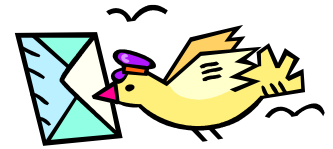


# Bluefields Newsletter

For ALL Bluefields Residents



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### **Bluefields' Trash Pick Up Day:**

*Every Friday*

Please have your  
“brown” container  
out by 7:00 am and  
bring it back in by  
7:00 pm on Friday.

## *You're Invited*

**Please mark your calendars for March 13 at 6:30 pm. The Bluefields HOA is hosting it's March meeting at the Donelson Senior Center. It will be chaired by Mark Fox, Vice-President.**

*WARMER WEATHER*

*WILL SOON BE HERE!*



*LET'S MAKE BLUEFIELDS SAFER*

*FOR WALKING, JOGGING, BIKING*

*AND OUR KIDS!!*



## **Bluefields Homeowners Association Information Sheet**

*Please complete and Return*

You received the Bluefields Homeowners Association Information Sheet with the January newsletter. Many of you have completed and returned them. If you haven't, we would still like for you to return it in the stamped envelope you received with your dues (\$50) for 2006. The information you provide will not be distributed or passed out in any form. This is just to update our mailing list database. Please return your completed form in the stamped envelope you received in January even if you can't send your dues now. We would like to get our database updated as soon as possible. This is for all residents of Bluefields and Bluefield Square.

## Bluefield's Overview by President James Surface

Dear Neighbor,

2006 is turning out to be a great year so far! We have had several first time members join the association. This will be a record year for participation. I encourage every neighbor to join the organization, as every dollar goes back to make the neighborhood a better place. There is no other \$50 that you can spend on your home that will give you this big of a return on your investment. Please join your association!

We have projects that are reaching a stage where your participation would be appreciated. Traffic on Bluefield Avenue is the topic of our next meeting, with Mark Fox being our point person for this gathering. I encourage everybody to attend this meeting. Also, our neighborhood cleanup and work day will be on Saturday, April 15th. This day has always been a successful event to help make our neighborhood a better place. At our last Board Meeting, we approved \$100 to be spent on each median in the neighborhood for plantings, and to the entrance of Bluefield Square. This is an example of your donation at work. Both projects rely on neighborhood participation, so please volunteer a little time to meet some of your neighbors, build new relationships and help the neighborhood.

Spring is approaching and we need to watch for pedestrians, cyclists, children, and pets as we drive through the neighborhood. The speed limit is 30 mph throughout except on Spring Valley Lane it's 10 mph — with all the mentioned activity please SLOW DOWN. Let's prevent a tragedy!

This is your neighborhood. Thank you for taking a moment to read this newsletter. On behalf of your volunteer Officers and Board Members of BHA, we would like to thank everyone for their participation in making Bluefields a better place.

Your neighbor, James Surface

### **Traffic Calming Program Update—Mark Fox**

During the first week of February, a meeting was held between Metro Traffic Calming and the Bluefield Traffic Calming Committee. Mr. Benny Word of Metro Traffic is now working with us. In the meeting, we discussed the results of our "Phase I" which was implemented in late summer 2005. While there were some positive results, they were very small. The overall effect on both speed and volume was minimal.

Our plan now is to move to Phase II. Both Mr. Word and the Traffic Committee thought this to be the appropriate action. Please attend the meeting on March 13 to hear details of what steps will be taken in Phase II and to provide feedback to the Traffic Committee.

Warmer weather is fast approaching. Our dogwoods and redbuds will be blooming before we know it. We want to make our lovely neighborhood safer for all of our walkers, joggers and children.

If you have any thoughts regarding the Traffic Calming Program, please contact Mark Fox, 615-871-9662, email: [FoxMark@bfusa.com](mailto:FoxMark@bfusa.com)

## NUMBERS TO KEEP HANDY

### Brush Collection –

Bluefields' is in Route 4 of the Brush pick up schedule. Next Pick Up:

#### April 21, 2006

Dates for later in the year will be forthcoming.

Brush needs to be set out by the first day the collection trucks are scheduled to be in our area. Limbs must be less than 4 inches in diameter. No stumps will be accepted. Leaves can be put out with your brush in biodegradable / brown paper bags only. QUESTIONS: 880-1000 or [www.nashville.gov/recycle/brush](http://www.nashville.gov/recycle/brush)

Our Neighborhood Cleanup day will be on Saturday, April 15 which will be just before the April brush pickup.

### Bulk Item Collection

Bulk item collection is no longer available. There are recycle convenience centers where up to three bulk items may be disposed of for free. Acceptable Items: Furniture, mattresses, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners. Unacceptable Items: Scrap metal, household hazardous waste, construction and demolition material. Questions: 880-1000.

### Curbside Recycling

Bluefields "Curby" day is the first Friday of each month. Please have your "green" recycle container on the street by 7:00 am. If the first Friday falls on a holiday, it will be collected on Saturday. Acceptable items: Paper, newspaper,

cardboard, aluminum and steel cans and plastic bottles. Unacceptable: Glass, plastic bags, trash and yard waste. Glass and plastic recycling containers are located at Hobby Lobby at 4101 Lebanon Road. Phone and email reminders are available by visiting the web site at [www.Nashville.gov/recycle](http://www.Nashville.gov/recycle) or by calling 880-1000.

