

Old Beechwold Association

A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS - JENNIFER ALEXANDER

I hope this finds everyone enjoying their summer. We are hopeful that we can hold an in person third quarter meeting in late October. We will determine this once we are closer to the date to determine if it is safe for us to do so. Until then, for this report, we have included infrastructure and roadwork updates, information for those who've not yet had a chance to pay their OBA annual dues, and it's time to start thinking about OBA officer elections for 2022.

Also, please mark your calendars, as our social committee has planned an ice cream social for us from 4-6pm on Sunday, August 8th. An email from Kristen Minnie, our new social committee chair, detailing the event is attached to this email, and reminder emails will be sent closer to the date.

And our sincerest gratitude goes to Stacia Clifton who has recently stepped down from being our long-time social committee chair. Over the years Stacia has been sure to greet all our new neighbors with a friendly visit and important information about living in our neighborhood as well as having planned lots of great events for us all. Thank you Stacia for helping make Old Beechwold a nicer place to live!

VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – GAIL MAHAFFEY

A report of HRC Actions attached.

TREASURER'S REPORT – BECCA DONNELLY

The 2021 dues amount remains at \$75.00 and notices have been emailed to most residents, and mailed to those who have not provided email addresses. Any amounts received in excess of \$75.00 will be placed in the Arbor Fund unless otherwise noted. Please make your check payable to the Old Beechwold Association and mail it to the Treasurer, Rebecca Donnally at 177 Rustic Place no later than August 31, 2021.

NEW! Now you can pay your Old Beechwold Association dues electronically using Zelle. Zelle is a fast and free way to send money to people you trust. It works with hundreds of banking institutions and credit unions, Just use this email address for Treasurer Rebecca Donnally, rrdzign@aol.com. NOTE: Please include your street address in the memo section so we can be sure to credit the right homeowner. If you prefer, you can also use your bank's electronic bill pay feature, send a check by US mail or drop off payment at 177 Rustic Place.

Contracts have been signed for leaf pick-up (scheduled to begin November 23) and snow removal. Be sure to pay your dues to ensure your leaf collection. Thank you.

Treasurer's report as of 6/30/21 attached.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

As of the end of July, Columbia Gas is about 1/3 done in installing their main line system. This part will feed the neighborhood, with service line work to follow which run to each individual home. For areas where main line work has already occurred in road right-of-way, crews will begin contacting homeowners to have service line and meter placement discussions, and schedule that coinciding work.

Columbia Gas is also working with the city on project adjustments stemming from existing City owned sewers which were not passable with cameras. Their ability to locate all underground utilities dictate pipeline installation methods. With safety in mind, locating facilities can shift projects from open cutting to directional boring, and vice versa. Adjustments to original plans need to run through approvals which cause additional delays.

If there are any project questions or concerns, please reach out to Columbia Gas Public Affairs Manager Luka Papalko at lpapalko@nisource.com or (614) 420-1376.

The contractor for the city water and sewer work has been determined. The name of the contractor is Elite Excavating. With the state of progress of the gas line work being what it is, Elite won't be starting until Fall (October-November) or later. If work can overlap with the gas line work, it will, but this is undetermined at this point. Updates will be sent via the OBA google email group as they are available.

As you are well aware, this process will require patience from all of us. Keeping our focus on the end state and the benefits the neighborhood receives from this work helps us keep it all in perspective.

ARBOR COMMITTEE UPDATE – LINDALEE BROWNSTEIN

We are looking for a landscaper to neaten up the areas around the pillars at the entryways of our neighborhood. We were advised not to plant in that area until Project Blueprint is completed, but we would like to get it weeded, mulched and maintained.

We are also planning a workday in early September to pick up trash and remove some invasive plants.

ELECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE – JACK JACKSON

Efforts are underway to determine officers for 2022. We are seeking assistance for participation on the Election Committee. Anyone interested in serving on the committee

or who wishes to learn more about being an officer, please contact Jack Jackson or Jennifer Alexander.

Old Beechwold Association Officers

President: Jennifer Alexander

Vice President: Gail Mahaffey

Treasurer: Becca Donnelly

Secretary: Melissa Sickles