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2015

Blue Ridge NEWS

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A Note From the Mayor

*Carla Kreitman,
Mayor
City of Blue
Ridge Manor*

Blue Ridge Manor is a sixth class 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 hope this newsletter finds you all enjoying the sunshine and the significant shift from spring monsoon season to deep summer heat. With all the intermittent rain it was a rough spring for getting the grounds ready for spring holidays and Derby, and now we’ve shifted to a heat wave.

Your Commission has been extremely busy the last few months. Among initiatives, currently we are continuing to explore the process of dedication of a particular area of roadway, specifically within the Shelby Point area, to public use. We are trying to work with these adjacent property owners and assist them in identifying the appropriate mechanisms to moving the process forward.

Additionally, we are working with Metro entities to extend the sidewalks along Shelbyville Road in front of the commercial area, to connect existing walks to make for an uninterrupted path. Metro Council Person Julie Denton is looking at improving walkways throughout her district to better enable safe access across our community. We have committed to a partnership with TARC and Metro Louisville to improve the existing sidewalk and extend it.

As our “crown jewel” we are continuing to work on improvements to Hardesty Park. The grounds are well-kept by Commissioner Porter Lady. Some of our playground equipment has seen its prime and

we are reviewing the desire and need to update. You will note a new bench in our park, dedicated to the many years of service that Treasurer Ron Walker gave to our city. It remains a challenge to get water to the park, we are working with neighbors to get an easement to pull water for a potential water fountain and to have better access to water for new plantings. (Fortunately this spring we have been well-watered, but it would be nice to have consistent access to hydration.)

Among current events, the City of Blue Ridge Manor has hosted two “meet and greet” at Heitzmans’ Bakery, our annual American Red Cross Blood Drive in conjunction with Trinity Presbyterian Church, and a neighborhood trash pick-up with the **Blue Ridge Brigade** of volunteers. Also in April, we responded to a Community Facility Review with respect to the park development and their recommendations for continued growth.

I am looking forward to seeing you out and about this summer. (I just got a new FitBit and am committed to getting 10,000 steps).

Respectfully, Mayor Carla Kreitman



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Blue Ridge Brigade of Volunteers



About every two months, a small but dedicated band of neighbors has been putting on bright neon shirts, grabbing trash bags and sweeping through our City in a volunteer effort to keep Blue Ridge Manor clean. Our first such organized event was Sunday, April 26 and we find that a couple hours early in the morning can get a lot accomplished and is a great way to get some exercise, meet a few neighbors, and enhance our community.

If you are interested in joining our Blue Ridge Brigade of Volunteers,

we have a T-Shirt ready for you, and will be glad to notify you when we step out. Please contact **Simeon Kreitman at 244-9965** if you would like to get on the list, and walk and beautify our City at the same time. We encourage this to be a group activity and for those taking on this volunteer commitment to review some safety notes.

We could use a few good volunteers with fun ideas for our Annual End of the Summer Picnic! If you want to help out, give us a ring.

Who Do You Call When Something Happens?

Louisville Metro Police

- Emergency – **911**
- Non-Emergency Dispatch – **574-2111** (for Division 8)
- Division Resource Office – **574-2258**
- LMPD Crime Tip Line – **574-LMPD**
- To Make a Report by Phone – **574-4661**

Our Division Resource Office who serves the City of Blue Ridge Manor is located in the Eighth Division. 200 Juneau Drive, Louisville, KY 40343

If you have a concern about our police patrols in the city, please contact Commissioner Art Sims.

Sanitation

Trash, recycling and yard waste pickup is supplied to each resident and currently continues every Thursday. All trash/recycling items must be placed inside a cart for weekly pick up. Large boxes need to be broken down and put inside the recycle cart. **If you have not put the box into the cart it will be left behind.** Twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall we have a large item pick up. Please hold any large items that will not fit into the cart until then. **This year our fall junk pick up is October 10.** If it will fit in the cart the driver will take it, if not please wait until October.

Yard waste is picked up every Thursday from April 1 through January 15. Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves weeds and small branches. This must be put in a paper waste bag or certified compostable bag meeting ASTM D6400 standards and may be placed in our reusable containers to reduce the cost of single use bags. This is a resolution made and adopted by Louisville Metro Waste Management.

HELP WANTED!

