

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.

2016 has arrived with its usual erratic weather, snow fall significant enough to provide some fun days off school for the children and driving challenges for those who schlep the children, and unseasonably warm days bringing everyone out to the basketball goals and the park in their short sleeves and shorts. Love the Ohio Valley!

Our January meeting had a full agenda and was an extremely productive meeting. The first item of the evening was the presentation of our bi-annual audit by John McIntrye to the Commission. While there were some auditor suggestions, I am pleased to report that most of the improvements recommended by the audit had already been addressed, and the others are easily remedied for the future. As required by statute, our audit summary is published, so you will find details enclosed in this newsletter. I would urge if you have any questions regarding specifics of the audit, please contact our Treasurer, Bob Carter.

As a home rule city, we voted as a Commission to enter into an Inter-Local Agreement with Metro Louisville to allow Metro to administer a single bid process to ensure the best possible access to communication service to our residents. All Suburban cities were asked to and must adopt a resolution to permit Metro to move forward, the single purpose of this was to permit Google fiber and other providers to submit a single bid, instead of sending bids to every one of the 83 cities in Jefferson County. Importantly, this imposes no costs to our City, and in fact, saves time and money that would be otherwise necessary.

Additionally, in response to several citizen requests, we thoughtfully considered, read for the second time, and adopted an ordinance impacting traffic and

parking in the city. Please review the specifics of the ordinance which can be found on our website and/or by contacting our city clerk, Pat Gramig. Which is a nice segue to share that, at the urging of the Commission, Pat agreed to remain as our City Clerk (well, she committed to at least till the end of our fiscal year, when we review all our appointments.)

Enclosed in this first newsletter of the 2016, you will also find an important list of upcoming dates and events. Mark your calendar now – we’ve started with a bang and this year is going to be a busy one! We are adding a new event to our calendar this year, a perennial plant exchange in the month of April. We’ve had electricity run to the park so that we can light up the park for a holiday evening in the park next winter, we are looking forward to a fun year for you to participate in your city. Looking forward to Spring, and seeing you about the neighborhood.

- Respectfully, Mayor Carla Kreitman

On The Agenda

- **Hardesty Park**
Getting water to Hardesty Park with expansion of easement from Blue Ridge Road
- **Sidewalks**
Sidewalk expansion was approved and work was scheduled to begin Fall 2015. Metro Louisville and TARC are driving the work on this collaborative project, which will extent the sidewalks along Shelbyville Road in front of the commercial areas.
- **Road maintenance issues**
- **Citizen Engagement**

Park Notes – by Porter Lady

The fall and winter season has had its highs and lows. It has gone from very warm to cold, then wet to snow. Between extremes, there have been many nice days to enjoy the park.

I had hoped to have lights in the park for the Christmas/Holiday season. The Leland cypress trees have been planted along the Hardesty Park east border and some Canadian Hemlocks along the south border. The electrical service took three months to get installed and was finally ready December 22. Then the rains came and the ground was too wet for the contractor to complete the work. We will have to wait until 2016 to light up the park for special occasions.

On another bright note, spring is not too far away. If the plant life has not been confused too much, we have some flowers and greenery to look forward to.

Please take note of the dates of events to take place in Hardesty Park this spring, summer and fall. We hope to see you there enjoying the beautiful spot that makes our city so special.



Parking Ordinance



SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE MANOR COMMISSION ON JANUARY 25, 2016

Ordinance #1, Series 2016. An Ordinance establishing traffic and parking restrictions, prohibitions and/or regulations within Blue Ridge Manor.

SUMMARY: *The Ordinance sets a speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour in the city, prohibits various types of parking including; on the public streets, easements, rights of way and regulates the parking of trucks, campers, boats and recreational vehicles within the city limits of Blue Ridge Manor. In addition, the Ordinance makes it unlawful to damage city streets or vandalize/damage traffic signals, signs and/or devices.*

PENALTIES: *Person(s) violating this ordinance shall be penalized by fines consistent with the Kentucky Revised Statutes and in amounts ranging from \$100.00 to \$150.00 with continuing offenses warranting additional fines and cost(s).*

The entire parking ordinance and its requirements can be obtained from the city clerk or found on the website.

Garbage & Recycling

Spring Junk Pick Up Day - June 9

Thank you to Commissioner Ken Conliffe for scheduling our Spring Junk Pick Up Day. Per our garbage contract we have two schedule junk pick up days a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. For questions regarding sanitation, please contact Commissioner Ken Conliffe at 245-7941.



