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Our New Entrance

Drivers at Bramton and Shelbyville Road are seeing something new: our freshly rebuilt city entrance. The original entrance was destroyed in a January auto accident. Ever since, the city has been working with insurers and contractors to restore the location’s signature look. Now, our brand-new entrance is ready to welcome everyone into our city.

Beechwood Village Gets Quieter

There’s good news from Frankfort! Some village residents have voiced concerns about traffic noise from the Watterson Expressway. The city took those concerns to state government, and now help is on the way. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will build a new sound barrier along the portion of the Watterson which adjoins Beechwood Village. Design work is scheduled for Summer 2023, with construction set for Summer 2024. This will be a great benefit to our community, and we’ll share more details as the project draws closer.



Policing Change Is On The Way

Beechwood Village is improving its police protection.

You may have heard that LMPD is reducing service to suburban cities. To ensure our residents continue to be supported and protected, Beechwood Village has contracted with the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department to serve as our primary law enforcement agency. That change goes into effect in July.

Graymoor has been handling routine patrols in our village for several years. Now, that service will be expanded. Graymoor will serve as the primary agency responding to all calls. We will also gain access to Graymoor's detectives.

Nothing is more important than the safety of our residents and their property. This change solidifies that top priority.



Holding The Line On Taxes

Our Beechwood Village property tax rate will stay flat for another year. The current rate of 10 cents per \$100 assessed valuation will continue through fiscal year 2021-2022. Your city government works hard to deliver quality services, while also controlling expenses. We're proud to hold taxes low.

Community Events Update

Businesses, schools, and communities are all grappling with how and when to return toward normalcy following the COVID-19 pandemic. In Beechwood Village, that means the usual 4th of July Parade and City-Wide Yard Sale will not take place this summer. However, pending new developments and public health guidance, the village is planning to hold our annual City Picnic this fall. We'll provide more details in future issues of this newsletter.



How To Get Vaccinated

The surest way out of the pandemic is to get as many of us vaccinated as possible. Vaccinations are free of charge, and all Kentuckians age 12 and up are currently eligible. Links to all local vaccine providers are available at: louisvilleky.gov/vaccine. The Metro Health Department's COVID-19 Helpline can also assist in scheduling appointments by phone at: (502) 912-8598.



Paving For The Future

Everybody likes a smooth drive. That's why Beechwood Village keeps a close eye on street maintenance and paving. Last year, the city repaved Sage, Ring, and Cordova Roads. This year's paving plans are still being finalized, but the next priority streets include Bramton, Fox Run, Tyne, and Short Roads. We'll share more information as it becomes available.

No Free-Running Pets

Most everyone knows Beechwood Village has a leash law for dogs, but many don't realize the ordinance also applies to cats. Specifically, the ordinance states:

- A) All dogs and cats shall be confined to a leash or otherwise kept under the absolute control of the owner or agent when on the streets of the city.
- B) All dogs and cats shall be confined to the yard of the owner or the person in charge of that dog or cat.

- C) It shall be unlawful for any owner or person in charge of a dog or cat to permit or allow such dog or cat to ran at large in the city.

Pets violating the ordinance are subject to impoundment by Metro Animal Services.

Some residents have complained about unrestrained pet cats damaging and soiling property. Please respect your neighbors and don't allow your dogs or cats to run free.



Summer Street Safety

Warm weather brings more joggers, bikers, kids, and dog walkers to our streets. Please help keep our neighborhood safe for everyone by complying with all Beechwood Village traffic laws. This includes fully stopping at all Stop Signs, and obeying our village-wide 25-mile per hour speed limit. Speed limits and stop sign compliance are being enforced, with tickets and fines issued for violations. Thanks for keeping our streets safe for everyone!

