several of our facilities. Enjoy your summer and it's our pleasure to serve the Bellefontaine Community. Jimmy Kirincich– Director of Parks and Recreation

OUR MISSION

The Bellefontaine Neighbors Parks and Recreation Department exists to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of the city. It maintains the eight parks as well as the Recreation Center and other public areas. In the recreation sphere, the department develops and offers programs, activities, special events and services that promote physical fitness, mental stimulation, socialization and a sense of pride in our community.

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Meets 3rd Tuesday at the Recreation
Center at 6:00 p.m.

Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A) & Inclusive Recreation Services

Bellefontaine Neighbors Parks & Recreation Department welcomes people of all abilities. Our inclusion coordinator for the North County Region is responsible for facilitating the inclusion of people with disabilities into recreation programs as well as other inclusion matters. Every effort will be made to adapt a program to incorporate your individual needs. If assistance is needed, please call Martha Snead and she will contact our inclusion person or use Relay Missouri 1-800-735-2966. To place a grievance, you may contact Martha Snead at 314-867-0700, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Insurance - Bellefontaine Neighbors Parks & Recreation Department does not provide insurance coverage for injuries suffered while participating in recreation programs or while using our facilities.

Photo Policy - Our staff may take pictures of you or your child participating in recreational activities. These photographs could be used in future publications and on our website. If you do not wish to have your photo published, please inform the photographer.



We proudly partner with both options. Check with your Medicare plan to see if you are eligible.



BUILDING HOURS OF OPERATION

The Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Complex has these features available during regular hours:

Regular Business Hours

Monday-Thursday	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Summer Hours

May 31- Sept 5

Monday-Thursday	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

RECREATION CENTER

9669 Bellefontaine Road
St. Louis, MO 63137
Phone: 314-867-0700
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CITY HALL

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Business: 314-867-0080
Police Dispatch: 636-529-8210

Website: www.cityofbn.com

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GYMNASIUM SCHEDULE

Please be advised that the Bellefontaine Recreation Center Gymnasium is closed for extensive repairs. We are anticipating these repairs to be completed by the end of 2022.



ID CARDS, PASSES & DAILY FEES

Pass Type	Resident	Non-Resident
General ID Non-Resident ID	\$5.00	\$5.00
Individual Annual Swim Family Annual Swim	\$75.00 \$120.00	\$135.00 \$180.00
Weight Room Primary Weight Room Additional	\$50.00 \$25.00	\$135.00 N/A



Recreation Department resident ID cards are required by all residents six years of age or older to enter the facility, use the gymnasium, game room, pool, sauna, racquetball court, to reserve rooms or parks or receive resident rates for classes. With a resident general ID card you pay daily user fees each time you swim, workout or play basketball, unless you have purchased a swim, weight or basketball pass. All passes also require a general ID card. All passes include basketball passes, but the gymnasium is currently closed until further notice for renovations

Daily Fees

Adult fee begins at age 15

Swimming Pool - 2 guests per card

Resident Child- \$4.00 Resident Adult-\$5.00

Guest Child- \$8.00 Guest Adult- \$9.00

5 & under free Labor Day to Memorial Day

Weight Room

Residents only - \$3.00

Miniature Golf Course - Open to the Public

Adult Resident - \$3.00 Nonresident - \$6.00

Child Resident - \$2.00 Nonresident - \$4.00

Gymnasium & Game Room - 1 guest per card:

Resident Adult or Child \$1.00

Nonresident Guest \$6.00

Racquetball per hour:

\$6.00

Walleyball per hour:

\$9.00

Pickleball:

\$2.00 per person

- All ID cards and passes will be valid 1 year from date of purchase with the exception of the weight room additional member. Both the primary and the additional weight room passes will expire together.

To get a resident ID card you must:

- Be on a current Bellefontaine Neighbors occupancy permit.
- Bring a picture ID showing your Bellefontaine Neighbors address (driver's license, school or work ID).
- Bring your occupancy permit, utility bill, or bank statement if your picture ID does not have your Bellefontaine Neighbors address.
- Bring a parent with a picture ID if a child does not have the required identification.

POLICIES, CLOSINGS & POOL HOURS

Indoor Pool

Lap Swim

Monday

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Time

Monday- Friday

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday

12:00-3:00 p.m.



