

To the Residents of Bellefontaine Neighbors,

Since taking office in March 2025, the City has accomplished the following:

- A Ways and Means Committee was created to help the City and Board with expenses, bids, and contracts. This is the first committee of its kind in the City, and it works to ensure that tax dollars are tracked and spent properly.
- The City worked with the Police Department and Union to correct previous payroll errors, including issues with payroll, miscalculated pay stubs, Kelly Days, and contributions to 401k and 457 retirement plans.
- City policy was reinstated to provide employees with secondary insurance coverage. This included reinstating a policy with AFLAC that had lapsed without notice, which provides up to \$1,000 in reimbursement to employees from the City.
- Several key positions have been filled, including an accountant, a city clerk, and a court clerk. Ordinances were also passed to establish the duties for these roles. A finance director and an assistant to the finance director were also hired.
- An experienced city attorney was hired at about half the cost of the previous counsel.
- The City worked with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources regarding underground storage tanks, which helped to avoid fines and secure the necessary insurance.
- After being notified that the City's insurance would not be renewed, the City appealed and successfully obtained city-wide liability, health, and workers' compensation insurance.
- The remaining ARPA funds were addressed with the Department of Treasury and placed into a separate escrow account.
- Over \$300,000 in illegally issued checks were found, along with all bank accounts, and the information was reported to the U.S. Attorney's Office and the St. Louis County Prosecutor.
- The City is currently working with the City Auditor to provide information and complete audits from 2022 to the present.

The first City budget since 2022 was passed.

The City is working with the Governor to receive \$275,000 from the Family Support Division to help families in need and the City's youth.

Staff has been trained and certified by North County Fire and Rescue in CPR and AED.

Paycom time clocks have been installed and training is underway for all City Staff. This will streamline our current payroll system.

This is just the beginning. I promise to continue working with the board and our residents to move our city forward, attract businesses, resolve all financial issues, and address citizen complaints.

Thank You!

*Mayor*  
*James W. Thomas*

**Stop by  
city hall and  
grab a  
momento**



**of our  
City's 75th  
Anniversary  
Celebration**

**TOGETHER  
WE CAN DO IT!**



**HAPPY FALL  
TO ONE AND ALL**





# NOVEMBER 4th, 2025 GENERAL ELECTION



## Official ballot language PROPOSITION 1

Shall the municipality of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri impose an additional sales tax of three percent (3%) on the retail sale of adult use marijuana?

- YES
- NO

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".

**Don't forget to VOTE!!**

### BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS COURTS

24/7 case and payment information is available online at Case.net - Missouri Courts

A Court Payment Dropbox is available outside of the Bellefontaine City Hall door.

NO PERSONAL CHECKS, you MUST use a money order or bank cashier's check.

Online payments are made using "Paybyweb" by scanning the below QR code.



### CANDIDATE FILING FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 7, 2026

**Please take notice, the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri, Located at 9641 Bellefontaine Road, Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO 63137 will authorize candidate filing December 9, 2025 through December 30, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily.**


**Listed are the following office seats and terms:**

<b>One (1)</b>	<b>Mayoral seat</b>	<b>1-year unexpired term</b>
<b>Ward 1</b>	<b>One (1) Aldermanic seat</b>	<b>4-year term</b>
<b>Ward 2</b>	<b>One (1) Aldermanic seat</b>	<b>4-year term</b>
<b>Ward 3</b>	<b>One (1) Aldermanic seat</b>	<b>4-year term</b>
<b>Ward 3</b>	<b>One (1) Aldermanic</b>	<b>2-year unexpired term</b>
<b>Ward 4</b>	<b>One (1) Aldermanic seat</b>	<b>4-year term</b>

**NOTE: The St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners maybe contracted to handle election and candidate filing for the April 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 municipal elections. (pending board approval)**




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**PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**  
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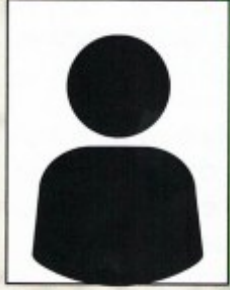
# WARD



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**ALDERMEN MICHAEL WIESE**  
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**VACANT**



**The Street Department needs our help.**

Please keep vehicles off the streets as much as possible during snow or ice storms. Park as many vehicles as possible in your driveway or garage. By removing vehicles from the street, we can do a better job of snow removal.

Some of our streets have been designated as snow routes and prohibit parking during snow or ice storms so emergency vehicles as well as the plows can get through. If you park on a snow route during a snow or ice storm, you may have your vehicle ticketed or towed.

