

Borough of Beaver

NEWSLETTER



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Spring 2013

Message from the Manager—Charles Copeland

Flushable Items

Recently, the Borough of Beaver employed Robinson Pipe Company to clean the sewer on 7th Street. The cause of the clog was a disposable diaper that was flushed down the toilet. The sanitary system in Beaver was designed to carry only human waste and water, not disposable items. The Borough also experienced a grease clog, during Thanksgiving last year, more than likely caused by someone pouring grease down the drain.

Please remember that the DEP requires the Borough to clean all sanitary sewage water before it is released into the Ohio River. In addition to the human waste, the Borough must remove any item that could be considered a threat to the environment. Just because something is considered flushable, doesn't mean its biodegradable.

You can help by not flushing these and similar items:

- Diapers – Cloth, disposable or flushable
- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Swiffers
- Napkins, paper or cloth paper towels
- Dental floss
- Hair
- Sanitary napkins, tampons or any non-organic material
- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Washcloths, towels, rags or any cloth item
- Clothing
- Anything containing plastic

Yard Clean-Up

Now that spring has finally arrived, it's time to spruce up the yard and get ready for summer. Our street sweeper is back on schedule and will be brushing and cleaning the streets to make them look clean and tidy. Residents are reminded that twigs, leaves and debris are the responsibility of

the homeowner. From now until fall leaf season, homeowners are responsible for disposing of yard waste on their properties. The streets are not a repository for yard waste. The Borough of Beaver offers its residents our yard waste disposal facility along the Ohio River. This facility is for the disposal of yard waste only such as grass, weed and branches. The access road to the facility is located at the corner of Beaver Street and River Road. Residents wishing to use the facility must purchase an annual dumping permit at the Borough Building for \$20.00. The facility is available to residents only – no contractors.

Remember, the annual **Borough Spring Clean-Up** is **May 18**, south of Third Street and **June 1**, north side of Third Street.

Open Fires and Fireplaces

The Borough of Beaver permits the burning of fires within fireplaces and barbecues at private residences. At no time does the Borough allow garbage, rubbish, or trash to be burned. Lingering acrid smoke from poorly incinerated garbage or rubbish is not tolerated within the Borough. Let's be thoughtful to our neighbors, open our windows and enjoy the summer breezes.

Speaking of Breezes

Once again it's mating time for the skunk population. Some of our residents have noticed that the skunks are moving through yards in the evening looking for mates. The Borough has recognized this problem over the past several years and has attempted to eradicate the population. Unfortunately, the Borough has seen limited success from our efforts. A major issue that we have here in town regarding the skunk population is a result of residents placing food out for stray cats. This tends to invite skunks. Feeding feral cats, as well as other wild animals, results in many unwelcome problems.

If you know where the skunks are living, we recommend that you contact an animal control company that has been successful entrapping these odiferous pests.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4-5—Beaver County History Celebration, county history sites/museums (bchrlf.org)

May 11—Beaver Town Yard Sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (no permit needed)

May 18—Spring Clean-up Day, south side of Third Street

May 27—Memorial Day Parade, 10:30 a.m., Beaver Area Heritage Foundation (BAHF)

June 1—Spring Clean-up Day, north side of Third Street

—Beaver VFD and Heritage Valley Health System 5K/10K Race

June 8—Garrison Day Show and Sale

June 17-22—Beaver Carnival

June 29—3rd Annual Beaver County BOOM!, confluence of Beaver and Ohio rivers, 9:45 p.m.

August 3—Hot Summer Nights Car Cruise, Third Street, 3-9 p.m.

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



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Three companies that have had success in this area are:

A to Z Wildlife Control, 724-407-3670

Critter Control, 724-775-5444

Lances Wildlife Control, 724-544-4943

International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC)

The Borough has adopted a modified version of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code. When problem properties are identified, this code will allow our Code Enforcement Official to take the proper steps for remediation of the problem. Communities surrounding Beaver have already adopted this maintenance code and have found it to be very useful. This code will be in force for the remainder of this year, it will be extended if we find it to be useful.

Beaver Shade Tree Commission

The Shade Tree Commission is currently looking for several residents to serve on this commission. Currently, there is one vacancy and two alternate positions which need filled. If you are interested, please contact Charles Copeland at **724-773-6700**.

Pets and Licenses

The Borough of Beaver requires that all dog owners acquire licenses for their pets, available at the Beaver County Courthouse Treasurer's Office, **724-770-4540**. Dogs must be kept on a leash or within a fenced-in yard while outside. While walking your pet in the borough, it is your responsibility to clean up any droppings. Violators will be subject to a fine of \$300.

