

Borough of Beaver

469 THIRD STREET, BEAVER, PA 15009

(724) 773-6700

beaverpa.us

www.beaverpa.us

May 2010

Someplace Special

Is there any place as beautiful as Beaver in the springtime? The many trees that line our streets are bursting with color, and throughout the town flowers are in bloom, reminding us that we've made it through another long winter season. (And what a season it was!)



Best of all, as you walk around town, you're greeted by the warm smiles of residents and visitors as they go about their daily errands. There's just nothing like the friendliness of small-town life to warm your heart and your spirit.

As we celebrate spring, we here at the Borough would like to introduce our brand-new newsletter design. We think this new format is both more readable and more reflective of our community.

As you page through this issue, we hope that you will find plenty of useful

information and good news about our town. Of course, we are always open to your comments and suggestions.

If you have any comments or questions in regards to the newsletter or any other aspect of the Borough, please let us know. You can post your comments online on the Borough website: www.beaverpa.us.

Thank you. We appreciate your input.

Sincerely,
Thomas Hamilton, Mayor

Stay Informed

The Beaver Borough newsletter is also available in electronic format.

If you'd like to receive the newsletter via e-mail, as well as regular alerts about Borough news and events, please sign up on the Borough website: www.beaverpa.us



Call for News

The Beaver Borough newsletter is a great way to spread good news.

If you have some information about an upcoming non-profit or charitable event that you'd like to promote, please e-mail it to Valentine Brkich at valbrkich@gmail.com.

The next issue of the Beaver Borough newsletter will be coming out in September. The submission deadline is August 6.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 1** – Beaver Town Yard Sale
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. No permit needed.
- **May 12** – Sports Complex
Feasibility Study, 7 p.m., BAHF
- **May 15 & 22** – Spring Clean-up
May 15, South side of Third St.
May 22, North side of Third St.
- **May 31** – Memorial Day Parade
10:30 a.m., Beaver Area Heritage
Foundation (BAHF)
- **June 5** – Beaver VFD 5K/10K Race
9 a.m. (Fire Station)
- **June 12** – Garrison Day
- **June 21-26** – Beaver Festival,
central town squares. All concerts
7 p.m.: June 21, Rudy Zetz; June 23,
Black Cat Otis; June 25, Beaver
Wind Ensemble
- **July 4** – BAHF River City Brass Band
Concert, 7 p.m., Gazebo
- **July 25** – Beaver Wind Ensemble
Quay Park - 7 p.m.
- **August 7** – Car Cruise
- **October 23** – Fall Festival
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **October 27** – Halloween Parade
- **October 28** – Trick or Treat
- **November 26** – Light-Up Night

These events are brought to you by the Borough of Beaver, Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce, Beaver Fire Department and the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation.

Council Highlights

What's better than a town council that is always looking to improve itself for the better of the community? Well, that's just what several members of Beaver Borough Council did when they took part in the Newly Elected Officials Course.

Sponsored by the Local Government Academy, this comprehensive, 11-week course began on Nov. 21, 2009, and focused more on policy-making than politics to build knowledge and skills for decision making. This course, which is a

winner of the Good Government Award from the League of Women Voters, featured 45 hours of instruction on subjects like municipal power, running effective meetings, public relations and communications, personnel law, planning and zoning, leadership and ethics, intergovernmental relationships, and infrastructure.

Six members of Borough Council attended and graduated from the course in March: Shirley Sayers, Kay

Nestor, Dan Deceder, Mike Lacey, John Wolbert, and Joe Zagorski.

"LGA's 'Course for Newly Elected Officials' is an excellent way to come up to speed quickly on the workings of municipal government," said Dan Deceder, who was elected to Council last November. "It really helps you hit the ground running."

The next Council meeting is Tuesday, May 11.

VFD News beavervfd.org

The annual Beaver VFD / Heritage Valley Health System 5K/10K Race & Fun Walk will take place on **Saturday, June 5**, at 9 a.m.

Runners can pick-up their race number and t-shirt on Friday, June 4, (3–7 p.m.) or on race day from 7:30–8:30 a.m. at the Beaver Fire Department. This year's race will feature chip timing for the racers. There will also be a 1.5-mile Fun Walk for those who aren't into running, but who want to bring the family for a scenic walk in support of their local volunteer fire department.

If your business or organization is interested in sponsoring this event, please call Dave Linkimer at (724) 987-9941.

