Cities offer ideas to Greenwood, Franklin

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People strolling, shopping and dining downtown. That’s the vision of officials in both Franklin and Greenwood for their historic business districts.

And they’re looking to two central Indiana communities as examples of successful revitalization efforts. Beech Grove and Carmel often are cited as models for how to bring people back to downtown.

Franklin Mayor Fred Paris mentioned the success of both communities while outlining his plans for downtown during his state-of-the-city talk.

Franklin’s downtown revitalization commission intends to meet with Beech Grove Mayor Joe Wright to discuss that city’s initiatives.

Wright advises officials to develop a shared vision, pick projects that encourage residents to walk, make sure development lines up with long-term planning and focus on marketing.

“Your city is a product,” he said. “To grow economically, it needs to be marketed to both residents and those outside the community.”

After sprucing up its Emerson Avenue entryway, Beech Grove plans to restore Main Street as a place where the community gets together and small businesses thrive.

A $6 million project is planned to rebuild Main Street and install a new storm water drainage system. As part of the project, the city’s redevelopment planners have discussed more green space and off-street parking to encourage more pedestrian use.

In the summer, the city unveiled two lighted clock towers at Main and Emerson to mark the entrance to the downtown area.

For the first step of revitalization, Beech Grove enhanced Emerson Avenue, which leads to the historic business district.

Workers tore down a concrete barrier wall and added landscaped medians, sidewalks, trees and pole-mounted streetlights along the street. Shrubbery, trees, flowers and grass all were planted along the median.

The improvements were intended not only to make it easier for traffic to flow to Main Street but also to give the city a more appealing entryway, redevelopment committee member Cindy Kirchhofer said.

“We want people to go north off of Interstate 465 and head into town,” said Terry Shaw, director of the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce. “So far, it’s done wonders for the traffic.”

A developer is interested in a major mixed-use retail and residential project on Emerson near Main, Wright said.

With the road project looming, others have expressed interest in buying Main Street property, he said.

To pay for the revitalization projects, Beech Grove applied for federal grants and used tax-increment financing, which captures property taxes from new development in an area and channels them into infrastructure improvements intended to spur further investment.

Early on, planners decided not to pay for work through loans or by raising property taxes, Kirchhofer said.

Many residents would have been upset to get higher property tax bills, she said.

Still, city officials have had to reassure the public that homeowners’ property taxes haven’t been paying for the projects, Kirchhofer said.

Last year, Greenwood City Council member John Gibson proposed designating Old Town a redevelopment area to create a tax-increment financing district, where assessed value is frozen. Any new property tax dollars go to projects such as roadwork instead of to schools, libraries or local governments.

“You need to have the community behind what you’re doing,” Kirchhofer said. “So taxpayers should know it isn’t costing them anything.”

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From The Redevelopment/Economic Development Front

Redevelopment Commission

Formed nearly three years ago, Beech Grove’s first ever Redevelopment Commission allows local citizen leaders to guide the City’s future direction and exert local control over projects. Redevelopment Commission members President Terry Dilk, Vice President Cindy Kirchhofer, Secretary Mike DiNapoli, Financial Advisor Greg Sheets, and new member Roy Edwards spend numerous volunteer hours guiding the vision of the community’s redevelopment efforts. Because of their innovative work, Grovers are beginning to see tangible evidence of more than $6 million in major improvements.

The group established three overarching goals that encompass all of their projects and contribute significantly to a better, brighter Beech Grove:

- improve citizens’ quality of life
- increase citizens’ personal wealth
- promote community pride and ownership.

Statutorily designated as managers of Beech Grove’s Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district, the BGRC manages property tax dollars received from new developments in the district to pay for redevelopment projects without raising taxes.

Redevelopment Project Snapshots

Emerson Avenue

The Emerson Avenue project is the City’s gateway; one filled with lighted towers, banners, planters, and landscaping. This project represents the first step towards making Beech Grove a walk-able, family-friendly, business-friendly city. Utilizing innovative TIF funds to revitalize the gateway, a brand identity was created that can benefit every Beech Grove business - particularly those on Main Street – for generations to come. The architectural towers containing the words “Beech Grove” are seen by millions each year. This enhanced corridor likely will increase the city’s brand awareness by as much as 300 percent.

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The fabric of a community is a blend of its citizenry. Here in Beech Grove, that fabric is a robust mixture, ranging from young leaders eager to learn to successful business people interested in contributing their knowledge and experience to families who are the backbone of their neighborhoods to our senior population who generously contribute their wisdom, time and energy to the community they love.

The strength of a city is determined by the involvement of those it serves – you, your family, your friends, and neighbors. This issue of the Beech Grove Times is filled with information on what is happening in your community, along with progressive examples of how your fellow citizens are involved and how you can join them.

Towards the center of this issue are snapshots of the City’s various roundtables and advisory councils. You likely will recognize many of the names listed in these snapshots as your friends and neighbors; even your sons and daughters. I encourage you to pay particular attention to the plans and activities of these dedicated groups, as they offer avenues to provide citizen voice to what city government is doing.

For those of you interested, the Faith-based Roundtable’s center spread contains a wealth of information about events and activities provided by our many churches and religious organizations.

Spring is in the air (finally!) and there is so much happening in Beech Grove. From a new curbside recycling program starting in May to the progress being made on our redevelopment projects, the following pages have it all. Speaking of news…check out the reprint of a recent front page article in the Daily Journal in Franklin.

Our Main Street revitalization project is being studied as a model by Greenwood and Franklin who want to construct a similar downtown area. That “vision” thing is catching on…

Enjoy this information-packed issue of the Beech Grove Times. Thank you for all that you do to make our community a better, brighter Beech Grove.
If as little as two percent of the vehicles traveling along Emerson stop and do business in Beech Grove, the resulting economic impact on Main Street businesses would be an additional $4 - $6 million per year in new business. This level of business alone is enough to support 50,000 square feet of retail business along Main Street.

The court holds two sessions per week, violation has 72 hours (three days) from the date of the notice to pay the fine. If the fine is not paid within that period, the violator must appear in Beech Grove court and pay the approximate $110 court cost, plus the fine amount.

