



May, 2013

2013 Meeting Schedule

The monthly meetings for the Beckett Ridge Homeowners Association are held the third Tuesday of the month. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held in the Fellowship Hall of Tri-County Baptist Church. Meetings are open to ALL Beckett Ridge owners.

The remaining 2013 meeting dates are as follows:

- May 21
- June 18
- July 16
- August 20
- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- December – no meeting.

Check out the new and improved website at:
www.beckett-ridge.org

Planned Projects For 2013 - Update

Here is an update for the planned projects for 2013:

- Fence Painting at Retreat entrance at Lesourdesville-West Chester Road
UPDATE: Bids obtained and under review; contract to be awarded in May
- Ongoing paving/repairs to the Boulevard walking path from St. Andrews to Rollingwood
UPDATE: Bids obtained and under review - contract to be awarded in May
- Revitalization of the Rollingwood entry
UPDATE: Board meeting with local engineer to get plans for retaining wall at entrance
- Improvements to landscaping at Beckett Road entrance - West Gateway, east side and island
UPDATE: Bids obtained; contract awarded to Brickman, work to be done in May and June

Selling Your House? Read This...

As discussed at the annual owners meeting in the March, the Beckett Ridge Board has adopted a new sign policy for the community.

The Beckett policy adopts the same standards for real estate signs as West Chester Township. If you are selling your Beckett Ridge, be sure you inform your realtor of the new sign policy.

The West Chester Township Zoning Resolution, Section 10.286, expressly prohibits signs to be located in a public right-of-way or applied to trees, utility poles, supporting structures for street signs and other governmental signs.

Our purpose is to align us with the restrictions of the Township. This is the short version. The complete set of restrictions will be on our web site.

TEMPORARY REAL ESTATE SIGNS

Real estate signs advertising the sale, rental or lease of the lot on which they are maintained, provided:

- a. No such sign shall exceed sixteen (16) square feet in display area and have a maximum of two display faces.
- b. All such signs set back a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any street right-of-way or adjoining property line.
- c. No such sign shall exceed four (4) feet in height from grade.
- d. No such sign shall be illuminated in any way.
- e. No more than one (1) sign may be displayed per road frontage of the subject lot.
 - i. Lots located adjacent to the golf course one (1) additional sign may be located at the rear of the lot.
 - ii. Lots located adjacent to a second road one (1) additional sign may be located at the rear or side of the lot.



Community
Garage Sale Is
Scheduled For
May 18th,
9:00 to 4:00

Cleaning Green

When it's time to clean, have your trusty green cleaners at the ready—baking soda, vinegar, castile soap—plus another ultra-cheap gem: hydrogen peroxide. Here are 6 ways you can use that ubiquitous brown bottle of 3% hydrogen peroxide to your home's advantage:

In your kitchen:

1. Clean your cutting board and countertop. Hydrogen peroxide bubbles away any nasties left after preparing meat or fish for dinner. Add hydrogen peroxide to an opaque spray bottle—exposure to light kills its effectiveness—and spray on your surfaces. Let everything bubble for a few minutes, then scrub and rinse clean.
2. Wipe out your refrigerator and dishwasher. Because it's non-toxic, hydrogen peroxide is great for cleaning places that store food and dishes. Just spray the appliance outside and in, let the solution sit for a few minutes, then wipe clean.
3. Clean your sponges. Soak them for 10 minutes in a 50/50 mixture of hydrogen peroxide and warm water in a shallow dish. Rinse the sponges thoroughly afterward.

In your bathroom:

4. Whiten bathtub grout. If excess moisture has left your tub grout dingy, first dry the tub thoroughly, then spray it liberally with hydrogen peroxide. Let it sit—it may bubble slightly—for a little while, then come back and scrub the grout with an old toothbrush. You may have to repeat the process a few times, depending on how much mildew you have, but eventually your grout will be white again.
5. Clean the toilet bowl. Pour 1/2 cup of hydrogen peroxide into the toilet bowl, let stand for 20 minutes, then scrub clean.

In your laundry room:

6. Remove stains from clothing, curtains, and tablecloths. Hydrogen peroxide can be used as a pre-treater for stains—just soak the stain for a little while in 3% hydrogen peroxide before tossing into the laundry. You can also add a cup of peroxide to a regular load of whites to boost brightness. It's a green alternative to bleach, and works just as well.

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A Brickman Profile Elliot Rubin, Brickman Supervisor



Elliot was born and raised in West Chester, Ohio. Elliot Graduated from Lakota West High School and went on to study music at the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

His passion was music and playing the guitar. Having played in guitar in successful bands Elliot decided to move from Boston to Los Angeles to be closer to the Rock and Roll Music Center. It was in Los Angeles that Elliot met his wife Kelli. They decided to move back to Ohio and now reside in West Chester and have an eighteen month old son named Keahi. Elliot has two Boxers and one English Bulldog. He enjoys supporting the Reds, Bengals, Red Sox and the Patriots.

Elliot started in this industry working for Bolte Lawncare and decided to join Brickman in 2009. His experience in the residential landscaping market has helped develop his attention to detail. This was noticed by the Brickman Operations Managers who moved him to running larger crews on high profile jobs like Beckett Ridge.

Elliot, Dan and Bob are the people who ensure the curb appeal in Beckett Ridge meet expectations. Elliot is constantly watching the line in the turf and making sure the bed maintenance is being done. Elliot also checks the drains to make sure they are not clogged which helps to keep houses from getting flooded.

Elliot takes pride in making Beckett Ridge look like his own home. Elliot will drive through Beckett Ridge on his days off to insure that everything is in place.