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# BEL-NOR CHIMES

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

- Christina Buchek, Mayor of the City of Bel-Nor

Hello and thank you for reading our newest edition of the Bel-Nor Chimes.

Bel-Nor celebrated its first **Arbor Day** on this past Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> with a book reading and passing out of lawn and leaf bags for residents to clean up tree leaves that remain in the space between city streets and curbs. More bags are available for those who could not attend our celebration of Arbor Day, but who are interested in this service. Just email me at [christinabuchek@gmail.com](mailto:christinabuchek@gmail.com) and I'll bring you a leaf bag.

A public meeting was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the **Normandy Drive/Arlmont Drive Road Reconstruction Project**. Many attended to have their questions answered by our project engineer from Amec Foster Wheeler engineering firm. Normandy Drive from St. Charles Rock Road (just north of the traffic median), northward to Arlmont Drive, all the way to the island at Bellerive and Arlmont Drives will be laid in June, July, August, and September 2017. The road will be stripped and replaced in sections, so the entire road will not be closed for the entire time. Additionally, at the end of each day, residents will have access to their driveways for parking at night. Select slabs of sidewalk will also be replaced along Arlmont Drive where displacement from tree roots has been most damaging. If you have specific road project concerns, please feel free to contact your alderperson at [BelNorWard1Alderspersons@gmail.com](mailto:BelNorWard1Alderspersons@gmail.com) or [BelNorWard2Alderspersons@gmail.com](mailto:BelNorWard2Alderspersons@gmail.com). If you are interested in viewing large maps of the roadway that will be repaired, come on by City Hall and take a look.

**The Eagle Run** will take place in the City of Bel-Nor this year on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome to join in the 1 mile fun run, the 5K run/walk, or to sit along the race route and cheer for the runners! I'm so pleased that Immanuel Lutheran School chose our city as the location for it's fundraiser race. It will be wonderful to showcase our amazing homes and peaceful neighborhood streets for the event. The race route is pictured later in this issue. Food trucks will also be selling items at the Incarnate Word Academy parking lot after the race for any who want to come out and be part of the event. For registration information, please view the form posted on NextDoor by entering "Eagle Run" in the NextDoor search bar.

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## Our Employee Spotlight Shines on: Police Captain Dan Clyne

Captain Dan Clyne joined the Bel-Nor Police Department last summer. A 27+ year veteran of Law Enforcement, he came to us from the Bel-Ridge Police Department, where he had a long career moving up through the ranks with increasing leadership responsibilities. Among these responsibilities, Captain Dan served as Supervisor of the Criminal Investigations Bureau; coordinated multijurisdictional investigations; created a Citizen's Police Academy course, wrote the book for an 8 week course of study for the Village of Bel-Ridge Police Academy, and taught all three blocks of the course. He was also the Village's Grant Administrator, Budget Officer, Emergency Management Supervisor, and Police Training Supervisor. Captain Dan received an Associate Degree from Florissant Valley Community College in 1988.



Dan grew up in North St. Louis County, mostly the Bel-Ridge/St. John area, and is a proud graduate of Ritenour High School. He has been married to Catherine Clyne for 7 years, and is an avid golfer and cyclist. With his extensive background and administrative experience, he is a valuable addition to our Police Department. Feel free to drop by City Hall and chat with Captain Dan any weekday.

## Recommendations from the BNPD

- Lock car doors and house doors
- Close blinds after dark so strangers do not see personal belongings or gifts
- The police non-emergency "Watch Phone" number is 314-920-9513. Feel free to call if you have concerns that are not emergent.
- Call 911 for emergencies.



## STAY IN TOUCH



- Stay in touch with neighbors using NextDoor at [belnormo.nextdoor.com](http://belnormo.nextdoor.com)
- Visit [Bel-Nor.org](http://Bel-Nor.org) often to stay informed about news, ordinances, and upcoming events.

## HEN PERMITS

An ordinance regulating the keeping of chickens was passed in Bel-Nor in March 2017. Those currently keeping chickens, and those who want to start, will need to obtain a permit from City Hall and fill out the necessary paperwork to register their hens. If you come to City Hall at the beginning of June 2017, paperwork will be available so you may complete this registration by the deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. A fee of \$25 per flock is associated with this registration.



## DOG TAGS

Pets that are permanent residents or foster pets must be registered with the City Hall. To do so, please bring a copy of your dog's updated vaccination record to the City Hall along with \$3. This is an annual requirement.



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## FROM CHARLEE MCBRIDE, ALDERPERSON, Ward 1

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your vote in the recent election. As your representative, I will provide the community with hard work and commitment serving in this position. I have been a proud resident of the City of Bel-Nor for over 35 years. I am looking forward to working together and making positive changes in our community. I am available to you if ever you have any concerns, do not hesitate to contact me ([belnorward1alderpersons@gmail.com](mailto:belnorward1alderpersons@gmail.com)). Our community is only as strong as its residents. Together we will strive to keep the City of Bel-Nor a beautiful and safe place to live. Again, I am grateful for your vote and to represent the voices of Ward 1.

