

January 22, 2018

To: Residents  
From: Mayor Buckley

Re: Update

Residents,

I hope all of you are doing well and staying warm. I have been very pleased with our Department of Public Works employees as I feel they have done well with trash pick up and snow removal. Hopefully, you are happy with the snow removal. If not please call my office at 803.9111.

I wanted to share a couple dates with you just for your information and you are welcome to attend these events.

The next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Hornet Park Community Center beginning at 7PM.

I will present the State of the City Address at the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM. The event will be held at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> is Presidents Day and all city offices will be closed.

The next FREE Shredding and FREE appliance drop off day is scheduled for Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to Noon behind City Hall. If you have not participated in this program, it is really a nice benefit to local residents to get rid of old appliances and old papers.

You should have received a mailer from the city concerning FREE medicine disposal and FREE recycling. We encourage you to participate in our recycling program if you are currently not, and the medicine drop off program is located in the lobby of our police station which is located at 340 E. Churchman Avenue. No questions asked.

On to the updates:

As you have noticed, work has stopped on the St. Francis property. This is a result of the weather and the inability to compact dirt, sand, and gravel. They have moved most of their equipment to another project and will return when the weather breaks to finish the project.

You may be wondering about the old emergency room ramps. They left them up temporarily to protect a water line located directly below the ramps from the weather and from construction equipment. When they return to complete the project, they will properly protect the water line and remove the ramps.

They are going to survey the area of the old tower building, and mark old footing points for reference. They are going down under 16 feet from the foundation line and anything left under that will be documented and left in place. I am in agreement with them that they cannot foresee any construction on the property that would warrant a footing that deep into the ground.

Work continues on the one story crossover building. I believe that this will be utilized by employees who work in the old medical arts building.

For me personally, it is unusual to look south from your neighborhood and being able to see the properties located south of the old hospital, I have become adjusted to this and feel the greenspace concept might not be a bad idea. Just my thought!

\*\*\* I do want to bring you up to date on a new ordinance that our City Council recently approved and goes into effect in February. The new ordinance calls for NO parking on Buffalo from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. NO parking on Cleveland from 13<sup>th</sup> to Churchman Avenue, NO parking on Detroit from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> and from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. It is important to note that you can still park off of the road as long as it is on an impervious surface (cement, asphalt and gravel). Parking on the grass has always been prohibited. This ordinance directs NO parking on the physical street surface only.

The city is working with IPL to update all of the street lighting to LED. The estimated cost is approximately \$300,000.00, and would be paid over a three year period. Thus being said, when this is completed, the city would save approximately \$25,000.00 per year in energy usage fees.

For those of you who live on North 16<sup>th</sup> from Buffalo to Detroit, the city would like to replace the road and do some sidewalk, curb and driveway approach work to beautify your street. We are waiting on the water company to decide when they are going to

replace the water main so the road work will be completed at that time. The water main on your street is very old and in really poor shape so, we cannot put a new road in and they come back and install a new water main after the fact.

If you have any questions or concerns we encourage you to contact us at 803.9111 or at the [mayorscallcenter@beechgrove.com](mailto:mayorscallcenter@beechgrove.com). Best wishes to all of you. Hurry up spring!

Respectfully,

Dennis B. Buckley  
Mayor  
City of Beech Grove