The second priority for the court is local control. In the past, tickets written in Beech Grove were paid to Marion County. With the inception of the court, tickets now are paid to the City of Beech Grove. Beech Grove's local court now will offer due process for violations in our community. In the future, the judge will hear civil cases up to a $3,000 limit for damages, giving residents and business owners a local venue to settle disputes.

Connecting to Emerson Avenue is...

Main Street
According to Mike DiNapoli, chair of the Main Street initiative, Main Street from Emerson to 13th Avenue is scheduled for a major facelift. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) recently awarded Beech Grove $4.5 million to help transform its downtown. Working with his steering committee of fellow downtown merchants, designers and engineers, DiNapoli will spearhead this major renovation which will include street and storm sewer improvements, alley work, new parking areas, and many and various aesthetic enhancements to improve open air spaces and the walk-ability of Beech Grove's downtown.

Emerson stop and do business in Beech Grove, the resulting economic impact on Main Street businesses would be an advanced showing of the 3-D fly-through video that depicted the new design elements. The video was presented to the rest of the community during Mayor Wright’s annual State of the City presentation. Check out www.betterbrighterbeechgrove.com to view the video. It will be enhanced further to show the work that will be done utilizing the newly awarded INDOT grant dollars.

The Redevelopment Commission plans to award the contract for the construction work in late 2009 or early 2010, with the work scheduled for road season (weather dependent construction season) in 2010. This project will be a single season project meaning it will be started and completed within the same year.

Community Happenings

First Ever City Court Open for Business
Judge Charles W. Hunter will set precedent

On March 4, a new chapter in Beech Grove's progress began. Charles W. Hunter, a lifelong resident and practicing lawyer of nearly 60 years, began his term as the city's first judge.

The court serves several purposes, all relating back to the priorities of city government. The first priority is preservation of public safety. Law enforcement officials now have yet another tool in their arsenal to fight illegal activity. City ordinance violations such as tall grass, abandoned vehicles and public nuisances, along with traffic and parking violations are being included on the court docket.

Anyone receiving a notice of a City ordinance violation has 72 hours (three days) from the date of the notice to pay the fine. If the fine is not paid within that period, the violator must appear in Beech Grove court and pay the approximate $110 court cost, plus the fine amount.

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The court holds two sessions per week, one on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon and one on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All sessions take place on the second floor of City Hall in the Council Chambers.

“We set up the docket for people’s convenience,” says Judge Hunter. He sees the court as a service to the citizens. Cindy Johnson was hired as the clerk of the court. Johnson assists Judge Hunter in legal research, record keeping, scheduling, and ordinance review.

“At this point, we created the legal forms we need and adopted a court seal,” Johnson explained.

Both Hunter and Johnson shadowed other courts in the area, learning the best practices to make Beech Grove's first city court a success, with the hope of setting a precedent for those who fill their positions in the future.

Connecting to Main Street will be...

Greenway
The long wait ended last October when the Redevelopment Commission received the good news that Beech Grove was awarded a $1 million Transportation Enhancement grant from the State of Indiana to match $1.2 million of local funds for construction on the first phase of the Greenway. Engineering design and INDOT review will take place this year.

A common thread between Main Street and the Greenway are the federal funds the City has received to help accomplish both projects. While the grant dollars are critically important to the success of both a revitalized downtown and a walking trail throughout the community, the receipt of these funds means a federal funding process now has to be followed. This process involves mandated stipulations, including specific requirements that must be met and timelines that must be followed. In other words, bear with us! We will get there and all of those affected will be kept informed along the way.

Community Happenings

Connecting the entire community is...

Digital City
Due to the extensive national electrical standards imposed upon Indianapolis Power & Light and the need for the City of Beech Grove to work in partnership with IPL and respect that compliance, more time has been needed to make progress than originally anticipated. However, the project continues to move forward with 102 pole locations identified and decisions being made on each pole needed for the infrastructure equipment and cameras.

The consumer pricing package is $9.95 per month. Pricing and service levels are equal to or better than existing service providers, with Beech Grove's system providing mobility, offering subscribers the ability to move throughout the community with their wireless device.

To integrate the wireless system with our public safety personnel, cameras and broadband-ready computers are being installed in squad cars. With these cameras in the cars and at various locations throughout the community, our Command and Control Center will have a first look at scenes to expedite responses with appropriate public safety personnel specifically needed at a situation. Digital City is a major focus of Beech Grove's economic development and redevelopment efforts, as well as a significant enhancement to our public safety initiatives.

Stay tuned for much more progress coming soon!

For more information on Beech Grove’s redevelopment projects, visit: www.betterbrighterbeechgrove.com

Advertisements will be accepted for the next issue, so we hope you will consider promoting your business or service in the next edition, as each Beech Grove household receives a copy of this newspaper. Rates for black/white ads with one color: $100 for a quarter page ad; $200 for a half page ad and $400 for a full page ad.

To place an ad or for questions or comments about the Beech Grove Times, contact the Redevelopment Commission at: bgrc@beechgrove.com or call 788-4977 and follow the prompts for the City administration (prompt 4) to reach the Redevelopment Commission (prompt 5).
Roundtables, Advisory Councils Serve as Vehicles for Citizen Voice, Input

Roundtables and advisory councils...they involve the young and the young-at-heart; the faith-based and the recreation-oriented and those interested in making Beech Grove a prime location for new residents and businesses. While each has a different focus, they all share the same desire: to make your community a better, brighter Beech Grove.

Check out the following snapshots that outline the activities of the Faith-based Roundtable, Mayor’s Youth Council, Youth Focus Committee, Realtors Roundtable, and the need for members of the Seniors Advisory Council.

**Realtors Roundtable**
This group was launched last October during one of the Redevelopment Commission’s redevelopment workshops. Area realtors provided invaluable feedback to workshop attendees on what makes Beech Grove desirable to their clients and ways the City and Redevelopment Commission can improve the desirability and “curb appeal” of the city.

Led by Dawn Whelan, a citywide open house was held on April 27 to showcase what Beech Grove has to offer and allow area realtors to learn more about the community. A breakfast for realtors on April 23 kicked-off the week’s activities.

