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Thoughts From the Mayor

Carla Kreitman,
Mayor
City of Blue Ridge Manor



Happy New Year from the City of Blue Ridge Manor!

Happy New Year from the City of Blue Ridge Manor! I am proud to serve again beginning this year for the next four-year term as Mayor, and also to welcome our four Commissioners to their next two-year terms. For

long term residents, you will find some of the notes in this newsletter repetitive, but we have new neighbors (*welcome!*) who may find the information useful and fresh.

Please note in this edition, a brief introduction to your city officials, their areas of primary responsibility, how to get in touch and keep up with current information and a list of planned 2019 events. And then we've populated it with just some general information that you may find helpful over time. We typically get two or three of these hard copy newsletters out a year for those of our citizens who do not like to use the internet for information or find it difficult to navigate, but current information can be found on our website.

Some Basic Civics:

We are one of the 80 some small cities that are incorporated in Louisville. As a municipality, you are governed by your elected Mayor and four elected Commissioners. Also serving the City of Blue Ridge Manor is an appointed Clerk/Treasurer, who serves as the keeper of the records and balancer of the financial books. As a City, we act through ordinances and resolutions, and we contract with an attorney to assist us in ensuring we are acting within our legal authority.

Our little city has about 480 combined businesses and households, including multiple condominium options with their own associations and bylaws.

Join Us!

The Commission meets every fourth Monday of the month at Middletown Fire Station, Division Two, at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise published by law) and these meetings are open to the public. If there is an item you would like considered for meeting agenda, please let one of your Commissioners or the Mayor know. If not, we are generally all available after the meeting for some one on one conversation regarding current issues.

One of the strengths of our neighborhood is its stability. We have many homeowners who have been in the city for 40 years, and many of the younger families have connectivity to the city, having grown up here. We aren't without challenges, when the city was first incorporated



Plainview was a dairy farm, Shelbyville Road was a two lane road with grass median in the middle, a stop light at Hurstbourne and the next one at the Mall of St. Matthews. Impacts from increased demand on infrastructure, within and surrounding our city (traffic, drainage, use of easements for cable/electric/etc.) are being felt and we are working to address these concerns as they arise.

Committed to serving the entire community to the best of my ability, *Respectfully Yours, Mayor Carla Kreitman.*

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.

Want to Get In Touch?

Website:

www.blueridgemanorky.org

Here you will find up to date messages, contact information, minutes, ordinances, past issues of newsletters, etc.

Phone: (502) 822-1779

This is the number to reach the office, and is answered by our Clerk/Treasurer. Messages can be left for all elected officers and staff, and will be directed to the appropriate elected official asap. Voice-mail is checked regularly.

Office: 10,000 Building,
Suite 203,
10,000 Shelbyville Road,
Louisville, KY 40223

(Call ahead, we do not staff the office all week)

Alternate phone numbers:

Every newsletter and our web provides contact information for the individual Commissioners and the Mayor.

Neighbor to Neighbor information:



Nextdoor

NextDoor App

On NextDoor you can send a message to citizens who live in Blue Ridge Manor or expand your post to up to 5000 people in surrounding areas (eg. Douglass Hills/Plainview).

Blue Ridge Manor currently has 230 members who use this app to exchange information. While not an official communication tool of the city (because this is a social media network, and not controlled or regularly monitored site) it has proven valuable to push out quick information about events, lost pets, recommendations or notifications.



Tips on Storm Damage Repair

Look for this logo from the Better Business Bureau when selecting a contractor.

If you are on the hunt for a reputable contractor after severe weather be aware of those who may try to take advantage of your situation. The home repair rip-off artist who may overcharge, perform shoddy work, or skip town without finishing your job.

BBB urges homeowners to use extreme caution when dealing with "door-to-door" or "out of state" solicitors who offer "quality work at great prices."

