

# Borough of Beaver

NEWSLETTER



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## The Barrickman Memorial Bench



Barbara, Mary Lou, Chuck, and Bob with the new bench and plaque (Photo by Chuck Copeland)

When Mary Lou Smalley was a little girl living in Beaver, her father, Charles Barrickman, worked as an attorney in the old Beaver Trust bank on Insurance Street. Every once in a while, she'd sit on the bench in Irvine Park across the street and wait for her father to come out on his way over to the courthouse.

"I have found memories of sitting on that bench and walking over to the courthouse with my father," says Mary Lou. "For a kid, it was fun. It was the only place in town you could ride an elevator."

Mary Lou, who moved from Beaver to Lockhaven, Pa., in the 1970s,

recently moved back to the county and now lives in Cranberry. But Beaver still holds a place in her heart. "Beaver's always been so special to us," she says.

On one of her recent visits to town, she noticed the benches with plaques along River Road. For some time she had been looking for a way to memorialize her parents – her father passed away a few decades ago; her mother in 2011 – and when she saw those benches, she made a decision. "That's it, I said. That's what I'm going to do."

And so she did, but she kept it a secret from her sister, Barbara, and her brothers, Chuck and Bob. Then, on the

morning of August 23, she brought them all down to Irvine Park and unveiled the bench and plaque to them. "They were just so pleased and overwhelmed," she said.

Mary Lou says that Irvine Park will always hold a special meaning for her. Today she tells her six grandchildren that one day the Barrickman memorial bench will remind them of her, too. "It will be there long after I'm gone," she says."

As for the town itself, she says Beaver will always be special to her. "It's such a wonderful town. It's just home."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 19** – Third Thursdays on Third, Downtown Beaver businesses open late

**Sept. 28** – Run for the Hills 5k Run/Walk, 10:30 a.m., Irvine Park Gazebo

**Oct. 4** – Beaver Tales Storytelling Festival, Irvine Park Gazebo, 7 p.m.

**Oct. 12** – Fall Litter Pick-Up Day, meet at Café Kolache at 9 a.m. to help

**Oct. 17** – Third Thursdays on Third, Downtown Beaver businesses open late

**Nov. 5** – Municipal Elections

**Nov. 11** – Veterans Day Parade, Third Street

**Nov. 21** – Third Thursdays on Third, Downtown Beaver businesses open late

**Nov. 29** – Light-Up Festival, 4–9 p.m.

For more event listings, visit [beaverpa.us](http://beaverpa.us).

*Events brought to you by the Borough of Beaver, Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation.*

## Resident Information

### Electronics Collection

Beaver Borough held two electronics collection events at Shaw Park on May 17 and May 31. Approximately 12,000 lbs. of electronic waste was kept out of the landfills during our Spring Clean-up. Thank you to Brunner's and Ecycling Recycling.

### Safely Dispose of Common Household Chemicals

**Saturday, October 12, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Beaver County Brady's Run Park – Recycling Center  
Fee: \$2/gallon (cash only). This event last year, 34,903 lbs. was collected! Sponsored by Zero Waste Pittsburgh. Any questions, please contact Zero Waste Pittsburgh at 412-488-7452 or 724-770-2064 or visit [www.zerowastepgh.org](http://www.zerowastepgh.org).

**Acceptable Items:** aerosol cans, automotive fluids, batteries, chemistry sets, compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's), gasoline and kerosene, household cleaners, paint products, pesticides/herbicides, photo chemicals, pool chemicals

**Prohibited Items:** appliances, bulk waste, commercial and industrial waste, compressed gas cylinders (including propane tanks), explosives, flares, fluorescent tubes, medical waste, radioactive materials (including smoke detectors), tires

### Paper Shredding Event

**September 9, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Location: Behind the Municipal Building

A free service sponsored by Business Records Management, in Wampum, Pa. Paper will be shredded on site.

### Beaver Council Regular Committee Meetings – 2013

Public Safety – 1st Monday/Month @ 3 p.m.

Highway – 1st Thurs./Month @ 3 p.m.