**Seniors Advisory Council**
Just as the youth of Beech Grove have a voice in the happenings of their community, so should our young-at-heart residents. The Seniors Advisory Council will focus on activities at the Senior Citizens Center, with council members meeting regularly to share ideas, concerns and provide input on progress in Beech Grove. Anyone interested in being a member of the Seniors Advisory Council should contact Teri Cincebox at 791-6060.

**Mayor’s Youth Council: Young Voices of Vision, Leadership**

Nominated by their school administrators and counselors, along with an appointee from Mayor Wright, 17 student leaders in grades 7-12 met for the first time in February as newly selected members of the Mayor’s Youth Council. Serving as a communication liaison between the youth of the city and the city administration, the council will create its own projects, help organize community activities and partner with city government on programs and services related to youth in Beech Grove.

The following Youth Council officers were elected for 2008 – 2009:

**President: Cody Crook**
**Vice President: Mateo Agresta**
**Secretary: Renee Masterson**
**Treasurer: Travis Albertson**

Lauren Nauyokas was elected to serve as the ex-officio member of the Youth Focus Committee (see related article). Mayor Wright serves as the ex-officio member of the Youth Council.

Other members of the Youth Council:
Christina Berner
Kayla Brown
Jonathan Cincebox
Hanna Foster
Payton Hensley
Hannah Laughlin
Kayla Lawson
Maddison Little

Youth Focus Committee Investigating Improvements to Subway Park and Community Center for Expanded Youth Activities

Complementing the Mayor’s Youth Council is the Youth Focus Committee, a group of adults, dedicated to ensuring Beech Grove youth have quality recreational options. Convened by Mayor Wright and focusing on two main areas: Subway Park and the Community Center, the members of the Youth Focus Committee have been studying “best practices” of nearby recreational facilities, including the Greenwood Community Center, The Gathering Place, the Plainfield Sports Center and the Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation Monon Center.

Committee members represent the Beech Grove Parks Board and Parks Department, as well as other various youth recreation-related interests. The members are:

Kathy Coates
Roy Edwards
Rob Harmon
Brad Meriwether
Andrew Royer
Russ Sarfaty
Rick Skirvin
Jeff Storey
Doug Walters

The team overseeing recreational improvements to Subway Park is led by Edwards, Storey and Skirvin who have been working on the fence going up at the park, enhancements to the concession stand and the construction of a scoreboard. The team investigating options for enhancements to the Community Center is led by Sarfaty, Walters, Meriwether and Royer who have studied the Grow Kids report and made the trips to the four other facilities and reported back on possibilities for the Hornet Park Community Center.

Youth Council member and ex-officio member of the Youth Focus Committee Lauren Nauyokas will serve as the point person between these two groups so that the adults and youth are informed of the other’s plans and activities.

The Youth Focus Committee meets monthly and will make presentations to the City Council and Redevelopment Commission at various appropriate times throughout the year.

### Investigating Improvements to Subway Park

**April 26 Beech Grove Clean-up**
(as part of the Great Indy Clean-up)

**May 31 Rock N The Grove event on Main Street**

**June 7-8 Relay for Life in Sarah T. Bolton Park**

**June 28 Freedom Fest event**

Stay tuned! The Mayor’s Youth Council is on the move so expect great things from this group of dynamic young leaders.

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**Special thanks to National City Bank for their generous donation to purchase the scoreboard. We appreciate National City’s commitment to making our community a better, brighter Beech Grove.**

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4. **BETTER. BRIGHTER. BEECH GROVE.**
Crime Watch Focuses On Neighborhoods

“We want neighbors talking to neighbors.”

Kim Brinkley, the volunteer leader of the Beech Grove Crime Watch initiative sees the public as being an “extra set of eyes for the Police Department.”

Crime Watch is a program borne out of the Citizens Police Academy, which trained local residents in civilian crime watch and educated them in police procedures.

Launched in May 2007, the Crime Watch program is growing in strength and numbers through meetings, an online presence and by word of mouth.

With a focus on community awareness, the Crime Watch serves as an extension of the surveillance and educational arms of the Beech Grove Police Department.

“We expect residents involved with Crime Watch to call more frequently,” Police Chief Rich Witmer explained.

“The community shouldn’t say, ‘Well, that’s nothing.’ They should call us, get us on the scene and let us make that judgment call. This is about the community and the police department working together.”

Debbie Springer, a leader on the team, emphasizes that members of the Crime Watch are not independent police officers, and they are not encouraged to confront suspicious or illegal activity on their own.

“We’re looking for people to be block captains – points of contact between the neighborhood and the police department. Block captains can get information from the neighborhood to the police or the other way around,” Springer explained.

The first meeting on January 16 at the Community Center introduced the concept of a Crime Watch program through a question and answer session with Chief Rich Witmer and Mayor Joe Wright, with a focus on the power of neighborhood awareness.

A meeting centered around home safety was March 19 at the Community Center, with the next meeting set for April 30 to discuss summer safety for kids.

An annual meeting, occurring sometime over the summer, is planned as more of a community gathering, a time to share information and meet neighbors.

The online arm of the Beech Grove Crime Watch consists of a Web site (www.bgcrimewatch.org) and a blog (http://bgcrimewatch.blogspot.com). The Web site contains more general information on the organization, while the blog includes quick tips to promote safety, crime alerts and updates on the program itself, including meetings.

Even with technology on its side, the Crime Watch program relies on personal interaction. When residents are aware of what is “normal” in their neighborhoods, they can more easily identify suspicious activity.

Springer concludes, “This is about fighting crime before it comes home.”

A list of helpful phone numbers to keep nearby:

Emergency: 911
Information, non-emergencies: 782-4930
Beech Grove Tips Hot Line (including narcotics): 782-4942.

Kincaid Focuses On Accessibility, Efficiency, Technology

Newly elected Clerk-Treasurer Sarah Kincaid is settling into her new job.

Kincaid grew up in Beech Grove, graduating from Beech Grove High School in 1996. She sees public service as a means of giving back to her community.

“It’s great when you can be where I am – living in the community you grew up in and promoting that community,” Kincaid explained. “It’s about giving part of yourself back to the community that formed where you are now.”

