

# Borough of Beaver

NEWSLETTER



469 THIRD STREET, BEAVER, PA 15009

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## Message from the Manager

### Water System Improvements

As you may have noticed, several streets throughout the Borough were excavated during the summer. In some instances, Borough workers were making improvements to the water system by replacing underground pipes and valves in advance of street paving. In others, Borough workers were installing new hydrants to enhance fire protection. We apologize for any inconvenience these construction activities may have caused to our residents, but the improvements to the water system were necessary for current and future water needs.

### Source Water Protection

The Borough has previously complied with the latest ground water regulations of the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that require ground water suppliers to remove 99.99% of viruses from drinking water. The Borough is now in the process of developing a

Source Water Protection Plan with DEP and the PA Rural Water Association. The primary goal of the plan is to identify potential sources of contamination of ground water throughout the watershed, and prevent harmful contaminants from entering the water supply.

### Snow Removal

We want to assure you that the Borough has an operating plan for snow removal. Obviously, not all streets can be salted and/or plowed at the same time. Please understand that emergency routes and facilities (police and fire) take precedence. We ask for your patience and understanding during heavy snowfalls. The Borough requests that businesses in the business district utilize Urea for snow and ice removal. It's friendly for our trees and planting and it won't leave an ugly white stain in the spring.

—Charles Copeland, Borough Manager



Fireworks light up the sky over Third Street on a snowy night for Beaver's annual Light-Up Festival, November 21, 2012.

(Photo by Lee Ann Freeman, Co-Owner/President, Generations Photography and Specialty Gift Shoppe, 458 Third Street in Beaver)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 2**—Lunch at the Library, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Beaver Area Memorial Library

**March 15**—Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting

**March 23**—BACC Bunny Hop, 10 a.m. to noon, downtown Beaver

**April 27**—Arbor Day Celebration, 10 a.m., Gazebo

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

**June 1**—Beaver VFD and Heritage Valley Health System 5K/10K Race, 9 a.m.

**June 8**—Garrison Day Show and Sale

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

## Beaver Library News

Family Story Times are held at the Beaver Area Memorial Library the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome to attend along with their caregiver. This program is free and no registration is required. Simply stop by the library to enjoy an evening of stories, songs, crafts, snacks and family FUN!



Also, the Beaver Library is seeking donations of old LEGOs for a forthcoming children's program. The LEGOs can be dropped off at the library. And as always, thank you for your support.

—Emilee Love Waldo, MLIS  
Children's Librarian  
Ewaldo@beaverlibraries.org

## Business District News

### Downtown Gardening Committee

The Beaver Business District Authority is forming a Flower/Plant Gardening Committee for the downtown retail area. Anyone interested please email [maryannepeluso@comcast.net](mailto:maryannepeluso@comcast.net).

### Informational Seminar

This spring the Business District Authority and the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation will be sponsoring a seminar on what it means to be an historic district, what a HARB is and what it means to Beaver. Watch for dates and times.



(Photo by Lee Ann Freeman, Generations Photography)

### New Commemorative Planters

The 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](mailto: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](mailto: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! For more information, please call **Mary Anne Peluso** of Town Center Associates at **724-728-0500**.

### Architectural Design Chair Needed

The Business District Authority is still interviewing people for the position of Architectural Design Chair. There is just one meeting per month, the fourth Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. If you are interested in applying, please contact **Bill Cooper** at [pollockco@earthlink.net](mailto:pollockco@earthlink.net).

## Making Beaver Station a Reality

The Beaver Area Heritage Foundation (BAHF), with strong support from Beaver Borough, has launched 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**, and will feature 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.

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**).

## Farewell to a Friend



On Dec. 9, 2012, we bid farewell to Eugene D. "Hoppy" Hall, 71. Hoppy was a regular sight around town, with his motorized scooter and orange flag. A few months before his passing, he was made an official goodwill ambassador of the borough by Mayor Hamilton, and his birthday, September 9, was proclaimed as "Hoppy Day." He will be missed.

## Beaver Area Boosters

Registrations for the Beaver Boosters baseball and softball programs will begin in January 2013. Our programs serve boys and girls in the Beaver Area School District ages 5 through 16 years old. Please email [baseball@beaverboosters.com](mailto:baseball@beaverboosters.com) or [softball@beaverboosters.com](mailto:softball@beaverboosters.com) for more information, or see our website at [beaverboosters.com](http://beaverboosters.com) for registration information.

## Beaver Alerts

Beaver Alerts allows you to sign up to receive periodic emails that provide timely information on Borough events, programs, and general news of interest, including this quarterly newsletter that you can forward on to friends and relatives. While over 600 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](http://www.beaverpa.us/government/newsletter).

## 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**.

## Tax Office Hours

The Beaver Borough Tax Office is located at 855 Second Street. Office hours are as follows:

Tuesdays	5 – 7 p.m.
Saturdays	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Thursdays	2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (During discount months of March, April, July & August ONLY.)

Other hours are available by appointment: **724-774-1686**. The unpaid 2012 Beaver Borough and Beaver Area School District real estate taxes are payable in the Beaver Tax Office until April 1, 2013.

—Maureen T. Bostwick, Tax Collector

## Beaver Grad Makes Good



*John Torp, a 1952 graduate of Beaver Area High School, returns a Beaver Sesquicentennial banner to Officer Robert Bell of the Beaver Police Department. Torp, a retired Army chaplain who was in town for his 60th class reunion this past September, stole the banner while still in school. (We hear they let him off with a warning.)*

## 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](mailto: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**

## 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](http://beaverpa.us)**

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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: **May 2013**

Submission deadline: **March 15, 2013**

## Your Borough Leadership

### Beaver Borough Council Members

Walter McDermott – Ward 1

Luke Berardelli – Ward 1

Patrick Sims – Ward 1

Jarrold Thomas – Ward 2

J. Lauson Cashdollar – Ward 2

Kathryn Nestor – Ward 2

Daniel Deceder, President of Council – 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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### Meetings (held in the Beaver Municipal Building, 469 3rd Street)

- Beaver Council, 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 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

Beaver Borough is considering moving the newsletter to an electronic format in 2013. If you'd like to continue receiving the newsletter via e-mail, please sign up at:

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

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