



Meet Whitney Brady — Beaver Borough's New Manager

On Feb. 26, Beaver Borough Council chose Whitney Brady as the new Borough Manager. Brady is a 26-year-old native of Pittsburgh's Mount Oliver section. She earned a bachelor's in social work from Chatham College in 2006, and a master's in social work with a concentration in community development from Pitt in 2007. She's also the former borough manager for Carnegie Borough, and has experience in grants and economic development.



What do you think a young person like yourself can bring to the borough?

I think I understand the obstacles that I have to overcome to be successful. I am cognizant of these perceived shortfalls and address them; it makes me work harder for both Council and the taxpayers. I also want to demonstrate success. Young people can work hard to get the education and professional experience to allow for a satisfying professional life.

What do you like best about Beaver?

I was pleased to find a small community that has been successful in sustaining its central business district. I also admire the residents for supporting the businesses downtown. As I began to visit the community more, I was very impressed with the housing stock and level of engagement from the residents. And as I walked through the business district, I saw the parking spaces filled. I am also very impressed with Council. They are engaged and knowledgeable.

What things would you like to improve?

I want to strengthen what is in place—maybe offer a series of educational sessions for residents on how tax revenues are generated and expended; work on

adopting revisions to existing ordinances. And with my past experience in development, I'm excited to begin working on the pool and train station projects at whatever level I can help.

How will your experience in economic development can benefit the borough?

It can help in many ways. If it's working with a developer who's interested in a property in the borough, I can serve as a good resource to guide him through the process. I can also help put the project together by suggesting grants and other financing opportunities. I think I will serve as a good balance between Council and developers, as I understand both perspectives, while protecting the interests of Council and the residents.

Do you have any hobbies?

I like to cook—though I use the term loosely, because I am a novice. Perhaps it should be called "experimenting," but I enjoy my victories and learn from mistakes. I spend a lot of time reading—mainly community development/social theory books. And, if spending time with family and friends is a hobby, I definitely enjoy that.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7**—Beaver Town Yard Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., no permit needed —Fort McIntosh Rededication Parade and Ceremony, 1 p.m.
- May 14**—Spring Clean-up Day, south side of Third Street
- May 20**—Beaver County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony, 10 a.m., Courthouse
- May 21**—Spring Clean-Up Day, north side of Third Street
- May 30**—Memorial Day Parade 10:30 a.m., Beaver Area Heritage Foundation (BAHF)
- June 4**—Annual Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (preview sale June 3)
- June 11**—Garrison Day, sponsored by the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation
- June 20-25**—Beaver Carnival
- July 3**—River City Brass Band concert in the park, 7 p.m.
- July 9**—Library Garden Tour 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- August 6**—Car Cruise, Third Street
- September 10**—Fire Dept. Open House, 175-year anniversary
- September 16**—Beaver Tales Storytelling Festival

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

Welcoming Reception YOU'RE INVITED!

Please join Council in welcoming
Whitney Brady
Friday, May 6, 4–6 p.m.
in the Borough Community Room,
469 Third Street, Beaver.

Light refreshments will be served.

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Tell us about your family...

My mother works for First National Insurance Agency in Chippewa, and my father works as a heavy equipment operator at Boyce Park in Monroeville. I have an older sister who is married and lives in New York City.

What interests you about social work?

I like social work because you learn to be an agent of change. While most social workers practice at a clinical level, there is a small contingent of people who look to examine how policy decisions influence the welfare of communities. I wanted to be an agent of change, but at the community level.

Are you, by chance, related to Capt. Sam Brady, the legendary frontiersman?

I am not. I am also not related to Tom Brady of the New England Patriots. Though, if I were related to either (or could choose), I'd rather be related to Capt. Brady.

What else should we know about you?

My middle name is Michael, which is my father's name (I was born on his birthday). My professional career is important to me, which can only provide the opportunity for positive things to happen in Beaver. And, despite having lived in the city my entire life, traffic is my biggest pet peeve, and I try to avoid it at all costs.

How can the residents of Beaver help you?

Talk to me! Email me (wbrady@beaverpa.us), schedule a meeting, or stop by and introduce yourself. My hope is to keep open availability on Friday of every week. But if that doesn't work for you, please let me know.

Beaverpa.us Wins First Place



The Borough of Beaver was the 2011 First Place winner in the *Pennsylvania Borough News Annual Website Contest*. Councilman John Wolbert accepted the award on behalf of the Borough at the PSAB Annual Conference, April 12 at the Hershey Lodge.

Beaverpa.us was designed by **Johanna Semonik** of Semonik Creative and **Grant Miller** of MGSoft-Net and is maintained by **Alessa Yanssens** of RSVP Ink. (*a full list of contributors can be found at beaverpa.us/credits*). Congratulations to all who help make **beaverpa.us** the best borough website in Pennsylvania!

Zagorski Honored

Beaver Borough Councilman Joseph Zagorski has been named the 2011 Outstanding Councilmember of the Year by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

Zagorski was appointed to the Beaver (Pa.) Borough Council in January 2009. Since that time he has shown a steadfast commitment to the residents of the Borough by being a dedicated councilman and an active member of the community.

Elected as Council president in January 2010 after just one year in office, Zagorski has promoted accountability and transparency of Borough operations.