For more information, and to download your race registration form, visit www.beavervfd.org.

Beaver Volunteer Fire Dept. & Heritage Valley Health System



5k/10k Race & Fun Walk

Library Happenings

The annual Beaver Area Memorial Library Book Sale is Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Most hardbacks are \$2 and paperbacks are just 50 cents. June 7 and 8 are bargain days where you can fill a bag of books for just \$5.00.

The library is also looking for someone to take the leftover books—for FREE—on June 9.

In addition, the library's annual Garden Tour will be on Saturday, July 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$9 if purchased in advance and \$10 the day of the tour. Guests will tour gardens in Beaver and Brighton Twp. and enjoy refreshments at the library.

Please support your local library. It's a wonderful community resource.

For more information, visit www.beaverlibraries.org.



*The Beaver Borough newsletter is published by the
Education and Special Services Committee of
Beaver Borough Council:
John Wolbert (Chair), Michael Deelo, Michael Lacey
Editor: Valentine J. Brkich (www.valentinebrkich.com)*

Business District Update

Beaver Borough is so fortunate to have a wonderful, vibrant downtown district. Not only is it beautiful, but it also offers a variety of unique shops and services for the town's residents. Here's the latest news and notes from downtown:

- Feeling hungry? **Mario's Woodfire Pizzeria** has moved next to Starbucks in the old Beaver 5 & 10 building. **Biba**—a Latin tapas restaurant—will be moving into Mario's previous location at 406 Third Street.
- **Ribbon: Bridal, Dress, Pearls**, is now open at 971 3rd Street, next to Northwood Realty. In addition to contemporary and classic bridal designs, Ribbon also sells handmade jewelry.
- If you've got a green thumb, the Community Life Committee of the Beaver Business District Authority is looking for **flower planters** for **May 22** to help plant around the trees downtown. Call Mary Anne (724)-728-3948.
- **Facade grant money** is still available for buildings in the business district. Eligible businesses can get up to \$21,000 (or 70% of a \$30,000 job).

For more information on what's going on downtown, contact Town Center Associates at (724) 728-0500, or visit them online at www.towncenter.info.

If you'd like to subscribe to the "Third Street Focus," visit www.beavercountymainstreets.com and click on "Beaver."



Memorial Day Parade

Beaver's Annual Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation, will take place on **Monday, May 31**.

Beginning at Third and Beaver streets at 10:30 a.m. sharp, the parade will proceed along the main street to the Beaver Cemetery's Receiving Vault and Chapel, where a formal ceremony will take place honoring military veterans.

The parade will feature local fire departments, Beaver County EMS, scout troops, area Little League baseball teams, and two re-enactor groups—the Revolutionary War-era Ft. McIntosh Garrison and the Civil War-era 63rd PA Regiment, as well as the BAHS band and JROTC, including its Fife and Drum Corps.

All veterans are invited to march or ride in the parade, and children are invited to ride their decorated bikes in the annual contest sponsored by Snitger's Bike Shop.

Borough Notes

Community Garden

This spring, Beaver Borough is starting a pilot community garden, located along the Ohio River, down beside our water treatment plant. As of now, there are approximately 10 plots available, each 20 x 25 feet. Plots are available for Beaver residents only on a first-come, first-served basis, for a \$15 fee. Just bring your own tools, plants, and enthusiasm! Water will be provided free of charge. Please contact the Borough office for more information. (724) 773-6700

Property Maintenance

Beaver takes great pride in its clean, well-kept, and inviting appearance. In order to keep it this way, all property owners are encouraged to keep their homes and property properly maintained (i.e., hedges trimmed, grass cut, no outside storage of building materials, etc.). Thanks for cooperating.

Street Parking

In order to allow us to conduct an effective weekly street sweeping and snow-removal program (seasonal), the Borough asks that you please pay attention to the street signage throughout the town.

Pets and Licenses

Beaver requires that all dog owners acquire licenses for their pets. Licenses are available at the Beaver County Courthouse, 800 3rd Street, in the Treasurer's Office ((724) 728-5700, ext. 11226). Dogs must be kept on a leash or within a fenced-in yard while outside. While walking your pet in the Borough, it is your responsibility to clean up any droppings. Violators are subject to a \$300 fine.