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June 8

6:30PM: Monthly City Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 13

6:30PM: Monthly City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 10

6:30PM: Monthly City Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 14

6:30PM: Monthly City Council Meeting

TBA:

BWV Fall Picnic



The Green, Green Grass Of Home

After a long winter, lawn care season is back. Some reminders:

- Please avoid mowing or leaf blowing at hours when others may be sleeping, particularly early in the morning.
- By city ordinance, all grass must be kept at a length of 6 inches or less.
- Excessive shrub or tree overgrowth cannot interfere with the safe use of city streets.
- Clippings and yard waste should be disposed of properly. Pickups are scheduled every Monday, along with our regular garbage collection.
- Clippings / yard waste must be placed at the curb in an appropriate receptacle or compostable paper bag. Plastic garbage bags will not be picked up. Any limbs or branches must be bundled and cut to no more than 3 feet long.

Thanks for your help in keeping our village looking great!



The Best Parking Spot In Town

The best place to park is in your garage or driveway. When you do have to park in the street, here's what you need to know:

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING. No on-street parking is allowed anywhere in the city between the hours of 2AM and 6AM, seven days a week.

PARKING OPPOSITE ANOTHER VEHICLE. It is illegal to park opposite another parked vehicle on the other side of the street. Our streets are narrow, and illegally parked cars can prevent fire trucks, ambulances, and other emergency vehicles from getting through.

YARD PARKING. Fully or partially parking in yards is not allowed. All four wheels must be on the pavement. No parking is ever allowed on grass.

INTERSECTIONS. No parking is allowed within 30 feet of an intersection or stop sign.

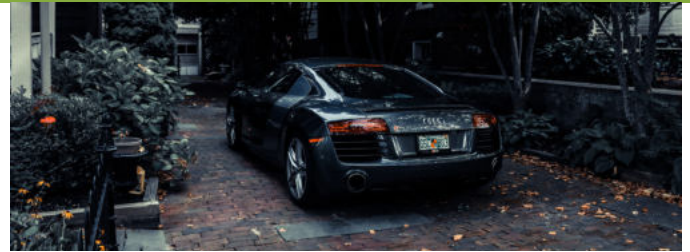
TRAILERS, BOATS, AND RV's. On-street parking is illegal for buses, utility trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles.

DESIGNATED NO PARKING ZONES. There are specially-posted No Parking zones on sections of the following streets: Bramton, Sage, Marshall, Cordova, Biltmore, and Brunswick.

Parking violations are subject to ticketing and fines. For full details on our parking ordinance, please visit the city website at:

www.beechwoodvillage.org/ordinances/.

Information on the parking fine appeals process can be found on the parking violation citation form.



Prevent Car Break-Ins

No one can prevent 100% of car break-ins, but there are some simple steps you can take to protect yourself and reduce your chances of a break-in:

- **LOCK YOUR VEHICLE** - Sometimes it's easy to forget to lock your car doors, especially in your own driveway. An unlocked car is the #1 opportunity thieves look for. Simply locking your doors can be enough to make them give up and move on.
- **KEEP A LIGHT ON** - If you have an outdoor light, keep it turned on. Thieves love darkness. Some extra light protects not just your car, but your home, too. The pennies in electricity are worth the extra peace of mind.
- **REMOVE YOUR VALUABLES** - What do sporting equipment, golf clubs, laptop computers, and shopping bags all have in common? They've all led enterprising thieves to break into cars. Don't leave anything valuable in plain sight inside your vehicle. Put it in the trunk, or cover it in the cargo area.
- **REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** - If you spot something suspicious, report it immediately to the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department at (502) 327-2677. If the situation is a true emergency, dial 9-1-1. We all want Beechwood Village to remain safe and secure.



A Little Tree TLC

Over time, our trees can fill up with dead branches and broken wood. Those can become dangerous projectiles when we get high winds, storms, and lightning. Trees can also grow to invade the wrong spaces, such as your home, your neighbor's home, the public right of way, streetlights, and important utility lines.

Please take a moment to check your trees for loose limbs, dead branches, and inappropriate growth. There are many qualified professionals who can inspect, treat, and trim your trees at a reasonable cost.



LG&E also has a Line Clearance Program. Please consult them before doing any trimming near utility lines. LG&E's number is (502) 589-1444.

