



Begun in 1929, Bluefields is the oldest neighborhood in Donelson. There are approximately 225 homes in the modern day Bluefields, and many families who have been here from the beginning. Bluefields continues to grow and age gracefully as we strive to keep up the beautiful landscape and protect our older trees; just a few of the reasons why Bluefields homes often sell by word of mouth.

2700 Overhill Circle
Nashville, TN 37214

Donelson's Historic Neighborhood
www.bluefieldsliving.com

Information to Keep Handy

Neighborhood Watch

Emergencies and crimes in progress should be reported to Metro Police via 911. Non-emergencies should be reported via 862-8600. Afterwards, please notify one of the Neighborhood watch captains:

Jamison Mitchell, Captain
972-8450

James Surface, Street Captain
Spring Valley Lane: 874-1307

Ginny Russell, Street Captain
Overhill Circle: 883-4338.

Trash Collection

On Fridays, please have your brown container at the curb by 7 am and remove them by 7 pm.

Curbside Recycling

The first Friday of each month is Bluefields' assigned day for "Curby" pickup. Please have your green recycle container on the street by 7 am.



If the first Friday falls on a holiday, the alternate collection day is Saturday.

Acceptable items: Paper, newspaper, cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, and plastic bottles.

Unacceptable items: Glass, plastic bags, trash, and yard waste. (Note: Glass and plastic recycling containers are located at Hobby Lobby at 4101 Lebanon Road.)

Phone and email reminders are available by visiting www.nashville.gov/recycle or by calling 311.

Brush Collection

Bluefields is in Route 4 of the Brush collection schedule. The next two collections are scheduled to begin February 18 and April 22. Brush should be out by the first day collection trucks are scheduled to be in the area. Leaves placed in biodegradable bags and limbs less than 4 inches in diameter will be collected. More information: 311 or www.nashville.gov/recycle/brush.htm.

Bulk Item Collection

Curbside bulk item collection is available. No more than six items are permitted per address.

The city of Nashville also has recycle convenience centers that allow up to three bulk items to be disposed of at no charge. Details are available at www.nashville.gov/recycle/bulkitems or by calling 311.

Acceptable items: Furniture, mattresses, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners.

Unacceptable items: Scrap metal, household hazardous waste, construction and demolition material.

Burned Out Street Light

Make a note of the number on the light pole and phone NES at 736-6900.

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Bluefields Newsletter

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Bluefields Spring Clean Up Day

Our annual Neighborhood Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for the morning of April 12. As usual, we will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the corner of Overhill and Cumberland Circle and work until noon. That is only four hours of fun so please make plans to attend!

Among other activities we will be insuring that the street signs get a fresh coat of paint and putting new plantings down in



our intersection islands. We will also be picking up trash and clearing out some brush.

Along with the activities of the day we will also have the

Goodwill Truck available to accept donations. This is a good time to do your spring cleaning and serve a worthwhile cause as well.

As all of you are very aware, springtime is a beautiful time in our little community. With your help, we can make it even better.

We need your help, so please plan on attending our morning of work and fun on April 12 (rain day April 19).

— Mark Fox, BHA VP

Bluefields On Tour

We are excited to announce that the Bluefields community has been approached by The Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (APTA) to host a walking home tour. They are suggesting we have the home tour at the beginning of the Christmas Holiday season to show off all our beautifully decorated homes. The APTA normally chooses several homes in desirable communities to showcase, but this year they have asked us to participate in an exclusive tour. Not only is this an honor, but an indication of the pride and

community spirit of our Bluefields residents.

Proceeds from the home tour will go to benefit the 200th Anniversary of the Buchanan Log Home and the Bluefields Homeowners Association.

In the past, various Bluefields homes have been featured in tours that have generated great response and fun for the homeowners! The homes featured on the tour are staffed by 2-3 ladies from the Stones River Women's Club to lead the tour and secure the home. There

have never been any security issues.

So, please fill out the enclosed member survey in order to determine participation and time of year for the tour, Christmas or Summer!

This is an exciting opportunity to recognize our neighborhood while fundraising for the preservation of the Buchanan Log Home and Bluefield's future as a desirable family community.

For further information, please contact Glenda Paulk at 391-3656

Bluefields 2008 Outlook

Happy New Year from your friends and neighbors with the Bluefields Homeowners Association. There are many things coming up in 2008 to help us take our minds off the winter chill. In this newsletter you'll find articles about some of those things.

