

NEWSLETTER

Trail to Come Through Beaumont

Getting Connected

Ned Barrett, with *Partners for Active Living*, told a small group at our August meeting about plans to extend the Mary Black/ Drayton trail through Beaumont and past the mill to Barnet Park. The bridge over Lawson's Fork Creek should be connected and the approaches landscaped ready for dedication sometime in November. From there the trail will come behind Skyvision Signs and past the ball field at Adams Park, cutting down Lynda Street and working its way over to North Liberty.

The exact route through Beaumont has not been determined. *Partners* will raise funds and build the trail, after which the city will maintain it. Typically projects like this involve signage (and a name), some parking, and landscaping. This may be the opportunity we have been waiting for to develop a park in the village. The BVA hopes to help, possibly clearing kudzu and doing some fund raising.

Beaumont History report

A Thank You Note from Dr. Paul Grady, USC-Upstate

To the residents and families of Beaumont Village,

On behalf of myself and my colleagues, Andy Myers, Ann Merryman, and Rebecca Mueller, I want to thank all of you who attended our special meeting August 1st at the library to talk about our interest in your neighborhood and its history. As I shared with those present, your story is one that we hope to focus on in a series of summer seminars that will help teach Social Studies instructors from around the country to use local, community-based history to improve their students' classroom experience. Based on our conversations from that meeting, all of us at USC Upstate are more convinced than ever that we chose the perfect community as our model.

The workers of the Beaumont Mills and the residents of the Beaumont Mill Village share a story that is common to many towns across the South that focused on textile manufacturing. *[see History, page 2]*

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IN THE WORKS...*News & Notes*

- Happy back to school!
- **Next BVA meeting is September 6**, 6:30 PM at New Testament Church on Gentry.
- The August 15th BVA Executive Council meeting was cancelled on account of illness.
- 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.
- No word yet from Randall Farr at the city about 4-way stop signs or historical markers. Word was this could be accomplished by the end of the summer... next time we get it in writing.
- **Do you think more folks would join the Association** if we offered members a way to track dealings with the city? What about a services registry (yard work, etc.) file with references? Look for a poll next month, or maybe at National Night Out.
- **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 Beaumont Mill baseball team was well known. In one game against Inman Mill, Beaumont's Mayberry struck out 28 men in a 21-inning, 1-0 win. (*Textile Town*, p. 135)
- 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.**

[History, continued] It is unique, however, in each of the individual experiences and memories that the workers, their families, and the residents of Spartanburg created as they lived their lives in this community. It is those memories and the documents, artifacts, photos and conversations that preserve them that we hope to save.

Calendar

September 6, 2018

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

September 19, 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.

October 4, 2018

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

October 17, 2018

Beaumont Village Association;
Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 PM,
789 Maywood Street. Open to
interested members & guests.

October 31, 2018

**Annual Halloween Parade
Prizes for Kids & pets.**



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For those that we met at the meeting, thank you; for those that couldn't be there Marilyn Kimple and Joe Kowal can help you contact us to share your memories. You can also contact me directly if you would like to talk about your story. Over the next year, we hope to talk to as many of you as we can. — Dr. Paul Grady, pgrady@uscupstate.edu