Please help us help you by keeping vehicles off streets during snow or ice storms. It could be you who needs help.

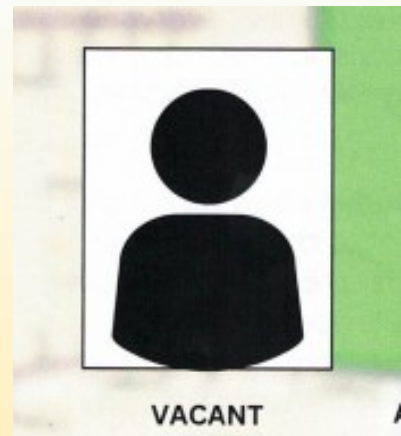
## HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS

Here are a few tips to help you prepare for the colder temperatures:

1. **Check your furnace.** If you haven't had a professional inspect your furnace in a while, consider getting it done. Stock up on air filters and give it a test run if you've had a warm autumn where you haven't used it much. The last thing you want to do is fix a furnace when it's freezing inside your home.
  2. **Check your windows and doors.** Get weather stripping around your doors and inspect your windows to reduce the draft. Consider putting up window insulation, the plastic sheets that can help reduce drafty windows.
  3. **Check your roof, gutters and downspouts.**
  4. **Check insulation.** Insulating windows and doors is just step one, check your attic too and make sure you have an adequate amount of the stuff so you aren't losing precious energy.
  5. **Check your programmable thermostat.**
  6. **Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.**
  7. **Review your plumbing.**
  8. **Check that fireplace before you use it.**
  9. **Perform maintenance on your equipment.**
  10. **Adjust you ceiling fans.**
- Hopefully with these tips you can trim your electricity bill, save a few dollars, and make it through winter without any surprises.



# WARD 3



## Ward 3: Neighbors United, Community Ignited

Please come out and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon doing our part in bringing back unity into our community. Help celebrate the spirit of Ward 3 with music, snacks, meet your neighbors, and get to know local officials.

*Bellefontaine Neighbors is becoming more resilient, safe, and vibrant because of our collective efforts.*



## 3RD WARD NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025  
3-6 PM



**BISSELL HILLS PARK**  
10237 Ashbrook Dr.



Get your  
residents  
engaged.

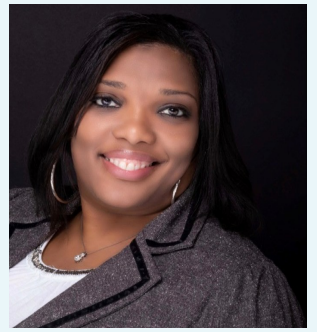
*Be honored as a  
neighborly city.*





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# WARD



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## We Celebrate Our Seniors

*We Love*

**WARD**

ELAINE, 102  
KATIE, 78  
HERBERT, 82  
JEAN, 82  
PAT, 82  
FANNIE, 79  
KATHY, 79  
EMMA, 71  
EARNESTINE, 71  
TOMMY, 71  
DAISY, 75  
LEE, 73

The City of Bellefontaine Neighbors

## **WARD 4 "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"**

**Tues. October 7, 2025**  
4:30pm – 7:00pm

**Delrose Place Parking Lot**  
1000 St. Cyr Road  
St. Louis, MO  
63137

**PLEASE BRING  
YOUR OWN  
LAWN CHAIR**



## **COMMUNITY REMINDERS:**

**Keep Our City Clean and Compliant!** Let's work together to keep our neighborhoods clean and follow city codes. Trash containers **should not be placed at the curb before 5:00 PM** the day *prior* to your scheduled pickup, and they must be **removed by 5:00 PM** *after* collection day. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in citations and fines issued to the property owner or occupant.

- \$200 first violation
- \$275 second violation
- \$350 third violation
- \$450 fourth and subsequent violations

**Street sweeping will take place this fall**—but remember, the sweeper is not designed to collect leaves like a vacuum. To help ensure smooth operations and protect our infrastructure, please keep excess leaves out of the street.

**Why It Matters** Blocked sewers from leaf buildup can cause basement flooding and damage household appliances like water heaters, furnaces, and laundry machines. These costly issues are preventable with proper disposal of yard waste.

### **Yard Waste Disposal Tips**

- Use the free 96-gallon carts provided by Waste Management
- Or use your own trash cans or biodegradable "kraft" paper yard bags **No plastic bags!**

### **Tree Trimming & Removal**

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining all easement trees within city limits. Easement trees are those growing on City-managed streets or public rights of way—typically found between the sidewalk and the street.

