

NEWSLETTER

City Plans for Beaumont

Open House on Phifer and video production scheduled

City plans to follow up on the recent study by Clemson graduate students were outlined by Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services, at the BVA monthly meeting in February. Mr. Livingston summarized the Clemson report and announced that the house at 117 Phifer ("Aunt Ruth's house") has been completely renovated and a contract for sale is pending; in connection with the realtor, **the city has scheduled an Open House for April 14th**. Beaumont residents will receive a postcard announcement and city officials will be available to answer questions about what you can and cannot do with your property under Beaumont's historic guidelines.

The city will also produce a video including scenes from the open house, to help inform residents and interested parties about Beaumont and our historical guidelines.

The timetable for finishing the video is the end of April. Other plans include final plans and implementation for traffic calming by the end of the summer.

The BVA also welcomed Max Hyde, our new city councilman, who was a guest at the meeting and looks forward to representing our concerns.

Next BVA Meeting April 5

6:30-7:30 PM, New Testament Church on Gentry

Regular monthly meetings continue the first Thursday of the month, with a police report, reports on on-going issues in the Village, and the opportunity to ask questions and voice your opinion. Our new meeting place at New Testament Church (downstairs, accessible from the lower parking lot) is proving to be safe and convenient; special thanks to Rev. Eadie for their hospitality.

Sign up or renew your membership at the meeting. Remember, the BVA is the go-to organization when someone wants to hear from Beaumont.

Minutes of the March meeting have been posted on the website at <http://www.beaumontvillage.org/resources>, where you will also find back issues of the newsletter and other documents.

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IN THE WORKS...*News & Notes*

- Happy Spring, and a Blessed Easter.
- **Membership Renewals are now due** — because of a by-laws change last year, all memberships now run for the calendar year beginning January 1. All property owners and residents should have received a brochure and application form for new members and renewals in the mail. You can also download an application from the website at <http://www.beaumontvillage.org>. Mail a check or pay at the door at a meeting (or other BVA activity).
- You may not know that the the brick house at the corner of Gentry and Maywood is part of the “Welcome Home Veterans” program, which provides transitional housing and helps veterans get into permanent housing. **Interested veterans should contact their office at 864-342-0907 to learn more about the program and program requirements.** Operation Restoration (est. 2011), the parent organization, and the New Testament Church, where their offices are located, have always been good neighbors in the Village. They also sponsor the Up State Stand Down for veterans and their families.
- **New Features: “Why I joined the BVA” and “Beaumont Facts”** We want your contributions! Keep it short, but we know you have something to share. **If your story is “Why I have not joined the BVA,” tell us that, too! We won’t print it but we will try to do something about it!**
- **Want more personal notes in the newsletter?** Find us a Membership Coordinator who can keep us informed as to what is happening with you.
- **Visit our 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.
- Officer Randy Hardy is our new Public Safety Officer, and he will make a monthly report at our BVA meetings. If you need to contact him, 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

April 5, 2018

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

April 14, 2018

Open House, 117 Phifer Ave;
10 AM- 12 noon. An opportunity
for City staff and possibly Donnie
Love, Architect familiar with
historic guidelines, to answer any
questions about the Beaumont
Village Historic requirements; to
showcase the home; and also
provide information for anyone
interested in learning about what
can be done to their home.

May 3, 2018

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

October 2, 2018

National Night Out, a city-wide
event scheduled by the city.
**Our level of participation
will be determined by
interest from the Village—
what do you want?**

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



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Why I Joined the BVA

Continuing our new feature: Malinda Willard

I joined the BVA because I grew up in Beaumont and I love the village. My family moved to Beaumont from Union, South Carolina, when I was about three years old. My father was a machinist in the mill. We lived first on Phifer Drive and then several years later we moved to the house on North Liberty Street, where I still live.

I have many happy memories from my childhood in the village. It was a close-knit, family-oriented community that provided a safe, protective environment for children. Because everyone knew everybody else, we could wander around freely without fear of harm. One goal of the Association is to provide a similar safe and nurturing environment for current residents. In that regard, a regular feature of the neighborhood meetings is the police report from the officer currently assigned to Beaumont. Members have an opportunity to express concerns and interact with the officer.

