

Borough of Beaver

NEWSLETTER



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Message from the Manager—Charles Copeland

Storm water management is important to all the residents of Beaver Borough. Storm water or rain water is nature's way of cleaning our town. Rain washes down streets and parking lots, driveways, and sidewalks, roofs and yards, carrying water and everything it picks up into storm drains. Storm drains are the entry point into a storm sewer system, and this system eventually discharges storm water directly to local streams without treatment!

When we wash our cars or clean our porches, this water finds its way to the Ohio River or the sand and gravel along the river. We ask that all Borough residents remember this the next time you wash your car or fertilize your yard. There are a number of alternative products and methods for cleaning outside of the house. Petroleum-based products are especially difficult for the environment to tolerate.

There are things that everyone can do to reduce the amount of trash, debris, pet wastes, and chemicals carried by storm water. Some include picking up pet

wastes, properly disposing of household chemicals such as paints and cleaning supplies, sweeping driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them, and washing cars at car wash facilities or on lawns rather than in driveways.

We are working in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to increase residents' awareness about the connection between the street and their yards, storm drains, and the storm sewer system. You will be seeing stenciled signs being painted near storm drains in the Borough. The storm drain stenciling project is part of a larger storm water management program that strives to keep the watershed free of trash, dirt, and chemicals by promoting smart practices that will reduce sources of pollution on the land.

So the next time it rains, consider where the storm water drains. Rain water eventually becomes drinking water over and over again. We all need to cooperate to protect this resource!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 21—Beaver Tales
Storytelling Festival (see pg. 4)

October 13—Fall Clean-Up Day, meet
at Café Kolache at 9 a.m. to help

—Beaver Goes Pink 5k Run/
Walk, Quay Park, 9 a.m.

October 20—BAHS Marching Band
Competition, Tarquinio Field (time TBA)

October 24—Halloween Parade, 6 p.m.

October 27—Fall Festival/Halloween
Hop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., downtown

October 31—Trick or Treat, 6–8 p.m.

November 3—Beaver Area Memorial
Library Fall Fundraiser, 6:30 p.m.

November 23—Light-Up Festival,
5–9 p.m.

Leaf Collection

Fall will be here before you know it. After the trees have provided us with all the beauty of the season, you can help us with leaf collection and removal.

Leaf collection will begin around mid-October and end in early December, depending on the weather. Leaves are picked up each week according to the normal no-parking schedule. If you rake your leaves into the street before then, please rake them away from the curb to keep the gutters clean.

As always, your patience is appreciated. We can't always clean the scheduled streets each week, but we will get them before the end of the collection period.



Morning along the Ohio River (Photo by Valentine J. Brkich)



Library News

The Beaver Area Memorial Library's annual fall event, HeART and Home, will be held at the library on Saturday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is "A Touch of Gold", reflecting on the library's 50th anniversary on College Avenue. Open displays, theme baskets, and silent auction items will be featured. A team of local artists will create original pieces to enhance anyone's home. The featured items include quilts, paintings, and restored furniture. Some offer services such as photography services to baking homemade Christmas cookies. We encourage local artists and others in the community to donate items for the silent auction and raffles.

A Petite Boutique will feature purses, jewelry, and knick knacks for sale. The Chicks with Stix knitting group will feature a shop with the items that they made.

Tickets can be purchased at the library for \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. The price includes appetizers and a coffee bar. For more information, please call the library at 724-775-1132.



BAHF Commits to Beaver Station

The Beaver Area Heritage Foundation (BAHF), with strong support from Beaver Borough, is launching a \$2,300,000 capital campaign to restore and repurpose Beaver's 1897 train station.

This 8,500-square-foot National Historic District treasure will soon be transformed into

Beaver Station – A Multi-Use Cultural and Event Center.

