

December 1, 2017

To: Local Residents

From: Mayor Buckley

Residents,

I hope this letter finds all of you well, and I hope your Thanksgiving was bountiful.

I would like to update you on the progress concerning the dismantling of the old St. Francis Hospital and other items that are going on in and around your neighborhood.

We should have normal trash pick up through the Christmas and New Year's Holiday. I apologize for any problems with trash pick up during the Veterans Day or Thanksgiving Holiday.

For those of you who recycle, we will be mailing you a calendar for the 2018 pick up schedule by years end. If you don't recycle and would like to participate, please call us at 803.9111. It is a free service for our residents and it also helps the environment.

Our leaf pick up program will end around December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please get your leaves out to the street for pick up. If you have any questions, please contact DPW at 803-9098.

Work continues on the foundation removal of the tower building and the old emergency room area of the old St. Francis Hospital. You may have noticed that crews are also working in the old south building area, as they are removing footings, and are beginning to pull up the asphalt parking lot in the front portion of the tower building.

The crushing of cement continues. All of the crushed cement will be pushed back in the hole for fill. The goal in this is to have the property environmentally cleaned up and be ready for green space. I have been very impressed with how this project has transpired and is continuing.

Work is being done on the crossover building as well. This is the one story building attached to the parking garage. I believe their intent is to have a common area for their employees to eat and congregate. This is also the area that we would like to place a trailhead location for the greenway, should Franciscan Health allow us to. I will attach a conceptual drawing of how the trailhead may look. Please remember this is only a drawing and the plans are likely to change throughout the process.

Our engineers have been doing assessments on roads that surround the property, especially Buffalo and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. They are documenting road conditions and the breaking down of the asphalt.

There has been no activity on the two medical buildings located across the street from the hospital property.

The city council is hearing an ordinance that will prohibit parking on Buffalo (both sides) from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, Cleveland (both sides) from 13<sup>th</sup> to Churchman Avenue, and Detroit (both sides) from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. Please keep in mind that parking will still be allowed off of the road as long as the parking is on impervious ground. Should the council approve this, the new rule would go into effect in February of 2018.

Water main work on the west side of Beech Grove has finally been completed for 2017. For those interested, 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue from Cleveland to Southern is scheduled for removal and a new road constructed in 2018 along with drainage improvements. We are waiting on word from Citizens Energy Group to see if they are going to install new water mains on North 16<sup>th</sup> (Buffalo to Detroit) in 2018, if they do we will follow up with road improvements.

Have a great Christmas and New Years Holiday! Should you have any questions, please call us at 317.803.9111.

Respectfully,

Dennis B. Buckley  
Mayor  
City of Beech Grove