Annual End of the Summer Picnic!

Hardesty Park, Saturday, August 27, 2016

The Annual End of the Summer Picnic is all set! This is one of our community's best events for family fun. Activities for the kids, live music, delicious food and community fellowship are all provided for your enjoyment. Please plan to attend.

Spring Blood Drive!

Saturday, April 16, 9-1 p.m.



Our annual spring blood drive with the American Red Cross is coming up. While the need is constant, the gratification is instant. Give blood. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

What's On Your Mind

These are opportunities to just gather informally with neighbors and those city leaders who are available to sit and enjoy each other's company in our Hardesty Park. Looking for organizers, sponsors, event planners.

Plants and Pastries in the Park

Saturday, April 9, Hardesty Park 10-1 p.m.

Popsicles in the Park

Sunday, June 5, Hardesty Park, 6-7 p.m.

Pizza in the Park

Saturday, September 3, Hardesty Park, 11-1 p.m.

Pumpkins in the Park

Sunday, October 23, 2-4 p.m.

Audit Report STATEMENT PURSUANT TO KRS 91A.040(6)

A copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information concerning the City of Blue Ridge Manor for the year(s) ending June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2015, is on file with the City Clerk, Pat Karem-Gramig and is available for public inspection by contacting her at pakg007@aol.com or by telephone at 502-254-5921. The cost(s) for a copy of the full audit will not exceed 25 cents per page. A copy of the abbreviated audit information prepared pursuant to KRS 424.220 is available to the public at no cost by contacting Ms. Karem-Gramig above.

Important Tax Dates:

In order to qualify for a discounted bill, tax bills must be paid on or before September 15, if paid from September 16, on or before October 15, the face amount of the bill is DUE. From October 16 on, the bill is due and considered delinquent. The amount owed will be the face value of the bill, plus 15% penalty, plus 1% each month or part thereof, until this bill is paid in full.

The Commission has adopted a tax lien protocol and upon delinquency will take further action as needed to resolve the matter. Information Contact: Treasurer Bob Carter, 290-1630.

Brigade of Volunteers

That small dedicated group still puts on bright neon shirts, grabbing trash bags and sweeping through parts of the City in a volunteer effort to keep Blue Ridge Manor clean. (Well, not everyone wears the neon, it's a bit much early in the morning, and while I know its considered a "safety color" but not really very fetching.) That being said, our city has a lot of unsung heroes that don't hesitate to pick up a Slurpee Cup or pull an errant weed in the front entrances, but we always welcome more and we would love to recognize your efforts.

BLUE RIDGE BRIGADE

Spring Plant Exchange

On Saturday, April 9 from 10 - 1 p.m., neighbor Annie Duncan-Ponvert is hosting, along with the City, a spring plant exchange. If you are cleaning your planting beds and getting them ready for spring and Derby, this would be a good opportunity to share some of those plants that you have to thin. Daylillies that are taking over or pampus grasses that are coming up in clumps in your yard, might be just the thing that your friends would like a starter for their yard. If you just want to get some plant advice from Annie, she and her green thumb will be there to answer your questions.

If you have plants or information to share about planting, or just want to meet some new neighbors, join us in Hardesty Park on April 9.

Mark Your Calendar

Meeting Dates for 2016

4th Monday of the month

Middletown Fire Dept., Division #2
February 22 March 28
April 25 May 23
June 27 July 25
August 22 September 26
October 24, November 28

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, April 16, 9-1 p.m.

Location to be confirmed later,
Contact: Mayor Kreitman

Perennial Plant Exchange

Saturday, April 9, 10-1 p.m.

Hardesty Park,
Contact: Neighbor Annie
Duncan-Ponvert, 963-5754

Spring Junk Pick Up Day

Thursday, June 9

Contact: Commissioner
Ken Conliffe, 245-7941

Informal Meet & Greet, "What's On Your Mind?"

Saturday, April 9, Hardesty Park 10-1 p.m.

Pastries in the Park

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Annual End of the Summer Picnic

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Fall Junk Pick Up Day

Thursday, September 9

Contact: Commissioner
Ken Conliffe, 245-7941

Peppermint & Hot Chocolate in the Park - December



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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The City of Blue Ridge is proud to provide a safe and clean neighborhood. We are deeply thankful for the community we have and extend our best wishes for a happy St. Patrick's Day.