The lower level and former 911 center "bunker" will house the Beaver County Genealogical & History Center, a new archival and research area for the adjacent Beaver Area Heritage Museum and classrooms for Sweetwater Center for the Arts and others. The elegant upper level and grounds will become an upscale event venue for civic, business and social events including wedding receptions. For more detailed information and plans see beaverheritage.org and go to the Beaver Station link.

BAHF will be seeking both public and private grants and are pleased to report Beaver Station has already received the maximum Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission grant of \$25,000, a very credible endorsement of this important project. However, the majority of our funding must come from private donations.

We hope civic minded folks will see this as a unique and exciting opportunity to enhance our community for many years to come. Beaver Station campaign brochures are available at the borough offices, library and certain local merchants.

If you want to discuss ways to help or naming/memorial opportunities, please leave a message at the museum (724-775-7174) or feel free to call steering committee chair Dave O'Leary (724-728-4099) or fundraising chair Chick O'Data (724-775-7996).



Emergency Mgmt. 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**



Beaver Farmers Market

Saturdays
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Continues through November
Courthouse rear parking lot.

Trick or Treat Safety

We want everyone to have a safe and happy Halloween this year. Please follow these safety tips:

- Do not go inside anyone's house. Wait on the stoop or porch.
- Do not take shortcuts through backyards.
- Walk, don't run.
- Look both ways when crossing the street.
- Always use the sidewalk.
- Only trick-or-treat on well-lit streets.
- Go with a buddy or a group of kids.
- Have an adult examine all candy before you eat it.
- Wear flame-retardant costumes.
- Wear reflective tape or carry a neon glow stick.



Photo by Emmanuel Panagiotakis www.epphoto.net

Beaver High Marching Band Competition

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 20

Come watch nine western Pennsylvania high school marching bands perform intricate marching, coupled with the live unique sounds of their music program. More entertainment than you get during a halftime show. Thiel College will perform an exhibition program.

Location: Tarquinio Field, Beaver Area Senior High
Times and more information will be advertised locally as it becomes available.



Yard Waste

2012 yard waste permits are available at the Borough Office for \$20. Please abide by the regulations as to what can and cannot be dumped. The facility is for Beaver residents only. No contractors permitted.

Facility Rentals

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

Wastewater

The Borough is not responsible for the backup of water or wastewater in residences, whether or not it is caused by blockages in the municipal system. Residents are advised to install a back flow prevention device to protect their personal property. Homeowners insurance does not normally cover such a loss, but that additional coverage may be purchased to provide coverage for backup of water/wastewater. Thank you.

Beaver Alerts

The "Beaver Alerts" page allows you to sign up to receive periodic emails that provide timely information on Borough events, programs, and general news of interest, including this semi-annual newsletter that you can forward on to friends and relatives. While over 300 households that have already signed up, we encourage you to help us reach the goal of having all 2,000+ Borough households linked electronically to town happenings. Simply provide your email address at www.beaverpa.us/government/newsletter.

Restoring a Beaver County Legacy

The Fort McIntosh Club, a tradition in Beaver County since its founding in 1912, has experienced a resurgence as a core group of longstanding heritage members have recently been bolstered by an infusion of new members. This group, representing a new era for the club, has embraced the principles and mission of the organization, and is committed to restoring the club and its facility, as well as revitalizing its legacy.

"We are all very pleased that the Fort McIntosh Club will live on sparked by membership growth, new ideas and the resources and determination to follow through and preserve our precious jewel," says Bill DiBenedetto, the club's current president.

The club continues as an organization of men dedicated to fellowship and service, and as it has throughout its long history, provides leaders in business, industry, finance, education, government, medicine, law and the arts with a unique opportunity for social interaction.

"Just as Beaver has experienced a revitalization following the construction of the new county office building, updates to its business district, and infusion of restaurant and businesses, the Fort McIntosh Club is being restored and re-energized as an organization," adds Geoff Taylor, who along with Mark Noll, Tim Albanese, Joe Gradwell and others, sparked the concept of revitalization and initiated recruitment efforts that has generated over 60 new-era members in just a few months.