She received her communications studies degree from Indiana University (IUPUI) in 2004. Before becoming clerk-treasurer, she worked at IUPUI as a secretary in the School of Physical Education and in Washington, D.C., as the program coordinator for the National Communication Association.

Kincaid decided to run for office after seeing the progress the city was making.

“You see all these changes start to take place, and it’s contagious energy and you want to do everything you can to help spur that along. I want to make the city a better place.”

As clerk-treasurer, Kincaid oversees the “behind-the-scenes” aspects of city government. Human resources, bill payments and public records all are controlled from her office. She serves as the secretary for various boards and groups, including the City Council, Board of Works and Board of Zoning Appeals, among others.

Her goals include increasing communication between department heads and the public, using more efficient organizational systems and implementing new technology.

“I want our doors to be open and our communication to flow,” Kincaid says. “We need to communicate directly and I’ll encourage open communication with the rest of the city.”

After the day-to-day functions of the office are made more efficient, she will be ready to begin preserving documents electronically.

“We have some really old documents that need special care.”

She also is looking into ways to take credit card payments for sewer bills, permits and licenses. She says that it is important for the office to be more convenient for residents.

With a mind set on public service and a plan to make her office more accessible and updated with technology, Kincaid hopes to open the doors of communication throughout the city.

BGTВ Celebrates 25 Years… and Counting

Hopes to add a new station in 2008

2008 marks the silver anniversary of Beech Grove Television, BGTВ Channel 28. Since 1983, BGTВ has provided educational and government access programming to the Beech Grove community. From the initial two hours of monthly programming, BGTВ has grown to cablecast nearly every public meeting, community interest programs and provide bulletin board-style announcements.

BGTВ Director Tim Showalter identifies the station as a PEG network, one that dispenses Public, Educational and Government programming. “BGTВ is the only legitimate media outlet that is 100% dedicated to the City of Beech Grove,” Showalter explains.

Showalter’s focus is on providing access to public meetings, including City Council, Board of Public Works and Safety, Redevelopment Commission, Parks Board, School Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, and others. Each meeting is either cablecast live or is recorded and replayed later. All meetings also are replayed regularly throughout the month.

In addition to the television medium, BGTВ maintains a Web site which stores the video from each meeting for at-leisure viewing. The Web site also provides descriptions of community interest programs and programming schedules for the television channel.

Currently, BGTВ only is available to Comcast customers on Channel 28. However, the station is currently negotiating with AT&T with the hope of providing a Beech Grove network on that digital cable service.

Beech Grove’s own Butch Fennema hosts a community interest program called “In the Know…In the Grove.” He interviews local community leaders and gives insight into how government works with the goal of involving more citizens in local government. Upcoming episodes will feature the Benedict Inn, Chamber of Commerce, City Attorney, and Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

The show can be viewed Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Along with past episodes, the show may be viewed online at www.beechgrove.com/bgtv

Serving Beech Grove for 25 years 1983 - 2008
Building Faith in the Community

Compiled and edited by Tia Nielsen

Faith-Based Roundtable Mission Statement:
It is our mission to create within Beech Grove and the surrounding areas a healthy climate in which faith can be nurtured and encouraged.

To achieve our mission, the Faith-Based Roundtable will:

- Reach out to faith-based leaders in our community to involve them in roundtable discussions
- Create a routine communication to our residents informing them of activities and programs
- Encourage local residents to become involved in a local church and take advantage of the many faith-based programs offered to them.

Faith Based Roundtable Meetings
Location and Time: Hornet Park Community Center Room D, 9:30 a.m.
May 13
June 10
July 8

POLICE CHIEF RICH WITMER – HOW HARD TIMES CAN HELP

"Even though you planned evil against me, God planned good to come out of it..." Genesis 50:20(a)

Public safety officers frequently deal with individuals going through all sorts of bad circumstances, and try to help when and where they can. In the scripture passage above, Joseph is speaking to his brothers in order to allay their fears of him taking vengeance on them. As you recall, Joseph was hated by his brothers and sold into slavery. However, God honored Joseph's faithfulness. He is still there. (perhaps you know the reason now, maybe not).

1. God has placed you where you are for a reason (perhaps you know the reason now, maybe not).
2. Wherever God currently has us, we should be faithful and do all unto Him (even when it is difficult).
3. God has not forgotten you (even when it seems bleak, He is still there).
4. God sometimes allows difficult circumstances to come into our life (these trials are designed to deepen our dependence on Him).

Remember this verse from Romans 8: “For all things work together for good, to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

Police Chief Rich Witmer

Benedict Inn Swimming with Surprises

Did you know the Benedict Inn has a large swimming pool that offers water exercise classes, lap swimming and family swims all at affordable prices? In fact, the pool boasts a regular guest swimmer who completed 1,000 miles in the water. Beech Grove resident John Bohannon eclipsed that record in mid-2007. John has been swimming regularly and recording his miles since 2001.

Benedict Inn Administrator Sister Mary Luke Jones, OSB, explains the purpose for the Inn. “The Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center has one primary goal: to bring people closer to God. That closeness may be through a retreat or through a relaxing swim in our indoor pool or through a walk on our peaceful grounds.”

Walking the prayer labyrinth on the shared grounds of Our Lady of Grace Monastery and the Benedict Inn.

This is an opportunity to rediscover a long forgotten spiritual tool used for deepening one’s prayer life. There is no right or wrong way to walk the labyrinth. The same path is followed both entering and leaving. Praying the labyrinth is simply an aid to help people get themselves centered in a spirit of quiet prayer. As you slowly walk into the center, you breathe out your cares, worries and distractions. When you walk out, you are strengthened by the experience, realizing you can “make the turns” in your journey.

Benedict Inn and Our Lady of Grace Monastery

Our Lady of Grace Monastery – What Is a Prayer Labyrinth?

The public is welcome to walk/pray the labyrinth. This labyrinth is a replica of an ancient one constructed around 1220 A.D. in the stone floor of Chartres Cathedral in France.

Unlike a maze, the labyrinth has only a single path so there are no tricks to it and no dead ends. The path winds throughout and becomes a mirror for where we are in our lives—it releases our sorrows and our joys.

Walking the prayer labyrinth on the shared grounds of Our Lady of Grace Monastery and the Benedict Inn.

