

Service Line Protection Available

The Borough of Beaver is pleased to announce a partnership with Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) to offer the National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Warranty Program to homeowners. The NLC Service Line Warranty Program offers voluntary warranty protection at an affordable price for sewer and water lines in the event of a failure.

"Homeowners are burdened with many expenses and providing peace of mind in the event of a service line failure is important since repairs could cost thousands of dollars," says Adam Rathbun, Borough Manager. "This program is not only affordable, but the added convenience factor should be very appealing to busy homeowners."

The NLC Service Line Warranty Program offers protection against normal wear and tear, which is not covered under most traditional homeowners policies. If lines break, leak or clog – SLWA will repair the line using local, licensed contractors who are familiar with local code and can ensure a timely response. This program provides up to \$4,000 in coverage with an additional allowance for public street or sidewalk cutting. Additionally, the program has no annual or lifetime limits, service fees or deductibles – just protection when you need it most and just what you would expect from a

National League of Cities program.

"Many homeowners believe their pipes will last forever, but that's simply not the case," says Rathbun. "Many factors beyond the life expectancy of the pipe can contribute to a failure including tree root intrusion, ground shifting and weather – all factors which are covered through this program. Additionally, with homeowners more likely to report problems, we can prevent ground pollution."

In addition to the benefits for homeowners, the Borough has elected to receive a royalty from SLWA which will provide a new source of revenue in these difficult economic times. This program is offered at no cost to the borough and no public funds are used to promote or administer the program.

"We are pleased to partner with Beaver to offer our service," says Brad Carmichael, Vice President of Business Development for SLWA. "SLWA provides first-class customer service with a 24/7 repair line and the use of licensed and thoroughly researched local contractors – keeping dollars in the local economy."

The initial offer letter will be mailed on April 28. A reminder offer letter will be mailed exactly two weeks later on May 12. For questions about this service, or to enroll, please contact Service Line Warranties of America at 866-922-9006 or visit www.SLWofA.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 9 – Beaver Town Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (no permit needed)

May 16 – Spring Junk Pick Up Day, South Side of Third Street

May 21 – 3rd Thursday on Third, Honoring Mothers—Past, Present, Future

May 25 – Memorial Day Parade, 10:30 a.m., Beaver Area Heritage Foundation (BAHF)

May 30 – Spring Junk Pick Up Day, North side of Third Street

May 30 – Beaver VFD and Heritage Valley Health System 5K/10K Race, 9 a.m.

June 13 – Garrison Day Show and Sale, Central Squares, 9 a.m.

June 15-20 – Beaver Carnival

July 16 – 3rd Thursday on Third, Hawaiian Luau theme, downtown shops

Aug. 1 – Hot Summer Nights Car Cruise, Third Street

Aug. 8 – Beaver Cross Country "Howl at the Moon 5K", 8:30 p.m., Beaver High School

Aug. 15 – Town Scavenger Hunt, Third Street Business District

Sept. 12 – Beaver County BookFest, Central Squares

Sept. 19 – Wine Festival

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2nd Annual Artists Festival

Join the fun at the 2nd Annual Artists Festival on Saturday, **June 6**, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Irvine Park in Beaver.

The Artists Festival is a celebration of all arts. Come see free live performances by singer/song writers, actors, and dancers. Peruse different visual artists' displays, purchase an interesting handmade item, and even try your hand at a community mosaic or sidewalk chalk drawing. Meet local artists and watch as they paint, knit, and draw right before your eyes. There will be photo opportunities with "Ducky," the giant rubber ducky and giant bubble making.

Food, fun, and creativity will be in abundance this June 6 in Beaver!



Make-A-Wish Yard Sale

The 19th annual Make-A-Wish Yard Sale will take place Friday, June 5, and Saturday, **June 6**, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services (formerly Prudential Preferred), 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 Berkshire Hathaway Home Services office beginning May 1. (PLEASE NO: tires, batteries, paint, lumber, organs, pianos, clothing, computers, televisions, exercise equipment or large appliances!)

For information call Dorothy at 724-774-2222 x200.



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Tweet! Tweet!

