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Santa Is Coming To Beechwood Village

Jolly Old Saint Nick is back this year to visit all the good children of Beechwood Village. Santa will start at Beechwood Baptist Church and will travel around the Village to spread holiday cheer! This year's Santa Run is coming up on Sunday, December 12th, from 1PM to 3PM. Be on the lookout for Santa on his big, red fire truck.

When will Santa be near your home? Here's a map:



Community Bulletin Board

Beechwood Village has a newly revamped community bulletin board. It's located at the corner of Biltmore and Brunswick, next to the playground at Beechwood Baptist Church. As you're out walking in the neighborhood, please give it a look for the latest updates on news and events in our neighborhood.





Time To Show Your Holiday Spirit

The Beechwood Village Holiday Decorating Contest is back this year.

We invite all residents to help choose the most festive homes in the village. Here's what you need to know:

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, based on number of votes. These gift baskets will include lots of great items from neighborhood businesses (including Nothing Bundt Cakes and Trader Joe's).

For everyone decorating outside this year, please be sure your house number is clearly marked and visible. That makes it easier for residents to vote for your address.

Voting will begin Friday, December 17, and end at 6:00 pm on Monday, December 20.

On Saturday, December 18, 5:30 - 7:30PM, put on your coat, grab your favorite beverage, and stroll through the village to view the decorations and select your favorites. Greet your neighbors, and make it a fun evening.



Winners will be announced on the Beechwood Village website, Nextdoor, and the Beechwood Village Facebook page on Tuesday, December 21.

Just visit our city website to find the link to vote: <https://beechwoodvillage.org/holiday-contest/>.

Our village loves to show its holiday spirit. Please join us for this fun holiday tradition.

Trash Collection Change

Due to ongoing labor shortages, the Beechwood Village trash collection schedule has changed. Regular garbage and yard waste will continue to be picked up every Monday. Recycling is now collected every two weeks, on alternating Mondays.

Waste Management will supply each home with a large, wheeled recycling bin at no additional cost. Any residents who prefer to continue using the original, smaller recycling bins are free to do so. This new schedule will remain in effect through the end of the city's current Waste Management contract in mid-2023.



A Productive Year

It's been a productive year in Beechwood Village. Our completed projects include:

- A new signature entrance at Bramton and Shelbyville Roads.
- Improvements to drainage and sump pump overflows.
- Enhanced police protection through the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department.
- The expansion of street lighting.
- New lighting at city entrances on Taggart and Blenheim.
- Repaving several city streets, including Tyne, Fox Run, Bramton, and Short Roads.
- A new balanced budget for 2022 with no increase in the city property tax rate.

Your City Council looks forward to continuing to serve you in the New Year.

Vaccinations Still Available

First, second, and booster shots of the COVID-19 vaccines are still widely available throughout our community. For a list of nearby providers, please visit: www.louisvilleky.gov/vaccine. You can also call the Metro Health COVID-19 Helpline at (502) 912-8598. Vaccinations are a great way to ensure safe holiday gatherings with the family.



Can Santa Find You?

Will Santa be able to find you this year? How about UPS, Fed Ex, Amazon, and the Post Office? We've all heard about packages being delivered to the wrong home. Make everyone's job easier by ensuring your house number is clearly visible from the street. It'll help you get the presents you want... and none of the ones you don't.



Have A Safe And Happy Holiday Season

Here are some tips to ensure your holiday season is safe and accident-free:

1. Keep trees away from heat sources. Place your tree away from fireplaces and heaters, and keep a fire extinguisher near your tree.
2. Hydrate your live tree. A dried-out tree can catch fire faster than one that has been properly watered. Check the water level every other day.
3. Ask for help. When stringing lights and decorations above your normal reach, be sure to use a proper ladder with someone supporting the base.
4. Double-check your lights for safety. Replace any lights that have frayed wires, broken sockets, or loose connections.
5. Power down at bedtime. Turn off all lights when you go to bed and before leaving the house to avoid a short circuit that could start an electrical fire.
6. Prevent electrical cord damage. Don't mount lights in a way that might damage the cords, and avoid using nails or tacks to hang lights. Use hooks or insulated staples, instead.
7. Secure candles. Keep candles on a sturdy base to prevent tipping. Never leave a lighted candle unattended.
8. Use unbreakable ornaments. If you have fragile ornaments, place them out of the reach of pets and kids.
9. Keep it real. Avoid decorations that look like candy or food if you have young children — or pets — in the house.
10. Beware of poisonous plants. While festive, poinsettias are poisonous when eaten. So, keep them out of reach of children and pets.

Prevent Water In Your Basement

Throughout the fall, a lot of debris has collected in and around our city storm drains. This can be a problem when heavy rains come. If the water can't drain away, it will pond on streets and in yards, and maybe back-up into your basement.

Please clear away any leaves and debris you may see near a storm drain or in your rear property line drainage ditch. If a drain is visibly clogged underneath the grate, contact MSD to come clean it. Call (502) 587-0603, or fill out a request at the MSD website, www.louisvillemmsd.org.





Get Ready For Winter

Now is a good time to do some seasonal home maintenance. After all, a bit of attention today can save costly repairs and aggravation tomorrow.

Interior Maintenance

1. Check for drafts. If necessary, replace seals and repair caulking around window and door frames.
2. Have your furnace inspected. Hire an HVAC professional to test for leaks, check heating efficiency, and change the filter.
3. Winterize air conditioning. It may be necessary to cover your outdoor central air unit for winter. If you use window air conditioners, remove them or cover them.
4. Programmable thermostat. Get a programmable thermostat to lower the temperature automatically at night and when you're not home.
5. Test home safety devices. Replace the batteries in all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide devices, and test to make sure they're working properly.

Exterior Maintenance

1. Do a roof check. Do a visual inspection of the roof from the ground. Look for missing, damaged, or loose shingles. You may need to remove leaves and debris.
2. Check the chimney. If you have a wood fireplace, have your chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional.
3. Clean the gutters. Hire a service, or do it yourself. Remove leaves, nests, and debris from gutters and check for leaks.
4. Check water drainage. Clear downspouts of obstructions and direct water away from foundations, walkways, and driveways.
5. Turn off faucets and store hoses. Drain garden hoses and disconnect them. Shut off exterior spigots.
6. Inspect trees. Check for damaged limbs that may break, or that are too close to power lines or the roof.
7. Leaf removal. Rake and remove leaves from the lawn. Put them into paper yard waste bags and leave at the curb for Monday pick up.

Preventative maintenance can save money on expensive emergency repairs and wasted energy costs. Properly maintaining your home also enhances its value and appeal. When the winter winds blow, your home will be ready.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 12

1PM: Beechwood Village Santa Run

Tuesday, December 14

6:30PM: Monthly City Council Meeting

Friday, December 17 – Monday, December 20

Holiday Decorating Contest Judging

Tuesday, December 21

Holiday Decorating Contest Winners Announced

Tuesday, January 11

6:30PM: Monthly City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 8

6:30PM: Monthly City Council Meeting

