

NEWSLETTER

USC-Upstate: Beaumont History

Presentation at the Mill, August 1st, 5:30 PM

Come to a special meeting at the Mill (lower level; look for signs) for a presentation by Dr. Paul Grady, history professor at USC-Upstate, to learn about an exciting opportunity for us to partner with others in preserving our local history. Dr. Grady wants to outline the basics of a grant proposal his group is working on. Also to find residents (and others) with historical connections to the mill and the Village who are interested in sharing their family history and connections with the mill, possibly including photos and artifacts. It will all be digitized for the county library. Tell your friends & relatives.

We know there is a great deal of interest in Beaumont's history, but the BVA and the library have not had the resources to preserve that history—possibly until now. Dr. Grady and associates in the history department are working on a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, "Landmarks in American History." Their objective is to develop a seminar for history teachers, and they want to use Beaumont as a model, **using our story to help teachers develop skills in local history preservation.** In the process we would get professional help in preserving family histories, photos, & artifacts and some of us may act as resource persons for the project itself.

The grant proposal is due in February and the grant would be awarded next summer; 72 educators from around the country would attend two one-week seminars in the summer of 2020.

BVA Meets Thursday, August 2nd

Special guest: Ned Barrett, Partners for Active Living

In addition to our police report, come learn more about plans to extend walking trails through Drayton and Beaumont, connecting eventually with Barnett Park. The bridge over Lawson's Creek is finished but has not been connected yet.

Meetings are 6:30 PM, lower level, New Testament Church on Gentry Street, and are open to the public.

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAUMONT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

is published once a month, on or around the 20th, before the regular meeting of the Association (first Thursday of the month, New Testament Church, 6:30 pm) and is distributed free to members and anyone who requests it via email. For home delivery call 585-6465.

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IN THE WORKS...*News & Notes*

- School starts August 20th, and Mr. Thomas Webster, principal of our brand new elementary school, is looking forward to visiting one of our meetings once things calm down some. They are not in the building yet. In the meantime you can follow Drayton Mills Elementary School on Facebook and visit the website: dmes.spartanburg7.org. Their Meet the Teacher event will be August 15 from 2-6 PM and they have not yet scheduled a planned community-wide open house—look for announcements.
- The Beaumont United Methodist Church **Musikgarten music camp**, in connection with Converse College's Lawson Academy, will be held Monday, July 30 through Saturday August 4, 10:30-noon at Beaumont UMC on North Liberty. This is for kids 4-7 years of age. Space is still available; they can take registrations through Friday, July 27th, and the cost is only \$5. Call 591-1527. The church is also considering offering guitar lessons in the fall if there is any interest.
- We will know more about plans for **National Night Out** (scheduled city-wide for October 2nd) after the Citizen's Advisory Council meeting September 11. The event may be scaled back from previous years unless we get more help, but we feel it is important to participate.
- **How can we build BVA membership?** The only way we know of is for you to join and invite your neighbors. Tell us what you want and step up and do something about it. Love where you live — and if you do, say so!
- **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:** the mill published a newspaper for employees known as *The Beaumont E*, which included company news as well as ads for the company store which was located on North Liberty.
- 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. **If you have an emergency, call 911. Remember: if in doubt, go ahead and call.**

Calendar

August 1, 2018

Special Presentation: USC-Upstate/Beaumont History project 5:30 PM, Beaumont Mill, lower level (SHRS) Open to residents & the public.

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.



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