

Bellewood Newsletter

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HAPPY SPRING

As your newly elected Mayor, it has been a great three months working with this commission and learning so much about the job. My name is Mark Klein and I have been a resident of Bellewood going on 8 years now. My wife, Sara, and kids Cameron (7),

Collins (4), and Clark (2) live at 3919 Brookfield and we absolutely love it here. My Mayoral term officially started January 1 and will last for four years. The City of Bellewood and our commission give a big thank you to outgoing Mayor Kevin Orr for his leadership and helpful transition to me. We have had three very productive meetings and are staying busy with the monthly obligations and ongoing tasks necessary to run our city. Currently we have worked with our city attorney to very quickly implement a new ordinance to be added to our bylaws around the city of Louisville's Insurance Premium Tax increase. There is plenty of information to read online if you are unfamiliar with this tax. We are on top of this new tax increase and if it is passed, we will be in position to keep more of our tax dollars in Bellewood as opposed to sending to the City of Louisville. Each resident will receive a hand-delivered certified summary of this ordinance once it is passed by the city. Please feel free to reach out to me at CityOfBellewoodKY@gmail.com with questions.

Lastly, it is finally great to see more daylight and even some signs of Spring in the air. This will certainly lead to more kids and families spending more time outside in the evening. PLEASE, PLEASE drive slowly and respectfully on our Bellewood streets. Don't be distracted while driving and pay close attention to little kids popping out behind parked cars trying to cross the street. Let's be respectful to all of our neighbors and those that may be walking or riding a bike through our beautiful city. We have so much beauty, charm and wonderful people on each street. I look forward to meeting you on these beautiful nights as my family and I tend to take nightly walks throughout the neighborhood. Feel free to come introduce yourself to me. Happy Spring!

- Mayor Mark Klein



CITY OF BELLEWOOD COMMISSION

The commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at Saints in the Sky Lounge



ANNUAL YARD SALE

The annual City of Bellewood yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 11. We have coordinated with the City of Druid Hills to increase traffic.



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244 ST MATTHEWS



BRUCE GALE

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AUSTIN KUPPER

3917 LELAND



AMANDA DEMOSS

3907 BROOKFIELD

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Ordinance Awareness

Spring is upon us and we should all take pride in maintaining our property and all landscape elements to show off the beauty of our City.

MAINTAIN PROPERTY (January 2014)

- 12.1. MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES AND LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS** – Any owner, or his/her agent, or occupant of property located within the city limits of the City of Bellewood shall be subject to the following provisions:
- 12.1.1.** All premises and landscape elements shall be maintained in a safe, sanitary and acceptable condition, including, but not limited to, steps, walks, driveways, fences, decks, retaining walls, shrubs, trees, grass and weeds.
- 12.1.2.** Weeds, shrubs, grass and trees shall be kept trimmed and from becoming overgrown.
- 12.1.3.** Trees and shrubs which have branches projecting into the public right-of-way or easements shall be kept trimmed fifteen (15) feet above the public roadways. Additionally, any tree or shrub or other plant form afflicted with decay or vegetation sickness which can be transmitted to other trees, shrubs or plants shall be treated or removed.
- 12.1.4.** All fences, decks, retaining walls or similar structures shall be firmly anchored in the ground and maintained in good structural repair. Wooden structures subject to deterioration from weathering shall be maintained with chemicals or paint to preserve the structure and retard deterioration.
- 12.1.5.** All yards, lots, or similar non-enclosed property shall be kept free of accumulations of trash, garbage waste, rubbish, refuse, junk and other noxious or offensive materials or substances which may cause a fire hazard or may act as a breeding place for insects, vermin or other animals.



FREE TREE GIVEAWAYS

The Division of Community Forestry (DCF) will be hosting two free tree giveaways. DCF is seeking volunteers to help distribute trees at the giveaways. Click [here](#) to sign up today! All trees are Kentucky native trees, trees will be awarded on a first-come, first served basis. Limit 5 trees per Louisville resident. Must provide proof of residency. Trees cannot be placed in the street right-of-way, parks or containers. Trees must be planted in Jefferson County.

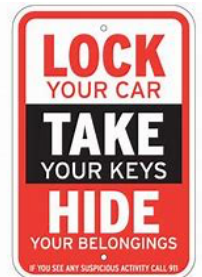
- Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Louisville Zoo, 1100 Trevilian Way (bus parking lot)
- Saturday, March 23 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Jefferson Community & Technical College, 125 W. Broadway

Questions, please contact DCF at 574-3927 or email

CommunityForestry@louisvilleky.gov.

LOCK YOUR CARS AT NIGHT

Please be diligent with locking your cars at night especially when parked on the streets or in your driveways. Several neighbors have experienced stolen items from leaving their car doors open at night by mistake. Take the time to check each night.



PARKING ON THE STREETS

With the incredible amounts of rain we have had over the last several months, be careful not to park your car tires in neighbor's yards as that can and will leave ruts and tracks that are hard to fix. Several neighbors have asked that we add a message to the newsletter asking to make sure we follow the direction of the street signs and park on the correct part of the street and that we not park in yards of our neighbors without permission.

SUBCOMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Do you ever drive through our city and think that you would like to see more decorations during National Holidays? American Flags for 4th of July or light posts wrapped for Christmas? Would you want to help plan a city-wide block party funded by the city? This commission is asking for a group of individuals that would be willing to volunteer some time throughout the year to help plan activities and decorate our city for holidays. Please reach out to us at CityOfBellewoodKY@gmail.com to let us know. We'd love your help!!!

