

# Blue Ridge NEWS

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## Thoughts From the Mayor

Carla Kreitman,  
Mayor  
City of Blue Ridge Manor

*Blue Ridge Manor is a home rule city in Jefferson County, Kentucky. It operates under a Mayor and Commission form of government.*

*In addition to a beautiful residential area with various condo complexes, association and private homes, the City of Blue Ridge Manor also has a small commercial/business area, as well as a wonderful quiet municipal park, known as Hardesty Park.*

*Dear City of Blue Ridge Manor – I am incredulous that it is already time to draft another article for the newsletter and give everyone an update on what has transpired since the last one. I don't know if it is a function of age, or just how much we fill our time, that the days seem to fly so quickly, but we are already knocking on December and the holiday season and I'm not sure I was ready for summer to end. (Mother Nature had such a hard time letting go of the warm days too.)*

Summer was very busy in the City of Blue Ridge Manor. Our new clerk Elizabeth transitioned, it seems effortlessly, into her role as City Clerk. We celebrated a great deal of activity in Hardesty Park. From pizzas, picnics, and pumpkins, the park is proving a center of fun for friends and families. Tax bills were distributed, with most of them taken care of quickly and efficiently (to take advantage of the discount for early payment, I'm sure.) The sidewalk along Shelbyville was completed and the fall banners are hung.



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Important Upcoming Dates, Which Commissioner to Call for What & Phone Numbers?

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[blueridgemanorky.org](http://blueridgemanorky.org)

Website improvement and community outreach improvements are progressing nicely and we continue to work on getting water access in the park, and resolving road improvement issues. The Commissioners are currently finalizing goals and plans for 2017. We set some goals when we established and approved the budget for the current fiscal year and we are committed to continuing to move forward.

I am excited that each of our Commissioner's expressed an interest and commitment to another term of office and they will be sworn in as we also welcome a new President, new national, statewide and other local leaders. I think this election cycle has highlighted a lot of frustration citizens have with government entities in general and the apparent disconnect between challenges and leadership. Willie Brown purportedly said "Mayors are judged by results." In looking at our small city, I reflect with great pride that we have a very nice community, not without room for improvement, but for the most part a place where people care about each other, care about doing the right thing and are willing to give up time and energy to make it a better place. Not sure what to tick in the "results" column, but I do know that we, as a Commission, will continue to work to keep this city safe, attractive and vibrant.

This newsletter will perhaps be a bit redundant, if you compare to last letters, but since we do always have new citizens moving in, it remains a good vehicle for sharing essential information.

*On behalf of your Commission, everyone have a wonderful holiday season. From Halloween, Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Christmas, New Year... enjoy the next few months of 2017 and, as always, join us at a city meeting. We would love to have you.*

*– Respectfully, Mayor Carla Kreitman*

## What's News in Hardesty Park

– by Porter Lady

We have just completed a busy summer in Hardesty Park and looking forward to some cooler fall weather to enjoy upcoming events.

Football has everyone excited now, very soon basketball pre-season kicks off. This plus the cooler weather makes the basketball courts a popular spot.

We just had wonderful turnout for a Pumpkins in the Park event and the next event planned will be a Peppermint and Hot Chocolate in the Park event on December 4, from 5 – 7 p.m.



Hopefully there will be a chill in the air, and we will serve some light refreshments, hot chocolate and enjoy the lights of the season. (As with all our park events, rain or sleet will cancel, but we are hardy folk and cold and snow will not cancel. The cold will just be a reason to bundle up and wear woolies.)

Light up the Park tree lighting is planned to be ready on the Friday night after Thanksgiving. This will include the lighting of the Leland Cypress trees on the east border of the park, and the Canadian Hemlocks on the south border. We will also wrap the trunks of various mature trees in the interior. Hopefully we will enjoy the lights as they come on at our Hot Chocolate/Peppermint event.

*The park is for you, please, come and enjoy it.*

## Notes from the Clerk:

– by Elizabeth McDaniel

### Property Tax Bills: City of Blue Ridge Manor and Jefferson County

#### • Why did I receive these bills?

The City of Blue Ridge Manor mails property tax bills to all property owners of record. The bills are printed by the Property Value Administrator's (PVA) office. The Jefferson County Sheriff's office also sends property tax bills to the owners of record. Owners who have their taxes paid from mortgage escrow accounts may receive a city tax bill as a courtesy for details of the tax assessment. Recent property sales are not always reflected in the tax roll. Changes to the name or the address on a city tax bill must be done through the Jefferson County PVA's office. Visit their website for more information:

<https://jeffersonpva.ky.gov/faq-topics/property/>.

#### • How is property assessed?

The Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator's (PVA) office makes its assessment by evaluating sale prices of similar property, improvements made to the property, its location, and sales demand. State, County and City governments, and School Boards set property tax rates.