Parks and Public Squares

Driving or hitting golf balls in any of the town's public squares or parks are prohibited. Violators will be subject to a fine of \$300.

Facility Rentals

The Borough Community Room and the Gazebo are both available to rent for \$60 each. Please contact the office at **724-773-6700** for additional information and date availability.

Recycling

Pennsylvania made recycling the law in July 1988 with Act 101, the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act.

- Tin/Metal/Aluminum - Rinsed out and emptied of contents. Flatten to save space. No chemical or paint cans, etc.
- Glass – Rinsed out and empty of contents. Lids must be removed and discarded with the trash. Do not break. Food or beverage containers only. No window or plate glass, light bulbs, headlights, etc.
- Plastic – #1 and #2 (PET & HDPE) - Rinsed out and empty of contents. Flatten to save space. Lids must be removed.
- Newspaper/Office Paper/Magazines – Loose or placed in paper bags only. Do not put in plastic bags. Do not bundle with twine or tape.

Pick up dates:

1st Monday of the month – River Road to south of Third Street

2nd Monday of the month – North of Third Street up to 7th Street

Your recycling container is to be used for recycling only. Please

recover your recycling container promptly after collection. The container remains the property of the Beaver Borough and must remain at the residence if you move.

New Electronics Recycling Law effective January 24, 2013

Consumers and businesses can no longer dispose of covered devices, such as computers, laptops, monitors and televisions with their trash. For more information, please visit dep.state.pa.us and search electronics recycling. DEP also has a toll-free hotline at **1-800-346-4242**.

Before taking any electronics to collection points or drop off locations, residents should contact that location to see what types of electronics they accept. Not all locations may accept all items. Or, contact Beaver County Waste Management at **724-770-2066** for additional information.

—Charles Copeland, Borough Manager

Howl at the Moon 5k

The annual Howl at the Moon 5k Night Race, benefitting Beaver High Cross Country Team, will take place **August 10** at 8:30 p.m. at the Beaver High School Track. For more information, visit www.basd.k12.pa.us.

Spring is for Skunks

The Borough of Beaver is well known for it's friendly people, quiet streets, and, unfortunately, the long-lasting odor of skunk.

Skunks breed in February and March. Later in May and June, the litters are born and range from four to seven young. Trapping a den, whether it is under a deck, a porch, or shed is the most productive way to remove the little stinkers. Often when baby skunks are seen out of a den in daylight it means they have been orphaned. Where as adult skunks out during the day usually indicates a sick animal.

Year-round dogs are sprayed in the yard as they approach skunks. An easy way to reduce conflict is to light the yard and look before letting your dog out. If your dog is sprayed, there is a simple formula to eliminate the overwhelming smell:

SKUNK ODOR REMOVER

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|------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Quart | 3% Hydrogen Peroxide |
| ¼ Cup | Baking Soda |
| 1 Teaspoon | Liquid Soap (not dish soap) |

Mix using four quarts of peroxide and increasing other ingredients in proportion to make enough to wash a larger dog. (Warning: may discolor some fabric or surfaces)

If you encounter a skunk, speak to it (no joke) so it knows you are a human (they have poor sight) and back away slowly. Skunks can only be controlled, not completely eradicated.

—Jeff Emerick, A to Z Wildlife Control, **724-407-3670**



Business District News

Board Member Needed

The Business District Authority is looking for a board member who has an interest in preserving and enhancing the store fronts along the business retail district. There is one meeting a month, the fourth Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Borough Building. Candidates must either live in Beaver or have a business in Beaver. Please contact Bill Cooper at pollockco@earthlink.net.

New Commemorative Planters

Planters for beautifying the business district are now being ordered for spring planting. 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. Cost is \$1,595.00. For more information, 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.



With weekly events and festivals throughout the Borough, summer is such a great time to be in Beaver. This year's Hot Summer Nights Car Cruise, takes place August 3, from 3-9 p.m. on Third Street.

Memorial Day Parade — May 27

The annual Memorial Day parade, sponsored by the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation, will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 27.

Starting at Third and Beaver Streets, the parade will proceed along Third Street to the Beaver Cemetery's receiving vault and chapel, where a formal program will take place honoring military veterans.

The parade will feature local veterans, 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, Scout troops, and Little League baseball teams.