New for 2008, BHA will offer a discounted membership rate for our Senior Neighbors. All residents over the age of 65 can join the BHA for the annual rate of \$35.00. We wanted to honor our Senior Neighbors with a discount and make it more affordable to participate in the BHA. Those of us who haven't yet reached this age of distinction can still join for \$50.00. When you look at all that the BHA does to better our neighborhood, it's hard to reason why you shouldn't join, especially at 3-4 dollars a month.

We also have some new members who will contribute greatly to the Association. To fill the role of Treasurer, Jim Goodrich has stepped forward to keep the books.

One of our new Board Members, Jamison Mitchell will head up the Neighborhood Watch Program. We also have Andrew Bradley, Lara Kuhlman, and Jennifer Surface coming on to the BHA Board for 2008. We are very appreciative of everyone who served in 2007 and those who will do so this year.



Be sure and check our website, www.bluefieldsliving.com to keep up with new members, real estate info from Charlie Simms, and what's happening in Bluefields. A big "Thank You" continues to go to Keith LeSuer for his maintenance of our website. Speaking of websites, be sure and visit www.metro15.com a website established by your Councilman Phil Claiborne. There you will find news and things of interest going on in

our District. Be sure and read Mark Fox's article on Clean-Up Day scheduled for April 12th and Glenda Paulk's article on the proposed Home Tour to benefit the Buchanan Log Home. Keep an eye out for Bluefields in the Davidson A.M. section of the Tennessee and read about how

we are starting a donations drive to challenge other homeowners associations and businesses to donate to the Donelson Gateway fund to landscape the area around Briley Parkway and Lebanon Road. I hope you enjoy your first edition of the BHA Newsletter for 2008 and, if you do, give thanks to Brian and Laura Beth Oliver for their work piecing all this information together into something you can actually read. When you're finished don't forget to complete your neighbor survey to send in with this year's dues. Thanks for your friendship and membership.

— Jason Holmes
BHA President

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Upcoming BHA Meetings and Events



February 7, 5:30:
Bike and Sidewalk Plan Meeting,
McGavock High School

April 7, 6:30 pm:
BHA Meeting
McGavock Elementary School Library

April 12, 8:00 am:
BHA Clean Up Day
Overhill & Cumberland
(Rain day is April 19)

Neighborhood Watch

The Bluefields Homeowners Association has brought back the official BHA Neighborhood Watch Program. The Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective means available for keeping crime out of our neighborhood. It relies on the best crime fighting tool ever created, a good neighbor.

Neighborhood Watch Advisory Signs will be located throughout the neighborhood. The signs consist of red and green diamonds that will help advise you of an alert. The diamonds are green when all is well and will be changed to red in



the case that a crime has been committed. In the case that the diamonds are changed to red expect an E-mail or phone call explaining what crime has been committed.

A few ways to better protect your property

1. Make sure your windows and door locks are in good working order.
2. Turn on your porch lights and exterior security lights.
3. Let your neighbor know when you will be away for the weekend or vacation. Also have your neighbor pick up your mail and check on your home till you return home.
4. Report suspicious activity to the POLICE by calling 862-8600. For emergencies Dial 911

The neighborhood watch members would like to thank each of you for your participation and watchful

eye. Look for more useful tips and updates throughout the year.

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We still need street captains for uncovered parts of our neighborhood such as Bluefield Avenue.

If you are interested please contact Jamison Mitchell.

One last word: We do have coyotes in our area. To prevent coyotes from coming to close to your home, pick up your pet's food from outside before dusk. Fluffy and Fido had rather do without their food for the night than run into Mr. Wyle coyote.

The Neighborhood Watch is one of most effective means available for keeping crime out of our neighborhood.

Spring Lawn Care

In few short weeks, the cold weather will be over and it will be time to get outside and enjoy our yards again. If you're looking for to improve your lawn, consider visiting extension.tennessee.edu/topics/YardGarden, the University of Tennessee's Extension website.

The website is full of information specific to our climate and soil type, as well as free publications

available for download.

The site notes that soils in Tennessee seldom have adequate natural supplies of nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium to adequately support lawn grasses. However, while homeowners often depend on visual analysis of lawn color or quality for evaluating fertilizer needs, the amount of these nutrients to add is best established by

soil testing. The presence of moss or bare spots does not necessarily indicate a need for lawn fertilization. Soil testing boxes and information sheets are available at your local Agricultural Extension Service office (800 Second Ave. N, Suite 300, Phone: 862-5995).