Patton Receives Honor Tree Recognition

The Beaver Shade Tree Commission named Patti Patton as the recipient of their 2010 Arbor Day "honor tree." Patti, a biology teacher in the school district and sponsor of the Environmental Club, was chosen because of her long-time commitment in working with the commission to promote Arbor Day, where she has helped in arranging the poster and poetry contest associated with this annual community event.

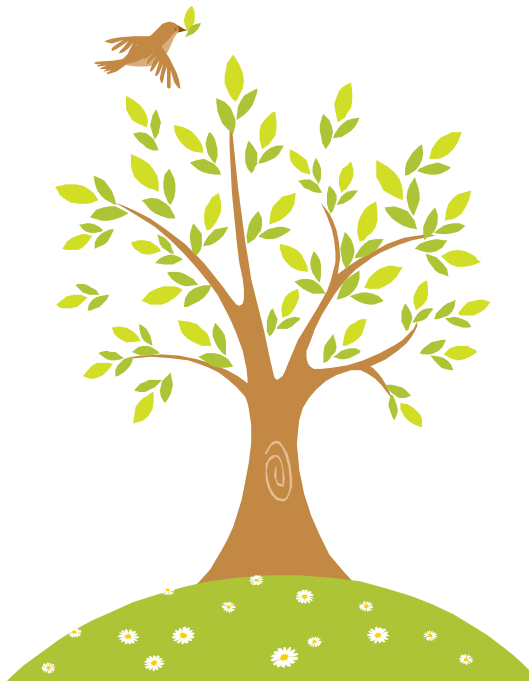
Congratulations, Patti, on a much-deserved honor!

Our Community Trees

Beaver Borough takes great pride in being known as a "Tree City U.S.A." Trees play an important part in making Beaver the special place that it is, and this honor says that we care about our environment and our quality of life. In fact, many new residents say that one of the things that attracted them to Beaver was our scenic parks and tree-lined streets.

As part of Beaver's tree program, a five-person tree commission enforces our tree maintenance ordinance and oversees the trees in our parks and along our streets on the Borough right-of-way, or "Borough strip" as it is often called. The paved street is usually only part of the Borough right-of-way. For instance, Beaver Street is a 100-foot right-of-way but only 40 feet of it is paved. Therefore, the remaining 60 feet is divided by two with a 30-foot "Borough strip" on either side of the street. Thus, 30 feet of any front yard from the curb back is owned by the Borough. Each property owner has the use of the 30 feet and, by ordinance, is required to maintain it, including the curb, sidewalk, grass, shrubs, and trees planted there-on. From time to time, the trees need to be pruned by a qualified professional or removed when they die or deteriorate and become a safety hazard.

If you want to prune or remove a tree, you are required to first obtain a free permit from the tree commission to ensure that the work is done by a qualified professional. Permit applications are available at the police desk in the Borough Building at 469 Third Street. After reviewing the application, a



member of the tree commission will visit your property and examine the trees to be pruned or removed. At this point, a permit will be issued or you will be contacted with any questions or suggestions we may have.

Members of the tree commission are available to assist you with any tree questions you have. Please do not hesitate to call. Our goal is to help keep Beaver "someplace special."

The Beaver Shade Tree Commission meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Borough Building .

Shade Tree Commission Members:

- J. Philip Colavincenzo (724) 775-8550 or (724) 728-1197
- Jim Foster (724) 775-6729
- Jeff Lloyd (724) 775-0609
- George Orr (724) 728-8603
- Tim Stancec (724) 774-6269

Yard Waste

Beaver Borough offers its residents a yard-waste disposal facility along the Ohio River. This facility is for the disposal of yard waste only, such as grass, weeds, and branches.

An access road to the facility is located at the corner of Beaver Street and River Road. Residents wishing to use the facility must purchase an annual dumping permit at the Borough Building for \$10.

The facility is available to residents only—no contractors.

Borough Wins PSAB Website Contest

Beaver Borough's website—www.Beverpa.us—was recently awarded First Place in the 2010 *Borough News Magazine's* Annual Municipal Website Contest.

Entries were judged by PSAB leadership, and the winners were announced at the PSAB's 99th Annual Conference in April.

Websites were evaluated on how well they provided citizens with "proper coverage of borough functions and activities of different departments in a way that is easily understood by residents," and "information that allows them to better understand local government and its function." The winners also had "an appearance that encourages residents to read and use as a resource."

Way to go, Beaver!

