

NEWSLETTER

BVA Meets February 1

New meeting location: New Testament Church

Starting February 1, 2018, the Association's monthly meeting will be at the New Testament Church on Gentry Street. The day and time will continue to be the first Thursday of the month from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. We will use the back entrance from the lower parking lot, and there will be signs up. Thank you to Pastor Deborah Eadie and the church board for their generosity in allowing us the use of their facility and their continuing commitment to community service.

Although we owe a debt to the Methodist Church for the many years they have allowed us to meet there, the decision to make the change was made because of the need for safe outdoor lighting and walkways, as well as parking availability.

February Meeting to set calendar

January planning meeting will not be rescheduled

The plan is to discuss options for going forward in 2018. As you probably are aware, the Saturday January 20 2-hour planning meeting and lunch was cancelled, partly because of the weather but also because of low registration. The executive decision has been made to use the February meeting for discussion of a cut-down proposal for the year, focusing on the recommendations made to the city by the Clemson group last year and where we might plug in there.

As regards the Historic Guidelines, the recommendation seems to be to focus on education and fair enforcement, possibly training session for residents and interested parties that the BVA may be able to co-sponsor.

Otherwise, it remains to be seen whether we can continue with additional activities, like a neighborhood yard sale and National Night Out, unless we get more participation. We sent out a mailing of 400 pieces, followed up by a postcard mailing, and although renewals and new memberships have been coming in slowly **the test will be who shows up at the meeting to pay their dues, what activities the Village really wants, and who will pitch in to get it done.**

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IN THE WORKS...*News & Notes*

- **Membership Renewals are now due** — because of a by-laws change last year, all memberships now run for the calendar year beginning January 1. Everyone should have received a brochure and form for new members and renewals in the mail. You can mail a check or pay at the door at a meeting (or other BVA activity).
- **It's true** — newsletters, signs, mailings, websites and social media are important, but word of mouth is still the most effective membership builder. YOU join, talk it up, and bring your friends and neighbors with you. They say that in a democracy you deserve the government you get, and that goes for the Association as well. What do you want?
- Don't forget to pick up your nifty "Proud Member, Beaumont Village Association" cling window decal.
- **Remember: We Are Not An HOA! (Homeowner's Association). There is still a lot of confusion about this.** If you are a member of an HOA, you pay a hefty annual fee and the HOA pays for things like street lights and services which the City handles for us because we are in the city. Complaints also go to the city. The BVA, on the other hand, is a non-profit working with residents & homeowners, the city & the police for better neighborhood relations and other goals you will find in our brochure and on the website. Membership is still \$12 per year per individual 18 or over/ \$20 for a household.
- **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.
- **Recycling** is picked up the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.
- Officer Randy Hardy is our new Public Safety Officer; call his office at 596-2331 to leave a message and he will automatically get an email, or call his cell phone at 809-7335. His email address is rhardy@cityofspartanburg.org. **If you have an emergency, call 911. Remember: if in doubt, go ahead and call.**

Calendar

February 1, 2018

Beaumont Village Association;
6:30 - 7:30 PM, New Testament
Church on Gentry Street. (new
location).

March 1, 2018

Beaumont Village Association;
6:30 - 7:30 PM, New Testament
Church on Gentry Street. (new
location).

**What activities would
you like to see on our
calendar for 2018?**



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