Upon the resignation of the Borough manager in October 2010, Zagorski's extensive managerial background enabled him to step in and oversee the everyday operations of the Borough, bringing order and helping to maintain stability during this time of transition.

His management experience with Duquesne Light Company has proved invaluable. Within a short period of time, he had resources readily available from which to pull for help in managing the Borough and also for assisting in the search and hiring of a new manager.

He was able to lead a Council negotiating team in order to reach a settlement with both the police and municipal workers. He was also able to identify everyday operational strengths and weaknesses, thus creating a more productive working environment.

Zagorski is an active and visible member of the Beaver community. He is a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader; chairperson of the United Way of Beaver County; Math instructor for the Labor Management GED program; board member of Girls' Hope; member of the Beaver County Educational Trust; and a weekly volunteer at Heritage Valley Beaver, our local hospital.

Congratulations, Councilman Zagorski, for this much-deserved recognition!

Nestor Named A "STAR"

Beaver Borough Councilwoman Kay Nestor was recently named a "STAR" at the 5th Annual Beaver County Women's Conference.

Nestor, a former nurse, volunteers much of her time to the Beaver area community. She is a resident board member of the Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce, and she is currently serving her second term as an elected member of Beaver Borough Council.

The Beaver County Women's Conference works to "empower, edify, educate, encourage, enlighten, and excite the women of the Beaver County area."

For more information, visit bcwcstar.com.

Congratulations, Kay, on this much-deserved honor!

Borough Newsletter Named Best in State

Borough News, the official magazine of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, awarded First Place to Beaver Borough in its annual newsletter competition.

Entries were judged based upon three categories (from boroughs.org):

Content: Proper coverage of borough functions and activities of different departments in a way that is easily understood by residents.

Clarity & Effectiveness: Providing citizens with information that allows them to better understand local government and its function.

Layout & Design: Having an appearance that encourages residents to read and use as a resource.

Congratulations to all who help made this recognition possible!



Photo by Emmanuel Panagiotakis

Council Update

At its February 22 Special Meeting, Beaver Borough Council appointed Jeff Karwoski of 368 Laura Street to a five-year term on the Shade Tree Commission, and Mel Bundy of 1600 Corporation Street to a six-year term on the Civil Service Commission. The following were reappointed to four-year terms on the Planning and Zoning Commission: Scott Thompson Graves, David O'Leary, Robert Rice, Mark Peluso, Matt Yanssens, and Dan Deceder.

Tim Stancec was reappointed to another five-year term on the Shade Tree commission; Bill Cooper was reappointed to another five-year term on the Business District Authority; David Haney, Michael Helms, and Logan Little were reappointed to three-year terms on the Zoning Hearing Board; Donna Taylor was appointed Borough Secretary, and John Wolbert appointed Assistant Borough Secretary. In addition, the Public Works Dept. and Borough agreed on new two-year contract.

Council recently adopted the following new policies: Governmental Merger or Consolidation Policy, Budget Process-budget Calendar Policy, Budget Process-Budget Line Item Policy, Accounting-Necessity and Purpose Policy.

The Borough is seeking interested parties to serve on the Shade Tree Commission. Two seats are available. If interested, please send your letter of interest to: John Wolbert, Chair of Education and Special Services, 469 Third Street, Beaver, PA 15009.

Since January 2010, Council has been taking a new and different approach to a number of problems and issues. Working with the aid and advice of its employees and officers including its Police Chief, Council has accomplished the following:

- Operated the Borough without a manager from Oct. 2010 to March 9, 2011. Council provided daily hands-on work to get the job done and to save on personnel costs until it could conduct a thorough search for a new manager.
- Negotiated and settled contracts with its two bargaining units: the police and the Borough's non-uniform employees. Council accomplished this without hiring an outside negotiator.
- Reworked the dangerous intersection at the bottom of Dutch Ridge Road and 5th Street and erected automated speed notification signs contributed by The Medical Center. This project will reduce the significant number of accidents that occur at this location.
- Improved the content, production and appearance of Beaver's citizen-taxpayer (now award-winning!) newsletter while reducing the cost of producing and delivering it.
- Reworked and improved the painted traffic controls at the busy 5th Street and Gypsy Glen Road intersection, where normal town traffic is joined with traffic to and from the high school as well as traffic exiting the West Aircomm Credit Union.
- Established a formal Policy and Procedure Manual for the Borough and adopted 17 policies in an effort to make the Borough's operations more open and more consistent. That policy writing effort continues and about nine other policies are in the works.
- Wrote and adopted a detailed Pool Manual intended to institutionalize and improve the pool's operations while making them more open and transparent to the public.
- Through its Policy and Procedure Manual, established a process and calendar for creating a timely budget with improved input from Council and the Borough's employees and increased oversight and involvement from Council and its committees.
- Reworked the Borough's pension retirement plan as it relates to future non-uniform, non-union, full-time employees to save money in funding that part of the plan. The implementation of this plan will save the Borough money beginning in 2011.
- With the help of a professional search company, Compass Business Solutions, Inc., Council conducted a broad search for a Borough Manager and selected a bright, energetic, and capable manager from a pool of three highly qualified finalists.
- In 2010, with the implementation of cost controls and other initiatives, the Water & Sewer Department ended the several-year trend of having to draw down its cash reserves.
- Initiated a direct payroll deposit program to save central office staff time so that this time could be redirected to other higher-level administrative duties.