#### • What types of things do property taxes support in Blue Ridge Manor?

- Recycling & Garbage Collection
- Street Maintenance, of city streets, including snow & ice removal. Note that commercial and privately owned streets, parking lots etc., are maintained by the property owners
- Security Patrols by police officers
- Hardesty Park equipment and maintenance
- Special Events such as our End of Summer Picnic and Pumpkins in the Park

#### • What types of things do property taxes support in Jefferson County?

- Fire, Police, EMS, and the Courts
- Jefferson County Public Schools
- Libraries
- Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Economic Development
- Social Services

For more information on Metro Louisville Government and Services, visit their website: <https://louisvilleky.gov/resident>.

If you have questions related to Blue Ridge Manor's Commission and Services, visit our website <http://www.blueridgemanorky.org/main/>

Or email us at [cityofblueridgemanorky@gmail.com](mailto:cityofblueridgemanorky@gmail.com).

# Meet Your Commissioners

ELECTION DAY WAS NOVEMBER 8



We had a wonderful election turnout, and never more are people more energized about how they play a role in their communities. If you want to continue to see improvements and make a difference, I encourage you to come to a city meeting, call a Commissioner, talk to your neighbor, run for an office. The following four gentlemen stepped up, once again, and ran and were elected to serve as your Commissioners for the next two years.

**Hans J. Klose** has served the City of Blue Ridge Manor for 37 years. He moved to BRM in 1968 from Chicago, Illinois. His work experiences over the years have spanned from the assembly line, working on refrigerators to becoming an accountant, systems analyst and computer designer. An immigrant from Germany, he has contributed to the greater community by volunteering with various organizations including Boy Scouts, the Eastern Area Community Ministries, and with the Church of the Epiphany, in addition to his service to the Blue Ridge Manor. For many years, the role of the Commissioner (or then known as “city father”) were unpaid, volunteer positions. Currently, Hans serves as the financial oversight and “checks and balances” to the work of our Commission and our Treasurer, Bob Carter. He also serves as Mayor Pro Tem.

**Ken Conliffe**’s credentials are broad. After serving as a Navy Judge Advocate from 1970- 1975, he went into the private practice of law from 1975-1992. He first served Blue Ridge Manor from 1986-1992 as a Commissioner. He left municipal government when elected as a Circuit Judge, where he heard cases for 15 years. He is currently self-employed, as a mediator and arbitrator, and his current responsibilities for BRM include Roads and Sanitation. Ken can be found walking his dog through the neighborhood and shepherding grandchildren to the park.

Commissioner **Art Sims** is our Safety Commissioner and works on the roads and signage. He also served previous terms as a Commissioner, took a short break and came back to the Commission in 2015. Art has resided in BRM since 1980, is a Louisville native, and Army Vietnam veteran. He retired after working for several locally owned businesses in administrative roles including finance and HR.

Our Parks and Recreation Commissioner is **Porter Lady**. Porter has also been a long time resident of Blue Ridge Manor, and has served our city from 1974. Porter has proudly been at every development of Hardesty Park from the days it was a sewage treatment facility, to when it was acquired for the purposes of developing the park area. Mr. Lady is a veteran Marine and continues a night (and sometimes day) job with the International Division of United Parcel Service. His responsibilities include working with landscapers to keep our front entrances and the park areas beautiful.

Please join me in thanking these four individuals for committing to serving the City of Blue Ridge Manor for another two year term. Typically we hear from constituents only when they have a concern or complaint, and often our residents do not see the amount of work done behind the scenes.

## Mark your Calendar NOW for 2017 Events

4th Monday of the Month, 7 p.m.  
Middletown Fire Department,  
Division #2

January 23	July 24
February 27	Aug. 28
March 27	September 25
April 24	October 23
May 22	November 27
June 26	

*The following Community Events are being planned for 2017, if you wish to participate in the planning, and execution, please contact Mayor Carla Kreitman.*

### Blue Ridge Manor Citizen Appreciation Day

We love our Citizens,  
Community and Volunteers  
Sunday, February 19, 2-4 p.m.

### Perennial Plant Exchange/Earth Day

Saturday, April 22, 10 -1 p.m.  
Hardesty Park

### ANNUAL Picnic in the Park

Saturday, June 10, 2- dusk  
Hardesty Park

### Popsicles in the Park

Sunday, August 13, 2-4 p.m.  
Hardesty Park

### Pumpkin-fest

Sunday, October 22, 2-4 p.m.  
Hardesty Park

### Light Up the Park

Saturday, December 2, 5-7 p.m.  
Hardesty Park

*We encourage each resident and business to get better acquainted with their City and what it has to offer. Our monthly meetings are held at the Middletown Fire Station #2 at 7p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. The City of Blue Ridge Manor belongs to you.*

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**City Attorney**  
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## **Park Conservancy Meeting in January**

### *Other Important Dates*

In January we will also have a meeting of those interested in Park Conservancy. We are going to ask the community to develop a long term mission/ vision for landscaping/maintenance for park and city common area to present to the Commission for consideration.

Please follow the website for updates on Spring and Fall Junk Pick up Dates, Red Cross Blood Drive Dates, Brightside Volunteer Clean up Dates.