

# CITY OF BELLEWOOD

SPRING 2017

## City of Bellewood Commission

The Bellewood Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at Heine Brothers on Chenoweth Lane. If you wish to attend a meeting, please contact a Commissioner or the Mayor.

**Kevin R. Orr (Mayor)**  
3911 Leland Road

### **COMMISSIONERS**

**Steve Dougherty**  
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**Karen Koch**  
3912 Elmwood Ave.

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### **Police – Fire - 911**

**The City of Bellewood is served by Metro Louisville Police and the St. Matthews Fire Department. In an emergency, call 911. Make sure your house has street numbers that are easy for emergency personnel to locate, especially at night.**

## Letter from the Mayor

Fellow Residents-

On behalf of the City of Bellewood and the Commissioners, I want to extend warm Spring greetings to you and your family. Your city officials have been very busy this past year working with MSD on drainage issues, Elmwood alley surveyors, street repairs/speed hump painting, solar energy initiatives, and the Metro police patrol officers.

As Winter turns to Spring we remind everyone of the need to reduce automobile speed on the roads, to be vigilant with children on bikes or chasing bouncing balls, and be sure to greet your neighbors while going for nice Springtime walks. We all need to strive to provide a safe pedestrian and bicycling neighborhood. Dogs need to be on leashes and remember to please clean up after your pet.

We are especially pleased to remind all residents that Bellewood continues to be a magnet for families looking for convenient, established, and locally managed neighborhoods. Home sales have been brisk and new neighbors have been moving into our city at a very consistent rate. This is a direct result of our residents being welcoming, city ordinances being respected, attractive renovations being completed, and your homes being well maintained. Thanks to you, our property values continue to rise and the City of Bellewood tax rates will remain “frozen” at the current low rate.

At the suggestion (and solar panel installation) of Commissioner Steve Dougherty, a City of Bellewood resolution was passed this past year supporting the future of solar energy. The City of Bellewood has set a goal of 25 residential installations and the conversion of the streetlights to solar power by the end of 2018. To that end, we are working with our accounting firm to determine a future Bellewood incentive for approved residential installations. More info on that topic to be provided as it becomes available.

Please enjoy your city, your neighbors, and your families during the Spring season.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Orr

Mayor, City of Bellewood

## ORDINANCE HIGHLIGHT

### EASEMENTS (June 2014)

**8.1.** It is the duty of the property owner to maintain the front landscape easement area and utility easements behind and abutting their respective properties in a safe and acceptable condition.

**8.2.** Front easements/right of ways must be kept mowed, and otherwise maintained by the property owner. Plantings shall not exceed thirty inches (30") in height from grade of yard at sidewalk level. In addition, the area shall be kept free of debris and other objects so as to not impede drainage.

**8.3.** Utility easements behind properties in the City of Bellewood are the responsibility of the adjoining property owner and must be kept mowed and free of any rubbish (including tree/shrub cuttings and other yard waste).

**8.4.** Trees located on front and utility easements must be maintained by the property owner to protect the health of the trees and safety of property and residents.

**PENALTY:** A violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine in the amount of fifty dollars

(\$50.00) per offense. In addition, the Commission may elect, upon proper notice to the homeowner, to remedy the violation and to place a lien against the property.

**8.5.** All fines shall be paid within ten (10) days of the issuance of the citation or a late fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per day shall be applied. If the violation is not resolved and all penalties are not paid within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the citation, a lien may be placed against the property.

### TREES (October 2013)

**24.1.** It shall be unlawful for any person to trim, cut, damage or remove any shade or ornamental tree on any of the public ways of the city without having first secured a permit to do so from the Bellewood City Commission. (see tree removal request application)

**24.2.** It is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain any tree or shrub on his or her property. If the tree is covered with ivy or any other potentially hazardous vine then it is the responsibility of the homeowner to have the vine removed from the tree, as it will eventually kill the tree.

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(\$15.00) per day shall be applied. If the violation is not resolved and all penalties are not paid within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the citation, a lien may be placed against the property.

REMINDER: Bellewood will reimburse \$150 towards the cost of tree planting in the front easement of your property. We prefer large shade trees to reinvigorate the tree canopy. Visit the Plant Kingdom for help on tree selection.

\* CITY ORDINANCES ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL RESIDENTS AND ARE DESIGNED TO ENHANCE PROPERTY VALUE. FOR A LISTING OF ALL CITY OF BELLEWOOD ORDINANCES, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.BELLEWOODKY.ORG/ORDINANCES-2](http://WWW.BELLEWOODKY.ORG/ORDINANCES-2)

### STAY SAFE

Remember the city is doing its part to keep you safe with regular police patrols but the best way to stay safe is to keep a watchful eye out for your neighbors, keep outside lights on at night, keep valuables out of sight, and report to metro police anything or anyone you see that's out of the ordinary. FIFTH DIVISION 574-7636

### YARD SALE

MAY 27, 2017

CITY WIDE YARD SALE:

We are looking for someone to coordinate the city yard sale on Memorial Weekend. Please post inquires to our Facebook page if interested.