

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT COUNCIL

By Connie Martin
Chairperson

The Community Betterment Council evolved as a spin-off of an organization called "Which Way Waynesville" organized in 1981 by the Mayor of the City of Waynesville and a group of interested citizens. The purpose of the organization was to improve the business atmosphere as well as the overall quality of life in the City of Waynesville.

The Community Betterment Council participated in the Missouri Division of Community and Economic Development Five Star Program. This program provides guidelines in the areas of education, the arts, tourism, industrial development, and community development which our city should have available for its residents.

Members of our organization use this program as a tool for identifying the needs of our community. Our organization then uses these seeds as a basis for planning our service projects.

The Community Betterment Council felt the need to create some community spirit and togetherness and chose to do so by revitalizing a tradition of the 1880s as mentioned by Mabel Mottez in her book *Lest We Forget..* This tradition consisted of a county picnic where friends gathered for an afternoon of fellowship. The Community Betterment Council has organized their version of this picnic as the Old Settler's Day Picnic held in the Waynesville City Park each

year since 1981. The Old Settler's Day picnic provides games, live entertainment, craft displays, and plenty of good food. This picnic provides other organizations and individuals with the opportunity to set up booths and raise funds for their own causes. Individuals are also provided with the opportunity to visit with their friends and neighbors. Due to the successfulness of prior years picnics the CBC will sponsor the Sixth Annual Old Settler's Day Picnic on July 26, 1986 at the Waynesville City Park.

The Community Betterment Council sponsors various projects throughout the year including a fall and spring clean up of the downtown area, a Christmas

tree lighting ceremony on the Courthouse lawn, and a Car Show.

The Community Betterment Council has been eager to support projects of other civic groups by lending their help in manning concession stands and acting as ushers. Our organization is always willing to work for the successfulness of any project which might improve the quality of life within our community.

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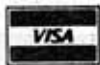


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