Fully understanding that realizing a vision requires considerable investment of ideas, effort and capital, the club and its members are in the process of assessing the facility, concepts for renovation and establishing an operational framework for the organization.

Although these recent developments have provided a welcomed boost in energy and resources, restoration efforts will require time, additional resources and growth in membership.

"The club is actively seeking new members. Interest is high, but a complete description detailing exactly how the organization will function, what the facility will look like and the financial resources needed for restoration remains a work in progress," says Noll. "One of the most exciting aspects of this project is the opportunity for each member to be involved in the process."

Committees have been established to advance this effort, and, throughout the summer, will actively assess the needs of the club as plans are developed and proposed to the board of directors.

Membership information is available on the club website: **www.fortmcintoshclub.com**. Anyone having membership questions is encouraged to contact Bill Connelly, chairman of the club's marketing committee, via our contact form on the website.

"It is an exciting time for The Fort McIntosh Club," adds DiBenedetto. "The projects initiated by the various committees will soon be visible in renovations, family focused events and enhanced use of the facility."



The Fort McIntosh Club on College Avenue was once the home of Dr. R. T. Taylor, president of Beaver College, which stood where College Square Elementary is today.

(Photo by Valentine J. Brkich)

Beaver Tales – A Storytelling Event

The annual "Beaver Tales" storytelling event will be held on September 21, 2012. Four professional storytellers will visit Beaver to weave their magic and share a sense of wonder and delight with audiences of all ages.

The day will begin with the storytellers visiting children in the Beaver Area School District and in Saints Peter and Paul School. This will give the children an opportunity to be exposed to the living art form that is professional storytelling, and to interact with the storytellers on a more personal level.

A luncheon for adults, "Lunch, Listen, Laugh," will be held at the Beaver Area Memorial Library at noon. Seating is limited to 30 people, and tickets will go on sale in August.

The culmination of the day's events will be a grand storytelling celebration, to be held at the gazebo in Beaver at 7p.m. Be sure to bring blankets and/or chairs, and prepare for a night of amazing, mesmerizing storytelling. Books and CDs created by the storytellers will be available for purchase, but all events are free to the public.

A workshop for teachers, librarians, students, and other interested parties is in the planning stages for Saturday morning. Please contact us if you would like to participate in this event.

"Beaver Tales" has long relied on community support to fund this project. If you would be interested in contributing to this outstanding event, please contact **Wende Dikec** at **wendedikec@gmail.com** or **Leslie Hare** at **hare4home@aol.com**.

Business District News



Two new Beaver residents, Mia and Lucca Grisafi, pose with the new planter.

New Commemorative Planters

The Beaver Business District Authority Flower Committee and the Streetscape Committee have selected a large flower planter that will further enhance the décor of the retail district. The commercial-grade fiberglass planters are reminiscent of the Borough's past as a pottery maker. Greyish in color with dark-blue stenciling, they display the name of the donor and "Beaver PA", along with some artistic embellishment. A sample planter is now on display at the clock tower in the center of town.

Anyone interested in purchasing one of these lovely planters to honor a loved one or as a dedication to their graduating class, please contact **Mary Anne Peluso** at maryannepeluso@comcast.net.

Welcome Packets

The Business District Authority, in conjunction with the Heritage Foundation and the Beaver Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Warm Welcome to Beaver" packet. In these welcome packets, new residents will receive information about Beaver, as well as free coupons for various local establishments. If you are aware of new neighbors, or if you would like to donate a coupon for your business or offer information about your local Church or group, please contact **Jennifer Temple** at jentemple13@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed

The Business District Authority is inviting residents to join us by volunteering for the Community Life Committee. This group, along with The Heritage Foundation, sponsors the new Welcome to Beaver Committee. Community Life also hopes to start a babysitting co-op this year and continue the reading program. There are many other ideas being explored that will enhance the quality of life in Beaver. Ideas and volunteers are welcome!