Outdoor Pool

Open Memorial Day, May 30–
Labor Day, September 5, 2022

Hours of Operation:

Lap Swim:

Wednesday & Friday 11:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

Open Swim:

Monday-Sunday 12:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.

Outdoor Pool will close early on the following dates:

May 30	5:30 p.m.	Holiday
June 16	4:30 p.m.	Swim Meet
June 23	4:30 p.m.	Swim Meet
June 28	4:30 p.m.	Swim Meet
June 30	4:30 p.m.	Swim Meet
July 4	5:30 p.m.	Holiday
July 29	4:30 p.m.	Swim Team
Sept. 5	5:30 p.m.	Holiday

Facility Admission Policies and Rules

1. All patrons must abide by the department's ID, Pass, Fee, and Guest Policies
2. Inappropriate language or conduct perceived as threatening, inappropriate or less than family-friendly will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the facility.
3. Children 9 years of age and under must be with an adult age 16 or older at all times. An adult must remain in the building with the children during family time.
4. Guests must stay with the resident at all times. The resident is responsible for the guest's behavior. Misconduct of either party will result in the removal of both.
5. Proper attire is required in every area of the recreation facility at all times. This includes the wearing of shirts in the gymnasium, hallways and weight room as well as pants that cover any and all under clothing.
6. Weight room users must complete a release form. All users must bring a sweat towel and abide by the rules attached to the form.
7. No guests are allowed in the weight room.
8. As of June 1, 2019, **the daily resident admission to play basketball is \$1.00 per person.** Please purchasing a pass to forgo the daily fee.
9. Each resident is allowed **two** guests in the pool during open or lap swim. Non-resident swim guests must pay appropriate fee for admission.
10. All patrons on the pool deck must pay the admission fee.
11. Properly lined swim attire is required. No gym shorts, leotards, sport bras or street clothes are allowed in the pool.
12. All diapers must be changed using the diaper changing stations located in the locker rooms.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Resident Registration will begin **Monday, May 16** at 9:00 a.m.

Open Registration will begin **Tuesday, May 31** at 9:00 a.m.

and will run until class limits are met.

Current resident ID is required for resident rates.

- During open registration, residents and nonresidents may enroll.
- Full payment in cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express must be made before being added to the roster
- The Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any class due to low enrollment. If a class is cancelled, you will receive a full refund or credit.
- You may cancel your enrollment before the class begins, with a \$3.00 surcharge. After the first class, refunds or credits can be issued with a medical excuse only.
- If an accommodation is needed to participate in any program, please contact Martha Snead for our inclusion coordinator's name and phone number to discuss options.

SIGN UP EARLY TO PREVENT CANCELLED CLASSES!

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

This service is available to the senior or disabled residents of Bellefontaine Neighbors. Call the Recreation Center at 867-0700 to receive an information packet and application, or to make an appointment to use the service.

Title VI states that: No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

THE VAN WILL NOT RUN
MONDAY, MAY 30
MONDAY, JULY 4
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11
THURSDAY, NOV. 24

Summer Restaurant Trips

Tuesday, June 14
Red Lobster

Tuesday, July 12
Olive Garden

Tuesday, August 9
Pirrone's Pizzeria

Tuesday, September 13
Pasta House

Nonresidents can now join these trips for a \$2.00 fee. You will be picked up at the Recreation Center.

WHERE DOES THE VAN GO?

Medical Appointments	Monday through Thursday
Walmart	1st Tuesday of Month
Target	3rd Tuesday of Month
Handyman Hardware	4th Tuesday of Month
Family Dollar	Wednesdays
Schnucks, Aldi, Ruler	Fridays
Local Banking, Post Office	
Drug Stores, Hair Salons	As needed
Recreation Center for activities, meetings, classes etc.	

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS

Turtles

Recommended ages 1 - 4 years

This class will orient the parent and the child to the water while teaching basic skills of kicking, pulling and submersion. Using songs and games, parents learn to safely handle and guide their child in the water. Children must wear a commercial swim diaper under their suit. One adult participant in proper swim attire is required for each child.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Price</u>
Wednesday	7:00-7:40 p.m.	June 15	August 10	Res \$32 /Non-Res \$40

***No class July 20

Preschool Lessons

Recommended ages 4-5 years

Classes will begin with the basic skills of water adjustment including submersion, floating, kicking, front and back glides and basic arm strokes. We will introduce rhythmic breathing, front crawl and elementary backstroke at the student's pace. The goal of this class is to build a foundation for more advanced skills while creating awareness of water safety.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Price</u>
Wednesday/Friday	9:45-10:25a.m.	June 15	July 8	Res \$32 /Non-Res \$40
Wednesdays	5:30-6:10p.m.	June 15	July 20	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$30
Saturday	10:45-11:25 a.m.	June 25	July 30	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$30

Beginner Level

Recommended ages 6-12 years

Class establishes the basic skills of water adjustment; submersion, floating, kicking, front and back glides and basic arm strokes. We will introduce rhythmic breathing, front crawl and elementary backstroke. Emphasis will be on independent performance of skills and water safety.