Finance – Last Thurs./Month @ 5:45 p.m.

Recreation – 1st Friday/Month @ 4 p.m.

Code Enforcement – 4th Monday/Month @ 1 p.m.

General Government – 4th Tues./Month @ 7 p.m.

Water & Sewer – Last Thurs./Month @ 5 p.m., April thru Sept., and Oct. 24, Nov. 21., and Dec 19.

### Board and Commission Meetings

Beaver Borough Council – 2nd Tuesday/Month @ 7 p.m.

Planning Commission – 3rd Monday/Month @ 7 p.m.

Shade Tree Commission – 4th Monday/Month @ 7 p.m.

Beaver Business District Authority – 4th Wed./Month @ 8:30 a.m.

Historic Architectural Review Board – 4th Thurs./Month @ 7 p.m.

### Municipal Election Locations – November 5

Ward 1 – Municipal Building

Ward 2 – King Beaver Apartments

Ward 3 – Beaver Volunteer Fire Department

### Welcome Packets

If you are aware of any new renters in town, please forward their names and addresses to Jennifer Temple of the Beaver Welcoming Committee at [jentemple13@gmail.com](mailto:jentemple13@gmail.com).

### Memorial Planters

There are still a few spaces available along Third St. for memorial planters. If anyone is interested in purchasing one (cost is \$1,595), please contact Mary Anne at [maryannepeluso@comcast.net](mailto:maryannepeluso@comcast.net).



*It was an unseasonably pleasant night at the annual Hot Summer Nights Car Cruise, August 3 in Beaver.*

## Beaver Station Update

With great support and cooperation from the Borough, in May the BAHF acquired the 2-acre former P&LE passenger station property. The first phase involved the renovation of the former 911 Center to house the **Beaver County Genealogy & History Center**. Our next priorities are restoring the slate roof and renovating the lower level of the station to house our museum's expanded **Collections & Research Center** and two multi-purpose rooms for **Sweetwater Center for the Arts** and other community uses. Fundraising continues from both public and private sources. To support the project by purchasing an engraved brick for the Promenade at Beaver Station, go to: [www.beaverstation.org/naming-bricks](http://www.beaverstation.org/naming-bricks). More information, including higher level giving opportunities, can be found at [www.beaverstation.org](http://www.beaverstation.org). To discuss Beaver Station, leave a message at the museum (724-775-7174) and we will get back to you.

## Board Members Needed

Beaver Borough Council is accepting requests from Borough residents to serve as a member to the Borough's Property Management Code Appeals Board as required by the recently adopted International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). Interested individuals should make their interest known in writing or by email to Chuck Copeland, Beaver Borough Manager, 469 Third Street, [ccopeland@beaverpa.us](mailto:ccopeland@beaverpa.us).

## 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. If you have leaves before or after the actual pickup times, you must take them to the yard waste area with your permit purchased at the Borough office.



## Beaver V.F.D. News

### SCBA Grant

The Beaver Volunteer Fire Department was recently notified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that we have been awarded a grant to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus. The \$276,925.00 grant through the FEMA Assistance To Firefighters Grant program (AFG) was awarded, under a joint application, to the Beaver and Brighton Twp. volunteer fire departments. The two departments will work together to make a joint purchase to replace their outdated equipment.

The primary goal of the AFG is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

### New Members

The Beaver Volunteer Fire Department is also actively recruiting new members. Not all firefighters have to run into burning buildings. If you are interested in how you can help out our 175+ year organization, stop by the fire station on Tuesday evenings or anytime you see our members at the Station for more information and an application.

[beavervfd.org](http://beavervfd.org)

## Remote Meter Reading Device

The Municipal Authority ask that you help our employees reading water meters by keeping shrubs/trees trimmed and by removing any obstacles from around the remote reader. It is difficult to get meter readings when the access is blocked.

## Beaver Borough Police Civil Service Commission

Did you know that to be a full-time officer in the Borough of Beaver one must have a high school diploma (or equivalency certificate) plus 60 college credit hours? All of our full-time officers are educated beyond high school in the area of their choice.