Council is currently working on a number changes or initiatives including the following:

- A change in accounting software that, if implemented, will allow the Borough to save about \$20,000 over the next four years by avoiding yearly licensing fees for the current software. Council

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can purchase the new, over-the-counter software package for about \$600 to \$700 and expects to be able to use that package for four or five years before purchasing an update.

- A change in phone and Internet service that, if implemented, will allow the Borough to save about \$3,000 to \$3,500 per year over three years while obtaining better Internet service for operations. These savings will be offset in the first year only by roughly \$3000 worth of initial build-out costs.
- The development of a comprehensive property maintenance ordinance.
- The consideration of a modernized zoning ordinance intended to promote and preserve our vibrant business district.
- A program that will allow the Borough to pay some or all of its bills via electronic banking to save on secretarial and administrative time and postage.
- The evaluation of billing software for the Water and Sewer Department that will minimize the secretarial and administrative time required to prepare and issue those bills and the manpower and expense necessary to read our users water meters. This program will also reduce the opportunity for data entry errors.

The next Borough Council meeting will take place in the Community Room on May 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Did You Know? From Councilman Dan Deceder

Those of us in the Beaver Area are well aware of the sterling and award-winning reputation of the Beaver JROTC, but did you know their efforts go deep into community service as well? Last issue I drafted a blog about Code Enforcement focusing on keeping sidewalks clear and safe. I contacted Vic Raskovski, Beaver School Business Manager, about establishing a list of volunteers to assist those in need. He directed me to CSM Tim Gadra, and, much to my surprise and delight, I found the JROTC is way ahead of the curve on this. I'll let CSM Gadra's response tell the story...

JROTC is more than willing to take on this challenge to assist members of our community in this project. It would only add to our dossier of over 6,000 hours of community service performed last year. To accomplish this mission, our intention is to identify two leaders who will be listed below who will have access to 20+ volunteers willing to partake in shoveling the snow.

The system will work as follows: When a situation occurs where a sidewalk or house needs shoveling done, we ask you to call one of the two main points of contact and give them the information concerning the job. The leader Cadet Danny Hepler or assistant leader Cadet Jake Nicol will gladly take this information and pass it on to our pool of volunteers who will then proceed with shoveling. The cadets who clear the passage ways will provide their own shovels and arrive at the house promptly.

Upon completing the shoveling, the cadets will not ask for donations or payment but will accept any type of compensation the home owner donates. The cadets

agree that this is a service to the community and those in need, not a source of pocket money. All collected donations will then be passed from the cadets and given to the leaders. After the snow season concludes, the cadets and leaders will then decide what they would like to do with the donations.

Here is the contact information for the leaders: Leader Cadet Danny Hepler (724) 312-0336; Assistant Leader Cadet Jake Nicol (724) 777-8603.

If there are any problems concerning this service or further questions, I ask you to please contact Col. Loudermilk or CSM Gadra at Beaver Area High School JROTC. The number is (724) 774-0251 ext. 1307.

Hats off and a salute to Col. Loudermilk, CSM Gadra, the Beaver Area School District and all the members of the Beaver Area JROTC (they're not just Beaver Area students) for developing tomorrow's leaders today. Things like this make me feel safe and secure knowing this country's future is being fostered at the grass roots level.

Farmers Market

Saturdays (May – November)
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Courthouse rear parking lot.

Community Volunteers

Community volunteers are individuals who freely give of their time and talent. They also give of their energy, ideas and ideals. They believe that even one person can make a difference. Recent research demonstrates volunteerism is a huge source of personal fulfillment and satisfaction. They increase the ability of communities to make them better places to live. By contributing, volunteers influence public policy and work to improve peoples' lives.

The Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce is a volunteer organization that works with other community groups and Borough government to provide events that make and keep Beaver a special place to live, work, shop and play. VOLUNTEERS have a significant role in keeping these activities exciting and cost effective. Some of last year's events included: the largest Car Cruise in town history now nationally recognized and voted #1 Cruise by *Cruisin Times* in 2010; a Fall Festival that included the largest Halloween Hop ever with an estimated 484 children in attendance; one of the largest Light-Up Festivals in Beaver's history, complete with an extended parade and fireworks.

Please consider joining the Chamber as a Resident Member. However, you don't have to be a member to volunteer for any of Beaver's special events. Contact the Chamber at (724) 773-6504 to leave a message or email them at info@beaverareachamber.com. And please visit beaverareachamber.com for more information.

Beaver Borough Recreation Study

In 2009, Beaver Borough approached the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and Beaver County to conduct a feasibility study to assess the possible development of a multi-purpose indoor recreation center. The Borough identified the need for such a facility to be used for a variety of activities from late fall through early spring, in addition to other times of the year when inclement weather conditions are experienced. This facility would not only service Borough residents, but the greater Beaver Area School District, which includes Brighton Township, Vanport Township, and Bridgewater Borough.

The structure would be of substantial size to house the following potential activities: athletic training, health & wellness activities, cultural events, social events, and business showcases. All age groups, from youth through senior citizens, would benefit from the use of the facility.

The purpose of the feasibility study was essentially to determine if the need for such a facility in this geographical area

is justified and, if so, develop an economically viable solution. Over the course of the project, public input was solicited from community residents to assess such factors as amenities and programming to be provided as part of the recreation center.