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

The Memorial Ceremony will feature Col. Carl Neely (ret'd), president of the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation as master of ceremonies; Mr. Anthony Berosh as keynote speaker; and Nicholas Kanapesky, Beaver Area Senior Class President, will recite Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Patriotic music will be provided by the Beaver Area High School Band and Choir. The ceremony will conclude with a military salute performed by veterans and military re-enactors and the releasing of white doves. Wreaths constructed by BCRC will be placed at the memorials to remember those who sacrificed their lives for our country.

For more information, contact **Chuck Snitger, 724-728-3783**.

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

Make-A-Wish Yard Sale

The 17th annual Make-A-Wish Yard Sale will take place Friday, **May 17**, and Saturday, **May 18**, at Prudential Preferred Realty, 877 Corporation Street in Beaver.

This annual event features hundreds of items, and all proceeds benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Organizers are currently looking for items to sell at the yard sale. Items needed include jewelry, tools, small working appliances, decorative items, office supplies, books, videos, glassware, toys, sports equipment, and season items. Furniture is especially needed.

All donated items should be in good condition and can be dropped off at the Prudential Preferred Realty office beginning April 1.

For more information, contact Dorothy at **724-774-2222 x200**.

Beaver Pool Opening May 25

We are looking forward to the 2013 season at the Beaver Municipal Pool—opening two days earlier than in the past! That being said, there are several topics that we would like to make our residents aware of.

We are very excited to report that we are changing our hours of operation back to the format we used in the past:

11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday–Saturday
Noon-6 p.m. on Sunday

We have also changed the format of our pool pass purchasing to add convenience for those buying family passes. In addition, we are planning to install a diving board at the pool this year, with the hopes that this will make the pool a more exciting place for our youngsters.

The Recreation Committee is also creating a program that will run in the mornings during the summer and will consist of different educational and physical programs for our youth. We are looking for local volunteers to help make this program work, please contact the Borough Office (724-773-6700) if you are interested in helping out. We will have further information on these programs when the passes go on sale, Tuesday, May 21.



| Pool Pass Type | Beaver Borough Resident | Beaver School District Resident | Outside of Beaver School District |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Student | \$75 | \$90 | \$105 |
| Adult | \$90 | \$105 | \$115 |
| Family of 2 | \$135 | \$165 | \$215 |
| Family of 3 | \$195 | \$225 | \$275 |
| Family of 4 | \$255 | \$285 | \$335 |
| Family of 5+ | \$305 | \$355 | \$405 |

Sidewalks and Curbs

Beaver's sidewalks and curbs are deteriorating in many places. Some are unsafe and could impose personal injury liability upon the property owner due to a pedestrian trip and fall. Some curbs are so broken or missing that they no longer direct runoff water to our storm sewers; this condition can lead to expensive washouts, basement flooding, and other damaging outcomes.

Council has determined that the Borough must begin to take overdue action to bring our town's sidewalks and curbs up to proper safety and drainage standards. To that end, in the balance of 2013 and throughout 2014, Beaver's Code Enforcement Officials will be examining all sidewalks to determine those that require repair or replacement. Letters seeking compliance will be sent to those property owners who need to take action to make their sidewalks safe. To assist homeowners in making corrections and repairs, Beaver is suspending its curb and sidewalk repair/replacement permit fee of \$100 for the balance of 2013 and all of 2014. Even though the permit fee has been suspended, property owners are still required to obtain the sidewalk and curb permits so that Borough can inspect the work to be sure that it meets code and specs. The Borough will provide a packet with repair/replacement specifications and requirements to all those seeking a sidewalk or curb permit. The Borough will also be repairing and replacing its own curbs and sidewalks during this program.

Let's work together to make our town's sidewalks and curbs safer and more functional, and to improve Beaver's overall "curb appeal."

— Beaver Borough Highway Committee

CommuteInfo Program

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's CommuteInfo program is the regional ridesharing program for 10-counties in Southwestern Pennsylvania. The program is coordinated in partnership with transportation management associations, transportation providers, businesses, and non-profit service organizations throughout Southwestern PA.

The CommuteInfo program is designed to increase the number of people who travel to work or school by riding transit, carpooling, vanpooling, or bikepooling. The goal is for commuters living, working or attending school within the 10-county Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission region (including Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington, and Westmoreland counties) to choose ridesharing at least twice a week.

The CommuteInfo program provides resources and information to assist individuals traveling to work or school and helps regional employers learn more about commuting options.

Commuters can register with CommuteInfo to request a commuting options report which includes contact information for the regional fixed route transit operators, nearby park-n-ride facilities and a list of other individuals making a similar commute who are interested in vanpooling, carpooling, and/or bikepooling.