Beaver Borough is now officially on the Twittersphere! Follow us on Twitter today at **@BeaverBoroughPA** for updates on what's going on around town.

2015 Beaver County Election Calendar

May 12 – Last day to apply for civilian absentee ballots

May 19 – MUNICIPAL PRIMARY

October 5 – Last day to REGISTER before the NOVEMBER Election

October 27 – Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot

November 3 – MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Where to Vote

Depending which Ward you live in you will vote at the following locations:

- Beaver Borough Municipal Building, 469 Third Street
- King Beaver Apartments, 680 Canal Street
- Beaver Volunteer Fire Department, 165 Market Street

To confirm which location, visit **www.votespa.com**

Registering to Vote

- You may register to vote at the Beaver County election Bureau, Beaver County Courthouse, 810 Third Street. Regular business hours are 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Monday – Friday. Phone number is 724-770-4440.
- Pennsylvania State office that provide public assistance and services to persons with disabilities.
- Area agencies on aging
- Applying for or renewing our Pennsylvania Drivers License.
- Visit **www.votespa.com**

Rules for Bicycles and Skateboards

Spring has sprung. After a long cold winter, Beaver residents are anxious to enjoy the nice weather, scenic parks, and vibrant business district.

Bicycles and skateboards are a great way to travel throughout the community. However, did you know that it is prohibited to ride bikes and skateboards on the sidewalks in the business district on Third Street between Beaver and Insurance Streets? With shoppers bustling in and out of stores, patrons dining outdoors, and people walking their pets, the business district can be dangerous to try and maneuver a bike or skateboard through the activity.

The Beaver Business District Authority in conjunction with the Borough of Beaver is installing bike racks throughout the business district. This was made possible by a generous donation from Snitger's Bicycle Store. The hope is that people will park their bike at the racks and walk to their destination, or they can walk to the shop along side their bike or with their skateboard. Most of all, common sense is key. If the sidewalk is busy, park it or walk it.

Share the sidewalk between peddlers, pedestrians, patrons, and pets. Thank you for your cooperation. Let's be safe out there.

Code Enforcement

Pets and Licenses

(Ordinance Chapter 2, Part 1, 105)

The Borough of Beaver requires that all dog owners acquire licenses for their pets, available at the Beaver County Courthouse, 800 3rd Street, in the Treasurer's Office (724-728-5700 x 11226).

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.

Prohibited acts in all parks and public areas

(Ordinance Chapter 16, Part 1, 16-101 and 16-102)

Many enjoy playing golf, however, it's not safe to practice the game in a public setting. This ordinance prohibits driving or hitting golf balls in any of the town's public squares or parks. Again, the penalty for not adhering to this ordinance can lead to a fine of up to \$300.

Beaver Pool to Open May 23

The Beaver pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 23. There will be a two-day, pre-season pool pass sale on Wednesday, May 13, and Thursday, May 14, from 6-8 p.m. at the pool. Passes can be purchased at this time for a 10% discount. This year the pool will also feature free wi-fi!

Pass Type	Beaver Resident	Beaver School District Resident	Outside of Beaver School District	Daily Ticket
Student	\$ 80	\$ 90	\$ 110	\$ 3
Adult	\$ 100	\$ 110	\$ 130	\$ 5
Senior Citizen				\$ 3
Family (2)	\$ 160	\$ 170	\$ 190	
Family (3)	\$ 210	\$ 220	\$ 240	
Family (4)	\$ 250	\$ 260	\$ 280	
Family (5+)	\$ 280	\$ 290	\$ 310	

Paper Recycling Drop Off Containers

There are three paper recycling containers in the borough for your convenience:

- College Square Elementary School - Side Parking Lot - 4th & Insurance Street
- Saints Peter and Paul School - Back Parking Lot
- Win Services - Behind building - 3rd Street and Taylor Avenue



Recycling Area Rules

With the arrival of spring, Beaver Borough provides the recycling area for residents to dispose of yard waste. The recycling area is available to Beaver residents with the purchase of a \$20 yard waste permit. The fee is to help defray the cost of recycling the organic material. The recycling area is NOT available for contractors even if they are working for a resident. In order to prevent abuse of this service, the Borough has installed a video surveillance system to monitor activities in the area. Nonresidents, contractors or residents without a permit may be penalized.