Given Beaver Area's demographics and the area's other existing indoor recreational facilities, the study recommended that the Borough first focus on the construction of a "Fieldhouse" with a large multi-purpose synthetic turf field. Such a facility (approximately 45,000 square feet) would fill the community's core indoor recreational need, as well as provide a potential competitive advantage in the region with respect to other indoor recreational facilities.

Other supporting facilities, such as the fitness center-type amenities identified in the community feedback (totaling approximately 20,000 square feet), could be constructed as ancillary facilities or in future phases of development to provide additional sources of membership/revenue.

An additional study was concurrently undertaken of the Beaver Borough community swimming pool and bathhouse facility. The main pool, wading pool, and bathhouse were constructed in the early 1930s. Over the years, natural wear and tear, new building code regulations, and ADA accessibility standards required the Borough to evaluate these facilities.

Public input was again solicited from community residents to assess such factors as amenities and programming. The results suggest maintaining the current character of the existing bathhouse and pool facility; maintaining the existing amenities such as the diving board, concessions, pool deck, etc; and incorporating additional updated modern amenities such as slides, lap lanes, shade structures, etc.

Both studies were recently completed and have been submitted to the funding agencies for approval. Beaver Borough Council is assessing the results of the studies to determine methods to implement recommendations, including potential funding sources.

Zoning Officer's Message

Ah, spring is here, and our thoughts turn to cleaning out the garage and/or basement and getting rid of the winter's accumulation of unwanted/unneeded "stuff." And what better way to do this than to have a garage or yard sale, and make a few bucks!

Are you aware that garage/yard sales are regulated by zoning (land use)? They are—but that shouldn't be a deterrent. Let me paraphrase the yard sale restrictions (details are at beaverpa.us):

- A maximum of three signs to advertise or for directions may be posted...**but NOT on utility poles, Borough trees, or in a public right-of-way.**

Not so bad. Spot checks may be done, so have your permit posted at your site.

If you're thinking about putting in a pool, keep in mind that these too are regulated, but only if the depth at any point is 18" or more. Then a fence is required, for safety purposes.

Speaking of fences...they (and hedges, too) must not exceed 7' in height. And if you own a corner property, the fence or hedge must be kept back from the corner so the traffic view will not be impaired.

For those of you with a commercial interest, i.e., a business in town, signs are regulated by size based on the district in which they are located. If the sign is changed in size, type, location, shape, or script, a new permit is required. Awnings also require a permit, and if they have



lettering on the fascia the awning is regarded as a sign, and the rules apply.

As with these items, or any questions you may have regarding the use of your property, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Borough Office. My office hours are 8-10 a.m., Monday through Thursday. I can be reached by phone at (724) 773-6700, ext. 206. You can also leave a message anytime weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

—David Hagen, Zoning Officer

Beaver Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) News

beavervfd.org

175th Anniversary

The Beaver VFD is celebrating 175 years of serving our community. We are planning an Open House at our station the weekend of Sept 10 and 11 to celebrate this special anniversary with the community and also to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

We will also be hosting the Annual Beaver County Fire Prevention Parade on October 15, featuring firefighting apparatus from all over the county.

On October 9 at 7 p.m. we will be hosting the 105th Annual Beaver County Firefighters Memorial Service at Park Presbyterian Church. Please keep an eye on future newsletters or visit beavervfd.org for more information.

5K/10K Race

The Beaver VFD will again host its 5K/ 10K race this year on June 4 at 9 a.m. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the race that has brought thousands of avid runners and walkers to our lovely town. This year's event promises more new activities to make the day even more exciting. Trophies are awarded to the top three men and women runners of each race and medals are awarded to top finishers in 24 different age and gender groups. All children 12 and under receive a medal just for completing the race.

Registration forms are available online at beavervfd.org, at Lloyds-The Running Store (533 Third Street), or at the Beaver Fire Station on Market and Second streets.

The 5K/10K race is sponsored by 20-25 local merchants and corporations, including our signature sponsor Heritage Valley Health System, all of whom contribute to making the event a huge success. Without their support, this event would not be as successful as it has become. All proceeds are used internally by the fire department to buy new firefighting equipment, replace worn-out gear, and support our fire prevention programs.

If you or your business would like to help support this worthy cause, please send an e-mail to BeaverVFDrace@gmail.com or call Jim Perini at (724) 774-8602.

All residents are encouraged to line the sidewalks and cheer on the race participants as they go by. Cowbells are a welcome sound, and one clever resident has even taken to showering the runners with a garden hose as they go by.

Emergency Management Agency

In light of the recent events in Japan and the proximity of the Borough to the Beaver Valley Power Station, it is important for all area residents to be aware that the Borough and County has an Emergency Operation Plan relating specifically to responding to the unlikely event of an emergency at the nuclear power plant.

The Borough has a dedicated Emergency Operations Center and staff ready to respond to a nuclear or any other type of natural or man-made disaster. The EOC staff and emergency responders (police/fire/public works) participate in a federally evaluated exercise every two years to test our readiness for responding to such an emergency.