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## FROM STEPHANIE KREIS, ALDERPERSON, Ward 1

The City recently enacted an ordinance governing the planting of trees and shrubs in the public areas of the community. The intent of the ordinance is to regulate the planting, maintenance and removal of plants in the public places and to maintain Bel-Nor's community forest in a strong and healthy condition. The ordinance requires the creation of a Tree Board charged with the responsibility to meet these goals. Among its duties, the Tree Board is required to create and maintain an extensive list of trees for planting in public areas in order to maintain diversity in the total tree population.

The Board will consist of five members, four citizen residents and the City official responsible for planting in public areas who serves as an ex officio member.

Any citizen resident interested in serving on this Board is encouraged to leave their name and contact information at the Village Hall.

BEL-NOR STREET TREES AVAILABLE: I currently have 7 trees available for planting in the sidewalk easement. Anyone interested is encouraged to leave their contact information at the Village Hall. The City will plant the trees for you, but you must agree to water them.

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## FROM JAN NELSON, ALDERPERSON, Ward 2

With springtime here we will be starting exterior inspections on properties throughout the city. If you see you have peeling paint on exterior trim or doors, a driveway that needs patching or sealing, decaying leaves or debris in your yard left over from winter, it would be a good idea to begin taking care of these issues, as those are the types of items that are cited during exterior inspections.

Along with the warm weather, residents will be outside working in their yards and enjoying the summer months. Please remember to keep your doors locked, and do not leave yard equipment unattended.

Over the next couple of months, we will begin a program called **"Best of Bel-Nor"**. We will look at properties in both wards with regards to outstanding upkeep and landscaping. One property from each ward will be selected and a sign designating those properties as the **"Best of Bel-Nor"** will be placed in their front yards for a period of one month. The recipients of the award will be listed in the next newsletter. We plan on awarding this designation several times a year.

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## FROM BILL HOOK, ALDERPERSON, Ward 2

### Important News about Waste Pick-up in Bel-Nor

#### **Recycling**

Residents may not be aware that our local waste hauler, Republic Services, is one of two local companies that operate recycling services in the region. On April 15 the Post-Dispatch published a great article written by columnist Debra Bass, with these great teasers:

- “If you never recycle, we need to talk. And if you’re recycling the same way you did 10 years ago, don’t get too smug.
- The well-intentioned and overzealous are often just as problematic as the indifferent. If you’re the person who looks at every object with a hopeful gleam that it too can be repurposed if only you put it in the blue bin, you are undoubtedly creating problems for recycling workers.
- And if you couldn’t care less about blue (green in Bel-Nor) bins, you are creating problems for everyone.”

While we can’t reprint the article in its entirety, I encourage all residents to go on the P-D’s website at [www.stltoday.com](http://www.stltoday.com) and get the latest tips on how to clean up your single stream recycling and what to recycle vs. throwing in the trash. The article also has some fascinating statistics concerning how many local jobs are supported by the recycling industry and the cost difference between disposing of trash vs. recycling. Here is the direct link to the article: [http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/st-louis-you-may-be-recycling-wrong-here-s-what/article\\_74894439-d825-581b-b893-89d008d2a7d4.html](http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/st-louis-you-may-be-recycling-wrong-here-s-what/article_74894439-d825-581b-b893-89d008d2a7d4.html)

#### **Bulky Pick-up**

Residents have asked about bulky item and white goods (*white good examples are washers, dryers, stoves, etc.*) pickup. Our current trash contract with Republic states that we have a bulky item pickup the last Wednesday of every month and white goods pickup available, once per month, two items per pickup. There is an extra charge for the white goods pickup, by appointment only. You can call Republic Services customer service at 636-947-5959 Mon-Fri 8:00-5:00. If customer service can’t help with your question, Tony Lamantia is the Municipal Account Rep for Republic Services and he can be reached at 314-568-2488.



