

Borough of Beaver

NEWSLETTER



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Message from the Manager

Water and sewer services are vital to Beaver's residents. We expect clean water to flow from faucets and we expect waste water to flow without interruption to the sewage treatment plant. Rarely, however, do we think about the people behind the scenes – the operators, maintenance workers, supervisors, and engineers – who work continuously to keep those systems in good working order, both now and for the future.

Beaver's residents have enjoyed a very reliable water and sewer systems for a number of years. We can attribute this to some very forward thinking by Borough leaders in our past. Unlike some other western Pennsylvania communities, Beaver is fortunate to have separate storm water and sanitary waste systems. This separate storm water system prevents overloading of the sewage treatment plant during periods of heavy rain. However, some leakage, known as infiltration and inflow, does occur. Therefore it is important to minimize the amount of

storm water entering the town's sanitary sewer system.

The Borough routinely monitors, flushes, and repairs the systems as needed. Most recently we have engaged a company to monitor water infiltration into the sanitary sewer system. Unfortunately, due to infiltration from springs, downspouts, and unmonitored drains, the Borough routinely processes more waste water than necessary. Through the use of monitors placed in key locations, we expect to be able to track down the locations of unknown sources of infiltration. In addition to the monitors, other methods of leak detection, including smoke or dye testing, is being used to pinpoint the sources of the infiltration.

The Department of Environmental Protection mandates communities to keep storm water and sanitary sewage separate. Residents can rest assured that the Borough will comply with these regulations.

– Chuck Copeland, Manager

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1—Lunch at the Library, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Beaver Area Memorial Library

April 12—BACC Bunny Hop, 10 a.m. to noon, downtown Beaver

April 26—Arbor Day Celebration, 10 a.m., Gazebo

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

May 26—Memorial Day Parade, 10:30 a.m., Beaver Area Heritage Foundation (BAHF)

June 7—Beaver VFD and Heritage Valley Health System 5K/10K Race, 9 a.m.

June 14—Garrison Day Show and Sale



Third Street was jammed packed as folks were entertained by local singer Vanessa Campagna during Beaver's annual Light-Up Festival, November 29, 2013.

JROTC Offers Snow and Ice Removal

Are you or is someone you know unable to clear their sidewalk of ice and snow due to age or a physical disability? If so please call one of two JROTC points of contact – Cadet Coulter (412-992-1569) or assistant Cadet Leis (724-622-0445) – who will gladly take your information and pass it on to their pool of more than 20 volunteers.

The cadets who clear the passageways will provide their own shovels and arrive at the house promptly.

This is a free service; no payment is necessary. However, if you'd like to make a donation, the cadets will pass it along to the JROTC leaders, who will then decide how best to use those donations.

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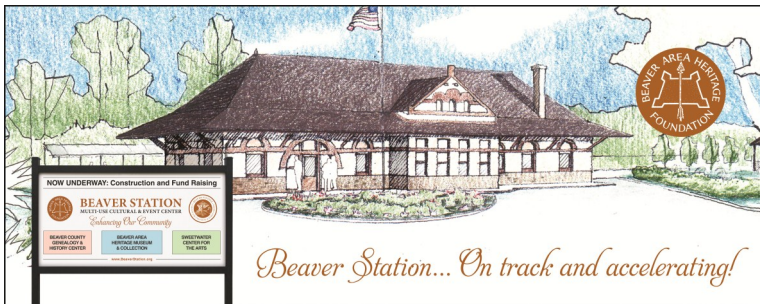
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Manager Chuck Copeland 724-773-6700

Mayor Thomas Hamilton 724-773-6701

Solicitor John Petrush 724-775-8600

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

Meetings (All meetings are held in the Beaver Municipal Building, 469 3rd Street. Check beaverpa.us for dates and times.)

- Beaver Council
- Shade Tree Commission
- Planning Commission
- Business District Authority
- Civil Service Commission (meets as needed)
- Zoning Hearing Board (meets as needed)

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 valbrkich@gmail.com.

Next issue: **May 2014**

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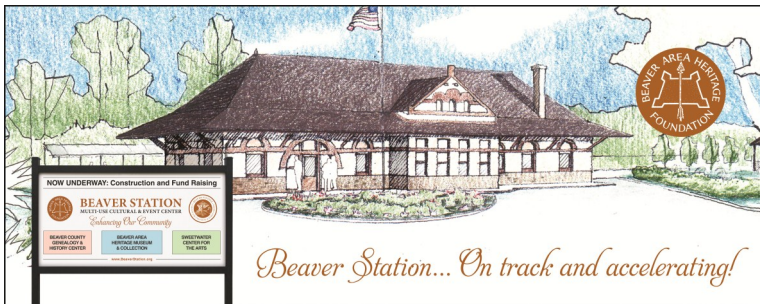
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