Detailed information regarding what to do when you hear the warning sirens, evacuation routes, locations of reception and mass care centers, and pick-up points for residents without transportation can all be found in the Emergency Information section of the phone book. All residents are encouraged to review this information so that you are prepared in the event of a disaster.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact the Borough Office at (724) 773-6700 and leave a message for Dave Linkimer, Beaver Borough Emergency Management Coordinator.

Beaver Volunteer Fire Department —“For The Peoples’ Good”

Meetings are the first Tuesday and training the third Tuesday of each month. Vehicle maintenance and building maintenance are the second and fourth Tuesday at the fire station.

The fire department has been an active part of the community since its founding in 1836. This year we will be celebrating our 175th anniversary. Originally the department was located on Third Street at the Borough Building until January 1992, when we moved into our new spacious quarters at 165 Market Street.

John Grosskopf has been Chief since 2007, and is only the eleventh Chief in the 175 years of the department.

Currently the department has 33 active members and seven honorary members

*Beaver Volunteer Fire Dept. &
Heritage Valley Health System*



5k/10k Race & Fun Walk

**Saturday, June 4
9 a.m.**

at the Beaver Volunteer
Fire Department,
165 Market Street

Download your
registration
form today at
www.beavervfd.org

who put in many hours of training, maintaining of equipment, keeping the building clean as well as answering an average of 100 calls every year.

Last year the Beaver VFD had over 500 students and many senior citizens participate in the department's fire prevention program.

Any firefighter will be happy to give a tour of our facility to any person or group that comes by the station.

Membership is open to all, and applications can be obtained at the fire station. The department hasn't actively solicited donations for a number of years, but we would greatly appreciate your support. All donations go toward the purchase of equipment and training.

Police Blotter

beaverpolice.us

Beaver Police Chief **Daniel Madgar** was presented a Law Enforcement Certificate of Commendation from the American Legion. The award was presented by Monaca Legion Post 580. This award recognizes outstanding public service that benefits community, state, and nation. Chief Madgar would like to add that this award was a result of Beaver being the 2010 host of the Veterans Day parade. He also said that he accepts this award on behalf of Beaver Borough, his police department, the Beaver merchants and residents, and all neighboring police and fire departments who assisted with the parade.



Beaver Borough Police Civil Service Commission

The Beaver Borough Police Civil Service Commission has recently lost two of its very valued members due to retirement.

At the end of 2008, long-term solicitor Attorney David Gropp retired from the commission. We sincerely thank David for all his years of very able service to the commission. David has been replaced by Attorney John Rackley.

At the end of 2010, Commission Chairman Dr. John Guzzetti retired from the commission. We will miss John's able leadership, and we sincerely thank him for his tireless service to this commission. We now welcome Louis (Mel) Bundy to the commission.

On March 1 several members of the Civil Service Commission and one police officer attended a workshop in Washington, Pa., sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB). There have been significant changes in the Civil Service rules and regulations quite recently that must now be incorporated into the Beaver Borough Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations.

Beaver County Crime Solvers

Beaver County Crime Solvers is a non-profit organization dedicated to solving crimes in the county. Since 1981 the organization has helped to solve hundreds of crimes. When a crime goes unsolved for any amount of time, local police departments contact Crime Solvers to help generate new leads. The organization aids local law enforcement by providing a confidential portal for citizens to report crimes.

Anyone who provides information leading to an arrest (not a conviction) in an unsolved crime will receive a monetary award. Callers are issued an I.D. number and DO NOT give their names or phone numbers, nor do they testify in court. All calls are kept completely confidential and are never recorded.

If you have information that can help solve a crime in Beaver County, please call Beaver County Crime Solvers' 24-hour anonymous tip line at (724) 774-2000.

Beaver Youth Football

Can you say FREE? That's right—FREE!!! The Beaver Youth Football Program is currently offering [free registration](#) to all NEW players! In appreciation to our returning Bobcats, for the second straight year we are offering a discounted registration fee, including a FREE membership to USA Football! If you are between the ages of 4 and 5, we are offering a Flag Football program.

So, if you always wanted to be part of something great, NOW is the time...BECOME A BOBCAT! It's not too late to sign up! Email Commissioner Scott Carney TODAY at bvrfootball@yahoo.com. For more information, visit Beaverboosters.com and click on the "Football" tab on left side of the screen under Main Menu. We look forward to another FUN and EXCITING season in 2011!

Our Community Forest

The Beaver Tree Commission is proud to announce the planting of a tree to honor Diane Wakefield, director of the Beaver Area Memorial Library. For over 35 years, Diane has been committed to the growth and development of our local library, which benefits patrons of all ages. The tree and commemorative plaque in her name will stand to remind us how one person can enhance the quality of life for a community.

Thank you to those who participated in the Arbor Day celebration at the gazebo this spring. The event helped to educate our residents and youth about the value of trees and their care.

With the summer heat on its way, here are some critical tree-watering tips:

Newly Planted Trees: Water immediately after planting.

During the First Two Years: During the first couple growing seasons, a newly planted tree is expending a lot of energy trying to develop roots. During the first few summers of the new tree's life, it will have a difficult time dealing with heat and drought. You can help by providing water and covering the soil with three inches of wood mulch. Mulch should not be placed against tree trunks.

Deep watering consists of keeping the soil moist to a depth that includes all the roots, and can help speed the root establishment. Use a slow trickling garden hose or a tree-watering bag. A five-gallon bucket with a few fine holes in the bottom will also work. All are available at your local hardware store.

