

# NEWSLETTER

## Vice President Position Open

*Serve remaining year of 2-yr term; membership records*

Marilyn Kimple has announced her resignation as vice president of the BVA because of health reasons, effective July 1. She plans to continue as newsletter editor and remain active in the Association, where she has been a member since 2014.

Officers serve 2-year terms, with elections in May for a July start. There are no term limits. The vice president works closely with the president, presides at meetings in the absence of the president and serves on the executive committee, which meets monthly.

Additional possibility: 2 people, one VP who can get experience and work into the president's role in the future, and one membership secretary to maintain membership records & handle mailings, which involves some technical skills including using the Postal Service's on-line app for non-profits. Interested? Know someone who would be good? Contact president Joe Kowal.

***Editorial:*** *we need to live up to our reputation...*

Serving as Vice President has given me an opportunity to work with and get to know Joe and our other officers as well as others in the village. Thanks to Joe, I have also had the opportunity to meet a lot of interesting people: in city government, local foundations and non-profits, and other neighborhood leaders. In the tradition started by Lewis Settle, we have reached out to partner with other organizations to make our town a better place. Partnerships is the Spartanburg Way, I was told at a recent reception honoring Kathy Dunleavy, retiring exec. director of the Mary Black Foundation (whom we have to thank for our Way-to-Wellville grant).

Everywhere I go, people talk about all the good things they are hearing about Beaumont: we have a reputation. How can I tell them I personally have felt spectacularly unsuccessful in building community involvement in my own neighborhood? I am talking BVA membership. What's holding us back? Is it ill-feeling and misinformation about the historic guidelines? We could use an outgoing membership person with good contacts in the Village. In any case we will keep at it, believing with Garrison Keillor that "Nothing you do for love is ever wasted." —mgk

### THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAUMONT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

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

- **No meeting in July— see you August 2!**
- **Beaumont United Methodist Church, in connection with Converse College's Lawson Academy, is offering a music camp this summer, *Musikgarten*, for children ages 4-7, Monday, July 30 through Saturday August 4, 10:30-noon at Beaumont UMC on North Liberty. The program will include music instruction, as well as a snack, crafts, and a Christian devotion. (You do not need to be a member of the church to participate.) Cost is only \$5 and the deadline for registration is Saturday, July 14. Contact the church at 591-1527 for a registration form and further information. They are also considering offering guitar lessons in the fall if there is any interest.**
- **Dr. Paul Grady** has approached the Association about helping with a National Endowment for the Humanities grant he and history colleagues at USC-Upstate are working on: teacher training for developing local history resources in the K-12 classroom. They plan to use Beaumont, the mill and the village, as a model, and in the process will develop oral history and archival resources which we have been hoping to see. They will be speaking with residents about serving as resource people.
- ***Seniors Take Charge*** is a monthly program sponsored by AARP and Spartanburg Co. Parks & Recreation. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, 10- 11:30 AM at Cleveland Park. Free...door prizes. For more information call Bates McKinney at Spartanburg Co. Parks, 804-5813.
- **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.
- **Beaumont Facts:** Early on, rent at Beaumont Village was \$1.00 per room per month. Water and lights were included.  
*source: Carroll Wright*
- Officer Randy Hardy is our 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](mailto:rhardy@cityofspartanburg.org). **If you have an emergency, call 911. Remember: if in doubt, go ahead and call.**

## Calendar

**July 5, 2018**

NO MEETING— Happy 4th!

**July 18, 2018**Beaumont Village Association;  
Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 PM,  
789 Maywood Street. Open to  
interested members & guests.**August 2, 2018**Beaumont Village Association;  
6:30 - 7:30 PM, New Testament  
Church on Gentry Street. (new  
location).**August 15, 2018**Beaumont Village Association;  
Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 PM,  
789 Maywood Street. Open to  
interested members & guests.**October 2, 2018**National Night Out, a city-wide  
event scheduled by the city.**Wanted:** at least 10 new  
volunteers to step up and make  
possible the block-party-type  
celebration we have had in the  
past.Stephen B. Cannon, Ph.D., CPCU  
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