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Wednesday/Friday	9:00-9:40 a.m.	June 15	July 8	Res \$32 /Non-Res \$40
Wednesday	6:15-6:55 p.m.	June 15	July 20	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$30
Saturday	9:15-9:55 a.m.	June 25	July 30	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$30
Saturday	10:00-10:40 a.m.	June 25	July 30	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$30

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS

Intermediate Level

Recommended ages 6-12 years

We will emphasize rotary breathing, front crawl and treading water, and introduce back crawl and diving. Participants will become more independent in the water and greater endurance is expected. We conduct this class in the deep end of the pool.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Price</u>
Wednesday/Friday	9:00-9:40 a.m.	June 15	July 8	Res \$32 /Non-Res \$40
Wednesday	6:15-6:55 p.m.	June 15	July 20	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$30
Saturday	9:15-9:55 a.m.	June 25	July 30	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$30
Saturday	10:00-10:40 a.m.	June 25	July 30	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$30

Advanced Level

Recommended ages 6-12 years

Participants must have the endurance to swim lengths of the pool. Basic strokes will be refined. We will introduce breaststroke, sidestroke and basic turns. Advanced deep-water skills and competitive swimming strokes will be included as the students continue to participate.

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Wednesday	5:30-6:10 p.m.	June 15	July 20	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$30
Saturday	10:45-11:25 a.m.	June 25	July 30	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$30

REFUND POLICY: The Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any class due to low enrollment. If a class is cancelled, you will receive a full refund or credit.

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If an accommodation is needed to participate in any program, please contact Martha Snead for our inclusion coordinator's name and phone number to discuss options.

BARRACUDA SWIM TEAM!

The Bellefontaine Barracudas are a proud member of the Municipal Swim League - North. Our team stresses sportsmanship, personal improvement and a healthy competitive spirit. With team members ranging in age from 5 through 18 years, it is a rewarding experience for the entire family. Practices begin mid June and continue through July. They are held Tuesday thru Friday mornings and Monday evenings. To find out more about the Barracudas, contact Martha at the Recreation Center for an information packet.



WATER FITNESS

Exercise in the water provides the benefits of cardiovascular and strength training while minimizing impact on the joints. Join us as we use the water's resistance to increase muscle tone, improve flexibility, balance, and increase energy levels! We hold class in the shallow end of the pool; no swimming ability is necessary.

Aqua Fitness— Consists of continuous resistance exercise designed to improve breathing, circulation, muscle tone, and flexibility.

Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Instructor
Wednesday	10:30-11:15 a.m.	June 15	August 17	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$32	Martha
Friday	10:30-11:15 a.m.	June 17	August 19	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$32	Martha

***No Class July 20, 22, 27 & 29

Water Aerobics— A mixture of choreographed or repetitive motion cardiovascular exercises combined with resistance moves to strengthen and tone the whole body.

Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Instructor
Monday	6:45-7:30 p.m.	June 6	August 1	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$32	Yolanda
Tuesday	10:30-11:15 a.m.	June 7	July 26	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$32	Kathy
Thursday	10:30-11:15 a.m.	June 9	July 28	Res \$24 /Non-Res \$32	Kathy

***No Class July 4th

It is an option to pay as you go if the class is not at capacity. Res. \$3.50 /Non-Res \$4.50 per class.

Open Adult Water Exercise— Participants ages 15 and older may use the shallow area to exercise at their own pace without the lead of an instructor. Resistance bells are available for use. The deep end is available for patrons with proficient treading and/or swimming skills.

Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price
Tuesday	5:00-7:00 p.m.	June 7	August 9	Res \$22.50 /Non-Res \$31.50
Thursday	5:00-7:00 p.m.	June 9	August 11	Res \$17.50 /Non-Res \$24.50

No Class June 16, 28 & July 23, 30

- * Proper Swimwear is required in our Water Fitness classes. You are welcome to wear a T-shirt or fitness wear over your swimsuits
- * Water Shoes are encouraged
- * Missed classes cannot be made up
- * Anyone with continence problems is required to wear a commercial swim diaper



For registration information, please see page 6.



Chair Exercise– Raise your heart rate and tone major muscle groups with this low impact aerobic workout. Participants will be seated in or standing behind a chair during class. This is an ideal workout to safely develop core strength, increase flexibility, and improve balance. It is an option to pay as you go if the class is not at capacity.

Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price
Monday	12:00-12:45 p.m.	June 20	August 8	Res \$17.50 /Non-Res \$21.00
Thursday	12:00-12:45 p.m.	June 23	August 11	Res \$15.00 /Non-Res \$18.00

***No class July 4, July 7 & July 21 Instructor: Martha

Option to “Pay As You Go” if the class is not at capacity. Res \$3.00 /Non-Res \$3.50

Zumba– Latin style dance moves combine fast and slow rhythms to provide an effective aerobic workout! Zumba is an energetic way to target your legs, abs, glutes, and arms and bring about total body fitness. Class is held in the racquetball court. Participants will need to navigate steps to participate.

Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price
Monday	6:00-7:00 p.m.	June 6	August 1	Res \$24.00 /Non-Res \$28.00

***No class July 4 Instructor: Maria

Option to “Pay As You Go” if the class is not at capacity. Res \$3.00 /Non-Res \$3.50

African Dance- utilizes the concepts of polyrhythm and total body articulation. African dances are a collective activity performed in large groups, and usually involves significant interaction between dancers and the audience. Open to both adults and children.

Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price
Monday	4:30-5:30 p.m.	June 6	August 8	Res \$35.00 /Non-Res \$40.00

No class on June 13 and July 4

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COMMUNITY

Youth Pool Party!

Join the Bellefontaine Parks and Recreation Department for our annual youth pool parties. The events will take place on Friday, July 8 and Friday, August 5 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for ages 11-18. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and includes hot dog, chips and drink. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Residents and Swim Team members may bring 1 paying guest.

To register for the event, please stop by the Bellefontaine Recreation Center.
9669 Bellefontaine Rd, St. Louis, MO 63137



A 'Hole' lot of fun!

18 hole mini golf course

For an afternoon or evening of family fun come play a round of miniature golf on our 18 hole course. The golf course follows building hours and is open to the public. Birthday party packages are available. Visit our website or call 314-867-0700 for information.

Miniature Golf Course -

Adult Resident - \$3.00 Nonresident - \$6.00

Child Resident - \$2.00 Nonresident - \$4.00



Annual Mammogram

The Siteman Cancer Center is offering mammograms to women age 40 and over on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at the Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center. 9669 Bellefontaine Road, Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO 63137. Schedule your appointment by calling 314-747-7222 or 800-600-3606 (press option #2).



For registration information, please see page 6.

ROOM INFORMATION

Room Reservations

There are two meeting rooms at the Recreation Center available for any **adult resident with a current ID card** to rent for birthdays, anniversaries, bridal and baby showers or other functions. Weddings receptions and family reunions are not permitted.



- The smaller room (109) will accommodate 35 and the fee is **\$165**
- The larger room (101) will accommodate 47 and the fee is **\$175**
- **The fee includes a \$75.00 damage deposit. Fees and deposits must both be paid in full before reservation is put on the calendar.**
- This deposit will be refunded if the room is cleaned up after your function, your group follows the facility rules and you do not exceed the limit of the room. Please note that all guests must stay in the room. The game room, gymnasium or pools are not available without the proper resident to guest ratio and fees paid. After you have cleaned the room, inform the recreation staff. You both will inspect the room and sign the check list. If everything is in order, you will receive your security deposit by mail within one month. The resident:
 - May only reserve one room per date for an event.
 - Any resident household may rent a room once a month maximum.
 - Must be present for the entire function.
 - Is responsible for the behavior of their guests.
 - **Must bring your current Bellefontaine Neighbors ID card to check in at the office before anyone from your group will be admitted to the reserved room.**