The BBB offers the following tips for consumers who may be facing major repairs after a disaster hits home:

- Contact your insurance company immediately.
- Deal only with licensed and insured contractors. Verify the track record of any roofer, builder or contractor you're thinking of hiring. Ask for a list of recent customers and call them.
- Get recommendations from friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, insurance agents or claims adjusters. Also check with the local Better Business Bureau and Home Builders Association to see if complaints have been lodged against any contractor you're considering.
- Get 2 or 3 estimates before you decide who to hire for the job.
- Take your time signing a contract. Get a written estimate that includes any oral promises the contractor made. But remember to ask if there's a charge for an estimate before allowing anyone into your home. Ask for explanations for price variations, and don't automatically choose the lowest bidder.
- Get a copy of the final, signed contract before the job begins.
- Resist dealing with any contractor who asks you to pay for the entire job upfront. A deposit of one-third of the total price is standard procedure. Pay only by check or credit card - and pay the final amount only after the work is completed to your satisfaction. Don't pay cash.
- Be skeptical of contractors who encourage you to spend a lot of money on temporary repairs. Make sure there's enough money for permanent repairs.
- Ask a knowledgeable friend, relative or attorney to review a home repair contract before you sign. If you get a loan to pay for the work, be cautious about using your home as security: If you don't repay the loan as agreed, you could lose your home. Consider asking an attorney to review the loan documents, as well.

Before you hire, check out the company's BBB Business Review at www.bbb.org or call **1-800-388-2222**.

Louisville: 844 South 4th Street, Louisville, KY 40203, (502) 583-6546

Mark your Calendar NOW for 2019 Events

Citizen Appreciation Day, Meet the Commissioners

Sunday, Feb. 24 3-5 pm.

Coffee in the Park

Saturday, April 27 9-11 a.m.

Summer Picnic in the Park

Saturday June 15 4 p.m. till dusk

Popsicles in the Park

Sunday, August 18 2-4 p.m.

Fall Event in the Park (pumpkins?)

Sunday, October 20 2-4 p.m.

Light up the Park

Sunday, December 1 5-7 p.m.

JUNK PICK UP DAYS April 25th /October 24th



Sanitation

Trash pick up dates during the Holidays can be a bit confusing, especially when "official" holidays fall during the work week (Monday-Friday). Please be reminded that our pick up days are Thursdays, for trash, recycling and yard waste. When a federal holiday falls on a Monday, during that week, trash collection will be on Friday rather than Thursday, e.g. the week of Memorial Day.

Every year BRM schedules two extra JUNK PICK UP DAYS. Our dates in 2019 will be APRIL 25, and OCTOBER 24. Please note this is when you can place multiple large items for pick up. There are restrictions on what can be taken, televisions, paint, etc. are not removed.

The following are NOT recyclable: Styrofoam or polystyrene foam, plastic shopping bags (i.e. grocery bags), ceramic, window glass, mirrors and light bulbs, batteries, wrapping paper.

Questions regarding trash, yard waste or recycling? Call Republic Services at (502) 638-9000.



New Commissioner of Public Safety

Debbie Mills has been a resident of Blue Ridge Manor for almost 20 years. She has served on the Board for the Middletown Fire Protection District, now known as the Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS, for 7 years. Her term there expires June 2019. She has been a real estate agent for 14 years and has served as the President of the Shelby Pointe HOA. Debbie has two grown children and two grandchildren. In her spare time she enjoys morning walks/runs, working outside, doing home improvements, and taking small trips with her significant other, Troy, to visit friends and family. She is excited to be a Commissioner for the City of Blue Ridge Manor, helping our city continue to be the best!



Art Sims *Thank You for Your Service*

Many thanks to Art Sims who served our community as Commissioner over the years. During his last tenure, Art worked for our community focusing on safety and security. He supervised the addition of our speed humps and improvement of our street signs and lighting and developed a good rapport with LMPD. He increased and structured police patrols to better serve all our citizens. On behalf of the City, we thank Art for his service to Blue Ridge Manor over the years.



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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.

City Commission Meetings

January 28	May 27	Sept. 23
February 25	June 24	Oct. 28
March 25	July 22	Nov. 25
April 22	August 26	Dec. 23



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