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**CHANGE OF MONTHLY MEETING TIME AND LOCATION**

Beginning January 23, 2012 the City monthly meetings will be held at the Middletown Fire Station #2, located at 10217 Shelbyville Road. The Fire Station is located directly across from the Trinity Presbyterian Church and the meeting room is much larger and handicapped accessible. The monthly meetings begin at 7:00pm. Plenty of parking space is available so please come and become a part of your City at work.

**CITY CLERK POSITION NOW AVAILABLE**

The City of Blue Ridge City Clerk's position is now available and the City is accepting applications. We are asking our residents who may be interested in filling this position to come to the January 23<sup>rd</sup> monthly meeting to be held at the Fire Station on Shelbyville Road at 7:00pm. Please bring a resume to submit to the Mayor and Commission. Once all submitted resumes have been reviewed, there will be a special meeting held in order to give each candidate an opportunity for an interview. Hope to see you there!



**WINTER IN BLUE RIDGE MANOR**  
**MIKE OBER-MAYOR**

**BLUE RIDGE MANOR**  
**SHELBY POINTE CONDOMINIUMS**  
**SHELBY POINTE TOWNHOMES**  
**DORSEY STATION**  
**DORSEY POINTE**

**DORSEY VILLAGE**  
**BLUE ROSE CONDOMINIUMS**  
**ROSEWOOD CONDOS**  
**ROSEWOOD CONDOMINIUMS**  
**ROSEWOOD MANOR I**

**ROSEWOOD MANOR II**

**BLUE NOTES**

Mike Ober, Mayor



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Mayor Mike Ober

Greetings and Happy Holidays! As the year comes to a close, I would like to take this time to review the progress that we have experienced as a City.

I was sworn in as Mayor of Blue Ridge Manor at the first of the year. Over the past 12 months, I have been afforded a number of great opportunities. I have gotten to know many of our residents and some of the issues that our city must address and overcome.

The City of Blue Ridge Manor has great citizens! They have contacted me and the commission with their interests and concerns. I have seen them at their best as they joined forces with our governing body to work together on these issues.

When I first took over the office as Mayor, the former Mayor Albert "Mac" Hardesty showed great integrity as he assisted me in the transition. I began working with the new and existing members of the commission. They worked together selflessly to improve and move our city forward. I have been deeply impressed by them. We have negotiated new waste management contracts, repaired a couple of large drainage issues, automated our Treasury, started our quarterly newsletter, and generated a number of ordinances for the benefit of our citizens. Some of these ordinances were needed in order to organize the commission in such a way to better address the needs of the city.

We also started a park initiative that is moving forward. We have begun work on a Nuisance Ordinance that will allow those citizens living near commercial properties, to live in peace and harmony with our shopping center neighbors.

Because our commission has been thoughtful, helpful and supportive on the above endeavors, I wanted to take a moment to thank them for their devotion, hard work and efforts. Commissioners: Carla Kreitman, Hans Klose, Julie Colucci and Porter Lady, Thank You! Without your support none of these things would have been possible.

A special thanks goes out to Pat Karem-Gramig who piloted and edited this newsletter during its first year. Her efforts made a *discussion of a periodical a reality* and it provides our community with vital information that relates to our city and upcoming events.

Please take time to be safe over the Holiday Season. Enjoy your family, friends and neighbors who helped make our city what it is. I look forward to seeing and working with you and *for* you in the upcoming year. Have a Blessed Season **Mayor Mike Ober**



**BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS—Debbie Mills**



With the holiday hustle and bustle, why not let Mike fix dinner?

Jersey Mike's originally opened in the sea-side town of Point Pleasant, New Jersey in 1956. The City of Blue Ridge Manor is fortunate to have this popular franchise so close to home. It is located on the corner of Dorsey Station Road and Shelbyville Road. They offer an array of items to choose from: cold subs, hot subs, wraps, sub in a tub (make any sub into a salad) and kids meals. Bread is fresh-baked each day and of course, everything is prepared right in front of you!

