



## BELLEWOOD COMMISSION

The City Commission is utilizing Zoom (6:30 - 2nd Tuesday of month) for our meetings until the St. Matthews Library or another location becomes available.



## BELLEWOOD TAXES

Our annual Bellewood city taxes will be sent out the first week of 2021. If you pay before 2/28/2021 you will receive a 40% discount.



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# BELLEWOOD NEWSLETTER

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As Christmas and the Holiday Season are upon us, I hope this Newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy. It has been a long year for all of us. We have been forced to do things differently and to slow down quite a bit. I am certainly ready and happy to turn the page and welcome 2021.

The beginning of this year seems so long ago that it is hard to remember all that has taken place that isn't related to COVID-19. As for your Bellewood Commission, our highlights have been many. We signed a new contract with Rumpke to get weekly recycling while lowering the cost, we successfully reimbursed six neighbors for tree planting, added leaf removal for the city, hosted a Halloween Ice Cream Social, replaced vandalized STOP signs, and light posts. We have also updated our website ([www.BellewoodKY.org](http://www.BellewoodKY.org)) and confirmed that our city governing and ordinances are in compliance with the Kentucky League of Cities. All of this work could not have been done without the help of Austin Kupper, Doug DeMoss, Bruce Gale, Steve Dougherty, Amanda DeMoss, and our attorney Finn Cato. I am thankful for all of them and all of the work that is done behind the scenes.

With Christmas coming this week, we have reused our red-ribbon bows from last year to decorate the city. We added wreaths on the STOP signs this year to add some more decor to the city. We are hoping to add more next year and continue to build on the decorations of Bellewood. If anyone is interested in helping to decorate the city and has ideas on how to add more, or knows of a company that is interested in decorating our city, please email us with your ideas and information.



Our city taxes will be sent out after Christmas and it may be after the new year as the PVA had a cyber-attack and is behind on getting those to us. Once those are sent to us, they will be mailed out to each resident the next day. To receive the 40% discount that is offered, you must have your checks sent in by 2/28/2021. Our city remains in a healthy place financially and a big part of our revenue comes from these taxes. Please send them in on time.

Lastly, I have collected a lot of emails over the last two years and would like to collect more. This Newsletter and other communications will be sent to my Bellewood distribution list via email. If you did not receive this over email, please send me an email so that I can add you to the list.

The Commission and myself wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Holiday, and a most wonderful Happy New Year. Please reach out to us with anything you need at [CityOfBellewoodKY@gmail.com](mailto:CityOfBellewoodKY@gmail.com).

- Mayor Mark Klein

## SUCCESSFUL HALLOWEEN ICE CREAM SOCIAL



In lieu of our Summer block party, we were able to reserve a Graeter's Ice Cream truck for two hours on Halloween afternoon. Fliers were hand-delivered the week prior for the announcement and the turnout was tremendous. 2020 gave us one of the best treats with beautiful, sunny skies on Halloween day. During the two-hour window that we reserved the truck, we had 125+ scoops ordered. It was a great way to safely enjoy a treat sponsored by the commission and meet more neighbors. Thank you to all that came by for an ice cream cone or cup.



### LEAF REMOVAL 2020 IS COMPLETED

Our first season of leaf removal is now complete and by the emails and feedback from neighbors, it was a huge success. The first pick-up the week of Halloween was seamless and pretty light for the company we used. In total, 48 homes took advantage of the first leaf removal.

Our second pick-up was the week after Thanksgiving and more fitting for our city trees that like to take their time in falling. The wet conditions and the breakdown of the leaf vacuum added a delay to some of our neighbors getting their leaves picked up the second time, so thank you for the patience on that.

We would love any feedback or opinions on the leaf removal dates for next year. Our second pick-up had over 60 homes take advantage of it so we will continue to budget for this in 2021.

### COMMISSION CORNER

#### NEW COMMISSIONERS AND CITY CLERK

I am happy to announce our new City Commission for the next two years. Starting in January, Nicole Walton, Leslie Beam will join the commission alongside Doug DeMoss and Austin Kupper as they serve their second term in Bellewood. We are also grateful to add Erin Quinnan as our city-clerk replacing Amanda DeMoss. Thank you Amanda, Bruce Gale, and Steve Dougherty for your service to the city.

As stated on the front page of the Newsletter, we will continue utilizing Zoom for our monthly meetings. Once the St. Matthews Library opens up or another safe alternative, we will continue to utilize our meetings virtually. If anyone has any need to join our meetings or to have something discussed at our meeting, please submit an email to the commission.

#### WALKERS AND JOGGERS

Now that we are in the middle of Winter and the darkness comes all too early, this is a note for walkers and joggers to consider using a flashlight or reflective clothing while out. Our streetlights are often not enough to see pedestrians on the road. It's a good habit to get into to make yourself more visible to cars driving through our streets.

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