

October 28, 2006

Dear Bluff City Citizens:

A Happy Halloween to the citizens of Bluff City!! Please remember that Beggar's Night will be on Wednesday, November 1 this year. This is because city council, while trying to officially recognize Beggar's Night as being on Halloween, October 31, submitted legislation with a typo that marked the date as November 1, instead of October 31. Rest assured we will rectify this problem with corrective legislation next year.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that the November elections are just around the corner, so vote early and remember to bring personal identification so that we know you are the registered voter that you say you are. Any voter without identification will have to vote with a provisional ballot, and we all know where those votes wind up. If you're going to stand in line for three hours to vote, then you might as well make sure your vote counts!

I'm also going to use this month's Mayor's Memo to dispel a few rumors that have popped up in television attack ads run by the opposing party. While the mayor's seat is not up for re-election, I do want to lend my considerable political support to Councilman Melvin Dervish, who is a fellow party member running for re-election. However, please realize that I am not formally endorsing Councilman Dervish nor have I contributed any of my own sizable campaign funds to his war chest.

I simply want to assure you that Melvin Dervish, a ten-year council veteran who has helped me guide this city to continuing growth, does NOT have leprosy. And even if Councilman Dervish did have leprosy, rest assured that it *usually* cannot be passed on by handshakes nor given to babies through kisses. I read this on the Internet, so it must be true.

The leprosy story was a dirty, underhanded lie used by Councilman Dervish's opponent to keep the public from attending his campaign events. Please believe me when I say that I have personally shaken Councilman Dervish's hand on numerous occasions (despite the fact that there are no photos to prove it) and I have never developed so much as a blister on my hands. I hope the unfounded leprosy hysteria caused by this smear campaign will not keep you from going to the polls to support our candidate. Remember, you can always wash your hands.

I look forward to seeing you on Election Day! And happy trick-or-treating (on Nov. 1)!

Sincerely,

**Percy J. Brown**

Your Honorable Mayor  
Of Bluff City