Commuters can request their commuting options report online or call their toll-free phone number: **1-888-819-6110**. For more information, visit **www.CommuteInfo.org**.

Trains, Trains, Trains!

2013 Year-Long Exhibit – Now through December 31

Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Visitors to the Heritage Museum this year will be treated to a visual feast of model railroads in a variety of platform layouts in two rooms. Most of the model trains in the museum's exhibit are post-war vintage, meaning they were manufactured after World War II. Two gauges are on display: the O gauge, having three rails, and the S gauge, manufactured by A.C. Gilbert, having two rails.

Trains encircle a model of Beaver's Pittsburgh & Lake Erie freight station, made by Robert Smith. On the innermost track with the bridges runs a Lionel O27 gauge train. Another display includes several wooden depictions of historical landmarks at Homewood Junction on Route 18: the switching and signaling tower, St. Cloud Hotel, and Homewood United Methodist Church.

Toward the end of summer, the far platform's display will change to honor the Pittsburgh Steelers with items from Charlene Murray's collection including a Steelers bus station with a sign that lights up one letter at a time, Steeler figurines from early 2000s, a talking trolley with Myron Cope on board broadcasting the game and an impressive collection of Terrible Towels.

On display throughout the museum are several other treasures, including three model Pullman passenger coaches from the late 30's to early 40's, a hobo's railroad spike whistle machined by a "retired hobo" on antique machinery, some vintage local railroad pictures, literature, tickets, old four-sided railroad lanterns and other railroad memorabilia.

The display curator Bob Frederick is a lifelong model railroader. As a young boy growing up in his Marion Hill home in New Brighton, he remembers saving paper route money to buy engines, track and cars from Bestwick Hardware on the main street.

For more information, visit beaverheritage.org.

Spring Clean-Up Days

Beaver Borough annual Spring Cleanup:

May 18 (River side - South of 3rd Street)

June 1 (Hill side - North of 3rd Street)

The Borough clean-up is for the disposal of household items such as appliances, furniture, bulky items, and anything used in the house.

Appliances containing Freon like a refrigerator, air conditioner or freezer must be tagged showing the proper removal of the Freon.

All material must be placed at the curb/sidewalk area. Loose material must be placed in a bag or box.

Excluded items include trash, televisions, any Freon containing device without a tag, liquids (gas or paint) tires, leaves, automobile seats, dirt, concrete, building materials, batteries and medical/hazardous/radioactive wastes. **Electronics are no longer accepted!**

Thank you,
Joseph J. Brunner, Inc.

**DO NOT PUT ELECTRONICS ON YOUR CURB.
THEY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

Electronics may be brought to Shaw Park (pavilion by the swimming pool) Friday, **May 17**, and Friday, **May 31**, from noon to 8 p.m. These items will then be transported to Ecycling Recycling in Wexford. This is a pilot program. If we are successful, it will continue next year. There is no charge to our Borough residents for this service.

Accepted electronics include:

- Desktop and Notebook PCs
- Computer Mice and Keyboards
- Printers and Copiers
- Televisions (all sizes)
- Monitors
- Small Kitchen Appliances (Mixers, Toasters, etc.)
- Stereo Equipment (including car stereos)
- Laser and Multifunction Scanners
- Video Game Consoles
- Electronic Cables
- Microwaves
- Fax Machines
- DVD Players
- Cell Phones, Telephones
- Zip Drives and VCRs

Prohibited: Batteries, Ballasts, Lamps, any small appliance containing Freon.

Please contact Beaver County Waste Management (**724-770-2064**) or visit their website beavercountyrecycling.com for any item not listed above regarding the proper disposal of your items.

Kindergartner's Request Leads to Fire Prevention Presentation

Back in February, Borough Manager Chuck Copeland received a letter from Nicholas Krzczowski, a kindergarten student at College Square Elementary in Beaver:

"Dear Borough," wrote Nicholas, "Please paint the fire hydrants pink and red for Valentine's Day. Thank you."

Copeland said there were a couple of fire hydrants that the department took out of service last fall, and he thought it might be interesting to paint one of them pink and make a surprise presentation to Nicholas's class on Valentine's Day. "Obviously we can't change the color of fire hydrants," he said, "but I thought this might be an opportunity for the fire department to do educational outreach to the school regarding fire protection."

Borough workers from the street department mounted an old hydrant to a block of wood, painted it pink, and the Fire Chief John Grosskopf used it in a presentation to the class. The reason the hydrants are painted different colors in different parts of the town is that some hydrants produce more water than others. So depending on the type of fire and the need for water, the firemen can determine which hydrant to use in a specific location based on the hydrant's color.