The company's mission is to bring its customers the highest quality, freshest made sub in the industry and to give back to the communities where they operate. Jersey Mike's community involvement is focused on charitable organizations. Just a couple of their recent contributions nationwide:

They raised \$1.1 million dollars for the Susan G Komen for the Cure®. Jersey Mike's has also donated \$100,000 to Wreaths Across America. All of the funds raised, will help Wreaths Across America accomplish its mission to place 220,000 wreaths – A wreath will be placed at every fallen hero's headstone at Arlington National Cemetery on December 10, 2011. This is the first time in Arlington's history that every veteran will be recognized with a brief moment of silence and a wreath.

Please enjoy using this coupon, courtesy of Jersey Mike's. Not only do you get an awesome sub but you are helping them accomplish their charity goals!!!



\$1.00 Off

Any Regular or Giant Sub

**HURRY! EXPIRES MARCH 31, 2012  
AT PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS**

One coupon per person per visit. Not to be combined with other offers. No cash value. Redeemable printed, in person only. Valid only at participating locations. 0701

**January, 2012**

- 16 Martin Luther King Holiday
- 20 1 day delay trash pick-up/ Last Day for Christmas Tree Pick-up
- 23 **Blue Ridge Manor Monthly Meeting: 7:00 pm Middletown Fire Station #2**

**February, 2012**

- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 20 Washington's Birthday
- 27 **Blue Ridge Manor Monthly Meeting: 7:00 pm Middletown Fire Station #2**

**March, 2012**

- 11 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 28 **Blue Ridge Manor Monthly Meeting: 7:00 pm Middletown Fire Station #2**



*Jon Ackerson*

**GOVERNMENT COUNCILMAN 18TH DISTRICT UPDATE**

*Dear Friends of the 18th District,  
Below are some of the ongoing projects in our community. I welcome any input that would help improve our community and make it a better place to live.*

**THE FIX IS IN**

Six to eight months after a State contractor repaved Dorsey Lane, the poor quality of their work became evident; the roadway's shoulders began to collapse. I contacted the Paving Department of Metro Public Works asking them to pursue the contractor for repairs. I was then informed that there was no warranty on the work!

I am pleased to announce that working with Metro Public Works, I now have Dorsey Lane repaired from Shelbyville Road to Hurstbourne Parkway. I also had the pedestrian crosswalk restriped at the intersection of Dorsey and Hurstbourne to assure safe crossing for pedestrian traffic in the area. In addition, another section of Dorsey from Hurstbourne Parkway to LaGrange Road has been repaved at a cost of \$31,000.

A section of Moser Road from Whiteheath Lane to Shelbyville Road has also been repaved at a cost of \$70,000. This work included the replacement of 15 sidewalk pedestrian ramps in order to upgrade them to ADA compliance.

Presently, I am working on a traffic bottleneck in the District - the intersection of Lyndon Lane and Shelbyville Road. I have proposed that a right turn lane be added on Lyndon to ease the backup there. A current estimate for the project is \$172,000. I'll keep you posted.

**COMPANY SELECTED TO IMPLEMENT CITYWIDE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM**

Louisville Metro Government has chosen the company Emergency Communications Network to implement a citywide system alerting citizens by text, email, or phone call when disaster strikes. The contract, \$150,000 a year for three years, was awarded to the Florida-based company which has an office in Louisville. The goal was to have the system operating by mid to late October.

**Jon**

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**CHARITABLE HIGHLIGHTS—Julie Colucci**



**Dreams With Wings and Center For Faith and Art at Trinity Presbyterian Church**

The Center for Faith and Art has a special mission to offer ongoing pottery classes to groups of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Candy Wheat is the brainchild and director of the center. At any given time you are likely to find a chunk of clay in her hand teaching a child or adult how to roll out the clay or how to spin the clay on the wheel.