Important Room Guide Lines

- You can not enter the room until 11:00 a.m. the day of the reservation. The room must be cleaned up and all guests must be out of the building before 5:30 p.m.
- Due to the size of our meeting rooms and our hours of operation, the rooms may not be reserved for wedding receptions or family reunions.
- Sales, collection of fees or admissions or fundraising of any kind is prohibited in our meeting rooms.
- No refunds will be issued for cancellations made less than two weeks prior to the reservation date.
- There is a \$3.00 service charge on reservation cancellations.
- **GLITTER OR CONFETTI ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR DEPOSIT.**
- **No painting or crafts that may damage the condition of the carpeting is allowed.**

PARK INFORMATION

	<u>Rec Center</u>	<u>St. Cyr Park</u>	<u>Tanglewood Park</u>	<u>Bissell Hills Park</u>	<u>Belgrove Park</u>	<u>Pruett Park</u>	<u>Klein Park</u>	<u>Wilderness Park</u>	<u>Doherty Park</u>
Acreage	9.3	6.2	6.2	4.4	1.1	5.1	.9	10.8	4.7
Picnic Shelter with Electric		1	1	1					
Restrooms	2	1	1	1					
Picnic Tables	6	12	6	8	1		2		
Nature Trails (miles)								.8	
Playgrounds	1	1	1	1	1		1		
Open Play Space	1					1			1
Softball Fields (unlighted)		2	1						
Football/Soccer Field		1	1						
Tennis Courts (unlighted)		2							
Gazebo	1						1		
Miniature Golf Course	1								
Sand Volleyball	1								



Park Reservations

Reservations for 2022 park rentals will start January 3, 2022. The City of Bellefontaine Neighbors has three picnic shelters with restrooms and electricity available for reservations located at:

- Bissell Hills Park, 10237 Ashbrook, capacity: 75
- St. Cyr Park, 1037 Hopedale, capacity 125
- Tanglewood Park, 1180 Chambers, capacity 125
- Bellefontaine Neighbors **residents with a current Bellefontaine ID card** may reserve any of the three shelters for \$60.00. Nonresidents may reserve Tanglewood Park only for \$100.00
- No refunds will be issued for cancellations made less than two weeks prior to the reservation date. A \$3.00 cancellation fee applies.

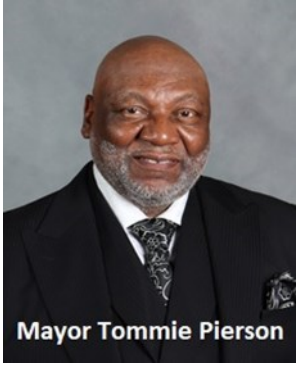
Park Rules

- The parks open at 9:00 a.m. and close at dusk.
- No glass bottles are allowed.
- Organized groups of 10 or more must obtain a park permit through the Recreation Department.
- Alcohol is allowed by permit only.
- Loud music is prohibited.
- All pet waste must be disposed of properly.
- No personal barbeque pits or play equipment (I.E. bounce houses, pools, etc.) are allowed in the parks.
- Any commercial entertainment business must provide the City with a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 per incident naming the City as an additional insurer.

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City of Bellefontaine Neighbors

Bellefontaine News



Greetings Neighbors,

It is the dawn of a new day! City government has been liberated from the restraints of the few that withheld their responsibilities as elected officials for the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors. Elected officials serve many roles in our community, however, attendance at official public meetings is a large role and one that has been taken advantage of for over a year. I emphasize the attendance at official public meetings because the elected Board of Aldermen is the only governing body elected by the public to oversee the business of City government.

As a group, the Board of Aldermen are tasked with the broad care, management and control of the City and its finances. They are the only governing body within the City that can vote on municipal legislation – the power to approve and ordain any and all ordinances that are in compliance with the law and reflect the values of our community. Each member of the Board of Aldermen solemnly swear that they will support the Constitution of the United States, and of the State of Missouri, the provision of all laws of this State affecting Cities of this class and the ordinances of this City, and that they will faithfully demean themselves in the office to which they are elected.