Local business owners should watch for an announcement to purchase advertising at the pool for the 2015 season. Details will be posted on the borough website (beaverpa.us) sometime in the near future.

The borough will also be hosting movies in the park again this summer outside the pool. Last year's movie night was a huge success. Watch for this year's dates and times to be posted on the borough website.

Beaver Police

Project ChildSafe

This program raises awareness about firearm safety by distributing gun locks and educational material to gun owners. The goal of Project ChildSafe is to help gun owners take proper steps to ensure their families and communities are safer when firearms are stored in the home. Project ChildSafe has partnered with 15,000 law enforcement agencies in communities across the county. Beaver Police has received a grant for gun locks; if you are in need of one or need assistance with gun safety, please contact the police department.

GunSafe Program

The Beaver Police Department will be participating in NRA's Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program, funded by grant funding from Friends of NRA. The courses are designed for younger children in preschool and grades 1, 2 and 3. The program teaches children they should;

- STOP
- DON'T TOUCH
- LEAVE THE AREA
- TELL AN ADULT

Children need to be taught gun accident prevention in order to be prepared if they encounter a firearm. Where there is no adult supervision, children must know what to do.

Important Reminder!

In order to prevent theft in our borough, please remember to lock your vehicles at all times. If you see anyone suspicious looking in vehicles, please contact the police department as soon as possible.

Police Contact Numbers:

- Emergency – call 9-1-1
- Non-Emergency – 724-773-6709 between normal business hours Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Non-Emergency – 724-775-0880 or 724-775-0881 after normal business hours

Beaver Boro Municipal Authority

CUSTOMER PORTAL

The Customer Portal provides you with the opportunity to access your account information and activity. In addition, you will be able to pay your bills using the portal.

- Create your own portal account through self-registration
- Sign up for eBills
- View or print your bills (current or previous)
- View your billing, payment, and adjustment history
- View your usage history
- Pay your bills via Electronic payment

Convenience

No more waiting for the mail. Make your life easy by receiving your bill each month online. Our e-Bill is a secure way to receive and view your bill online. By enrolling in e-Billing, you'll conveniently receive an e-mail each month when your bill is ready for viewing online. Say goodbye to paper bills and hello to convenience and less clutter!

Sign Up Today!

Go to <https://beaverboro.authoritypay.com> and click on "Set Up Online Access"

Top Bicycle Safety Tips

- We have a simple saying: "Use your head, wear a helmet." It is the single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bicycle crashes.
- Tell your kids to ride on the right side of the road with traffic, not against it. Stay as far to the right as possible. Use appropriate hand signals and respect traffic signals, stopping at all stop signs and stoplights.
- Teach your kids to make eye contact with drivers. Bikers should make sure drivers are paying attention and are going to stop before they cross the street.
- When riding at dusk, dawn, or in the evening, be bright and use lights – and make sure your bike has reflectors as well. It's also smart to wear clothes and accessories that have retro-reflective materials to improve biker visibility to motorists.
- Actively supervise children until you're comfortable that they are responsible to ride on their own.

Source: www.safekids.org

The Beaver Police Department has received a grant for bicycle helmets for kids in need. A Helmet/Bicycle Safety Program is to be scheduled in Summer 2015. The scheduled date will be posted on the borough website (www.beaverpa.us).

BookFest Coming to Beaver

After taking 2014 off to revamp, BookFest, the popular literary festival that began in Bridgewater in 2007, is moving to Beaver.

The first annual Beaver County BookFest will take place on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Beaver's central squares across from the Beaver County Courthouse.

Beaver County BookFest is "a celebration of reading, writing, and the arts." Since its humble beginnings, BookFest has grown into one of the largest literary festivals in the state, attracting participants and attendees from across the country. This will be the sixth year for the event, which is free to the public.