Looking for someone with technology skills who can provide 5-10 hours a month, updating and managing our website materials and keeping it current and relevant. Someone who will push out a monthly note to anyone subscribing via email (create a MailChimp newsbrief, and maintain the database). If you are interested in this position, please contact Carla Kreitman at 727-6468 or mkreitman@att.net. Detail your experience, interest and any questions.



Mark Your Calendars!

City Meeting Dates for 2015

We conduct the business of the city in open meetings, the fourth Monday of every month at Middletown Fire Department, Division 2, beginning at 7 p.m.
June 22, July 27, Aug 24, Sept. 28,
Oct. 26, Nov. 23, Dec. 28*.

***Please note:** The December meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 28, however due to the holidays, this meeting may be rescheduled.

Informal Meet and Greet, "What's on Your Mind"

This format is a communication opportunity to supplement the meeting, no business is conducted, and there is no agenda, but it's a great time to come meet with the Mayor and other neighbors. Scheduling these four times a year at different times for those who might not be able to attend a meeting but want to be involved, or find out what's going on in our City.

Saturday, July 11, at 9 a.m.

Come have a donut with us at Hardesty Park

Thursday, September 3, at 6 p.m.

Join us for hors d'oeuvres in Hardesty Park

Annual End of the Summer Picnic

We bring some entertainment, some extra tables, chairs and tents, some drinks (non-alcoholic) and you bring the picnic blankets, volley and basketballs and positive energy.

Saturday, August 29, 4 until dusk
in Hardesty Park

Based on last year's record setting deluge experience, this year we are planning a RAIN DATE, for the very next day, Sunday, August 30 from 4 until dusk.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, October 17, 9 – 1 p.m. at
Middletown Fire Department, Div. 2

Exciting News

We Have Office Space!

Effective July 1, 2015, the City of Blue Ridge Manor will have a new mailing address. Instead of sending mail to individual commissioner's homes, all BRM mail should be directed to:

Attn: (Commissioner, Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer)
City of Blue Ridge Manor
The 10,000 Building, Suite 203
10,000 Shelbyville Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40223

Please note that it is very important to have the suite number on the mail to get it directed properly, there are multiple suites in the 10,000 Building. We have leased this space to centralize our storage and access to records, from private homes to an accessible office space within the city limits. Currently we are moving our storage into this building and beginning in September, we will post some regular office hours one day a week.

Gratitude

A large thank you to Trinity Presbyterian Church for hosting one of our Bi-Annual American Red Cross Blood Drives!

The City of Blue Ridge Manor has hosted a spring drive with Trinity Presbyterian Church and a fall drive with the Middletown Fire Department. Mark your Calendar for Saturday, October 17, from 9-1 p.m. at Middletown Fire Department, Division 2 and give the gift of Life!

Thank you also to Treasurer Bob Carter and Neighbor Kevin Adams, along with the Kreitman kids, who braved a chilly Sunday in April to walk the roadways of our city and pick up trash. Many of our neighbors are vigilant about maintaining the streets, but even I was amazed at the volume of stuff we gathered in a couple of hours on a Sunday. Among us we had four large FILLED bags of trash – not yard waste, trash.

Among the standard discarded soda bottles and cups, we also discovered a few unique items, and recovered a few nuts and bolts missing from signs etc. We also encountered a family of ducks and two not so friendly geese. It was an interesting morning.



www.BlueRidgeManorKy.org

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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Important Information Changes in Contact Information

Please note that, in error, several numbers were released in the last newsletter that were incorrect. We apologize sincerely to the family members who are fielding citizen's calls and hope that this correction will assist. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THESE CORRECTIONS

General Information

General Information regarding our city may be found at

www.blueridgemanorky.org

All minutes, and an electronic version of our newsletter can be found on the site, as well as contact information, and upcoming event information.

We are still looking for the right person to assist us in maintaining and updating this website.

Julie Denton
19th District Councilwoman
(502) 574-1119 or
Julie.denton@louisvilleky.gov

On The Agenda

Some of the Initiatives We Continue to Work Include:

- Park improvements, upgrade of playground equipment
- Getting water to Hardesty Park with expansion of easement from Blue Ridge Road
- Working with commercial properties to improve upkeep, safety and appearance
- Road improvements
- Extention of sidewalks along Shelbyville Road to connect existing walks
- Working to include all citizens by improving communication and engagement