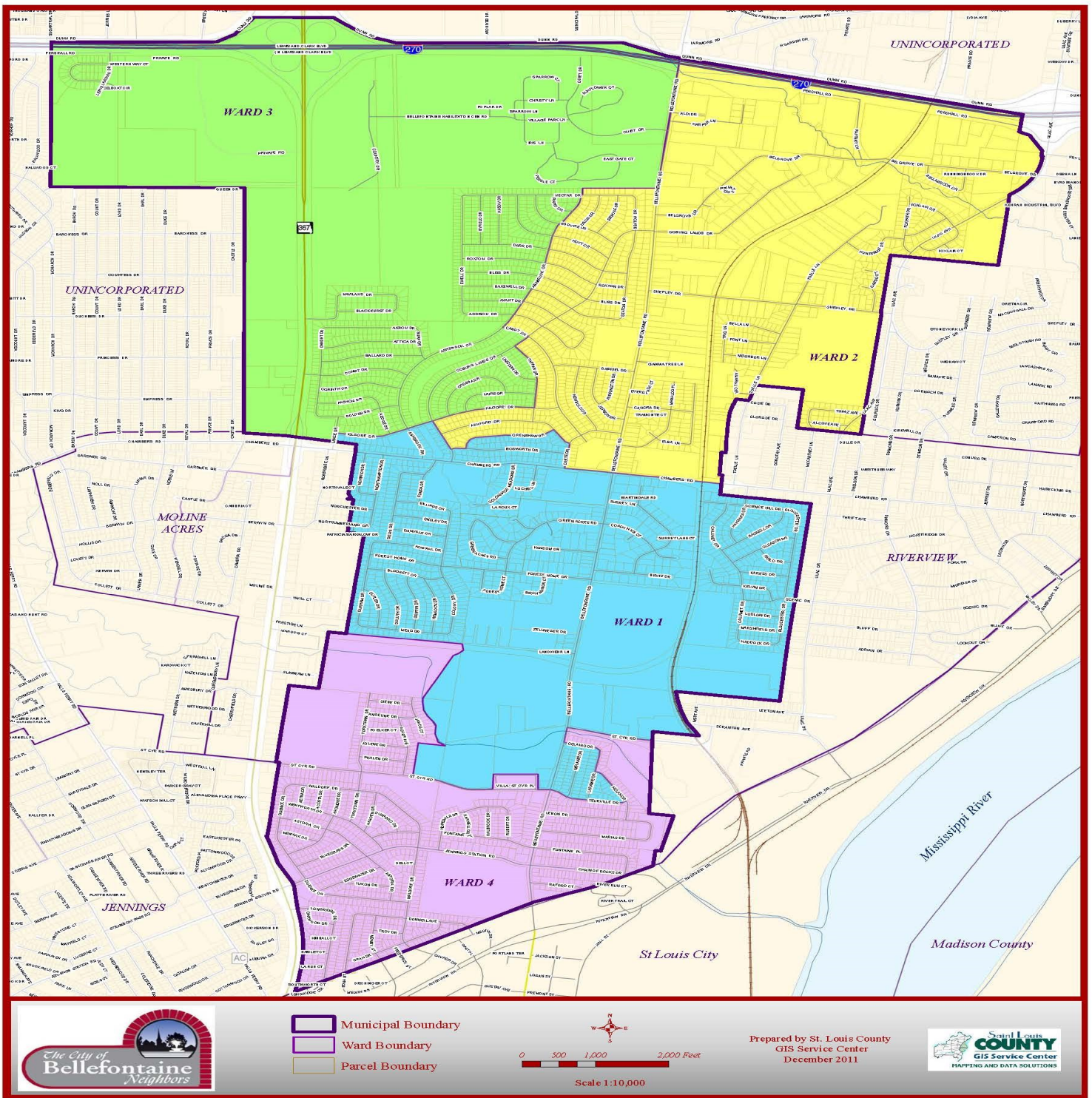
I am pleased with the recent Ward elections on Tuesday, April, 5, 2022, that was certified by the Election Board of Commissioners. I congratulate Ward 1 Alderman Theresa Hester, Ward 2 Alderman Peg Warnusz, Ward 3 Alderman Regina Harmon-Ward, and Ward 4 Alderman Alicia Smith. I firmly believe that our new Board of Aldermen will meet and confer to attend to the business of the City as they were elected to perform. There is a lot of City business awaiting them, however, I am excited to move forward instead of backward. As we enter this new era of elected leadership, we move from defense to offense to pursue the progress that has been halted for so long – positively and productively increasing community engagement, economic development and neighborhood improvement. The quality of our City is of vital importance. Let the past be our lesson as we work in the present to create a better future for everyone.