We are also looking for additional volunteers for our Flower Planting Committee help to keep Beaver in bloom.

For more information, please call **Mary Anne Peluso** of Town Center Associates at **724-728-0500**.

Huntington Bank Donation to Tree Commission

Huntington Bank participated in Beaver's Annual Arbor Day Celebration by making a much needed donation of \$900 for the planting of three new trees in front of its office on Third St. A combination of the Emerald Ash Borer and salted snow proved fatal to the trees. The Business District Authority was very grateful for the donation and hope that other merchants and tenants along Third Street will follow the good example Huntington Bank demonstrated.

Margie Patterson, bank manager for the Brighton Twp. office, presented the check to Phil Colavincenzo of the Beaver Tree Commission. "At Huntington, our bankers in the Beaver area come to work each day with a passion to serve their customers and to find ways to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods," said Patterson. "We believe that we are stewards of our communities, and are pleased to work with the Beaver Business District Authority, Streetscape Committee and the Tree Commission with the tree replanting, to protect and beautify our hometown."



Left to Right: Ted George (Huntington Bank), Phil Colavincenzo (Tree Commission), Margie Patterson (Huntington Bank)

Architectural Design Chair Needed

The Business District Authority is interviewing people for the position of Architectural Design Chair.

If you are interested in applying, please contact **Bill Cooper** at pollockco@earthlink.net.

Re-establishing the Municipal Authority

Beaver Borough is in the process of re-establishing a Municipal Authority to run Beaver's water and sewer plant operations. To that end Beaver is seeking applicants to serve on that Authority's independent Board of Directors. Persons residing in Beaver Borough, paying taxes in Beaver Borough, or operating a business located in the Borough are eligible to serve on that Board of Directors.

Those with an interest and a background in any relevant area including but not limited to water and sewer operations, finance, budgeting, engineering, law, business management, information technology, and environmental regulation, are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should send their resumes and letters of intent to:

John J. Petrush, Attorney at Law
348 College Avenue, Beaver PA 15009

Beaver Borough will accept letters of intent and/or resumes from applicants through the close of business on September 30, 2012. Relevant section of the law setting residency requirements follows:

Except as provided for in subsection (c), the members of the board, each of whom shall be a taxpayer in, maintain a business in or be a citizen of the municipality by which he is appointed or be a taxpayer in, maintain a business in or be a citizen of a municipality into which one or more of the projects of the authority extends or is to extend or to which one or more projects has been or is to be leased, shall be appointed, their terms fixed and staggered and vacancies filled pursuant to the articles of incorporation or the application of membership under section 5604 (relating to municipalities withdrawing from and joining in joint authorities). Where two or more municipalities are members of the authority, they shall be apportioned pursuant to the articles of incorporation or the application for membership under section 5604. Except for special service districts located in whole or in part in cities of the first class or as provided in paragraph (2), a majority of an authority's board members shall be citizens residing in the incorporating municipality or incorporating municipality or incorporating municipalities of the authority.

First Graveyard in Beaver County

The first graveyard in Beaver County was at McIntosh (now Beaver). It was known as the burial place of three colonial soldiers who deserted from old Fort McIntosh Jan. 25, 1786. They were pursued and captured at the mouth of the Little Beaver, taken prisoner back to the fort.

Major Wylis, who did not want to wait for a court martial, is said to have ordered out a file of soldiers who shot them within an hour of their return. When Beaver was plotted, the northwest park covered the site of the three soldiers' graves and this became the old town cemetery.

*Source: Milestones, Vol 26. No. 3. Courtesy bchistory.org.
Photo: Clark Square monument, on site of old cemetery.*



Councilwoman Appointed to PSAB Board

Councilwoman Shirley Sayers, Ward 3, was appointed by Pennsylvania State Borough's Association President, Ronald E. Evanko to the PSAB Board of Trustees, at the PSAB Annual Conference held in April at Seven Springs.

