oodbye 2007. Hello 2008!!! As another year passes, we look back in thanks to all who helped to keep Beechmont a great to place to live. I'd especially like to thank Lara Hurt, Liz Meisburg, and the friends and staff of the Iroquois Library for a another successful Christmas on the Corner. We had one of the largest crowds I have seen in years, despite the rainy weather. A special thanks to our friends Ray Manley and the firefighters of the Ashland Avenue Fire Station very excited about meeting Santa and enjoyed the delicious cookies at the library. Our cookie contest winners were as follows: 1st Place - The Youngs on South 6th Street; 2nd Place - Donna Younger on Forum Avenue; and 3rd Place - Edy Johnson. Congratulations to all and thanks for the cookies.

As we look forward to 2008, I am asking everyone to make a resolution to contribute to keeping Beechmont a great neighborhood. It can be as simple as calling Metrocall about a neighan hour or so to cover it up. If several people volunteer, I would only need to call on them a few times a year. Please call one the board members this year and tell them where you can help.

In closing, I'd like to welcome Brian Moore, Linda Taylor, Corey Koellner and Dottie Krause to the board. Brian brings a good heart, great energy, and good organizational skills and organized this years Brightside Fall cleanup for Beechmont. Linda is a past president of the BNA with many



who helped to make Santa's entrance a grand one. I especially enjoyed watching the children beam with excitement as the fire trucks arrived at the Gazebo with Santa Claus.

This year we'd also like to welcome the AH Mu Family, who come all the way from a refugee camp in Thailand, to their first Christmas in Beechmont. Their youngest daughter Yoe Yoe was

The AH Mu Family & Santa

borhood problem, picking up litter on your block, or by volunteering to help with the many events we have throughout the year. I'm in need of a couple of individuals to help me cover graffiti on a periodic basis. It usually only takes years of experience and a tenacity to tackle problems. All of our new board members will be definite assets to the neighborhood association.

~ BNA President Bob Starck



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# **Christmas on the Corner ...**













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# Louisville Metro Police Department 4th Division



### **Reported Offenses for November**

Overall criminal offenses in Beechmont are at or below historic levels. The following reported totals occurred in November for your neighborhood:

- 12 Burglaries (which includes residential, business and garages / sheds)
- 14 Criminal Mischief / Vandalism
- 4 Auto Theft
- 5 Thefts from Auto

There has been a pattern of increased criminal activity in the Southland Blvd. area over the last 3 months involving street robberies. They are primarily centered around the immediate vicinity of 3rd and Southland, or within adjoining blocks. The perpetrators have been described as multiple young African American males, and some offenses have involved the use of a pistol. The most recent two offenses occurred in early December, and a maroon VW Jetta was used as a getaway vehicle both times. If you notice anything suspicious or unusual, please contact our dispatch center immediately at 574-7111, or dial 911 for a serious crime in progress.

A previous pattern of thefts from autos has subsided, thanks in large part to a recent arrest made by 4th Division late watch Officer Keith Barnett. He was able to apprehend a suspect breaking into several vehicles parked in the alley of the 4700 Block of S. 3rd. Since the arrest, thefts from Autos in Beechmont have declined substantially.

As a reminder, vacant properties are being burglarized in large numbers and stripped of their plumbing and electrical wiring due to the high price of scrap copper. If you live or frequent an area where there is a vacant property, please be vigilant and notify dispatch of unusual activities.

We persistently take multiple reports on theft of autos and thefts from autos where the vehicles are left running, a key is left under the floor mat or over the sun visor, the vehicle is unlocked or valuables are in plain sight. By utilizing a common sense approach that involves locking the vehicle, taking the key with you, and hiding valuables in the trunk, you lessen your potential to be a victim this holiday season.





# HAPPY NEW YEAR BEECHMONT

A happy New Year!
Grant that I
May bring no tear to any eye
When this New Year in time shall end
Let it be said I've played the friend,
Have lived and loved and labored here,
And made of it a happy year.
Edgar A. Guest

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man. Benjamin Franklin

What can be said in New Year rhymes,
That's not been said a thousand times?
The new years come, the old years go,
We know we dream, we dream we know.
We rise up laughing with the light,
We lie down weeping with the night.
We hug the world until it stings,
We curse it then and sigh for wings.
We live, we love, we woo, we wed,
We wreathe our prides, we sheet our dead.
We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear,
And that's the burden of a year.
Ella Wheeler Wilcox

In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship, but never in want. Traditional Irish toast

> Stir the eggnog, lift the toddy, Happy New Year, everybody. Phyllis McGinley

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to. Bill Vaughn

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in.

A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

Bill Vaughan

People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas. Author Unknown









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## At the Iroquois Library ...

#### **Adult Programs**

Literary Salon/Taller Literario
Saturday, January 5, 1 p.m.
Sábado, el 5 de enero, 1 p.m.
The lecture and discussion will be in Spanish.
Lectura y discusión será en Español.

#### Sit and Stitch

Monday, January 7, 10:30 a.m. Bring your knitting, quilting, needlework and more! Beginners welcome!

#### Legal Aid Society, Low income Tax Clinic

Saturday, January 12, 1:00 p.m. An Attorney will explain the American income tax system to immigrants and refugees. A Spanish language interpreter will be provided.

#### Margaret Garner: Death Before Slavery

Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m.
Chautauqua performance by Erma Bush. This program is funded in part by the Kentucky Humanities Council and the Friends of the Iroquois Library. This program is recommended for high school students and adults.

#### **Cultural Showcase: Cambodia**

Saturday, January 19, 1 p.m.