It is clear that at the Benedict Inn one can feel the presence of God. I can only say that because visitors have said it to me. Strengthening one’s spiritual life is as necessary as strengthening one’s physical life. Eating the right food, getting plenty of exercise and enjoying the pleasures of life are all important to our mental and physical health. Prayer, meditation and contemplation are equally important.

“In the heart of every person there is a longing for God. Let the Benedict Inn help you discover that inner self through spiritual direction, a retreat designed just for you or by taking advantage of the various programs and retreats offered by the Inn throughout the year. God has done so much for you. What time can you give back to God?

“The Benedict Inn works with people of all faiths. Contact us at www.benedictinn.org or at 788-7581.”

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

Holy Name School is accepting registrations for their Giant Steps Summer Camp. Giant Steps is designed for students about to enter grades 1-8 who are eager to improve and enrich their education through fun and relevant learning activities. Students will have the option of attending one or both sessions to enhance their math and language arts skills, as well as gain knowledge in other content areas. There will be a focus on study skills and strategies that will impact the lifelong learning of all participants. In addition to quality instruction from our own certified teachers, undergraduate students from Marian College and Butler University will serve as co-teachers.

Students may participate in morning classes only if afternoon childcare is not needed. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and others who are seeking learning challenges and extended care options for the summer of 2008. Please stop by the school office to pick up a brochure and registration form or call 784-9078 for more information.

Registration for the 2008-2009 School Year Has Begun!

The 2008-2009 school year promises to be another exciting and productive year. We thank you for entrusting the teachers and staff of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School with your child’s spiritual and educational development. Forms can be found on our Web site at www.holyname.cc or in the school office. Please call 784-9078 for more information.

Holy Name School Motto - Using Christ as our model, we strive daily to enhance the growth of each person. In His way, we develop lifelong learners who are committed to knowing, loving and serving God.

Each individual—every child and every adult makes a significant difference at HNS, and we view it as our personal responsibility to elevate the capacity of ourselves and one another to make our school, our parish and our community all that it can be. Let’s follow Jesus’ lead... go forth and call on one another to demonstrate God’s love in all we do, share our God-given talents completely and wholeheartedly and invite others in to share and celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus!
Holy Name of Jesus 100th Anniversary June 27-29
Alumni & Parish Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction on June 27

Our 100th Anniversary weekend will start on Friday evening with a special dinner and dance for alumni, past and present parishioners and friends of Holy Name. Please plan to join us for this fun evening to reminisce with old friends and classmates. A silent auction will benefit Holy Name School.

Community Picnic & Parade June 28
In conjunction with the Beech Grove Freedom Fest, Holy Name will host a picnic at Sarah T. Bolton Park welcoming alumni and their families, past and present parishioners and the Beech Grove community. We will have a special 100th anniversary float in the Freedom Fest parade and we will be conducting tours of the Holy Name campus with special exhibits on display in the school and rectory.

Centennial Mass & Reception June 29
Our 11:30 a.m. Eucharistic Celebration with Archbishop Daniel Buechlein promises to be a memorable event which will include the installation of Father Stan as pastor. After mass, we will gather for a special reception in the Jerry Craney Performance Center to enjoy food, music, videos, photos, tours of the campus, and 100 years of special memories.

**SERVANT’S HEART OF INDI**
**Founder Bill Boone shares how one ill boy changed Christmas**

“At Christmas time a little boy came to us through one of the schools in Franklin Township. This would be his last Christmas, as he had three to six months to live.

“Father which speaketh in you.

Verse 19) But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

Verse 20) For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. Matthew 10:19-20

I am always amazed at – and by – the power of God. Jesus promised His disciples that they need never be concerned about having something to share when it came to their walk with Him. He told them that they would be brought before the councils and courts of men and that they would be commanded to explain why they had faith in Him. The disciples were not to plot out their words or preplan the words because in the moment in time when they would need them, the Holy Spirit of God the Father would give the words to them.

Does it seem preposterous today to believe that God’s Holy Spirit works the same way in the daily devotions that I write and send out on the Internet? I know that what I write does not come from within me. The source is the Lord.

**SOUTH EMERSON AVENUE CHURCH OF GOD**
**Pastor Paul Kirby offers a daily devotional by email for anyone who wants a fresh thought on God’s word. When asked to explain how he gathers his thoughts for these refreshing insights, he responded in his “Daily Manna” e-devotional format.**

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**SERVANT’S HEART FINISHES 2007 FULL OF MIRACLES**
**Beech Grove Community Always Generous**

By Bill Boone

More than 500 new families came to us for help in 2007. Active clients’ monthly visits totaled 2,204 for the year, which translated into 6,840 lives touched by you – our supporters.

Servant’s Heart had lots of fun while raising money for the pantry (as only our group knows how to do!). Events ranged from dining at various participating restaurants in the spring, to a neighborhood garage sale in the summer, our annual golf outing, a bowling fundraiser to finishing up with our annual spaghetti dinner and white elephant auction in December. We even tackled our first cookbook!

At our annual picnic, Martha Dwigan and her group were honored as our volunteers of the year. Chick-fil-A on Southport Road provided us with sandwiches at any time we needed them, including more than 2,300 sandwiches in the month of August alone!

We walked with an entire school of second and third graders at Central Elementary to raise more than $800. Many of the schools, youth leagues and corporations in our service area collected canned goods for us with Tim Back and Jeff Piety kicking off the “Can Do Challenge” collections. In November, there were more than 12,000 food items collected through these groups.

For our annual holiday events at Thanksgiving and Christmas, we had committed to helping 175 families at Thanksgiving and 500 children for Christmas. God laid His hand on both of these projects in a miraculous way.

*Not one penny of pantry resources had to be used to fund either project.* God raised up folks that had never been involved with us, along with dozens of you that are there with us every year. God provided through all of us a Thanksgiving meal for 277 families totaling 1,110 people and Christmas for 214 families with 528 kids. Do we serve an awesome God or what?

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**Three of the Faith-Based Roundtable members at the Inauguration Celebration:** (L to R): Sister Joan Marie Massura, Sister Sharon Bierman, Sister Mary Luke Jones.