Police Update beaverpolice.us

The Beaver Police Department (BPD) has received several recent reports of scams regarding craigslist.com and eBay.

The scam goes as follows: The victim finds a vehicle, boat, motorcycle or trailer on craigslist.com. The item has pictures of a well-maintained vehicle at an exceptionally low price, usually around \$2,800.00. The seller offers many reasons as to why he/she is selling the vehicle and lures the victim into using the eBay Motors website to handle the sale of the vehicle. All of the correspondence up to this point will have taken place through email. The suspect will direct the victim to call eBay motors and provide the victim with a phone number and contact. The suspect states that they want to use eBay Motors' purchase protection program for both parties' protection. This is a valid program offered by eBay Motors, but it is where the actual scam takes place. You are then directed to use Western Union to send the money.

You should NEVER use Western Union or MoneyGram for eBay purchases. Money transfer services are fast, easy and convenient ways to send funds to people you know. They are NOT designated to be a payment vehicle when doing business with a stranger. If a seller only accepts money transfers, this should raise a red flag that this seller may be involved in fraudulent activity. You can prevent such activity by insisting on another method of payment or by choosing not to do business with an eBay member who is not sensitive to your concerns. If you decide to pay with cash, only do so in person, and always remember to bring along a friend and a cell phone.

If you are ever unsure about the legitimacy of an auction, you can contact eBay directly to confirm it. Every auction has a transaction number that you should reference when contacting eBay.

Remember: If it sounds too good to be true, always assume that it is.

If you have any questions, contact Sgt. Kelly Hogan at: khogan@beaverpolice.us or (724) 773-6709.



Officer Jeff Wijnen-Riems with Czar

The BPD has received numerous complaints about recent telephone scams in the borough. The phone scams can come in various forms but will always end with the caller asking the homeowner to send money to caller, usually via Western Union or by obtaining direct bank account information. The callers will also ask the resident for personal information, which

can include banking information, Social Security numbers, date of birth, and names. Please be advised that any legitimate organization will not ask for your personal information over the telephone. Never give out any personal information to strangers.

Also, please be aware that no U.S. Census worker will call your residence for any personal or household information. If you are unsure of any calls that you receive, please be cautious and air on the side of safety by keeping your personal information private.

Meet Czar – a 2-year-old German shepherd from Holland, and the newest member of the BPD.

Czar was purchased from Shallow Creek Kennels in Mercer County thanks to several general donations. He is a dual-purpose police work dog, meaning he is able to locate narcotics and track down suspects and missing loved ones. He is also trained for aggression work and handler protection.

Officer Jeff Wijnen-Riems trained with Czar for seven weeks, beginning when the dog was just eight weeks old. Off. Wijnen-Riems does at least 16 hours of regular maintenance a month with Czar, who lives at home with him, his wife, and his three children.

"If Czar finds one lost loved one who wandered away, he is worth his weight in gold," says Wijnen-Riems. "And if he keeps locating narcotics, that's fewer drugs that are on our streets. Czar is just another tool we have to help us make our job a little easier."

Beaver Pool

Grab your beach towel, your sunglasses, and your sunscreen! Summer's almost here, and that means the Beaver Pool will soon be open.

The pool will open on **Monday, May 31**, from 12–6 p.m., and will have shortened hours for the first two weeks, when school is still in session.

Regular pool hours:

June and July

Mon thru Fri. 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

Saturday, Noon–8 p.m.; Sun., 1–6 p.m.

August

Mon. thru Fri., 11:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

Sat., Noon–7:30 p.m.; Sun., 1–6 p.m.

Daily Admission

Adult \$5.00

Student \$3.00

No refunds due to weather.

Season Pass Rates

2010 season pass rates will be posted on www.beaverpa.us once they are approved by Borough Council.

Passes will be revoked if used by anyone other than the owner. \$5 charge to replace passes.

Questions? Call (724) 773-6707 or visit: www.beaverpa.us/documents/Pool_09_rates_hours.pdf

Survey Form

Enclosed in this newsletter is a resident survey form. The Borough is conducting a feasibility study to assess the current condition of our community pool and gather input as to changes you might want to see should the pool need replaced. The study is also looking at the need and support level for an indoor multi-purpose recreation facility.

Please complete the enclosed survey and return it to the Borough office by June 4. There is a drop box at the front door of the Borough Building, in which you can place your survey, 24 hours a day, or you can mail to 469 Third Street, Beaver. Thank you.