Street light burned out – write down the number on the pole and then call NES. The only way they can locate the one you want to report is by the number on the pole. NES 736-6900 – 24/7 – customer service representatives will be glad to assist.

Councilman: J.B. Loring 885-0780

## Update on Proposed Stop Sign Bluefield Avenue & Overhill

The Metro Traffic and Parking Commission will re-address this at their April 10th meeting. As you will recall from the January Newsletter, after a very lengthy discussion at the October 2005 meeting with input from our Councilman J. B. Loring and James Surface, it was voted to monitor the situation for 6 months. Well over 100 neighbors in Bluefields signed the petition which was given to the Commission in October. If you would like to sign the petition and didn't in the Fall, please contact Ginny Russell. If your schedule permits and you would like to attend the Commission's meeting, it is held in the Howard Office Building Auditorium. We appreciate the work our Councilman J. B. Loring has done on this project. We also appreciate the support of Councilman Harold White, District 14, a member of the Commission, who gave an excellent overview of Bluefields history and traffic concerns at the October meeting. If you have further questions, contact Ginny Russell, 883-4338.

## 2006 Trees For Bluefields Update

As Spring approaches and we begin pattering around in our yards, be thinking of a spot that would be perfect for some additional trees. The 2006 Tree Campaign will be coming up this fall and all dues paying members of the Bluefield Homeowners Association will once again receive a free tree for joining or maintaining their membership and additional trees will be available for purchase. We have received a number of the Information sheets back where you were asked to complete the Tree Survey for future planning. We thank you very much for your response. We would like to hear from more of you so please send back your Information Sheet. Remember - The tree you received last December needs at least a couple of gallons of water each week. Even if we have rain during the week, please try to give it at least one gallon of water. Please contact Jason Holmes, 111 Spring Valley Rd., Phone: 615-883-2562 for more information or any questions you may have regarding our Tree Beautification Project.

**BLUEFIELDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**2006 Meeting Dates:**

March 13: Traffic Calming - Donelson Senior Center

June 17: Neighborhood Cookout

September 11: Donelson Senior Center

December 4: Election of Officers - Donelson Sr Ctr

Membership - - So far, we have over 60 paying members. You are welcome to attend all meetings and events whether or not you are a dues paying members. Yearly Dues: \$50 per household

**BHA Beauty Spot “Fun Sign of Interest”**

Spring is almost here—and you know what that means... time to come out from the inside and enjoy the beautiful days and spring flowers! This year, we will be giving the BHA Beauty Spot award to homes that are enhancing their property! Anything from new flowers, to big home improvement jobs or just getting the lawn that perfect green that we all strive for! Every few months we will select 2 or 3 homes and with the homeowners permission, of course, we will place the BHA Beauty Spot sign in their yard for a week!

**Neighborhood Watch** – Please observe and report any suspicious activities in the neighborhood. Report a non-emergency crime to the Metro Police Department at 862-8600. Emergencies or crimes in progress should be reported to 911. Afterwards, call Debbie Nafzger, Bluefields Neighborhood Watch Leader, to report the event at 872-9715 or by email at dcnafzger@msn.com.

**Signs of Interest** We are currently working on getting new signs for our neighborhood watch. These metal signs are a green triangle that can be “unfolded” into a diamond shaped sign that is red. The red color will alert our neighbors to check with Debbie Nafzger or Board members as to the update. This will be an easy way to let everyone know what is happening and keep us all informed.

**Bluefields Website:** Two of our neighbors, Charlie Simms and Keith LeSuer, are developing a website for Bluefields. For those who have access to a computer you will see a lot of very important and interesting things about our neighborhood. As soon as this is complete we will be sending out information on how to access it. Stay tuned!

**Neighborhood Cleanup Day — April 15**

We will have our bi-annual cleanup/work day for the neighborhood on Saturday, April 15, 2006 from 8 AM to 12 PM. We will be painting some of the street signs, working on each of the medians and the entrance to Bluefield Square, picking up litter and trash, and working on any needed yards that request help. Spring will be in full season by this date. This is a perfect time to get out and spruce up our homes, yards, and neighborhood. If you would like to add input to the medians and/or volunteer to help on Saturday morning, April 15th, please come to your next BHA meeting (March 13th) to discuss the project. On April 15th, we will meet @ 8:00 am @ the corner of Cumberland Circle and Overhill. Please wear apparel that is appropriate for activities described. A list of tools to bring will be communicated before the Saturday work date on an individual basis if needed. Ice cold water will be provided.

As our cleanup/work day falls during the “Great American Cleanup”, Metro Beautification will be providing t-shirts, gloves, and trash bags for our use. They will have a special pickup the following week to collect all the trash bags. Please contact one of the following volunteers to RSVP for the Saturday cleanup/work day as we would like to know how many volunteers will be participating. This will also help us know approximately how many t-shirts and gloves to request from Metro Beautification.

On behalf of the Landscape Committee, Thank You!

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