Nicholas's teacher, Ann Humphries, invited her students' parents to attend to the presentation as well. And when Nicholas saw his parents were there, he thought he was in trouble.

"He was much happier when he found out that the fire department had come in support of his interest," said Copeland."



Nicholas Krzczowski (standing next to pink hydrant) and members of Ann Humphries' kindergarten class

Beaver Area Memorial Library Calendar of Events

The Beaver Area Memorial Library Used Book Sale will take place **June 1**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The presale is **May 31**, from 5-7 (admission \$5.00). Most books are \$2.00 for hardbacks and 50 cents and \$1.00 for paperbacks. The \$5.00 per bag sale is all day June 3 and until 3 p.m. on June 4.

May 1: Battle of the Books Registration Begins!

This program is for children entering grades 3-9 in the fall of 2013. Registration begins May 1. Reading begins June 1. Mock battle dates/times at the Beaver Area Memorial Library are the following Thursday's beginning at 10:30 a.m.: June 27, July 11, July 18, and July 25.

The Final Battle will be August 1, 10:30 a.m., at the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (located near CCBC in Monaca).

Beginning May 3: LEGO CLUB!

Stop by the Beaver Library for our new Lego Club! No registration is needed, children ages 3+ are welcome to drop in between 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. on the following Fridays: May 3, May 17, June 7, June 21, July 19, August 2 and August 16. We ask that children leave their Lego's at home and make use of those provided by the library. Snacks will be provided!

May 13: Family Story Time

All ages welcome! No registration needed, just stop by for stories, songs, snacks, crafts and fun! Theme: TBA. Family Story Times are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m.



May 16: Pennsylvania One Book, Every Young Child Program (6:30 p.m.)

Children of all ages welcome! Registration is required. Each family in attendance receives a FREE BOOK! This year's selection is *The Bus for Us* by Suzanne Bloom.

May 18: "Paws" for Reading (11 a.m.- Noon)

Help your child practice & develop their reading abilities by signing up for a 15-minute period to read to Noah, a certified therapy dog. Registration required.

June 1: SUMMER READING BEGINS!

Toddler & Pre-School Story Times

The Beaver Area Memorial Library offers Toddler and Pre-school story times separately once a season. Each session is four weeks

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long. Registrants should plan to attend ALL four story hours. **Toddler Story hours** will run June 11 – July 3. Three options are available: Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., OR Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. For children ages 2 to 3½ with caregiver. Registration is REQUIRED and begins May 14. Call or stop by the library to sign-up! Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis.

Pre-school Story hours will run from July 9 – July 31. Three options are available: Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., OR Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. For children ages 3½ to 5 with caregiver. Registration is REQUIRED and begins June 11. Call or stop by the library to sign-up! Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis.

Summer Reading Club

Each year the library offers patrons ages 0 to 12 the opportunity to participate in our Summer Reading Club. This program offers incentives to children based on the amount of time or number of books a child reads. Registration instructions will be made available at the library, or patrons can log on to our website at www.beaverlibraries.org/beaver.asp (a special link will be made available once registration begins on June 1). Simply record titles of books read, or number of minutes read, and bring your log to the library to redeem for “Book Bucks” which can be used to “purchase” a number of different prizes. Patrons between 13 and 17 can participate in our Teen Summer Reading Club, where each book read gives them a chance to win a gift card to the Beaver Valley Mall. More details are available by calling the library at 724-775-1132. This program runs through August 1.

Other Programs for Children

Crazy Craft Day! – June 14 from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Stop by to create some wild and crazy crafts! Ages 3+. No registration needed.

Family Movie Nights – June 24 and July 29 at 6 p.m.

Take the family out for a FREE night at the movies! Snacks provided. Movies TBA. Check our website for updates!

We are always thinking up new ideas for programs! For updates, please visit the children’s activities calendar on the Beaver County Library System website (<http://www.beaverlibraries.org/kids.asp>) or find us on Facebook!

As a reminder, ALL of the Children’s Programs at the Beaver Area Memorial Library are FREE!

Farmers Market

Saturdays (May – November)

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Courthouse rear parking lot.

Take Care of Our Trees

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

Ordinance Reminder

Now that summer is nearly upon us, we would like to remind residents of an ordinance that helps 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.

A full list of ordinances can be found at beaverpa.us, along with Municipal Authority Rules & Regulations relating to water and wastewater services.

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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

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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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