Our team provides trimming services (i.e. removal of dead limbs) for these trees and will remove any that pose an immediate safety risk or are classified as public nuisances. We will not remove a tree unless it is classified as 50% dead, based on severity.

**Please note:** We do not service trees located on private property.



**ALL BULK PICK-UP  
MUST BE SCHEDULED  
WITH WASTE  
MANAGEMENT  
314.506.4700**



**ALL VEGETATION  
(LEAVES, GRASS,)  
MUST BE PUT INTO  
PAPER YARD WASTE  
BAG OR YARD WASTE  
CAN**



**NO PLASTIC BAGS  
CONTAINING LEAVES  
WILL BE PICKED UP BY  
WASTE  
MANAGEMENT**



## **SAFETY TIPS FROM INTERIM CHIEF TIM SANDERS**



**As your Interim Chief of Police, I want to ensure the safety and well-being of our community, especially during the approaching winter months when challenging weather conditions can pose unique risks. I am pleased to share some essential tips for winter driving and crime prevention.**

### **Winter Driving Tips**

**Plan Ahead:** Check weather forecasts and road conditions before heading out. Allow extra time for your commute and plan your route accordingly.

**Vehicle Maintenance:** Ensure your vehicle is winter-ready. Check your brakes, tires, battery, and fluids. Consider installing snow tires for added traction.

**Drive Cautiously:** Slow down and maintain a safe following distance. Roads can be slippery, and visibility may be reduced. Use your headlights even during the day.

**Emergency Kit:** Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle, including a blanket, non-perishable snacks, water, a flashlight, and a first aid kit.

**Stay Informed:** Stay updated on weather and road conditions through reliable sources. Be aware of any road closures or advisories.

### **Crime Prevention Tips**

Remember, Crime prevention is a partnership and is most effective when citizens take proactive prevention steps that assist our Officers on Patrol.

### **Home Security: Tips**

Ensure your home is secure. Lock all doors and windows and consider installing motion-activated lights around the property.

**Holiday Packages:** If you are expecting packages, try to have them delivered to a secure location or ask a neighbor to collect them to prevent porch theft.

**Travel Plans:** If you are planning to be away, let a trusted neighbor or friend know. They can keep an eye on your property and collect mail or newspapers to give the appearance that someone is home. Do not announce that you will be going on a trip on social media.

**Vehicle Safety:** Avoid leaving your vehicle running while unattended. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle, especially in plain sight. Lock your car doors, and park in well-lit areas.

### **Community Watch:**

Stay connected with your neighbors and consider signing up with NextDoor.com, the 21st Century electronic neighborhood watch.

If you have any concerns or need assistance, do not hesitate to contact The Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department Our Non-Emergency Number is 636-529-8210 Wishing you a safe and enjoyable winter season!

Best regards,

**Interim Chief of Police**

**Timothy Sanders**

**Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department**

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# BILLS, ORDINANCES, & RESOLUTIONS

Here are some of the key legislative decisions made by your  
Board of Aldermen.

BILL RES #s	DATE	LEGISLATIVE DESCRIPTION	HESTER	GILLESPIE	WARNUSZ	WIESE	HARMON			PASSED
							-WARD	DAILES	SMITH	
2707	3/6/2025	Hiring of Sam Alton as City Attorney	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2708	3/6/2025	Hiring of Rick Rognan as City Treasurer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2709	3/6/2025	Vector Control Agreement with St. Louis Co.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2710	3/6/2025	REJIS support for software and IT services	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	YES
2711	5/1/2025	Establishment of a Ways & Means Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2712	5/1/2025	Hiring of Marvin Crumer as Dir. of Parks & Rec.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	YES
2713	5/1/2025	Elimination of unconstitutional fees	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2714	5/1/2025	Hiring of Denise Johnson as part time City Clerk	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	YES
2715	5/1/2025	Hiring of Jeleesa King as part time Court Clerk	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2716	5/1/2025	Court Mngt. Agreement with Angela Chatman-Slay	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2717	5/1/2025	Establishment of the duties of the city clerk	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2718	5/1/2025	Establishment of "Kelly Day" Compensation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2025-06	5/1/2025	Banking signatories updates	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2025-07	5/1/2025	Additional Banking signatories updates	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2720	6/5/2025	Contract with MOPERM for liability insurance	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2721	6/5/2025	Establishment of financial procedures and signatories	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2722	6/5/2025	Employee reimbursements for medical deductibles	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2723	6/5/2025	Prohibition of outside cooking in front of property line	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2724	6/5/2025	Drafting of Articles of Impeachment	N	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2725	6/5/2025	Settlement and Release - P Lukens claim	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	YES
2726	6/27/2025	Contract with MEM for workers compensation ins.	Y	Y		Y	N/P	Y	Y	YES
2727	7/1/2025	Approval of the 2025-2026 fiscal budget	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	N/P	YES



## TOWN HALL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Bellefontaine Recreational  
Center

9669 Bellefontaine Rd. 63137

The Board of Aldermen meets on the **first Thursdays of the Month**. Meetings are held at City Hall and begin at 7:30pm. Residents are given an opportunity to speak at every meeting.