There are those days that I begin with a thought and sit down at the computer and begin typing and the words just seem to flow out of my fingers. It is God using me as His “stenographer” to just pass on faith, hope, wisdom, and help to people who need a little encouragement to make it through the day. In this small way, a little something that I do brings meaning to me and to those who use the devotions to help them through their day. This was my intent from the beginning of “The Daily Manna”. I always end the daily devotional with the words “God bless and go and have a great day!”. Once you have had your “daily manna,” your day will be great no matter what the enemy of our soul throws at us. So God bless and go and have a great day!
Hadler Committed To Protecting Lives

Fifth year firefighter Randall Hadler is serious about life. He is the director of the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator training initiative for the Beech Grove Fire Department.

First trained in CPR during college, Hadler believes firmly in the value of everyone knowing CPR.

“If I can teach one person to do CPR, it could be the difference between life and death,” Hadler says.

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Gurganus Committed To Quality Public Service for 36 Years

As the saying goes, “It’s a dirty job, but someone has to do it.” For more than three decades, that “someone” has been Department of Public Works Project Manager Phil Gurganus.

A city employee since 1972, Gurganus started in the Parks Department, working summers during college. Three years later, in 1975, he was appointed superintendent of the department, a post he held for ten years.

1985 brought his appointment as director of public works by then Mayor Elton Geshwiler. When Warner Wiley became mayor in 1991, Gurganus continued his work at the department.

With all his experience, he says he has learned as much about people as he has about sewers. Gurganus monitors contractors working with and in the city, coordinates their efforts and uses his innate knowledge of the sewer system on a daily basis.

His co-workers call him a “sewer savant.” He knows the locations of each manhole, sewer line and connection and why they are placed where they are. He helped M.D. Wessler and Associates write the Sanitary Sewer Manual, an extensive handbook that details the functions of the system.

“I think his knowledge is invaluable to the city. Because of his years of service, he has an overall understanding of city services that I think very few people have. I respect and admire his knowledge and abilities,” Director of Public Works Sam Merl said.

Working for three administrations, many employees and thousands of citizens, Gurganus has learned how to work with people.

“You have to study the person and find out what they want from you and then provide that. Everyone needs different things. Study, watch and listen. You can learn so much more by remaining quiet,” Gurganus explained.

His flexibility has served him well. For nearly forty years, Gurganus has seen changes in personalities and policies, and he has thrived through them all.

Farnworth: A Brave, Dedicated Public Servant

Public safety servants like Police Captain Danny Farnworth put their lives on the line every day to protect the lives and property of Beech Grove citizens. For thirty years, Farnworth has shown perseverance, a positive attitude and a passionate care for the people around him.

Starting out as a dispatcher, Farnworth worked four years before becoming an officer in the Beech Grove Police Department. His efforts concentrated on training in Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVO), firearms and shift operations.

Farnworth rose through the ranks of the department, eventually serving two years as deputy chief.

The same courage Farnworth demonstrates on the job applies in his personal life, too. He is bravely battling Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease.

ALS is a degenerative disease that affects the ability of the brain and spinal cord to control muscle movement. No cures or reversal techniques exist.

“Danny is at home with his wife and three children,” Police Chief Rich Witmer explained. “This is the toughest fight of his life, and he’s handling it with grace. His perseverance and attitude are incredible.”

Farnworth is committed to staying at home through the course of the disease.

Citizens who wish to help are encouraged to contribute to the Danny Farnworth Children’s Fund. Donations can be made at any National City Bank, with the closest branch located at 13th and Main in Beech Grove.

Witmer also encourages prayer. Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church hosted a prayer vigil for Farnworth in February.

If citizens wish to write notes or cards, they can be dropped off at the police department, located at 340 East Churchman. To protect the privacy of the Farnworth family, Witmer is handling all direct communications with them.

Witmer adds, “It’s in times of adversity, whatever it is, that you realize that people come together. You don’t always see them, but when you need them — they’re there.”
Your City Council Members... In Their Own Words

MIKE PENCE
District: At-Large
Profession: Assistant Engineer Senior, Indianapolis Power and Light

“We’ve decided as a council to attend as many board, commission and civic group meetings as we possibly can. We want to stay in touch with our constituents. With me, for example, I’m in the Lions Club, I receive newsletters from the Promoters Club, and I serve on the high school’s School Community Council.

“My goal is to make sure that people know what is really going on – the facts. Word of mouth is great, but a lot can be misconstrued. I’m asking citizens to come to me and let me help you find factual answers to your questions.

“We appoint citizens to serve on boards and commissions, and then we let them do their jobs. I think it’s a councilman’s goal to be informed of what they’re doing.”

BUDDY TEMPLIN
District: At-Large
Profession: Owner, TFIS Security Communications Department

“I have always wanted to be involved in Beech Grove city government and I am very proud and excited about my new position as city councilman at-large. I have realized in a very short time that there is a lot to learn in order to catch up with how city government works.

“We are going through a very exciting and yet challenging time in our community. With this in mind, I have a strong belief that progress and vision should never take away from history and tradition as we continue to do great things in our community.

“This is the time to watch how monies that come into the community should be spent. It is so important that we make decisions that show that we are good stewards of our money and will provide a strong independent city for the future.”

MARY STEWART
District: One
Profession: Receptionist, Premier Surgical

“It is an honor to able to represent my family, friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens from the area where I was raised. I would like to give back to the community that has given so much love and support to me. It has been a great learning experience to serve on the City Council these past four years.

“It is crucial for us to come together as one unit and make Beech Grove the best city it can be.

“My main goal is to speak on behalf of the citizens of my district. I am their voice. It is important to look ahead and envision good things happening in the future of Beech Grove.”

Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce: New Vision for the Future

The Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce is open for business – with a new office, a new executive director and a new vision for the future, including a new mission statement: to provide members a supportive system with continuous opportunities for growth, education and sustainability for their business.

Now located in City Hall office space directly off 8th Avenue and Main Street, the Chamber has remodeled, redecorated and prepared the space to serve the community.

Recently, the Chamber’s new Executive Director Terry Shaw shared her vision for the future of the organization.