Preventing Storm-Water Runoff

10 things you can do to prevent storm-water runoff pollution:



1. Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and roads
2. Never dump anything down storm drains
3. Plant the bare spots in your yard
4. Compost your yard waste
5. Avoid pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management
6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
7. Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
8. Check your car for leaks, and recycle motor oil
9. Pick up after your pet
10. Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/nps or www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater.

History Corner

This May, the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie (P&LE) Ohio River Bridge turns 100. This beloved span is a landmark in Beaver County and one we should all be proud of. Here are a few interesting facts about this amazing structure:



- The bridge was built 33 years after the railroad was founded in 1877. The current bridge was the third to be built at this crossing.
- The two main columns of the bridge are 145 feet tall. Each post weighs approximately 250 tons.
- The shoes of the main posts sit on rocker-bearing devices that move to better handle the immense weight of the trains.

- Upon completion, the extreme points were within 1/8-in. of the figured position, both vertically and horizontally.

Post your photos and stories about this amazing feat of engineering on the "P & LE Ohio River Bridge" Facebook page.

Useful Links

Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce

www.beaverareachamber.com

Job Training for Beaver County
jtbc.org

County Government
co.beaver.pa.us

Know Your Borough Leadership

Council Committees and Chairs

General Government—TBA

Water and Sewage—Michael Deelo

Education and Special Services—John Wolbert

Emergency and Recreation Services—Shirley Sayers

Finance—Lauson Cashdollar

Highway and Equipment Purchases—Kay Nestor

Policies, Procedures, and Zoning Enforcement—Dan Deceder

Wage and Personnel—Michael Lacey

Borough Office:

469 Third Street

(724) 773-6700

Office hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Beaver Borough Council Members

Joe Zagorski, President of Council – Ward 1

Michael Lacey, VP of Council – Ward 1

Daniel Deceder – Ward 3

John Wolbert – Ward 1

Shirley Sayers – Ward 3

Kathryn Nestor – Ward 2

J. Lauson Cashdollar – Ward 2

Michael Deelo – Ward 3

Mayor Thomas Hamilton (724) 773-6701

Manager John Barrett (724) 773-6700

Solicitor John Petrush (724) 775-8600



Meetings (all meetings held in the Beaver Municipal Building, 469 3rd Street)

- Beaver Council, 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
- Shade Tree Commission, 4th Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Municipal Bldg.
- Planning Commission, 3rd Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Municipal Bldg.
- Business District Authority, 4th Wednesday of the month, 8:30 p.m., Municipal Bldg.

Please welcome the newest members of Borough Council:
J. Lauson Cashdollar (Ward 2) and Michael Deelo (Ward 3)



Simple
Trusted
No Cost

Residents can now receive important advisories, community updates, and official information by text message and email! Agencies near you are already publishing! Sign up and learn more at www.nixle.com

Borough of Beaver

469 Third Street
Beaver, PA 15009

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 297
BEAVER, pa 15009

Recycling is Easy

Kermit the Frog once said that “It’s not easy being green.” But that couldn’t be further from the truth. Recycling isn’t hard; it just takes a little effort on your part. That effort goes a long way in helping to preserve our planet’s resources.

Beaver prides itself in being an environmentally friendly town. That’s why we offer an easy-to-use recycling program.

Recycling pick-up dates

- 1st Monday of the month – homes from River Road to the South side of Third Street
- 2nd Monday of the month – homes on the North Side of Third Street up to Seventh Street

Preparing Your Recyclables

Glass – Clear, Brown, and Green Bottles and Jars

- Rinse - remove Styrofoam labels
- Remove metal lids and rings
- Place in blue recycling container
- Do not break glass
- Do not include auto glass, light bulbs, porcelain, ceramic, plate glass, or crystal

Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only

- Rinse thoroughly, remove caps
- Flatten to save space
- Containers must have the three-arrow recycling logo, with the numbers 1 or 2 inside it
- Containers that originally held motor oil, antifreeze, or other chemicals are not recyclable
- Place in blue recycling container
- Do not include plastic bags or buckets



Aluminum, Bi-Metal, & Tin Food and Beverage Containers, and Aluminum Foil

- Rinse thoroughly, crush cans
- Place in blue recycling container

Your recycling container is to be used for recycling only. Please recover your recycling container promptly after collection.

Note: The recycling container remains the property of Beaver Borough and must remain at the residence if you move.