I made a promise to everyone last year that I would continue to manage City operations beyond my responsibilities as Mayor/City Administrator. This was to ensure that quality services were provided until the governing body rebounded. I stayed focused on our community and remained positive knowing everything that has been done in the absence of a functioning Board of Aldermen has benefited everyone. I will continue to manage City operations in my role and the new Board of Aldermen will serve in their capacity to oversee the City government and our community as a whole.

I am grateful and thankful for your support of me as your Mayor.

Hand in hand, together we can!





Mayor– Tommie Pierson
 City Clerk– Vacant
 Ward 1 Alderman– Dinah Tatman & Theresa Hester

Ward 2 Alderman– James Carroll & Peg Warnusz
 Ward 3 Alderman– James Thomas & Regina Harmon-Ward
 Ward 4 Alderman– Alease Dailes & Alicia Smith

City of Bellefontaine Neighbors Meetings

Board of Aldermen- 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Pre-Meetings are at 6:30 p.m.
 Municipal Court- 2nd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. and 4th Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public

For updated Alderman contact information, please visit the website at www.cityofbn.com or call City Hall 314-867-0076

Message from the Chief of Police



Colonel Jeremy
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Spring is here and summer will be coming soon. Each member of our community plays a significant role in the safety and protection of each other. As the temperature rises, please stay in contact with your neighbors and report those who are in need so we can get them the resources they require. Don't forget that you are your own best safety advocate - be aware of your surroundings and take steps to reduce opportunities for crime to occur.

CRIME. When comparing 2020 and 2021 (Figure 1.), we experienced a 26% increase in overall crime. The biggest concern during this period comparison remains crimes against people – namely assault. Assaultive behavior almost doubled in 2021 and is the biggest increase when compared to the last few years. Generally, crimes against people take precedent over crimes against property and ordinance violations. The crime of assault ranges from credible verbal threats of violence to weaponized serious physical injury and death. The vast majority of assaults are committed by individuals who know each other in some way – whether family member, friend, acquaintance and so forth. As I have written and stated many times over the years, it is extremely difficult for the police department to deploy prevention techniques to stop the problem because of the existing relationships between victims and suspects. It cannot be quantified nor can it be analyzed to better use police resources to mitigate assaultive behavior. Therefore I, as I have many times before, call upon our community members to report suspicious activity, potential problems in neighboring households, and other activities that may result in violence.



Careers in Law Enforcement



Are you interested in a fulfilling career as a police officer with the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors? The community are the police and the police are the community. We are ALWAYS looking to diversify our police department. Although we solicit, advertise, and facilitate the police hiring process, the law enforcement industry has experienced a critical DECREASE in the supply of people wanting to serve as police officers and a consequentially large INCREASE in the demand for police officers to fill vacancies. Our police department is not immune to this trend. We are always looking for public support in the hiring of

police officers and each member of our community must share in the responsibility of finding people to serve as police officers. We ask that if you know anyone wanting to serve as a police officer and you believe that the person would serve our community well, please bring people forward to serve our community. We currently have vacancies. Not POST licensed? No experience? No problem! We also give consideration to financially supporting eligible people so they can have an opportunity to attend a licensed police academy to become a commissioned police officer.



AWARDED GRANT MONIES

To help reduce the cost of policing so City funds can be used for other purposes, grants are a great opportunity to off-set those costs. So far this year, the police department has been awarded:

- Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant that pays for half the cost of a new vest for a police officer, whether newly hired or the existing vest reaches its expiration (5-years according to NIJ standards).
- MoDot Show Me Zero awarded \$10,200.00 toward the purchase of a new speed trailer with data gathering and analytic functions.
- DPS Local Law Enforcement Block Grant award for \$10,000.00 toward the purchase of new load-bearing bullet proof vest carriers for each police officer.
- Local Violent Crime Prevention Grant awarded \$25,000.00 towards the purchase of new police vehicle laptops.



A ROUTINE IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF!

The police department encourages you to participate in the “9PM Routine,” which is a national campaign promoted by law enforcement to involve community in crime prevention. Most of the vehicle theft, property theft from vehicles, and home burglaries are CRIMES of OPPORTUNITY. There are too many vehicles are left unlocked with valuables inside during overnight hours. There are too many homes that have not taken advantage of adequate exterior lighting. Criminals targeting our vehicles and homes usually are not after a specific item, but rather any item(s) that may be of value.