About four years ago Candy opened up her studio for adults with disabilities to come and learn how to do hand-building, sculpting and even the pottery wheel. Dreams With Wings Adult Day Program and Summer Camp programs have been attending the center for the past 4 years. Our mission is to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities as they recognize their strengths, contribute to their community and pursue their dreams. The Center for Faith and Art has given the individuals the opportunity to recognize their gifts and talents in art. Participants from Dreams With Wings has created many hand-molded pieces including chili bowls, platters, soap dishes, birdhouses and many other pieces. One of our top sellers is the hand created Nativity Scene. Many of the individuals have entered their artwork into the Kentucky State Fair, Weber Gallery and other juried art shows. You will also find their pieces for sale at our main office which is located at 1579 Bardstown Road in the Highlands or at many art and craft shows throughout the area.

To learn more about Dreams With Wings please go to our website [www.dreamswithwings.org](http://www.dreamswithwings.org) or contact us at 459-4647. Our address is 1579 Bardstown Road, Louisville KY 40205. We look forward to hearing from you or please stop by our office to purchase individuals artwork.

If you are interested in attending one of the many classes at the Center for Faith and Art at Trinity Presbyterian Church call 245-5515. The address is 10200 Shelbyville Road, Louisville KY 40223. Also you can find the class schedule at [www.tpclouisville.net](http://www.tpclouisville.net).



**PUBLIC PROPERTY & FINANCE—Hans Klose**



Here are some of the financial improvements that our Treasurer, Bob Carter and I have been working on so the City can maintain better control of their financial operations. Some of these systems now in place are:

- Improved process of bank reconciliations
- Special back-up systems that will contribute efficiency and better control with current checking system
- Developing sample reports for more complete and current financial information
- Auditing procedures in place provided by a newly obtained software

Bob and I are working closely together so we can provide the City with a more efficient financial process. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Wishing the best to each of you during this holiday season!

**PUBLIC SAFETY WORKS AND SANITATION—Julie Colucci**



**SANITATION  
Christmas Tree Disposal**

Industrial Disposal will pick up your discarded Christmas tree along with your regular trash pickup. Friday, January 20, 2012 will be the last Christmas tree pick up date. An added reminder that the trash pick-up will be delayed a day the week that there is a legal holiday.

**Severe Weather Delay**

In the event of a natural disaster - severe ice or storm damage, your regular trash pick up may be delayed. Industrial Disposal will be in contact with me as well as providing information to all TV stations and Metro Call 311 for rescheduling. Please do not hesitate to call me (Julie 550-1843) if you have any questions about weather delays and our pick-up.



**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Good News for Blue Ridge Manor! According to Lt. Rob Davis LMPD, our area crime statistics have steadily decreased over the past four years. The statistics show that crime in our area is down 8.7% from this time last year. Our predominant crime (only five since August) is theft from our homes or automobile. And it only takes less than three minutes for a thief to enter your home or auto, grab cash, jewelry, laptop, GPS, purse or cell phone and is gone.

Thieves come from many areas outside the east end of Louisville even as far away as Indiana looking for a nice upscale neighborhood for an easy way to get quick cash.

Besides the regular Metro City/County patrols we also enlisted a program that provides additional patrols. These patrols are sometimes in unmarked vehicles. Has a police officer knocked on your door or left you a courtesy citation that your garage door is open? If your garage door is left open, chances are your door to your home is also unlocked. Most thefts are preventable. With the holidays, crimes always increase.

**Several Tips To Help Keep Your Possessions Safe:**

If you park your vehicle in your driveway, don't leave your garage door opener on your visor. If you park on the street or in a parking area, remove your GPS, radar detector, cell phone, golf clubs, laptop case, or anything of value that might entice a thief to break in. If you have a GPS, program it so that the first screen is your ownership information.

Break down large boxes and put them inside your recycle cart. If the box is too big, turn it inside out so that you cannot tell that it was a TV, computer, Xbox or Wii.

Don't open the door if it is someone you do not recognize. It is a good idea to go to the door, let them see that you are home, talk through the closed door, shake your head no, make sure the door is locked and walk away. Solicitors are often checking to see who is home at different times of day, so they can come back another time. Put a "No Soliciting" sign on your door.

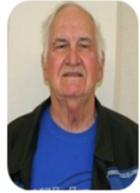
Don't be afraid. Act to prevent a theft - protect yourself and your belongings. Unfortunately, minor theft crimes (\$500) are the most common and receive the least attention from the judicial system.