Shirley is one of 12 Trustees statewide and one of two from Southwest Pennsylvania. She will serve on the board for three years as a member of the Municipal Retirement Trust Committee.

Also at the PSAB Annual Conference Shirley was elected second vice-president of the Borough Council Association.

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**.



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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.nixie.com.

Recycling Info

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. No 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 number 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.*



Fall Tree Care

As we enter the fall season, here are a few things to keep in mind, for tree care:

- With the temperatures still in the mid 80s and above, trees planted within the past couple years will need a slow thorough watering at least once a week. Trees and shrubs that are under drought stress will be showing leaves that are drooping, curling, and hanging downward, unlike during wet weather when leaves are firmer and more upright.
- If you notice an insect or disease problem during the growing season, it is best to clean up and dispose of the leaves when they come down during the fall season. This will help to remove any over-wintering life cycle stages of insects and diseases. Insect problems can show in the form of chewed, curled, stippled, and discolored leaves. Diseases can be indicated by, discolored, brown or black spotting and early leaf drop. It is also helpful to observe leaf and twig quality several times a year, so as to develop reference points of what healthy leaves and unhealthy leaves look like.
- The late fall and winter, after the leaves have fallen, is the best time to examine the branching structure for concerns. Things to look for are trunk decay, cracks in branches and branch unions, and branches that are broken off and hanging in the canopy. Recently planted trees can be checked for dead or crossing branches. Also, young trees with an upright growth habit can be checked to make sure there is only one dominant, vertical leader.



For additional information on the items above, the Beaver Tree Commission is here to help. You can request a visit to your site by calling the Borough office at 724-773-6700.

If you are interested in planting a shade or ornamental flowering tree on your site, we can provide assistance for tree selection, planting, and financing. Please consider planting a tree, especially if you live on a block where there are no street trees or the majority of them have reached maturity. Thank you to those who have planted trees—you make Beaver beautiful!

—Tim Stancec, Certified Arborist, Beaver Tree Commission

Borough Ordinances

Just as a reminder, for the convenience of our residents, all Borough ordinances (laws enacted by the municipality) are available for review by the residents via the Borough website:

beaverpa.us

Beaver's Newest Downtown Businesses

BeauCo Bistro

Michelle (Shelly) Porterfield, Owner
605 Third Street (Dining Room)
285 College Avenue (Take Out)
724-773-8100

Monday-Friday: 11 AM to 8 PM

Saturday: 10 AM to 4 PM

<http://www.facebook.com/BeauCoBistro>

Springers Unique

Larry Cator
Beverly Kozub
447 Third Street
724-487-0400

Monday-Friday: 10 AM to 7 PM

Saturday: 10 AM to 5 PM

The Gold Bug Exchange

Gene Snyder
474 Third Street
724-770-9008

Monday - Friday: 10 AM to 5 PM

Saturday: 10 AM to 3 PM

Minnie's Maternity

Stephanie Rubino
336 College Avenue, Suite 107
724-622-6473
www.minniesmaternity.com

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Call for News

The Beaver Borough Newsletter is a great way to share good news with your neighbors. If you have information about an upcoming non-profit or charitable event, or if you have an idea for a story, please email it to Valentine Brkich at valbrkich@gmail.com.

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Your Borough Leadership

Beaver Borough Council Members

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Shirley Sayers – Ward 3

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Borough Office

469 Third Street

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

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.
- Planning Commission, 3rd Monday of the month, 7 p.m.
- Business District Authority, 4th Wednesday of the month, 8:30 a.m.
- Civil Service Commission (meets as needed)
- Zoning Hearing Board (meets as needed)

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The Beaver Borough Newsletter is also available in electronic format. If you'd like to receive the newsletter via email, as well as regular alerts about Borough news and events, please sign up at:

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