There are many other requirements, but the education component sets them apart from many municipalities in our state. The Beaver Borough Police Civil Service Commission is charged with monitoring these regulations and seeing that they are followed.

Our officers are of high quality and have achieved a level of excellence that is to be admired. Many of them are college graduates. The next time you meet one of the full-time officers, please congratulate them on this achievement.

### Members of the Civil Service Commission:

- Mildred (Midge) Sefton – Chair
- Charles Casbourne – Vice chair
- Jim Todd, Secretary, Lewis (Mel) Bundy – Alternate
- Atty. John Rackley – Solicitor

## Defending The Beaver by Valentine J. Brkich

You'd think I live in the Congo or something.

"Wow!" they say. "You live all the way out in Beaver?!" It's always someone from the south or east of Pittsburgh. "I could never live that far from the city." Um, you mean like 40 minutes?

Com'on, people. It's not like this is the 1800s or something. "Be sure to water the horses, Eugenia, and pack enough salted pork to last us a few days. We've got a good 30 miles ahead of us." One time I actually had someone tell me they "didn't think there was anything past the airport," like sailors during Columbus' time who were afraid they'd sail off the edge of the world.

Well, there definitely is something past the airport and, guess what?—It's pretty awesome. I'm no world traveler or anything, but I've visited a lot of small towns both regionally and around the U.S., and in my opinion few of them compare to the Borough of Beaver.

Inspired by the planners of Philadelphia, Beaver is laid out in a neat grid pattern with wide, tree-lined streets, and ample green space. Flat and spacious, Beaver's pedestrian-friendly avenues provide the perfect place to run, bike, or just take the dog for a walk (I've heard Beaver annually hosts more 5ks than any other PA town.)

There are four parks, or "squares" as we call them, on the corners of the town (three with playgrounds) and four more in the center of town, one of which is the site of the county Courthouse.

Third Street features a thriving business district with plenty of quaint, unique boutiques; a legendary bakery, one of the best independent coffeehouses around, and some of the best restaurants you'll find anywhere.

Taxes are about half as much as you pay in Allegheny County, and real estate is more affordable, too.

Our crime rate hovers right around zilch, and the schools are top-notch with state-of-the-art facilities.

Most of the town is a National Historic District, featuring stunning architecture, much of it dating back to the mid- to late 19th century.

Bridgewater, our next door neighbor to the east, offers more dining options and great river recreation. It's also the location of the region's only annual literary festival, Bridgewater BookFest.

Heading to the city to work or play? Follow Rt. 65 or I-376 you can be in Pittsburgh in around 40-45 minutes.

Living in town, I'm within walking distance of two coffee shops, two ice cream parlors, nine eateries, the post office, my bank, my church, the grocery store, drug store, hardware store, office supply store, and any number of parks and playgrounds. Along the way I'm sure to run into a dozen people who know me by my first name and are always happy to stop and chat for a bit.

So let's review: beautiful surroundings, low cost of living, low crime rate, good schools, a vibrant shopping district, great restaurants, less than an hour commute to the city, and all the amenities of a well-lived life within a friendly, walkable community.

Yeah, that's Beaver. *(Republished from **SmallTownDad.com**)*

## Facility Rentals

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

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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](mailto:valbrkich@gmail.com).

Next issue: **January 2014**

Submission deadline: **Nov. 15, 2013**

## Your Borough Leadership

### Beaver Borough Council Members

Walter McDermott – Ward 1

James Perini – Ward 1

Patrick Sims – Ward 1

J. Lauson Cashdollar – Ward 2

Kathryn Nestor – Ward 2

Jarrold Thomas – Ward 2

Daniel Deceder – Ward 3

Michael Deelo – Ward 3

Shirley Sayers – Ward 3

Manager Chuck Copeland 724-773-6700

Mayor Thomas Hamilton 724-773-6701

Solicitor John Petrush 724-775-8600

### 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)

## Stay Informed

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:

[BeaverPa.us](http://BeaverPa.us)

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