When To Water: Overwatering is a common mistake. Not enough water is harmful for the tree, but too much water is bad as well. Moist is different than soggy; you can judge this by feel. A damp soil that dries for a short period will allow adequate oxygen to permeate the soil. Check soil moisture by using a garden trowel and inserting it into the ground to a depth of two inches. Then use your finger to touch the soil. If it is moist, no water is needed. Another way to judge soil moisture levels is to examine the leaves. Leaves that are rigid and like newspaper indicate adequate soil moisture. Leaves that are drooping and like tissue paper indicate drought stress.

During drought periods young trees may need watering twice a week. During heat in excess of 85 degrees, young trees may need to be watered three times a week.

—Tim Stancec, Certified Arborist, Beaver Tree Commission

Beaver Pool Information

Beaver Pool will open on Memorial Day, May 30, from noon – 6 p.m.

Daily Admission: Adult - \$5.00; Student - \$3.00

Once daily admission is paid, no refunds due to weather.

2011 Season Pass rates:

<u>Beaver Borough Residents</u>	<u>Vanport/BrightonTwp/Bridgewater</u>	
Student	\$60.00	\$75.00
Adult	\$65.00	\$80.00
Family of 2	\$110.00	\$135.00
Family of 3	\$160.00	\$195.00
Family of 4	\$215.00	\$260.00
Family of 5+	\$265.00	\$320.00

Advanced sale of the season passes will be held at the pool ticket office from 6-8 p.m. on May 24, for Beaver residents; and May 25 for Vanport, Brighton Township, and Bridgewater residents. Both passes can be purchased at the pool during normal hours of operation throughout the summer.

Baby Pool: For children 5 and under. An ADULT must accompany the child. You must pay the daily admission of the main pool or buy a season pass to have access to the baby pool. The baby pool's hours are: Mon.– Sat., Noon– 5 p.m., Sunday 1–5 p.m.

Night Swims 8:30-10:30 p.m. (tentative)

June 9 (make up day is June 16), **June 23** (make up day is June 30)

July 7 (make up day is July 14), **July 21** (make up day is July 28)

August 4 (make up day is August 11), **August 18** (no make up day)
\$5/non members, \$3/members.

Lap Swim (before pool hours) – Wed. & Fri. 9-10:30 a.m.

- Members \$2/session, Non-Members \$3/session
- Adults only
- All lap swimmers will exit the pool at 10:30 a.m. and may re-enter at opening time.
- Sign-ups and payment due the DAY BEFORE the lap swim scheduled day in order to schedule lifeguard duty.

Member Appreciation Day

On **Sunday, July 17**, ONLY PASSHOLDERS will have access to the pool. We want to thank our members for purchasing a summer pool pass and spending their warm days with us! Free popcorn, Sno-cones, music, and more!

Special Pool Hours

- 3-7 p.m. from May 31–June 9 due to school being in session.
- The pool will be closed June 10 for BHS Graduation.
- Only those who have purchased a pass will have access to the pool on July 17

Beaver Pool Management Bios

Julie Brauch, Pool Manager

Julie is a 1999 graduate of Beaver High School. She received a bachelor's degree in international business from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, as well as a master's degree in sports science. In 2005, she studied abroad at Oxford University in England, and in December 2010, she earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Slippery Rock University.

Julie currently is entering her sixth season as Beaver's head varsity track and field coach, and she is a substitute teacher within the Beaver School District.

Danielle Carpenter, Asst. Pool Manager

Danielle is a graduate of Monaca High School and received her undergraduate degrees at Slippery Rock University in elementary and special education. She is an employee of Beaver Area School District as a high school Special Education teacher.

Danielle loves water sports and when she's not working at the pool in the summer, she enjoys boating and jet skiing on the Ohio River. She also loves spending time with her miniature pincher, cooking, reading, and traveling.

For more information on the Beaver Pool, visit beaverpa.us.

Library Book Sale—June 4

Beaver Area Memorial Library's annual book sale will be held on **Saturday, June 4** from 9 a.m. to 5 pm. All types of books will be sold as well as videos, DVDs, compact disks, puzzles, and games. A preview sale is scheduled for Friday, June 3, from 5-7 p.m. Leftover items can be purchased at \$5.00 per bag on June 6 and 7.

Ft. McIntosh Club—100 Years

The Fort McIntosh Club (374 College Avenue) will be celebrating its 100-year anniversary this year.

The club is located on College Avenue across from the Beaver Elementary School in a 155-year-old home once occupied by the president of the former Beaver College. Membership is open to adults ages 20 and over. Both individual and family memberships are available. Monthly dues are: \$15.00 per individual member, \$20.00 per member and spouse, and \$25.00 per family including all children ages 19 and under.

Members enjoy a bowling league, pool league, bridge and 500. There are monthly dinners on Saturday nights and an annual picnic each August. There are bridge/500 luncheons during summer months.

Non-members may rent the club for parties and other social functions. The club features five four-by-nine-foot pool tables; four duck-pin bowling lanes; a large meeting/card room; a TV room; a full kitchen; separate men's and ladies' restrooms; off-street parking for 25 cars.

If you're interested in joining the club or renting the building for your next party/event, call membership chair Nick Jansen at (724) 378-0344.