“We want the Chamber to be an information and education hub for the community and are collaborating with many groups, including city government, to share news about projects and happenings around town.

JOHN JENNINGS
District: Four
Profession: Woodworker

“I’m a helper. I like to be involved. I want to help Beech Grove be the best it can be. It’s incredible how many good people are involved with what the city does.

“Most of the people are very happy with what is going on in their neighborhood. Most of the questions I have received are about the Greenway, which is going to be real nice going through our area. The more we know each other and the more we know our neighbors, the happier we’ll be. It affects everything from crime to property value.”

BILL CINCEBOX
District: Five
Profession: Detective, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

“I fell in love with Beech Grove and the small town atmosphere. I’ve always been interested in helping to keep things nice and keep Beech Grove going in this positive direction.

“I’d like to get a sidewalk put in on Churchman Avenue from Churchman Hill Plaza to the Woods of Beech Grove. With the high school and apartment complexes, there is a lot of pedestrian traffic, and it needs to be made safer for everybody.

“I want people to recognize their council members, to be able to call me and to get involved. I’m going to be out there at community and athletic events and I hope people will communicate with us.”

By calling us at our new phone number, 803-9109, citizens can learn information on community events, meetings, schools, and businesses,” Shaw said.

Among the various services offered by the Chamber, Shaw is most excited about the business networking and referral opportunities. With a phone call, citizens can ask for a referral on a specific service and be assured the business is an active member of the greater Beech Grove community.

For the business community, membership in the Chamber includes networking opportunities, free small business counseling and special event planning. Membership rates vary from as low as $60 annually to $480 per year.

“Members help members – that’s the philosophy of the Chamber,” Shaw explained.

To date, the Chamber includes 67-plus members from Beech Grove and surrounding areas, including Greenwood, Carmel and downtown Indianapolis. Chamber and community members gather on the second Thursday of each month for luncheons to hear guest speakers, network and build camaraderie. The Chamber’s Web site (including a listing of members) is available at www.gbgcoc.org
You spoke and the City listened and responded. So many of you wrote, called and provided valuable feedback to a community interest survey about curbside recycling. The end result? Beginning Wednesday, May 7, Beech Grove citizens can take advantage of a new service to “go green” in 2008.

With the City’s endorsement of Ray’s Trash Service, Inc. as the vendor of choice, residents who sign up with Ray’s can have their recyclables collected curbside every Wednesday. Ray’s Trash Service is charging $51.36 per year for the weekly collection. Ray’s is mailing explanatory fliers out to every household in Beech Grove, detailing the types of items they will collect, a list of frequently asked questions and answers and an explanation of how recycled products are reused.

Although the service begins on May 7, residents may sign up at any time throughout the year, with payment due at the time of registration (VISA, MasterCard or checks/money orders made out to Ray’s Trash Service). Residents who sign up after the program starts May 7 will have a collection tote delivered immediately and their service will begin the following week. Everyone signed up prior to May 7 will receive the service from that date forward.

Beech Grove businesses interested in recycling should contact Ray’s to learn their options and costs.

The City’s endorsement of Ray’s followed significant research into various vendors, their services, quality levels, and costs.

According to Mayor Joe Wright, results from a community survey earlier in the year yielded a high interest in participating in a curbside recycling program. Nearly 55% of the survey respondents said they would recycle once a week if a curbside collection program were offered, with 83% of the respondents saying they would be more likely to recycle if they had a recycling bin at their home. Approximately 64% of the respondents said they would be willing to pay to have recyclables collected curbside.

Results of the community interest survey on curbside recycling are available at: www.betterbrighterbeechgrove.com

Noah Brubaker was one of the many Beech Grove citizens who asked Mayor Wright about such a service. “This is a good thing the City is doing. I feel if the service can be easy enough to use, a lot of people will use it. We are helping the environment in some ways. Driving around just to take our recycling to bins is wasting our gas,” Brubaker said.

According to Susan Whittaker who also contacted the Mayor, “the kids in schools these days are taught to reduce, reuse and recycle. It would enhance their learning even more if the family would recycle at home. We just need to look out for the future generations.”

Here is what a survey respondent said about recycling...

“I recycle every day, but I am forced to collect all paper, plastic, cans, and glass inside my garage until I have a big enough load to transport to the local Fire Department for paper recycle or to the Kroger parking lot on Thompson to drop off the glass, cans and plastics. This program would be very helpful!”

When asked how recycling benefits you and/or your community, respondents said...

“It is just the right thing to do.”

“There is less garbage in our trash cans in our homes...”

“It teaches children the importance of taking care of our Earth.”

“These results, combined with the many inquiries sent to me personally indicated a widespread interest in starting a recycling program. For those interested in participating, it’s a great way to save natural resources and energy and encourage, enhance and extend Beech Grove’s initiative to be a clean, green community,” Wright said.

According to Public Works Director Sam Merl, the program is voluntary, offered as a service through Ray’s.

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Clean, Green, Livable Community

Ray’s Trash Service to Provide Curbside Recycling

By: Ryan Johnson, PR Intern

A cleaner city enhances “curb appeal”—the next step in economic development

Effective trash collection and the economic development viability of a community are directly related. The cleaner the community, the more appealing it is to visitors. Hence, the higher “curb appeal” a city has. Beech Grove’s new four-day-a-week trash pickup system (Tuesdays through Fridays) not only provides enhanced efficiency for residents, but means the aesthetics or physical beauty of the community is improved. A critical factor in economic development, curb appeal has a great impact on how potential corporate and residential citizens view a community as a prospective home.

When the City implemented the automated collection program two years ago, the goal was to have four men collecting trash four days a week.

According to Public Works Director Sam Merl, “we are now there; we’ve hit this goal. Our automated trash pickup system is showing the results we wanted it to achieve.”

Beech Grove residents’ trash will continue to be collected on most holidays, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. Information on any changes in the pickup schedule will be posted on BGTVCable Channel 28 and the City’s Web site: www.beechgrove.com as well as provided to local media.

A city map showing the new four-day-a-week schedule was mailed to Beech Grove residents. Anyone with questions regarding their new scheduled day should contact the Beech Grove Sanitation Department at 803-9120.