#### **AARP TAX HELP**

Tuesdays & Fridays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### Sit 'n Stitch

Monday, February 4, 10:30 a.m. Bring your knitting, quilting, needlework and more! Beginners welcome!

#### Tea with Mary Todd (Lincoln)

Monday, February 4, 3:00 p.m. Join the Iroquois Friends of the Library for a tea much like that Mary Todd Lincoln and her husband Abraham Lincoln might have had.

### International Perspective on Freedom

Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m. Join us for a panel discussion on an international view of freedom, and what freedom means today.

#### This Delicate & Perplexing Question:

Abraham Lincoln and Emancipation in Civil War Kentucky
Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.
Jacob Lee, of the Filson Historical Society
will discuss about Kentucky's difficulty in
accepting emancipation and how Kentuckians reacted to black freedom

#### The Children's March

Saturday, February 9, 12:00 p.m. The story of how the young people of Birmingham, Ala., braved fire hoses and police dogs in 1963 and brought segregation to its knees.

#### **Cultural Showcase:**

#### From Africa to Louisville

Saturday, February 16, 1:00 p.m.

#### **Small Steps to Health and Wealth**

Monday, February 18, 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 20, 12:00 p.m. Set a health goal and a wealth goal and take action to achieve your goals by identifying small progress steps. Space is limited, sign up required.

#### **Arthritis 101**

Wednesday, February 20, 2:00 p.m.
JoAnn Oliver from the Arthritis Foundation
discusses managing arthritis pain and new medical advancements in the fight against arthritis.

#### **SPLC Film Series:**

A Time for Justice Saturday, February 2, 12:00 p.m. The story of the struggle and heroism of the Civil Rights Movement is captured through historic news footage..

#### A Place at the Table

Saturday, February 23, 12:00 p.m.
Throughout our nation's history, individuals and groups - from Baptists fighting for religious freedom to families seeking gender equity in sports - have toppled barriers to become full participants in our democracy.

#### **English Conversation Club**

Every Saturday in January and February, 3:00 p.m. Each session will have a theme with supplemental tutoring material provided. No long-term commitment required.

#### **Young Adult Programs**

#### Lyrical Lincoln

Wednesday, January 30, 3 p.m. Did you know Lincoln wrote poetry? Bring in your poetry and discover another side to our 16th president.

#### **Teen Wednesdays**

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.
Hang out at the library. Who knows what exciting things will happen? Ages 12 - 19. Middle school and high school students are welcome!
Feb. 6 - Poetry Workshop
Feb. 13 - Make a Valentine
Feb. 20 - Golden Compass Book and Movie Discussion
Feb. 27 - Game Day

#### **Iroquois Teen Anime Club**

Thursday, January 10, 4:00 p.m.
Thursday. February 14, 4:00 p.m.
Join us for films, snacks and fun.
Middle school and high school students welcome.

#### **Family fun with President Lincoln**

Monday, January 14, 3:30 p.m.
Bring your pennies! Fun penny experiments and crafts to dress up like this famous President.
All ages.

### Japanese Storytelling with Graham Shelby

Thursday, January 31, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Children's Programs**

#### Theatre activities with Erma Bush

Thursday, January 3, 2:00 p.m.

#### **Family fun with President Lincoln**

Monday, January 14, 3:30 p.m.
Bring your pennies! Fun penny experiments and

crafts to dress up like this famous President.
All ages

#### **Fast Food Family Storytime**

Thursday January 17, 6:30 p.m. Grab a quick storytime, perfect for your busy schedule!

#### **Valentine Critters**

Monday, February 11, 4:00 p.m. Make a card or just a critter. Ages Preschool and up.

#### **Computer Classes**

#### **Computer Basics**

Wednesday, January 2, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, February 4, 10:30 a.m.

#### Windows Basics

Thursday, January 10, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 6, 10:30 a.m.

#### **Internet Basics**

Wednesday, January 9, 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 13, 2 p.m.

#### Special Classes

#### Introduction to Publisher

Monday, January 14, 10:30 a.m.

#### Introduction to PowerPoint

Wednesday, January 23, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.

#### **Introduction to Microsoft Word**

Tuesday, February 19, 10:30 a.m.

### Foreign Language Computer Class

#### Computación en Español

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#### **Book Discussion**

Beloved by Toni Morrison Tuesday, January 8, 2:00 p.m. The Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison Tuesday, February 12, 2:00 p.m.

#### **Story times**

#### Preschool

Wednesdays, 10: 15 a.m.

#### **Toddler**

Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.

#### **Mother Goose**

Tuesdays, January 15, 22, 29, 10:15 a.m. Saturday, January 26, 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 18, 10:15 a.m.

#### **Family**

Saturday, January 17, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, February 23, 10:30 a.m.







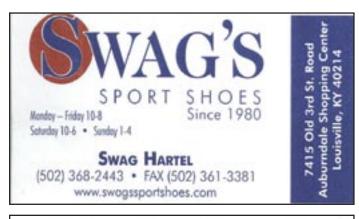
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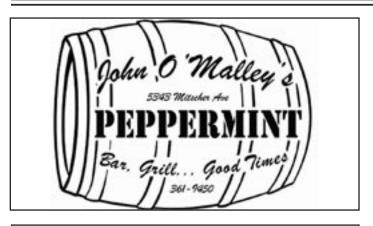


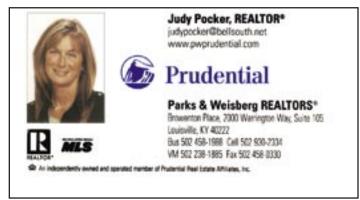


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