Yard Waste Permits

2011 yard waste permits are available at the Borough Office for \$10. Please abide by the regulations as to what can and cannot be dumped. The facility is for Beaver residents ONLY. No contractors permitted.



Photo by Emmanuel Panagiotakis

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

The annual Memorial Day parade, sponsored by the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation, will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 30.

The parade will begin at Third and Beaver Streets and will proceed along Third Street to the Beaver Cemetery's Receiving Vault and Chapel, where a formal program will take place honoring military veterans.

This year's parade will feature local veterans, along with the Beaver Area High School Band and JROTC, including its Fife and Drum Corps. Two re-enactor groups, the Revolutionary War-era Fort McIntosh Garrison and Civil War-era 63rd PA regiment will also march. The parade will also include local fire departments, Beaver County EMS, Scout Troops and area Little League baseball teams.

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

Recreation Advisory Committee

The Beaver Borough Recreation Committee is pleased to announce the creation of a citizen-based Beaver Borough Recreation Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee duties would include assisting the Council Committee, acquiring recommendations for facilities maintenance and functionality, ensuring safety, and promoting recreational programs. Some programs being discussed are a volunteer community clean up day for the parks and pool and the Ohio River Bike Trail.

If you have a passion for recreation and would like to become more involved with your community, maybe the Recreation Advisory Committee is for you. Anyone interested is urged to drop off a letter of interest at the Borough Building. For any other recreational concerns or ideas, everyone is always welcome to attend the Recreation Committee meeting held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Borough Building.

Recycling Info

Recycling helps 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: *River Rd. to south of Third St.*

2nd Monday of the month: *North of Third St. up to 7th St.*



Preparing Your Recyclables

Glass – Clear, Brown, and Green Bottles and Jars — Rinse, remove Styrofoam labels, metal lids, and rings. 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. No 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.*

Emergency Management Agency

The Beaver Borough Emergency Management Agency is responsible for maintaining the Borough Emergency Operations Plan. The Emergency Operations Center, located in the basement of the Borough Building and manned by a mostly volunteer staff, is activated in times of man-made or natural disasters. The main goal of the EMA is the protection of the citizens of Beaver in times of disaster. For more information, contact Dave Linkimer at (724) 773-6700 or beaverboroema@gmail.com.

Please call 911 for all emergencies.

911 Non-Emergency Number:
(724) 775-0880

Beaver Police: **(724) 773-6702**
(Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

County Dispatch: **(724) 775-1550**

Fire Department (724) 773-6713

Skunk Control

We have engaged A to Z for skunk control again this year, but because of budgetary restraints funds are limited to a total of \$2,000. At this time of year actual sightings are a more effective lead than scent. Scent will indicate they are in the area. But they're not looking for food; they have something completely different in mind. Trapping lures the critters with food and is most effective later in the year when their natural food supply dwindles, but by then the females have already had their litters. Sighting can lead to success in early season trapping. We are pleased to pass on that a long-time pest in the area of Dravo and Bank streets was caught and removed to the relief of the residents. It was a female, which in effect is akin to capturing up to eight or nine rascals later in the year, after they've bred.

POLECAT (SKUNK) NEUTRALIZER

If you or your pet should happen upon a skunk and experience an unfortunate event, our Pest Control consultant, Jeff Emerick, owner of A to Z Wildlife Control, passed on this effective home remedy. It should be handled carefully and administered as soon as possible. Use rubber gloves and avoid contact with clothes, as it may bleach out color. Hoping you never have to use it, mix:

- 1 quart hydrogen peroxide
- ¼ cup baking soda
- ½ teaspoon liquid hand soap

Ordinance Reminder

Now that summer is nearly upon us, we would like to remind residents of two ordinances that help make it easier for all of us to enjoy being outside in our beautiful borough.

§105. Disposal of Animal Waste and Feces.

Many of us have pets, and we love them dearly. However, pets can leave a mess from time to time, and it's important to clean up after them so that someone else doesn't accidentally step into something, if you catch our drift. That said, when walking your dog, please carry along a plastic bag to properly dispose of any waste your pet leaves along the way. The penalty for not doing so could lead to a fine of up to \$300.

§16-101. Prohibited Acts In or Near Parks and Public Squares.

Beaver Borough is the home to many a proud "duffer." But as much as we enjoy golf, it's just not safe to practice the game in a public setting. This ordinance prohibits driving or hitting golf balls in any of the town's public squares or parks. Again, the penalty for not adhering to this ordinance can lead to a fine of up to \$300.

Thank you for your cooperation with these and the Borough's other ordinances. A full list of ordinances can be found at beaverpa.us, along with Municipal Authority Rules & Regulations relating to water and wastewater services.

Borough Facility Rentals

The Borough Community Room and the Gazebo are both available for rent at \$60 each. Call (724) 773-6700 for more information.

B.C. Symphonic Wind Ensemble

The Beaver County Symphonic Wind Ensemble invites you to become part of our group. If you played in your high school or college band, or just want to have a wonderful musical experience, come join us. Only a minimum amount of skill is needed to be a member.

The Wind Ensemble's members represent all age groups and walks of life, ranging from high schoolers to music students and teachers to people with many years of experience playing their instruments all over Beaver County. The music played also spans many different styles as well. There's always something for everyone to enjoy playing.

Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the band room at Beaver High School. Concerts are outdoor events all around Beaver County during the summer.

If you would like further information, please contact Ted Nevin, director, at (724)774-7972 or email him at tnevin@hotmail.com. We'd love to have you join us!

Make-A-Wish Yard Sale

Prudential Preferred Realty's 15th Annual Make-A-Wish Yard Sale will take place on **Saturday, May 14**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine) at their offices at 877 Corporation Street.

The sale will feature a little something for everyone including furniture, jewelry, small appliances, tools, books, videos, toys, seasonal items, etc.

A pre-sale will take place the afternoon of Friday, May 13, from 1-3 p.m.

All proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Dorothy at (724) 774-2222, x200.

Beaver Area Heritage Museum

The Beaver Area Heritage Museum will host two free exhibits this year, open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The spring display, entitled "Carnival," features artworks of students from the College Square and Dutch Ridge elementary schools of the Beaver Area School District.

The second exhibit, "Beaver Valley Album," will be a visual feast of rare old photographic images of Beaver and surrounding communities, drawn from the legendary Arnold McMahan Collection of Graule Studios. McMahan used many of these images in his three-book series of the 1970s and '80s, *Beaver County Albums I, II and III*. The display opens on Saturday, June 11.

For more information, visit beaverheritage.org.

Downtown Flower Planting

Volunteers are needed to plant flowers in the downtown district.

Contact Mary Anne Peluso at (724) 728-3948.

Dedication of Fort Mac Historical Marker—May 7

Plans are now in place for a grand celebration on Saturday, May 7, for the new historical marker on River Road. The 10-foot-high monument, which got underway last fall, was completed in April. The monument marks the historic location of Fort McIntosh and will be the focus of a special celebration on that date, featuring an appearance by the Presidential Honor Guard, the famous "Old Guard Regiment" from Washington, D.C.

The Guard will lead a street parade starting at 1 p.m., beginning at the history museum on East End Avenue, running up River Road, and ending at the monument site at the foot of Market Street. Included in the parade will be the Regimental Color Guard, the Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps, and members of the Beaver Area High School Junior ROTC, as well as special military officials. It will also include remarks from certain individuals who have been associated with the project. The program will conclude with an aerial fireworks salute from the Ohio River.

The monument features several details that form a connection with the original Fort McIntosh structure. The 44-foot wide plaza



replicates the original trapezoidal shape of the fort, while the vertical structure embodies two stone towers that recall the numerous fieldstone chimneys of the barrack walls. These are joined by a section of squared logs that may be actual relics originally salvaged from the fort wall itself. Capping the restoration will be a newly-rebuilt replica six-pounder

cannon of the type originally in place at the fort in 1778.

The project has been chiefly funded by Tom Bryan of Tri-State River Products as a contribution to the preservation of a significant historical site, and was supported by the Borough of Beaver and the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation.

Beaver Tales – A Storytelling Event

On Friday, **Sept. 24**, Beaver and the surrounding region will be treated again to Beaver Tales – A Storytelling Event, the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation's gift to the community from the Blanche E. Shaw Memorial Fund.

Four spectacular storytellers will share their craft and delight audiences of all ages: **Michael Reno Harrell** and **Kim Weitkamp** will enrich the day of Beaver Area Middle School's 7th-graders, while **Andy Offutt Irwin** and **Charlotte Blake Alston** will delight the 3rd-graders at Dutch Ridge Elementary School. At both schools, the storytellers will visit individual classrooms so as to relate on a personal level with their young audiences. At Dutch Ridge, the 3rd-graders will also be treated to a concert with both tellers. Kim Weitkamp will entertain at a storytelling luncheon at the Beaver Area Memorial Library at 1 p.m. The \$10 tickets go on sale at the library in early August; only 30 tickets will be sold.

The big event will be the Ghost Tales, moved from the cemetery this year to the Gazebo in Irvine Park, so as to accommodate the anticipated crowd. Ghost Tales will start at 7 p.m.; bring your lawn chairs and be prepared for goosebumps! The rain location is Beaver Area High School Auditorium. The storytellers' books and CDs will be available for purchase.

If you'd like more information on Beaver Tales, please visit www.beaverheritage.org/beavertales11. To volunteer, contact Mary Jo Yarris at (724) 775-2295.

BTBSA

As a member club of U.S. Youth Soccer through PAWest, the Brighton Twp./Beaver Soccer Association (BTBSA) provides the opportunity for kids of all ages to learn and play "The Beautiful Game." BTBSA offers recreational soccer for children ages 4 to 10 and competitive travel soccer for children and teens ages 9 to 19. Home matches are played on the Hardy Fields or at the Beaver Area High School Gypsy Glen Stadium.

BTBSA also provides player development programs and summer camps by bringing in certified coaches from all over Europe to assist in training our young players. This year's summer camp will once again be hosted by Challenger British Soccer and will take place July 25 through July 29. Early registrants receive a free soccer jersey! All camp participants will also receive a new soccer ball, T-shirt and a complete evaluation at the conclusion of camp. Challenger provides fun, dynamic and professionally certified coaches for our budding young soccer players. Registration information for spring and fall soccer as well as our summer camp may be found on our website: www.btbsa.net. Everyone in the community is invited to attend our Sunday home matches beginning on April 3 through June 5.

See you on the pitch!



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