# ***Serving Our Community: A Season of Progress and Partnership***

*By State Representative Marlene Terry*

As we welcome the fall season, I'm reminded that progress is never just about legislation—it's about the people we serve. I'm grateful for the trust you've placed in me to represent the 66th District, and I'm excited to share some of the recent wins that will make a real difference in our community.



The 2025 legislative session concluded in May, and I am proud to report significant funding victories that will strengthen local programs, expand opportunities, and support those in need:

- \$330,000 for Future in Action - helping students and families prepare for college, careers, and workforce success.
- \$1 million for Save Our Children - expanding programs that provide food assistance and energy support to our most vulnerable residents.
- \$660,000 for Rebound to Recovery - empowering men to successfully re-enter society and the workforce after incarceration.
- \$500,000 for Manasseh Ministry - strengthening recovery programs for women and children in need.

Although the legislative session is adjourned, my work continues year-round. I was honored to be appointed by the Governor to the Educational Task Force, which will develop and recommend improvements to the funding structure for K-12 education statewide. This role allows me to advocate for equitable, effective resources for our students and educators.

I remain committed to addressing the needs of the 66th District, and my door is always open..

As we enter this new season, I wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and prosperous fall. Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your State Representative.

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# **SCHOOL HAS BEGUN** **at**

## **Riverview Gardens School District**



**Ishmael  
Sistrunk**

### **RGSD Information for Fall 2025**

**Dr. Joell Ramsdell joins RGSD as the district's Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. In his role, Ramsdell will assist in implementing the district's vision, mission and goals, assume responsibility and leadership for the research-based academic progress of each student, provide leadership and support for the school improvement processes and evaluate and assist with the implementation of educational programs.**

**Dominic LeNoir has returned to Danforth Elementary as interim principal for the 2025-2026 school year. LeNoir is a highly skilled and student-focused educational leader who is driven to create an environment of student engagement and ownership of learning.**

### **Important Upcoming Changes for the 2025-2026 School Year**

#### **No Cell Phones Allowed in the Classroom or at School Functions, It's the Law**

**Big changes are here for the 2025-26 school year. The State of Missouri has passed a new law banning cell phones from K-12 schools. The cell phone ban, Senate Bill No. 68, was signed into law by Gov. Mike Kehoe on July 9.**

**The law governs the possession and use of cellular phones on school property and during school events, as well as their use during instructional time, with certain exceptions made for emergencies and specific health needs and authorized educational use.**

### **RGSD Adopt Clear Backpack Requirements Districtwide**

**The Riverview Gardens School District is implementing a new safety measure for the upcoming 2025-26 school year to enhance safety measures and strengthen security across all campuses. All scholars in grades pre-kindergarten through 12th grade will be required to use clear backpacks.**

**The new policy is part of ongoing efforts to provide a safe environment for scholars and staff. The clear backpack policy will apply to all district schools, including the early childhood center, elementary schools, middle schools and the Riverview Gardens High School.**

### **New Security Measures Implemented for 2025-2026 School Year**

**In addition to the clear backpack requirements and no cell phone requirement, RGSD has implemented the following measures to help ensure that RGSD is a safe learning environment:**

**Metal detectors are in use for all scholars and visitors at every school and Central Services  
Secure entry vestibules constructed in 12 schools**

**A valid Photo ID is required for all adult visitors to gain entry into the school**



North County Fire & Rescue



The North County Firefighters Community Outreach worked at the Riverview Gardens School District Back to School Event this year. We gave students a



chance to sign an attendance pledge stating they will try to achieve 85% or better attendance for the 2025-2026 school year. We had approximately 100 students sign our pledge. If they achieve their goal they will enter in a drawing to receive 1 of many different prizes. This is our third year offering this program and it is really turning out to be a huge success. We enjoy working with the students, parents and school district faculty to make this happen



# Back to School Word Search!

- BACKPACK
- BLACKBOARD
- BOOKS
- CHALK
- FRIENDS
- HOMEROOM
- HOMEWORK
- PENCIL
- RECESS
- SCHOOL BUS
- STUDENT
- TEACHER

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