**SAFETY TIPS FROM THE MIDDLETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Just a few reminders to keep your family safe during the Holiday Season. According to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) the leading causes of home fires are cooking and heating. Do not leave the stove unattended when frying, grilling or broiling. When your home is full of family and friends it is easy to leave the stove unattended and visit.

If you have a space heater, make sure that it is located at least three feet from any bed covers, curtains, or other flammable items. Have you checked your smoke detectors lately? Smoke detectors should be located on the ceiling on each level in your home. Even the basement should have a smoke detector. Smoke detectors make a thoughtful gift. Have a safe and joyous Holiday Season, Julie



**PARKS AND RECREATION –Porter Lady**



**SEASONS GREETINGS**

After a busy Spring, Summer, and Fall, activities in the park have started to slow down for the winter season. The warmer afternoons still bring the smaller children to the playground.

The college basketball season is now well underway and the teenagers are out shooting baskets to improve their game, hoping that someday to get a scholarship to their favorite school. I have seen over the years how their hard work and dedication paid off.

We have two Eagle Scout projects in the workings. This includes two new park benches and a bat house to aid with insect control.

We have plans for several park improvements and plantings in the Spring. We want to make Hardesty Park even more enjoyable for all our residents next season.



*Jerry Miller*

**District 19 Redistricting Changes**

District 19’s population growth soared by 45% in the last ten years according to the latest census data. Each council office must represent approximately the same number of residents which is about 29,000, therefore District 19 must give up eight out of twenty-nine precincts under the proposed re-districting plan.

Anchorage and the three precincts bounded by LaGrange Road, Factory Lane and Old Henry Road will be part of District 17 represented by [Councilman Glen Stuckel](#). Two precincts that touch I-64 will be part of District 20 represented by [Councilman Stuart Benson](#). The following precincts will change:

- S148, F155, F154, S151, S155, and S159 - will change to District 17

F157 and F126 – will change to District 20

To find your voting precinct number, please visit [Jefferson County Board of Elections](#).

A new district map will be posted on [www.Jerry4You.com](http://www.Jerry4You.com) when it becomes available.



**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS/PUBLIC RECORDS –Carla Kreitman**



My first note is to thank Pat Gramig for all her work as editor of the quarterly Blue Notes newsletter. Regretfully, Pat is resigning from her duties with the city, because of all the other exciting projects this author has in the works. We are collectively so grateful and have received much positive feedback regarding our outreach to all the citizens through the newsletter. Pat is responsible for taking the idea and running with it. Thank you!

It’s been a busy couple of months. The City is pursuing several grant opportunities, the most recent application is a Plant for The Planet grant through LG&E to support the purchase and planting of some mature trees in the park. As you know, during the wind and ice storms of 2008-2010, the park lost a number of old growth and established trees that shaded the picnic area. Additionally, several of the flowering trees were damaged beyond recovery. While upgrading the access to the park for our citizens, we are working on beautification and safety of the park equipment and are actively pursuing ways to increase its value for all of us.

Our new website, while currently still under construction, will debut in January 2012. The website will provide easy access of information for our citizens to look for upcoming events, review news articles and archived newsletters, educate themselves about our ordinances, and send information to the mayor/commissioners. We will keep updated minutes of our meetings and budget information on the website so that all the work of the City Council is available to every citizen, even if he or she can not attend our monthly meetings. We are still enhancing functionality so while I will put our future web address in this newsletter, please note you aren’t going to find anything there until January 2012. (Something to look forward to!) Our new address will be [www.blueridgemanorky.org](http://www.blueridgemanorky.org).

**Another “something” to look forward to in 2012 -**

Some new community activities are now being planned:

- A Health and Wellness Fair (February)
- A “planting- ask the horticulturist – get your yard ready for Derby” event (May)
- Our annual picnic in August
- A personal and home safety event (November)

While dates/locations are being firmed up, I’m excited about the opportunity to get together some community activities that are focused around something helpful, educational, and interesting.

Please know that the mayor and all the commissioners remain committed to answering your concerns. If you can’t attend a meeting, please know that we print our phone numbers in the newsletter because we welcome your calls.