



City of Bluff City
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Dear Bluff City Citizens:

It's been a busy December here at Bluff City Hall! No doubt you and your family enjoyed a lovely holiday, and judging by the number of drunk driving arrests on New Year's Eve, many of you enjoyed a very rousing New Year's Eve. The Bluff City Police Department thanks those who are convicted for their job security.

This year's Bluff City Christmas Lights contest was a fierce competition among several neighbors in the Itchy Ivy Subdivision. The McLaren, Sandisoto, and Temple families all had beautiful, elaborate displays at their homes. Neighbors exclaimed that the three displays were brighter than daylight and there were nightly calls to 911 complaining about the brightness. I send my apologies to the other residents of the Itchy Ivy Subdivision who experienced regular blackouts due to the excess electrical demand from their neighbors Christmas light displays. I realize how difficult it is to stay warm without power and the fire department noted that a large crowd of onlookers gathered to warm themselves when the Sandisoto yard lights and decorations caught fire on Christmas Eve. As usual, our brave fire department kept the fire from completely destroying the house (they saved the garage), so the Sandisotos still managed to enjoy Christmas at home. In the end, city council named the Sandisoto family the Christmas Lights winner and Mr. Sandisoto said that the fifty-dollar award will go towards paying their insurance deductible.

The employee gift exchange at the Bluff City Hall Holiday Party was an unusually animated event. As per the usual gift exchange rules, people are allowed and encouraged to swap gifts. This year, however, the swapping got out of hand as everyone tried to get the Bluff City Beavers men's boxer briefs that someone brought as a gift item. As we all know, the Bluff City Beavers enjoyed an undefeated season in their badminton league and Beavers -related paraphernalia is extremely popular right now. Beavers gear is so popular, in fact, that the men's boxer briefs changed hands at least fourteen times before a fight broke out between the police chief and the fire chief. Someone called 911 and the fight turned into a melee when firefighters from Station 2 responded to the call and the police officers began fighting with the firefighters. Needless to say, I now possess the briefs and all guilty parties have been properly reprimanded.

Here's hoping that 2007 proves to be less exciting than 2006. And please think twice before calling 911 this week – eight police officers and all the firefighters at station 2 are on unpaid administrative leave this week as a reprimand for the Christmas Party melee.

Happy New Year,

Percy J. Brown
Your Honorable Mayor