

# Old Beechwold Association

## A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Old Beechwold, Columbus, Ohio

### AGENDA

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 – 6:30 pm • Whetstone Library Meeting Room

- I. **CALL TO ORDER & OPENING**
  - A. Gail Mahaffey
  
- II. **APPROVAL OF REPORT, 10-24, 2023**
  - A. Gail Mahaffey
  
- III. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS**
  - A. Treasurer's report - Laura Philip
    1. See below
  - B. Report of Historic District actions - Diane Nance
    1. See below
    2. For any questions re improvements you can contact HRC ([HRC@columbus.gov](mailto:HRC@columbus.gov))
  - C. Nominations Committee Report – Diane Nance reporting on behalf of Jack Jackson
  - D. Welcome Committee - Lindalee Brownstein
    1. If you are aware of any new neighbors, please let Lindalee know, 614 570 7342 or [lindalee.brownstein@gmail.com](mailto:lindalee.brownstein@gmail.com)
  - E. Social Committee - Nicole Weidner
  - F. Arbor Committee - Gregg Peace
    1. **Saturday April 13th from 9-12** we will hold a Cleanup Day in partnership with the City's Rec and Parks department. Please mark your calendar and join us for this workday.
  
- IV. **INFRASTRUCTURE / BLUEPRINT PROJECT UPDATES**
  - A. Jeremy Cawley - Project Manager, City of Columbus Update on phase two of the Blueprint project in Old Beechwold
    1. There are still a handful of items that need to be addressed including some trees that need to be planted, various cleanup, ponding on roads including W Jeffrey and Royal Place, spring grass restoration, etc.
    2. If you have specific concerns about continuing issues around the recent infrastructure work, please reach out to Gail Mahaffey at [gsmahaffey@gmail.com](mailto:gsmahaffey@gmail.com), include photos if possible, and she will reach out to Jeremy with the concern. Homeowners are welcome to reach out directly to Jeremy directly at [jkawley@columbus.gov](mailto:jkawley@columbus.gov) if they prefer
    3. There will be continued and ongoing routine maintenance on rain gardens
    4. 3 pillars to blueprint process
      - a) Storm sewer laterals - this past year, almost every home had 1 or 2 storm laterals placed in their yards. These are connections that allow water from downspouts to be directed to the storm sewers. However, the city has achieved the desired goal of curbing storm runoff with the current green infrastructure so will not be digging up yards to connect the storm laterals. However, homeowners who would like to access the

# Old Beechwood Association

## A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

storm laterals to divert rain water from their downspouts may do so themselves.

- b) Sanitary sewer laterals - lining will begin this summer. This helps prevent sanitary sewer overflow by sealing cracks and leaks. The project is now out for bid and the city is looking at June/July to start that work. Homeowners will receive lots of notifications via mail, door hangers, etc. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION to the notifications you will receive this summer regarding this project.

Notification steps as follows:

- (1) Commencement letter through mail
- (2) Doorhanger if any issues found during investigation of the lateral line by city
- (3) Doorhanger 5 days in advance of lateral lining work
- (4) Doorhanger 48 hrs in advance of lateral lining work
- (5) Door knock 1 hour before work starts to let resident know not to use the water/flush during work
- (6) Doorhanger notification of work completed
- (7) There will be a period of time (approx 4 hrs) when you will not be able to use your water for any reason.**

- c) Sump pumps - notifications have gone out. Homeowners are eligible to request sump pump installation if you don't have one, or if you have one but it doesn't work. See here for more info

<https://blueprintneighborhoods.com/the-four-pillars/sump-pump/>

- B. Darren Lee – Engineering Design Manager, City of Columbus – Information about what we can and cannot do to keep vehicles from driving off the pavement.
  - 1. Attached is an email response from Mr. Lee regarding what we might do to help prevent vehicles from driving off the roadways and the contact info for help in this process.
  - 2. We can do plantings, place boulders, railroad ties, install grass paving geo cells, etc., in the right-of-way as long as we follow the guidelines and get approval from both the Historic Resources Commission and the Department of Public Safety.
  - 3. Here are a couple of examples of “invisible” products found online. We are not recommending these just providing as examples
    - a) Honeycomb products similar to-  
[https://www.greengrassgrid.com/plastic-honeycomb-geo-cell-grass-paver\\_p262.html](https://www.greengrassgrid.com/plastic-honeycomb-geo-cell-grass-paver_p262.html)
    - b) <https://www.invisiblestructures.com/>

### V. LEAF/SNOW REMOVAL:

The cost of snow and leaf removal is exceeding revenue raised via dues. An Ad Hoc committee, composed of five OBA members has been assembled who will:

- 1. To review 2023 and recommend snow/ice and leaf removal contractor for 2024 and review final contract;
- 2. Recommend a new dues structure;

# *Old Beechwood Association*

---

A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

- B. Make final recommendations to Executive Committee no later than April 1;
- C. Present to dues-paying members for approval at the April OBA meeting or at a Special meeting if necessary.

**VI. QUESTION & ANSWER**

**VII. ADJOURN**

**NEXT OBA BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**6:30-8:00**

**Whetstone Library**

# *Old Beechwood Association*

---

A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

# Old Beechwold Association

A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Old Beechwold Association  
Treasurer's Report  
December 31, 2023

	<b>Total</b>
<b>9/30/2023 beginning balance</b>	<b>\$ 19,968.46</b>
Deposits	
Dues	2,025.00
Arbor	100.00
Donations	
Disbursements	
Arbor/herbicide/mulch	
Snow removal	
Office supplies-zoom, checks, stamps	
Squarespace	
Social Committee	
Leaf pickup	(10,535.00)
Gifts - outgoing officers	
<b>12/31/2023 ending balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,558.46</u></b>

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Dues</b>	<b>Arbor</b>	<b>Donations</b>
<b>1/1/2023 beginning balance</b>	<b>\$ 16,119.06</b>	<b>\$ 8,692.64</b>	<b>\$ 7,076.42</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>
Deposits				
Dues/Arbor/Donations	8,325.00	7,950.00	375.00	
Transfer		350.00		(350.00)
Disbursements				
Arbor/herbicide/mulch				
Snow removal				
Office supplies-zoom, checks, stamps				
Squarespace	(200.60)	(200.60)		
Social Committee				
Leaf pickup	(12,685.00)	(12,685.00)		
Gifts - outgoing officers				
<b>12/31/2023 ending balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,558.46</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,107.04</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,451.42</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>

# Old Beechwold Association

A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

## Historic Resources Commission Report

Most Recent Old Beechwold Decisions

January 23, 2024

---

### HRC Mtg Date October 19, 2023

			Action
HR-23-10-011	162 W Jeffrey Place	Exterior alteration: second-story balcony	Conceptual Review

---

### HRC Mtg Date November 16, 2023

No Old Beechwold projects

---

### HRC Mtg Date January 18, 2024

HR-24-02-003	223 W Beechwold Blvd	Replace balcony decking	Renewed
HR-24-01-012	223 W Beechwold Blvd	Landscaping: replace damaged fence and retaining wall, expand patio, install pergola, walkway, and seating wall, planting border.	Conceptual Review

**Reminder – Prior approval and Certificate of Appropriateness is required from the Historic Resources Commission for all exterior renovation including landscaping and tree removal.**

For specific information or to file an application, contact the Historic Resources Commission at [HRC@columbus.gov](mailto:HRC@columbus.gov) or at 614-645-0664

Additional Historic Resources Commission information can be found at <https://www.columbus.gov/planning/hrc/>