

July 7, 2017

To: Area Residents  
From: Mayor Buckley

Re: Update on the progress of the old hospital.

Dear Residents,

I wanted to send you out another update on the progress of the dismantling of the old hospital buildings. I remain very pleased with the progress that they are making and I really appreciate that they (Brandenburg) are doing exactly what they said they would do.

- As you have witnessed, they have dismantled the south and center buildings as planned. They are removing the debris and separating metals as we speak. They plan on removing the piles of debris before moving on to the next building.
- The next building set for dismantling is the tower building. They have told me they will start on it in late August or early September.
- The north building section that faces the neighborhood north of the buildings and the bustle area (back of the tower) will not be part of this process. They will dismantle these buildings after the tower is dismantled. What they want to do is let part of the north building and the bustle portion of the tower building act as a dust shield to keep particles away from the neighborhood north of the property.
- As the dismantling of the buildings continues, Franciscan Health is continuing with the updates to the structures on the property that are not set for dismantling. Recently, a dedication ceremony was held for the Visiting Nurse Services (VNS) building (Alverno) and the Franciscan Health Insurance Center building (MAB), which has been completely remodeled. Plans are now in the works to remodel the parking garage for re-use by Franciscan employees. As of now, Franciscan Health has brought back over 300 jobs to Beech Grove and it is estimated that when everything is complete, up to 600 jobs may return. This is exciting news!
- We recently completed the re-paving of the alley between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from Buffalo to Detroit. I want to apologize for the inconvenience this caused to all of you, but according to our engineers the alley had completely broken down. I told you in a previous letter, we were going to fix the alley and we did.
- This won't happen until the property is cleaned up, but extensive drainage work is going to take place on Buffalo between 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Street. According to the construction companies, Buffalo will be redone as well. Hopefully, this will

finally solve a long standing problem with water draining into the local neighborhoods.

- We plan on having another town hall meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at Hornet Park. If you have you have problems or questions prior to that, we want you to contact us at 317.803.9111 or at [compliance@beechgrove.com](mailto:compliance@beechgrove.com).
- On July 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon our Marsh store closed for good. We have been working very hard to establish a new grocer for this area. On Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup> at 1PM we will conduct a press conference to announce a new occupant for the property. The press conference will be held at City Hall upstairs in the council chambers.
- Work continues on finding an occupant for both medical buildings across the street from the old hospital. We are working with a group and we seem to be getting closer to working out a business plan but nothing yet to announce.
- I have included an announcement from the Franciscan Health Foundation concerning bricks from the old hospital. As we have talked about in the past, bricks will not be available for public distribution.

Again, I would like to thank you for your patience while these buildings are being dismantled. This is a very difficult process to watch as so many people have memories of this hospital.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis B. Buckley  
Mayor  
City of Beech Grove