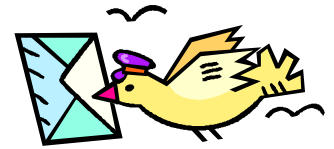


# Bluefields Newsletter

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 September 11 at 6:30 pm. The Bluefields HOA is hosting its September meeting at the Donelson Senior Center. It will be chaired by Ginny Russell, Secretary.**



**MUSIC CITY STAR**

**WILL SOON BE HERE!**

*Let's learn about the new commuter rail*

*Allyson Shumate, Project Manager, Music City Star*

*Will be here to answer our questions about the new transportation in our neighborhood!*



## Welcome New Homeowners and Residents

Maybe you moved into Bluefields in January and have had the opportunity to get to know your neighbors and participate in the various activities and homeowner meetings throughout the year, if so, let a board member know what you think of our new approach this year.

Maybe you moved into Bluefields during the summer, if so, hopefully you have had a chance to meet your neighbors and learn about the fine happenings in your neighborhood.

Maybe you've been here for years, the board would also like to hear from you. Let us know your thoughts on our newsletter, various events and meetings this year. WE WANT to HEAR from ALL Residents in Bluefields!

# Fall Low Country Boil and Festival Saturday, November 11, 2006

Saturday November 11th is the date for the Fall Low Country Boil and Festival at the home of John Ed Fuqua, 217 Cumberland Circle.

Entertainment and Agenda to be announced in more detail for October Newsletter.

This will be a free event for Bluefields Neighbors that have made their \$50.00 donation for 2006.

A \$10 per adult and \$5 per child donation for neighbors and guest that have not made the \$50 donation for 2006. This is to cover food, drink and some entertainment costs.

Neighbors may still mail their 2006 BHA donation of \$50 to Mary Smith, 2712 Overhill, and use that donation amount for the free tree (a \$50 value itself) and Fall Low Country Boil and Festival. What a Great Value!! Where else can you get a June BBQ, Fall Low Country Boil, Newsletters, Flowers in the medians, a 6-8 foot tree for your yard, beautiful freshly painted street signs, a beautiful Bluefields Website and much more for just \$50? This is a deal! Take advantage of it!

This event will be another event that will rival the BHA Bluefields Neighborhood Cookout that we had back in June. We will begin sending out RSVP's in the October Newsletter so that we may calculate how much supplies to purchase. We do not want to run out of the "Florida 25-30 count Gulf Shrimp"!

Make your plans now, add this date to your calendar and see you there!

## Traffic Calming Program Update—Mark Fox

During the last week in June, a check was made by Metro of our progress on Bluefield Ave. The average speed was down to 33 mph and volume was at 3,163 vehicles trips in 24 hours. Both of these figures represent continuing progress. 78.5% of the Bluefield Ave. traffic was traveling at 35 mph or less. The "typical speeder" was traveling at between 36 mph & 45 mph and their numbers were fairly consistent from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Metro Traffic Calming agreed that they would continue with our current countermeasures (radar enforcement, flashing speed trailer, signs & markings) and would pursue speed activated flashing yellow lights at each end of Bluefield.

We are in a sort of "catch 22" with the radar enforcement right now. As progress is made, the police department feels less of a need for their presence. On the other hand, if they are not on Bluefield on a regular basis, I feel that the speeds will go right back up. With that in mind, I will continue to press for regular enforcement.

As for our other streets, I am seeing more and more adults and children walking, jogging and biking. My perception is that the residents are more aware of this and are slowing down. Please continue to stay within the speed limits at all times in our neighborhood. By doing this, you will help us make more progress in traffic related issues. Caution: Spring Valley Lane is 10 mph and one lane (please don't drive on the flowers and lawn).

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

## NUMBERS TO KEEP HANDY

### Brush Collection –

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

#### October 9, 2006

December 19, 2006

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)

### Bulk Item Collection

Bulk item collection is available with a limit of no more than six (6) items per

address. 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 and **all dairy containers labeled 1-7.** Unacceptable: Glass, plas-

tic bags, trash and yard waste. Glass and other 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. **NOW** you can also report this online at [www.nespower.com](http://www.nespower.com). Just fill out the form under Power Outage Information click submit. A crew will be out as soon as possible.