According to Rodney Giffin, the driver of the automated trash truck, the collection program is working well.

“Changing the trash routes and collection to four days a week allowed us to reorganize the routes into a much more efficient and effective system for the residents,” Giffin said.

If Public Works employees notice an ongoing concern, they leave notices for residents, identifying the problem. Residents can make a big difference by consistently following the rules of trash collection. If extra totes are needed to hold residents’ trash, they should call 803-9120.

The new trash schedule is just one component of the city’s “clean, green, livable community” initiative to achieve all three community goals: to improve citizens’ quality of life, increase citizens’ personal wealth and promote community pride and ownership.
The month of March – and the approach of spring – brought Operation Clean Sweep back into action for a second year. In its inaugural year in 2007, the program produced great results, with this year’s program expected to deliver an even better, cleaner community.

The Clean City Crew divided the city into eleven zones to be thoroughly cleaned and inspected each month, March through September. The Crew sweeps the streets, inspects and removes litter and trash from alleyways, removes brush, cleans out catch basins, checks for burned out street lights, removes overhanging limbs, inspects street signs, and checks for potholes.

The Crew asks that residents not park their vehicles on the street on their scheduled street cleaning days. Using this eight-point inspection, the Crew works to ensure each zone is well maintained.

Schedules were mailed to all residents in mid-March. If you have questions concerning this program, please leave a voice message for the Clean City Crew at 788-4977 extension 2010.

With everyone’s cooperation, Operation Clean Sweep will mean a cleaner, better, brighter Beech Grove.

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A partial list of new identities for recycled products:

- plastics are turned into drainage pipes, carpet, park benches
- paper is turned into insulation, flooring and flower pots
- aluminum is used for lawn furniture, foil and new aluminum cans
- steel cans are turned into automobiles, clothes dryers and refrigerators
- glass is used to make new glass bottles and fiberglass.

Recycling “fun facts”:

The energy saved from recycling one aluminum can runs a TV for three hours.

The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle runs a 100-watt light bulb for four hours.

Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, 79 gallons of oil, and 7,000 gallons of water.

If every household reused a paper grocery bag for one shopping trip, approximately 60,000 trees would be saved.

If every American household recycled just one out of every ten plastic bottles they used, we would keep 200 million pounds of plastic out of landfills every year.

Recycling one computer saves enough energy to supply the electricity for an average home for an entire year.

If Americans recycled one-third of their old cell phones, enough copper could be recovered from the chargers alone to cover the Statue of Liberty twice.

Plastic and metal from recycled batteries can be used to make new batteries. Recycling batteries also keeps heavy metal waste out of landfills.

Web sites providing information on where to recycle popular items:

- appliances: recycle-steel.org
- business clothing: dressforsuccess.org
- cell phones and batteries: rbc.org
- floppy disks and videotapes: greendisk.com
- paint and many other items: earth911.org
## Community Calendar

### MAY

10  Beech Grove High School Spring Spectacular 7:00 p.m.  
   **Dance on Demand Rocks Beech Grove High School**  
   The vocal ensembles of BGHS encourage you to groove to the tube with “Dance on Demand,” the 30th Annual Spring Spectacular. You’ll see and hear the current dance trends and reality shows that are prevalent in America’s homes each night. Lights go down in the Mike McMorrow Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on May 10. Reserved tickets go on sale Monday, April 21. Adult tickets are $7.00 and student tickets are $6.00.

11  Mother’s Day

19  Beech Grove High School Band Spring Concert 7:00 p.m.

26  Memorial Day

29  Last Day of School

31  Rock N The Grove – FREE concert on Main Street, noon – 8:00 p.m.  
   Rock N The Grove will bring the best musical talent from the south side of Indianapolis together on Main Street. Musical acts survey every genre from 60’s and 70’s, hip-hop and barbershop. The event will include six blocks of vendors, businesses and organizations displaying their products, services and visions. Whitehouze Productions, a new Main Street business, is producing the event to benefit artists and the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce.  
   Talent contest for youth 18 and under; auditions March 15 – May 15

### JUNE

7-8  Relay for Life Beech Grove, Sarah T. Bolton Park, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
   **Relay Brings Local Focus to National Health Issue**  
   Each year, across the nation, one event brings together entire communities to take part in the fight against cancer. That event is the American Cancer Society Relay For Life®. It’s a time and place where people come to celebrate those who have survived cancer, remember those lost and fight back against a disease that touches too many lives. The Beech Grove Relay for Life will take place in Sarah T. Bolton Park, beginning at 10:00 a.m. June 7, and concluding the following morning at 10:00 a.m.

28  Freedom Fest  
   **Festivities to Celebrate Independence Day**  
   A true celebration of our country and our city, Freedom Fest brings the community together for a Main Street parade and other fun festivities.

### JULY

3  Beech Grove Promoters Club Fireworks, Sarah T. Bolton Park, beginning at 4:00 p.m.  
   The fun begins at 4:00 p.m. with the Lions Club pork chop dinner. Games and activities start at 6:00 p.m. at the main shelter houses and the fireworks launch at dusk. Admission is free, but parking is limited. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs!

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**For information regarding:**  
Beech Grove City Schools: 788-4481; www.bgcgs.k12.in.us  
City of Beech Grove: 788-4977; www.beechgrove.com  
Rock N The Grove, the talent contest, or Whitehouze Productions: 787-4230  
Relay for Life: lsergimelton@comcast.net  
Chamber of Commerce: 803-9109; www.gbgcoc.org

If you’d like your event publicized online, on television and in the *Beech Grove Times*, send your event and contact information to community@beechgrove.com

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### Regular City Meetings

**City Council:** First Monday of each month, City Hall Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Works and Sanitation:** First Wednesday following a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, City Hall Council Chambers, 3:00 p.m.

**Redevelopment Commission:** Third Thursday of each month, Community Center Room D, 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Zoning Appeals:** First Monday of each month, City Hall Council Chambers, 1:00 p.m.

**Parks Board:** Second Monday of each month, Community Center Room D, 6:30 p.m.

**School Board:** Third Monday of each month, Hornet Park Technology Center, 6:00 p.m.

**Chamber of Commerce:** Second Thursday of each month, locations and times vary