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Emergency: 911

THREE NEW MEMORIALS

The pocket park at the intersection of Emerson Avenue and Garstang Ave, adjacent to the Amtrak rail yard, will be home to three memorial plaques. These plaques will represent the Beech Grove Police and Fire Departments and the five military branches. The plaques express the gratitude and respect that the citizens of Beech Grove feel for their local police, fire and military service members. Dedication of the memorial plaques is planned for September . (Picture on Page 2)



Special points of interest:

- *Community Policing*
- *Crimes Against Persons*
- *Juvenile Crime*
- *Professionalism*
- *Neighborhood Crime Watch*

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OFFICER BILL TONEY REMEMBERED

September 29th of 2010 will mark the tenth anniversary of the murder of Officer Bill Toney. Bill is still sorely missed by us at the Beech Grove Police Department. A day does not pass that he is not in our minds and hearts. Bill was taken from us as he pursued a car thief, Benjamin Ritchie, that had fled from him in the vehicle and then on foot. As Bill made up ground during the foot pursuit, Ritchie took up a position of ambush and shot Bill as he came around the corner of a garage. After an all-night manhunt, Ritchie was caught hiding out with friends in a Beech Grove residence. He was brought to trial, found guilty of murder and was sentenced to death. He is still on death row.

Bill was the type of Police Officer that every department desires to have; professional, hard working, helpful, friendly, conscientious, etc. Bill thought of Beech Grove as his city and gave his life protecting it. Please join us for the dedication of the memorial plaques at the Emerson Ave/ Garstang Ave pocket park on September 29th, as we not only remember Bill but remember all the public safety and military members that have given the ultimate sacrifice.

DO NOT BE A VICTIM OF TELEPHONE OR MAIL FRAUD

Do not give out your credit card or bank account numbers unless you initiated the call or know the organization with which you are dealing.

Be wary of prize notification letters. Do not call 900 numbers to claim a prize; such a call can cost you quite a bit. You can ask the phone company to block access to 900 numbers from your home. There should be no charge.

Never make an investment over the phone.

Do not donate money over the phone and do not send money to anyone you don't know. Ask for written information, then if you wish to donate, do it by check.

If someone offers a deal that sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Yet, every day people get taken in by different schemes.

Con artists defraud and cheat unsuspecting citizens out of several billion dollars each year. The swindlers prime target is the senior citizen. Swindlers see the elderly as easy marks for many reasons. Many senior citizens live on social security and pensions supplemented by savings. They may be looking for ways to increase their incomes through investment, home business opportunities or retirement properties.

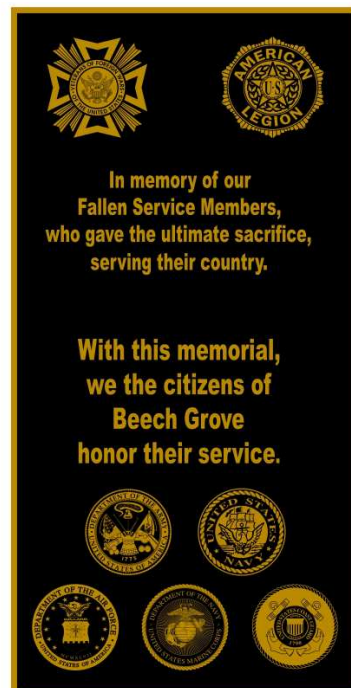
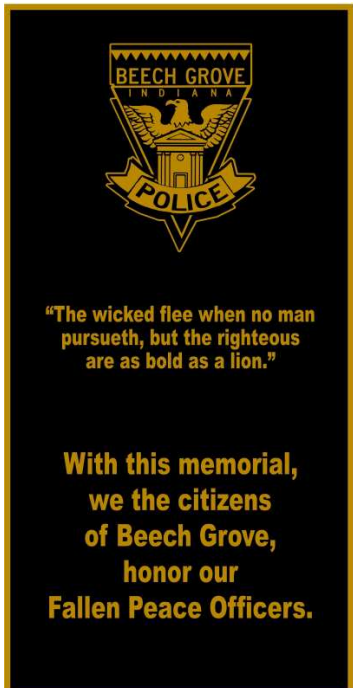
Most con artists promise "incredible bargains" or "quick money". Unfortunately, senior citizens are vulnerable just as everybody else is when it comes to get-rich schemes.

Swindlers try to win your confidence and are usually well-dressed, talkative and intelligent.

It never hurts to get a second opinion. Talk to friends, co-workers or family.

**A GRACIOUS
WOMAN RETAINS
HONOR, BUT
RUTHLESS MEN
RETAIN RICHES.
-PRO. 11:16**

Memorial Plaques



*Here is a **Fraud Alert** that should be shared with all seniors across the state of Indiana. Please stay proactive in caring for our seniors. "They need us as much as we needed and need them."*

FRAUD ALERT!

From the Marion County Prosecutor's Office

Obituary Scheme

Indiana State Police are investigating a scheme that seems to be run by individuals that are targeting senior citizens. The suspects are using the obituaries to find and target recently widowed seniors. They are then calling these individuals and telling them they need credit card information to prevent undetected fraud. Once the perpetrator successfully obtains the credit card information they use it to buy expensive lawnmowers. Please be assertive and ask questions!

1979 RESERVE OFFICERS



To the left is a photo of the Beech Grove Reserve Officers. The photo is from 1979 and was taken during a training session.

Back row: Mark Swartz, unknown, Rich Witmer, Jim Black, Danny Farnworth.

Middle row: unknown, Jim Huser, Ray Purcel

Front row: Cindy Bailey, Joan Yohler

Of this group, Rich Witmer is the current Chief of Police, Mark Swartz is a Captain and Danny Farnworth rose to Deputy Chief before succumbing to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in 2008.

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Tips for When You are in Your Car:

Always lock the car and take the keys even if only for a short while.

Keep the car in good running order and keep the tank at least a fourth full.

Lock the doors while driving.

If your car breaks down, put the hood up and stay in the locked car. While waiting for help, only speak to people through a slightly open window.

Put packages and valuables in the trunk. Never leave them out in plain sight.

License plates are sometimes stolen, get in the habit of checking your plate and knowing the number.

Leave narcotics tips at 782-4942 or at narcotics@beechgrove.com.

Join Us For National Night Out August 3rd

Please join us at the Eagles Lodge at 712 Main Street on August 3rd as we celebrate the 27th Annual National Night Out. Over 37 million people in more than 15,000 communities will join forces on August 3rd to promote police-community partnerships. These partnerships will foster crime, drug and violence prevention, safety and neighborhood unity.

“Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party” is the national theme. Members of the Eagles lodge will be serving complimentary hot dogs, chips and drinks while

Beech Grove Police Officers will be giving away goodies to the kids in attendance. Officers will also be on bike patrol throughout the neighborhoods.



ALERT

Always remember to lock your door when it is parked at your residence. Young people often go out in the middle of the night and check the door handles of cars to see if any are unlocked. If they find an unlocked car, they will take anything of value from the car. This occurs in drive-ways also.