Since 2010, I have served as secretary of the organization. In that capacity I have participated in many meetings with representatives from the city as we discussed the future of the village. Two of my main interests are preserving the historical integrity and traditions of the village and providing a playground for the children. My membership in the BVA gives me a voice in achieving these goals. —Malinda Willard

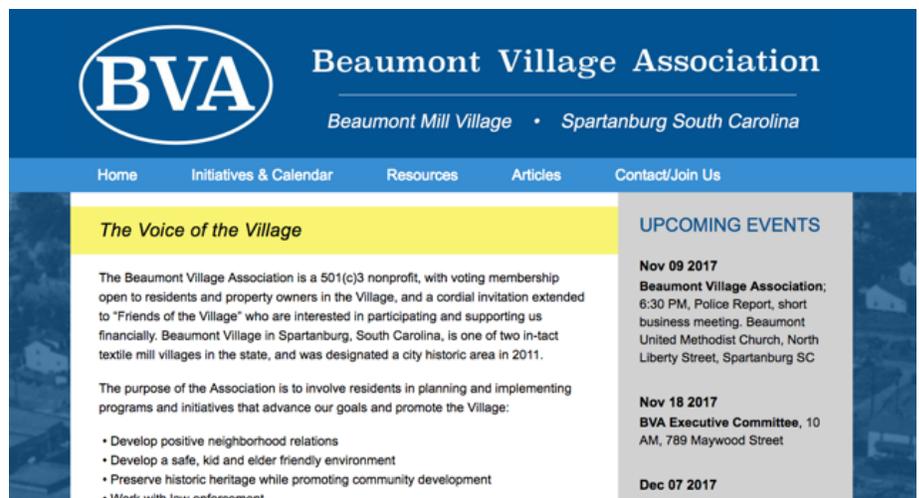
Thanks once again to New Testament Church for our new meeting space. Our goal is to eventually out-grow it and need another option!

Beaumont Facts

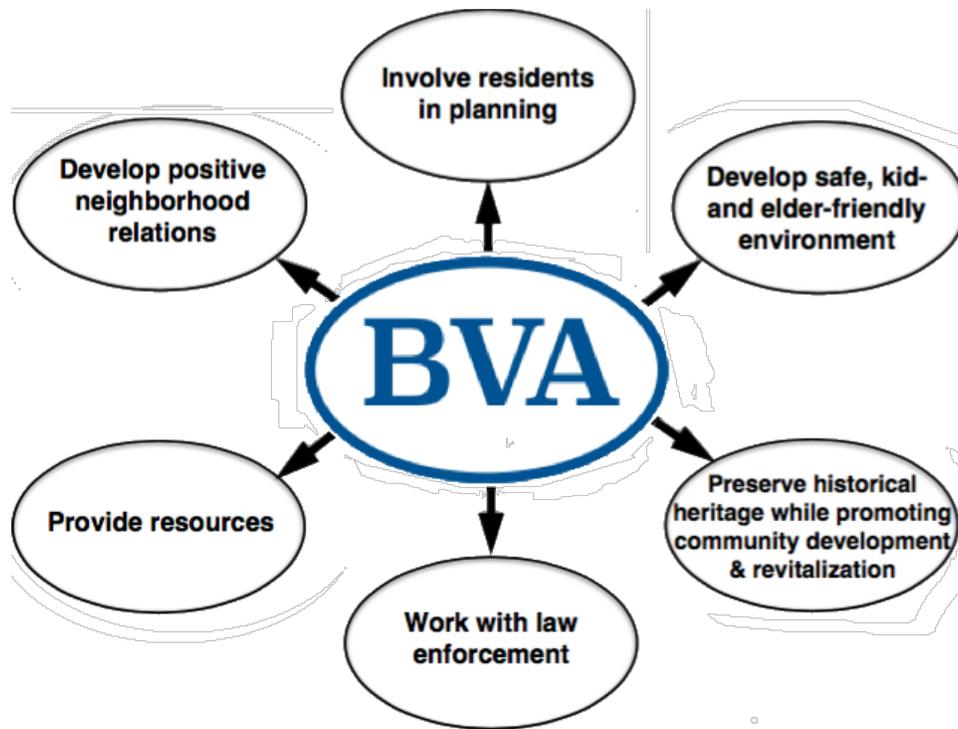
- The original 15 worker’s houses on Liberty Street provided 75 workers for the mill. Whole families worked in the mill.
- By 1920 there were 142 homes in the Village.
- North Liberty Street was originally named Centennial Street. It was originally the only paved street in the Village and was popular with the kids for roller skating.
- At its peak, Beaumont Mill employed more than 1,800 workers.

HELP WANTED: (1) **handy-person** to install 2 hangers in our new meeting place for our banner (2) **membership coordinator & team** to sign up members, keep in touch with members, and help with activities & recordkeeping. Contact Marilyn at 585-6465.

Visit our new website at <http://www.beaumontvillage.org>. Click the green button at the bottom right of the page to add your email to the list to receive the newsletter and occasional announcements.



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