Councilman: J.B. Loring 885-0780

Website: [www.bluefieldsliving.com](http://www.bluefieldsliving.com)

## Bluefield Beautification 2006

I know it's hard to tell from the weather but Fall is just around the corner and with it comes the Bluefields Tree Campaign. It's the time of year when we say thank you to all dues paying members of the Bluefields Homeowners Association with a complimentary tree or shrub. This year's event will take place December 9th when the trees / shrubs will be delivered and planted if you need assistance. As always this event is a success because of our volunteers and with increased membership we'll need everyone who can help even if it's for an hour or two. This year the members will have a choice between a Red Maple or a Mountain Laurel/Rhododendron if you feel well treed. As always you can donate your tree to someone in the neighborhood or let the Association use the money within the neighborhood for improvements or events. All neighbors will have the option to purchase additional trees at a very discounted price and pick them up at Jason Holmes residence at 111 Spring Valley Rd. A detailed list of species and prices will be included in the October Newsletter along with your order form. In the meantime if you have questions don't hesitate to contact Jason at [jholmes0@bellsouth.net](mailto:jholmes0@bellsouth.net) or 883-2562. Thank You, Jason Holmes

## Nominations for Officers (4) and Board Members (6)

We need you to consider volunteering for your neighborhood by putting your name up for nomination for an officer or a board member of BHA. A slate will be presented at the September meeting with nominations also from the floor and the election will be at the December meeting. Please contact the Nominating Committee:

Jason Holmes: [jholmes0@bellsouth.net](mailto:jholmes0@bellsouth.net)

Glenda Paulk: [gpaulk@gafundraising.com](mailto:gpaulk@gafundraising.com) or 391-3656

Patrick Witherington: [pwitherington@howell-fisher.com](mailto:pwitherington@howell-fisher.com) or 316-9468

Tammy Hobbs: [tamgabbie@aol.com](mailto:tamgabbie@aol.com) or 883-8819

**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 90 paying members. You are welcome to attend all meetings and events whether or not you are a dues paying member.  
Yearly Dues: \$50 per household

**Community Relations**

Upcoming Dinner Shows at the Donelson Senior Center:

October 6—19: Pump Boys and Dinettes

November 3—19: Could it Be Love?

December 1—14: Sanders Family Christmas

Did you know that there were Bluefield residents in the last dinner show? If you are interested in attending an upcoming show, call 883-8375 for more information.

**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 [jdnafzger@bellsouth.net](mailto:jdnafzger@bellsouth.net).

**The Importance of Neighborhood Watch** Hat's off to Debbie Nafzger for keeping us all informed on the crime situation within Bluefields. We all appreciate your efforts and keeping the lines of communication open. The question was recently raised "Is the Neighborhood Watch (NHW) a part of the Bluefield Homeowners Association (BHA)? The best analogy I could think of was it's Bluefields own anonymous "Crimestopper's" hotline. I know that everyone reading this newsletter wants the best for Bluefields and the quality of life we enjoy here. I also want everyone keeping an eye on our neighborhood to know that the two entities operate separately from one another but with the same goal of improving life in our neighborhood. You may not know but due to budget constraints, the Metro Police Dept has discontinued some of the services once offered to us as a NHW Community. Obviously if financial support is needed for the NHW Program to operate successfully that support would gladly come from BHA. This support can be seen in the purchase of additional NHW signs throughout the neighborhood, in addition to the ones donated from the city, and the green and red alert diamonds in our neighborhood. Currently BHA is in the process of working with codes officials to see if additional street lighting is needed. The BHA is completely voluntary and membership funded but if you noticed the copper topped signs on a drive through the neighborhood or enjoyed some food and fellowship at the summer picnic thank an Association member or better yet join, and become one.

**Safety Tips / Suggestions for our Neighborhood**

Police or Security Presence

Good Lighting—we are checking with codes to see if we have at least the minimum amount of street lighting, especially on Spring Valley Lane

Awareness from residence and communication among the residence

Criminals talk and tell other criminals where the good stuff is. If we do not get proactive, crime will only get worse. Getting our neighbors involved is a way to bring a community closer together. People will see by example that the association is here for the good of the neighborhood and to do good things.

Use many lights around your property, leave them on at night, as the cost is much less than being a victim.

Trim your trees in your yard up to a 8-10 foot minimum underneath height, so that a sight line is created for Police patrolling the neighborhood, and so that criminals do not have an easy place to hide in your yard.

Don't allow strangers (male or female) in who act as though they are lost, request a drink of water, or to use the phone.

Do lock up when at home while cutting the grass or gardening. Transient burglars will drive around looking for such an opportunity and just walk inside.