

# BVA News & Notes

- **Next BVA meeting is December 6**, 6:30 PM at New Testament Church on Gentry (downstairs main parking lot entrance). Bring Christmas cookies to share. For further information contact Malinda Willard, 573-9655.
- **Agenda Changes:** we will vote for new officers December 6 but a vote on possible changes to our articles of incorporation and bylaws has been postponed to allow for further discussion. **Nominees are: Michael Floyd, president; Jack Gowan, VP; and Don Tisdale, Program Director.** Hopefully we can work for consensus with the aim of making people feel more included and interested in participating in a variety of ways.
- **Membership Renewals now due for 2019.** Dues are \$12 per year for individuals, \$20 for a household, go toward the expenses and projects of the Association and are tax deductible. (We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.) You can pick up a form at the meeting or download it from the website at [http://www.beaumontvillage.org/files/docs/membership\\_app\\_download.pdf](http://www.beaumontvillage.org/files/docs/membership_app_download.pdf)
- According to our current bylaws, because we are classified as a “member organization,” only paid-up voting members may vote for officers & bylaws changes. Voting members must be 18 or older and live or own property in Beaumont. Members can vote to change this. Many small organizations are board of directors-governed: members participate in planning & programs but not governing/business of the corporation itself unless they are on the board of directors or a board committee.
- **The Citizen’s Advisory Council (CAC)** is chartered by city council to include leadership from the city’s neighborhoods. Proposed projects for 2019 include street lighting, encouraging the council to review the landlord registry, and periodically review/update policies. The CAC meets the 2nd Tuesday of every other month. The city provides training at a Citizen’s Academy which starts in August (registration begins in June). Chris Story, our new city manager, addressed the group in November and announced a comprehensive transit study and the city’s membership in the Government Alliance on Race & Equity.
- **Visit our website at <http://www.beaumontvillage.org>** Click the green button at the bottom right of the webpage to add your email to the list to receive the newsletter and occasional announcements.
- 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.**



**REMEMBER WHEN?** For those of you who grew up in Beaumont, do you remember —

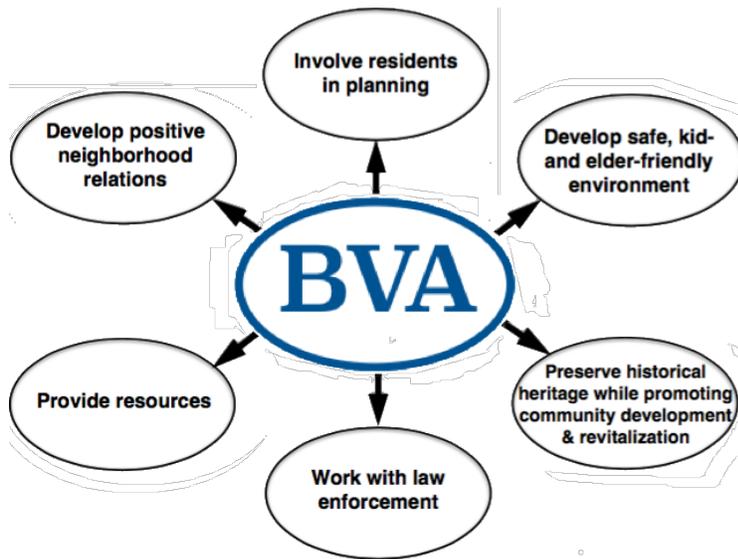
- When the mill would provide each family in the village with a turkey for Thanksgiving or Christmas?
- When each of the churches in the village would have a special Christmas program and after the pageant Santa would appear to hand out presents and bags of fruit? [continued on back page]

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- When we would walk home from Main Street uptown after the Christmas parade? (There was no Daniel Morgan Avenue or North Pine Street. We would walk down Dean Street and come under the train trestle and up North Liberty Street to come home.)
- When there would be a large star of Bethlehem on top of the mill each year at Christmas?
- When we knew who lived in each house that we passed in the village?

For those of you who are newcomers, I hope that you will come to love Beaumont just as those who grew up here do. I hope that just as we were guided by the star on top of the mill as we walked home, you will be guided by the lights of love, joy, and peace as you enter the New Year.

Best wishes, **Malinda Willard, secretary**



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