#### **Bin Placement Reminders on Pick-up Day**

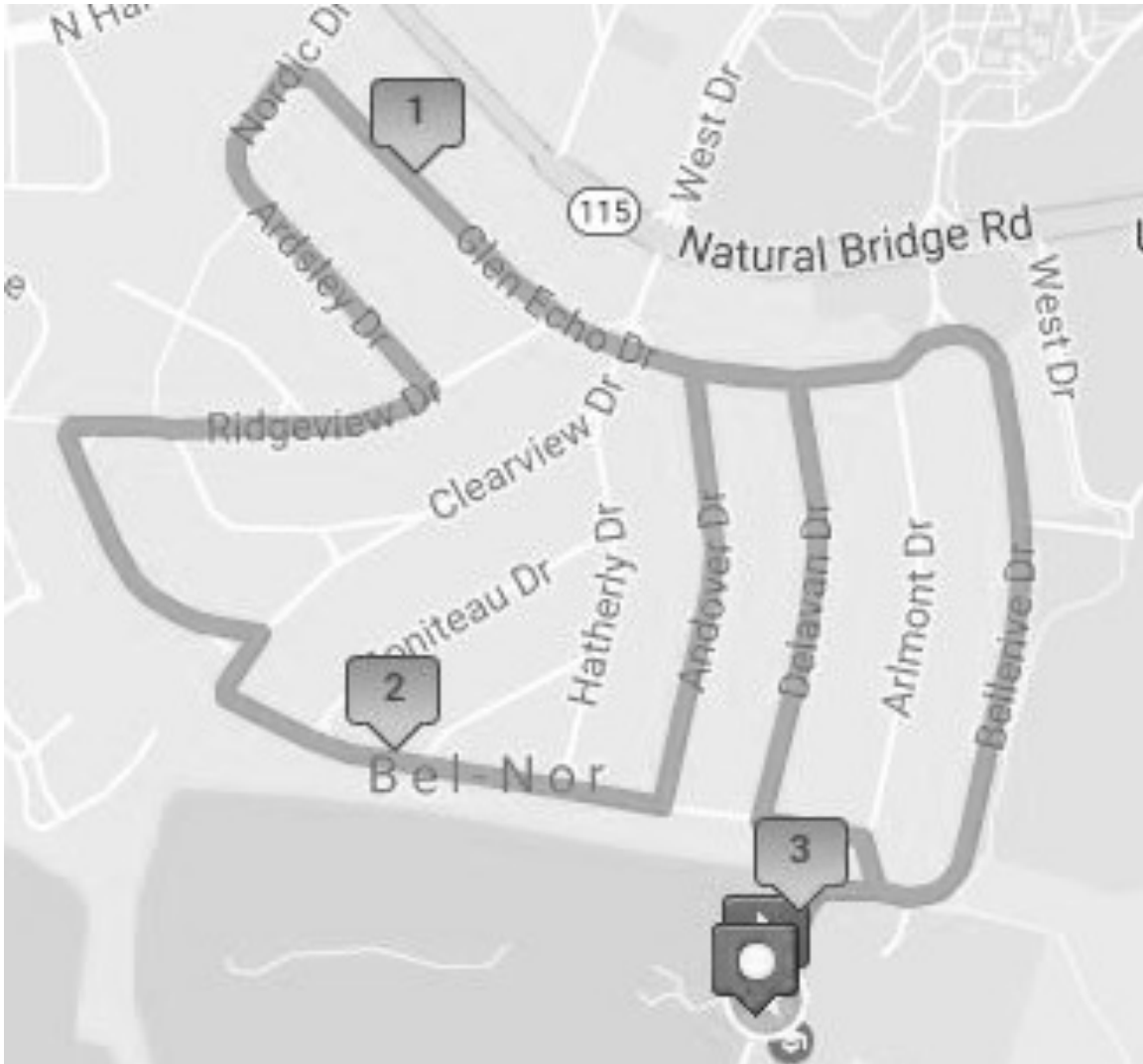
A couple of reminders about our weekly trash pickup:

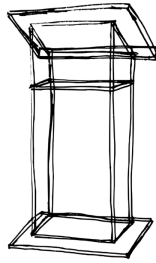
- Please place your wheeled bins in the street gutter so that they are most accessible to the truck drivers. Allow a few feet space between the two – if they are too close, the driver has to get out and separate them so the lifting arms can pick them up efficiently.
- The bins should be situated with the handle toward your house, so that the lid opens away from the street. Again, if the bin is facing the wrong way the driver must get out and turn it around in order to complete the pickup.
- Trash containers may not be stored on the sides of homes. Our municipal code states that the trash containers must be stored behind the rear building line of the house. Trash containers may be put at the curb after 4:00 p.m. the day before pickup and must be pulled back behind the rear building line by the end of pickup day.

#### **Debris on Property**

Residents who allow the accumulation or retention of junk, debris, waste or rubbish of any kind on their property are subject to being issued a citation under Section 250.040 of our municipal code. Please take a look at your back yard or side yard and do a thorough spring cleaning this year. Let’s keep our City looking good!

# Eagle Run Race Route





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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**(Amendments to Zoning Regulations)**

Please take notice that a public hearing regarding potential amendments to the City's zoning regulations will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017, at Bel-Nor City Hall, 8416 Natural Bridge Road. The potential amendments include revisions to the definitions used in the interpretation and enforcement of regulations in the single-family zoning districts; amendments to district regulations in order to provide for student housing; and new regulations pertaining to student housing which may include on-site parking requirements, numerical or density restrictions and development standards. Any interested person may appear at the public hearing and offer comment on the potential amendments to the zoning code. In addition, written comments may be submitted in advance at any time prior to the public hearing; such written comments may be mailed or otherwise submitted to the City Clerk at Bel-Nor City Hall.

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