BookFest attendees can meet dozens of writers who will be signing and selling their books in the Author Tent. At the last BookFest in 2013, close to 50 authors participated. This year's main authors are Jonathan Auxier, author of the best-seller *The Night Gardener*, and Bruce Ferber, Emmy nominee and author of *Cascade Falls*. The festival will also feature food and retail vendors, as well as an interactive Children's Tent, where kids can listen to



readings, watch performances, and take part in various activities.

Beaver County BookFest is a non-profit event backed by the Friends of Beaver County BookFest. For more information, visit **BeaverCountyBookFest.com**. You can also follow the festival at **www.facebook.com/beavercountybookfestPA**.

Our Community Forest

Thank you to those who participated in the Arbor Day celebration on April 25 at the gazebo. This annual event helps to educate our residents and youth about the value of trees and how our community is enhanced by them.

As you may know, Beaver is designated as a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Warm weather is on the way, and now is a good time to examine our trees for structural defects and broken branches before leaves appear. We may also see evidence of insect and disease problems. It is helpful to observe the leaves and branches for insect feeding damage and discoloration. With spring yard work, it is important to know that mulching benefits trees in many ways, as well as preventing mechanical damage from string trimmers. Mulch should be 2–3 inches in depth and kept away from the trunk. Ideally, the beginning of the root flare should be visible.

The Tree Commission is responsible for overseeing the trees in our parks and along our streets on the borough right-of-way, or "borough strip" as it is often called. When property owners want to plant, prune, or

remove a tree in the borough strip, they are required to obtain a permit from the Tree Commission. There is no charge for a permit and it is our way of ensuring that the tree work is done by a qualified professional. Avoid contractors who advertise "tree topping" as this is a destructive practice that cause a rapid deterioration in the health of the tree.

Applications for tree permits are available at the police desk in the municipal building at 469 Third Street, or online at www.beverpa.us. Leave the completed application with the clerk and it will be picked up by a member of the Tree Commission. After reviewing the application, a member of the Tree Commission will visit your property and examine the tree(s) to be pruned or removed and verify its location. At this point, a permit may be issued or you will be contacted with any questions or suggestions we might have. We look forward to sharing information regarding tree maintenance and assistance for planting. Please inquire.

Tim Stancec, Certified Arborist
Beaver Tree Commission
724-987-2068

Habitat for Humanity 5k

Who: Anyone!

What: 5K Walk/Run & 1 mile FUN RUN

When: Saturday, Sept. 19

Where: Irvine Park Gazebo, Beaver, PA

What Time:

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Fun Run Start
- 9:00 a.m. Run Start
- 9:05 a.m. Walk Start

Why: To raise money for Habitat for Humanity of Beaver County

Now through August 1, Registration Fees:

- 5K Walk/Run \$25 per person
- 1 Mile Fun Run \$10 per person

Starting August 2, Registration Fees:

- 5K Walk/Run \$30 per person
- 1 Mile Fun Run \$15 per person

Register online: www.habitat5k.org

Free Tennis Program

The Borough of Beaver sponsors a free tennis program for residents at the high school tennis courts.

The program is run by Riley Baker, the girls' tennis team coach. The program this year will begin on June 8 and run for six weeks ending on July 17 from 9–11:30 a.m., Monday–Friday.



Everyone is welcome to come at any time, and there is no sign-up necessary. It is an informal setting with a lot of drills and practice to help improve your game. Riley has a lot of tennis balls so you just need to bring your racket, something to drink, sunscreen and lot's of energy. Come out and learn from Riley's vast knowledge and experience.

Borough Facility Rentals

The Borough Community Room, Gazebo and Shaw Park are available for rent at \$80 each. Call 724-773-6700 for more information and date availability. Applications are available online at www.beaverpa.us/miscellaneousinformation/Facilityrental

Know What's Below Dial 8-1-1 before you dig.

Why should you call?

Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence or deck, or digging for a mailbox post, patio or other excavation project, it is important to Know What's Below. Dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 before you dig. The utility companies do not want an accident, either. The best way to learn where underground utility lines are located is to call before you dig.

