

# NEWSLETTER

## BVA Website Launched

Find us at <http://www.beaumontvillage.org>

The Association has made it into the 21st century with our own website, carefully designed to serve our membership and inform the community at large about the Village & our programs.

In addition to contact & general information, an email sign-up, and access to our groups on facebook and nextdoor.com, you will find membership information, a calendar of activities, information about our current initiatives. Also community resources, articles of interest, archived newsletters, and by-laws and archived meeting minutes

Be sure to **add your email address** to our list (green button on the homepage), to receive the current newsletter and occasional announcements.

## Meeting place, time to be evaluate

*Safety is an issue; December meeting may be cancelled*

The Beaumont United Methodist Church has been very generous in allowing us to meet in their fellowship hall for many years, and it is a convenient location. With the time change in November, however, outside lighting has become a safety issue. There is also no off-street parking, and we have the fortunate possibility of outgrowing the size of the room, but safety is the main issue.

For some time there has been concern about whether the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM was the best time for most members to attend. This time was originally chosen in part because it fit the schedule for our Public Safety Officer's report.

Earlier in the year the possibility of changing to a Saturday morning meeting was suggested. The Public Safety Officer would not be able to attend. We tried a Saturday meeting in January, but it was not well attended. Going out after dark, and in particular driving at night, is an issue for many older members.

The planning meeting scheduled for January will be an opportunity to figure out when and how often we need to meet, as well as what other activities we want to have for the year. (see p. 3)

### THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAUMONT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

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individuals, \$20 per household.  
Life Membership \$125



**IN THE WORKS...***News & Notes*

- **Membership Drive Continues**— join now for next year and get the rest of 2017 free. Twenty-two new members have joined in October. We have designed a brochure with information about the association and a mailing will go out in December.
- **Visit our new website at <http://www.beaumontvillage.org>**  
The website and membership drive are part of the “capacity building” made possible by the grant we received from the Mary Black Foundation. Thanks to Way-to-Wellville.
- **The oral history project** is on track. We are still figuring out technical details and interview strategies, including volunteers. We will donate interviews (there is a release form involved) and photo scans to the county library’s Kennedy Local History Room to be archived and available to the public. Call Susan Billings at 579-2257 to sign up.
- **Congratulations to Erica Brown** on her re-election to city council. Thanks for your good work, Erica.
- The planning meeting scheduled for January 20 will be our first opportunity to get everyone together and finalize the budget and calendar for 2018. Please plan to participate. (see next page) More information later.
- **Recycling** is picked up the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.
- Just a few reminders for City Environmental Services' (Solid Waste) customers.
  - Please remember to pull you roll cart back from the street after being serviced. (Garbage and Recycling)
  - Pumpkins used for Halloween/Fall decorations should be placed in you grey garbage cart, not mixed with green waste piles.
  - Please make sure the leaf piles are not mixed with brush. Leaf piles should be free from sticks, twigs, limbs and other yard waste items that prevent them from being collected with our leaf vacs. It IS ok to mix leaves with grass clippings.
- Our Public Safety Officer Chris Banks has been reassigned, to be replaced by Officer Hardy (596-2331). **If you have an emergency, call 911. Remember: if in doubt, go ahead and call.**

## Calendar

**November 21, 2017**

Run-off Election, Spartanburg City (Mayor)

**November 23, 2017**

Happy Thanksgiving Day

**December 7, 2017**

Beaumont Village Association;  
6:30 PM, Beaumont UMC, North Liberty Street. Christmas goodies.

**December 25, 2017**

Christmas Day

**January 20, 2018**

Beaumont Village Association:  
First Annual Planning Session

Saturday, 10 AM- 12:30; lunch provided (reservations required)  
Memberships available at the door. Date to be confirmed. Place to be announced.



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# Planning Meeting in January

*Come for lunch, put together the calendar for the year*

Plans are in the works for an extended meeting, probably renting a hall, with as many attending as possible and lunch provided. The objectives: (1) a listening session, to make sure everyone is heard (2) discussion and priority-setting and (3) setting the calendar for 2018, deciding on events and what resources (budget and people) are needed to pull it off. Part of this will include evaluating our meeting times. If it works out, the plan is to make it an annual event.

One of our key goals as an Association is **“to provide an open process by which residents may become involved in neighborhood planning through interaction and participation.”** (By-laws,

Article II, Section 2B). We are growing our membership with a membership drive and improved communications (a new website, social media, and mailings as needed), thanks to our grant from the Mary Black Foundation. The next step is organizing to involve our members. Big corporations have “retreats” for their executives; we are adapting the idea for all of us.

The date is tentatively set for Saturday, January 20th, place to be determined. Put it on your calendar and plan to come for a pleasant and productive morning. There will be a pre-registration, and memberships will also be available at the door. More later..

## Membership Renewals Due January 1

*Mailing to go out the first part of December*

Dues are due January first. at \$12 for an individual or \$20 for a household. Life memberships are still available for \$125. A mailing for prospective members and renewals will go out the first part of December to all households and property owners in the Village. It will include a membership application and

return envelope, as well as our new BVA brochure. The brochure and membership application are also available for download at our website, <http://www.beaumontvillage.org>.

Note that if you have joined since October 1 you are paid up through the end of 2018.

### Membership Categories:

- Individual \$12
- Household \$20
- Life \$125
- Additional Donation \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check #** \_\_\_\_\_

### I am a

- resident/owner
- resident/renter
- landlord/owner
- Friend of the Village
- new member
- renewal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) [please print]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Beaumont Address (if different from above)



Please make checks payable to BEAUMONT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION and mail to: PO Box 771, Drayton SC 29333.

Your membership and contributions are tax deductible. Contact us at 864-585-6465 or find us on the web at <http://www.beaumontvillage.org>

Thank You!

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## By-laws changes passed

### Updates to provisions for voting and paying dues

Changes made to our by-laws at the November 9 meeting included eliminating the requirement that a member must have been active for three (3) months before they are eligible to vote and eliminating an option to pay dues monthly. Also, provision was made that new member dues will no longer be pro-rated, since dues are so low, to simplify bookkeeping and help to defray membership expenses. All dues will be renewable January 1st. Note that if you have

joined since October 1, your dues are paid up through the end of 2018.

The by-laws provides that proposed changes are to be submitted in writing to the Secretary. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, they shall be read at a regular meeting and put to a vote at the following meeting. They need a 55% vote of members present to pass.

Our by-laws are posted on the website under “resources.”

- **Members** must be at least 18 years of age and live or own property in Beaumont Village.
- A **Household** may include two or more voting adults.
- **Friends of the Village** support the Association financially and are welcome to participate in activities but may not vote.
- **Memberships** are for the calendar year starting January 1.
- Support the Association by becoming a **Life Member**.

I am especially interested in [what issues?]:

I'd like to:

- Help with special events
- Help with an oral history/Attics to Archives initiative
- Other:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date