The “9PM Routine” is your nightly responsibility to remove your valuables out of your vehicles and ensure ALL doors and windows are locked, including home and garage areas. It is also the time to make sure your exterior lighting is working. The goal of the 9 PM Routine is to combat auto thefts and home break-ins and help empower you to develop you own personal security routines by having a designated time to perform these tasks every night at 9PM.



LEGAL UPDATES



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Changes have occurred since the implementation of ever-evolving best law enforcement practices and the passage of new state laws last August 28, 2021. Some of these highlights include:

- Our police department prides itself on conducting thorough background investigations on prospective candidates for hire. State law now requires that all police departments hiring a commissioned police officer to obtain a certified copy of any Peace Officer Standards and Training notifications received regarding a police officer's current and prior police employment in Missouri. This is a practice we have already been using for many years.
- We are always looking for avenues to improve upon all commissioned police officer's integrity. State law now mandates the use of The Record of Arrest and Prosecutions (RAP) Back program. All commissioned police officers across the state are entered into this database and allows the police department to receive notifications of subsequent activity after a commissioned police officer has been hired. The police department has conducted integrity checks on all commissioned police officers annually, however, the RAP Back Program broadens the information available outside Missouri.
- As part of our best practices, for over two decades the police department has monitored and analyzed all use of force incidents. As of March 1, 2022, state law mandates that police departments must, collect and report local data on use-of-force incidents involving police officers to the Missouri Department of Public Safety and the National Use of Force Data Collection managed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Again, use-of-force tracking is nothing new for our police department, but this takes the monitoring of use-of-force incidents to the next level of quality police management.



A comparison of calendar year 2020 and 2021 revealed several things in terms of 2021

There was one more homicide incident than the year previous.

Rape increased by a few incidents.

There was little change in robbery incidents.

Assault incidents almost doubled.

Burglaries were reduced to almost half.

There was an increase in larceny incidents.

There was a noticeable increase in larceny incidents.

Figure 1.

Crime Type	January - December		
	2020	2021	% Change
Homicide	1.0	2.0	100%
Rape	2.0	6.0	67%
Robbery	20.0	19.0	1%
Assault	141.0	293.0	48%
Burglary	78.0	41.0	-47%
Larceny	127.0	164.0	23%
Motor Vehicle Theft	122.0	108.0	-11%
	491	633	26%

Although we need to work together to mitigate all increases in crime, we still need to work on crimes that have decreased to keep them suppressed.

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



A Celebration of JUNETEENTH

Black History/Juneteenth Celebration

When: Saturday, June 18, 2022
Where: Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center
 (Parking lot/outdoor event)
 9669 Bellefontaine Rd, Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO 63137
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Speaker: Wesley Bell, St. Louis County Prosecutor

Speaker: Precious Breana Barry, River High School

Guest Speakers: Dr. Kendra Holmes, Director of Affinia Health

This event will include vendors and food trucks.
 Inclement weather date– Saturday, June 25, 2022, same location



**Follow the Police Department on
Facebook!**

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

<https://www.facebook.com/BellefontaineNeighborsPD/>





The St. Louis County Library Sweets Bookmobile

The St. Louis County Library Sweets Bookmobile will be located in Tanglewood Park every Friday from 9 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.. ALL books, magazines, e-books, and videos, are **FREE**.

Fall/Winter Report (2021) Total Sums

Amount of Total Site Visits: 76
Total Items circulated, 3,938
Total Patrons Served, 1,396
Total Library Cards Created/Updated 69



2022 Pet Vaccine Clinic

The annual Pet Vaccine Clinic will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 9am to 11am. It will be behind City Hall by the garages. This is on a first come, first served basis. Prices will be posted on the City's webpage and at the clinic. The staff from Ferguson Animal Hospital will run the clinic.
Address: 9641 Bellefontaine Rd,
St. Louis, MO 963137
Must show written proof of spay/neuter. No credit cards accepted. Cash or check only



Your voice matters! Your vote counts! Did you know voter registration cards are located at City Hall? For more information, please contact City Hall at 314-867-0076 or visit Missouri Secretary of State website at www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register

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Parks and Recreation:

Part-Time Front desk
Part-Time Lifeguard
Part-Time Swim Instructor
Part-Time Custodian
Part-Time Park Maintenance Worker
Part-Time Concession Worker

Administration:

Full-Time City Clerk
Full-Time Building Inspector

Police Department:

Full-Time Police Officer

Street Department

Full-Time Laborer