Homeowner Quick Tips

- One easy phone call to 8-1-1 three to ten business days before digging begins helps keep your neighborhood safe.
- Call on Monday or Tuesday if you plan to dig on Saturday or Sunday.
- The utility companies will mark where their underground lines are located with colored paint, flags or chalk.
- Do not remove the flags if you see them in your yard.
- Service is no cost to homeowners.
- Did you hire someone to install your fence, deck or new patio? Ask to see the PA One Call serial number before allowing them to dig on your property.

For more information, visit www.pa811.org

Community Garden

There are several plots still available for the 2015 growing season at Beaver's Community Garden down by the river. Participating in a community garden can be a fun, rewarding, and educational experience. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Lynn Clayton at lynnjclayton@comcast.net or 724-775-5759.



What is the HARB?

What makes Beaver “Someplace Special”? Its downtown, parks, river view, school district, or festivals? It’s not one thing but many reasons, not the least of which is its look and feel. Beaver, after all, contains one of PA’s largest and most concentrated Designated National Historic Districts.

Back in 2011, the Planning Commission reported to Council that the borough’s lack of legal control left the town exposed to demolition without notice or recourse, and that even if Beaver underwent subtle changes, those changes could cumulatively or perhaps suddenly be unwelcomed and unalterable. The commission suggested that outside economic influences could result in swift and permanent damage to our community’s valued historic identity. Bottom line: Do nothing and we continue to put Beaver at risk and without options to be reconfigured by someone else’s choices.

Those recommendations led Council to appoint a citizens committee to study the issue. The recommendations concluded the need for a procedure to identify, evaluate, and when appropriate, protect against demolition of ONLY listed properties included within the National Historic District, those very properties that collectively give that look and feel of the Borough’s historic identity. The committee suggested that this be accomplished by the following:

- Formalize a process that helps manage inevitable change that considers and would permit demolition if any one of the following three criteria is met: 1) serious and immediate threat to public safety, 2) unreasonable economic hardship, or 3) when demolition is determined to

be “in the Borough’s best interest”

- Appoint a Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) whose only function is to make a systematic review and written recommendation to Council, who then exclusively decides whether or not to permit a proposed demolition to proceed.

Historic Preservation maintains authenticity, enhances real estate values, and encourages private developer activity by remaining “a preferred place for investment”—attractive because of authenticity—NOT a generic Every-where-else, USA. Studies show that over 30 years property values in the local historic district grew three times as fast, and buyers are willing to pay a premium for the assurance that their neighborhoods are protected and not disrupted.

For these reasons, Council embraced creating a historic preservation “safety net” for well-reasoned control of demolition. Council hired a highly respected, experienced historic preservation attorney to formalize a historic preservation demolition ordinance that was adopted in June 2011

The seven members of the HARB volunteer of their time to implement this ordinance. Pennsylvania law stipulates specific qualification for HARB members including composition of seven members appointed by the Borough Council. The membership of HARB includes a registered architect, a licensed real estate broker, a building inspector, a member from the planning commission, and three at-large members with interest in neighborhood conservation and preservation of the Beaver Historic District.

The HARB is a board that conducts a systematic review

Plant Watering Help

The Planting Committee of the Beaver Business District Authority is looking for one or two more volunteers to help with watering the special planters in town throughout the summer. If you’re interested, please email maryannepeluso@comcast.net.



New Bike Racks

Beaver’s always been a great place to ride your bike. Now you’ll have an official place to park it. Thanks to a generous donation from the Erin Family and Snitger’s Bike Shop, new bike racks are being installed within the business district.



of proposed demolition application of historic properties in Beaver and then makes written recommendation of approval or disapproval to Borough Council, who then make that decision.

Another important aspect of the HARB duties includes developing ways of educating and energizing the community about the value of historic preservation. These efforts can heighten respect for Beaver’s tremendous architectural resources and heritage and encourage owners of historic properties to proudly maintain these properties in a historically sensitive manner. Check beaverpa.us for HARB meeting dates.

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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, 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Shade Tree Commission, 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Planning Commission, 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Business District Authority, 4th Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m.
- Civil Service Commission (meets as needed)
- Zoning Hearing Board (meets as needed)

Call For News

The Fall Newsletter Deadline is August 7. please email your stories to Val@ValTheWriter.com

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.