

## Caution! Falling Taxes!

The Beechwood Village City Council has approved a 23% cut in property tax rates for Fiscal Year 2019. The old tax rate was \$0.13 per \$100.00 of assessed property valuation. The new tax rate for 2019 is \$0.10 per \$100.00 of assessed property valuation.

This tax reduction puts money back in the pocket of every Beechwood Village property owner. The amount of savings depends on the assessed valuation of your home. For example, a home assessed at \$225,000 would save about \$70/year.

The city works hard to keep our expenses and overhead costs down. We're happy to return this savings to taxpayers.

## Sign-up For Text Alerts!

Beechwood Village has set up a process to quickly notify residents of any urgent and important information by texting relevant content to your cell phone.

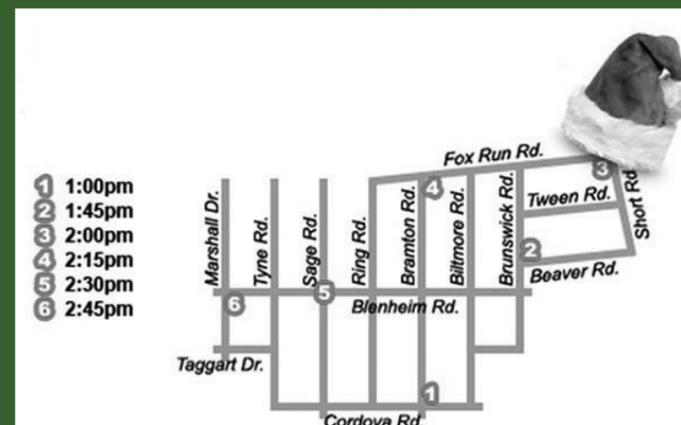
To sign up, text EZBWV to 313131. Text messaging and data rates may apply from your carrier. You can opt out anytime by replying STOP EZBWV to 313131.

This system is not designed to accept replies from residents, other than opting out. If you have any questions or concerns contact William Robinson, [william@beechwoodvillage.org](mailto:william@beechwoodvillage.org) and /or attend the regular monthly city council meetings. Check our website for meeting details.

## Santa Is Coming To Beechwood Village

Jolly Old Saint Nick will visit all the good children of Beechwood Village this year on his annual stop in our neighborhood. Santa will follow the map below, traveling around the village to spread holiday cheer.

This year's Santa Run is coming up on Sunday, December 9th, from 1PM to 3PM. Be on the lookout for Santa on his big, red Fire Truck!



*On December 9th  
Santa Will Visit  
Beechwood Village.  
When Will He Be  
Near Your Home?*

## Lighting Up Our Nights

You've probably noticed that Beechwood Village streets are a lot darker at night than streets in other nearby neighborhoods. That's because we have far fewer streetlights than our neighboring communities.

Good street lighting enhances public safety by reducing crime and improving visibility for drivers. It also makes the streets safer and more usable for walkers, joggers, and cyclists.

The Beechwood Village City Council has approved funding for a city-wide lighting study to be conducted by a professional engineering firm. They will look at the lighting we already have, and make recommendations on how many new streetlights should be added and in what locations.

The lighting study is currently underway, and we expect to see the results in early 2019.

## *Goodwill Is Coming*



As you are probably aware, Goodwill Industries of Kentucky has announced plans to relocate its Shelbyville Road retail store. The store would move from its current location near Hubbards Lane to a newly-constructed facility in Beechwood Village, at the east corner of Marshall Drive and Shelbyville Road. The new store would replace three existing, older apartment buildings on that site.

After about a year in the review process, Metro Council has approved this zoning change. Because the project includes covering the drainage ditch along Shelbyville Road, additional approvals are required from MSD and the Kentucky Department of Transportation.

Once all the necessary approvals and engineering work are complete, you should expect to see the apartment buildings demolished simultaneously, with construction work to start shortly thereafter.

## *Election Results*

On November 6th, the voters spoke. Now, Beechwood Village will have a new Mayor and new City Council, beginning in January.

Congratulations to Mayor-Elect Logan Griggs, and to our newly-elected City Council Members: Kelly Carls, Andy Conlisk, Lora Coomes, Mary-Gwynne Dougherty, and Phyllis Skonicki. A new 6th council member will be elected at the January council meeting.

We would also like to thank current Council Members Lori Dooley and Ray Chmielewski, who will be leaving the Council at the end of December.

The Beechwood Village City Council meets at 6:30PM on the second Tuesday of each month on the second floor of Beechwood Baptist Church, at the corner of Biltmore and Cordova Roads. You are invited to stop by to meet your elected representatives, and participate in helping to make Beechwood Village an even better place to live.

## Beechwood Village Holiday Home Decorating Contest



Once again this holiday season, our Village will hold a contest for the Best Decorated Home. We have a very festive neighborhood, and past competition has been strong! Recognition will be given for First, Second, and Third Place winners.

Holiday decorations will be judged on the weekend of December 15th, and winners will be notified by December 23rd. Winners will also be recognized in the next issue of the Beechwood Village quarterly newsletter.

Everyone looks forward to seeing your holiday spirit!

## *A Message From Outgoing Mayor Brandon Jagers*

First, I'd like to say how much I have enjoyed serving as a council member beginning in 2008, and as your Mayor since 2015. I also personally want to thank City Clerk Cherie Brewer for her years of dedicated service to this and past administrations.

I have really appreciated meeting all my neighbors throughout the years. This neighborhood has experienced some positive changes since I moved into the Village back in September of 2005. I think we have really increased curb appeal throughout, and have been recognized regionally as a great place to live and play.

A saying that has always rung true for me and others is "the more you put into something, a good return for all will result." I think this is especially true from my time served, and I hope I made a difference to all residents. Some of the highlights that I think everyone has benefited from are...

- Premium Garbage Services from Waste Management – We have locked in a very competitive price into the 2020's. (I do wish more Village residents would recycle.)
- Beautification at our City Corners and Entrance - Thanks to Eddie Turpen for his help over the years.
- Headerline Project - The connection of hundreds of sump pumps to pump underground, not onto the city streets.
- The Bank Franchise Tax - We earn additional revenue of \$15,000+ for the city per year, and will for as long as BB&T resides in BWV.
- Repairing Streets and Curbs
- Fiscal Responsibility - Staying under budget on expenses, and passing a property tax decrease this past year.
- Selling the Pump House to Marshall Realty
- Working with St. Matthews to pave Stonehenge Drive

Some of the things I hope your new City Council will maintain and implement would be...

- Planting New Trees - Continue to offer residents subsidies to purchase new shade trees in the Village. Also, reduce the cutting down of healthy, older trees. For every one tree removed, plant TWO!
- Maintain the Headerline / City Drainage - We need to inspect and connect other sump pumps to the current system in the coming year.
- Add More Street Lights - Also, upgrade current lights to higher efficiency standards. Our Police Force has highly recommended adding to our current lighting grid to reduce break-ins.
- Digital Archive – Preserve all City documents in a searchable online database.

I plan to stay in the Village and support our future Mayor and Council.

My last parting words are for everyone to continue to be good neighbors to one another. In this age, it is so important to say "hi", or to wave to people in our neighborhood on a consistent basis. It DOES make a difference to everyone living in or visiting our neighborhood.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve the past ten years.

Brandon Jagers

## Beechwood Village 2018 Calendar Of Events

December 9	1PM - 3PM Santa Run
December 11	6:30 Monthly City Council Meeting
January 8	6:30 Monthly City Council Meeting
February 12	6:30 Monthly City Council Meeting

## *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, make sure you 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. 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.