

## Volunteer Bricklayers Beautify Beaver



**T**wo different groups of volunteer bricklayers spent several hours this year working on beautification projects within the borough. In August a group of volunteers from First Presbyterian Church led by Ron Ledbetter coordinated with Borough workers to build a brick sidewalk surrounding the gazebo. In November, a group of volunteer residents rebuilt a brick sidewalk to new Borough specifications on the south side of the 900 block of Corporation Street.

Beaver can take great pride in having residents who appreciate our historical assets and are willing to volunteer their time to improve and restore them.



### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Feb. 19** – 3rd Thursday on Third, Hollywood Oscar Night

**March 7** – Lunch at the Library, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Beaver Area Memorial Library

**March 19** – 3rd Thursday on Third, Shop For A Cause

**March 28** – BACC Bunny Hop, 10 a.m. to noon, downtown Beaver

**April 16** – 3rd Thursday on Third, Spring Fling

**April 18** – Downtown Beaver Open Houses, Third Street Business District

**April 25** – Arbor Day Celebration, 10 a.m., Gazebo

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

**May 16** – Spring Clean-up – (River side – South of 3rd 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 Clean-up (Hill side – North of 3rd Street)

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

**June 13** – Garrison Day Show and Sale

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## Welcome to the Neighborhood

A big welcome to all the new stores in our downtown business district:

MILLER'S SHOES  
476 THIRD STREET  
(878) 201-3378

SAPLING & SONS  
SNAIL MAIL SUPPLY CO.  
631 THIRD STREET  
FACEBOOK.COM/  
SAPLINGANDSONS

## Beaver Business District Authority — Volunteer Needed

The Beaver Business District Authority is looking for a volunteer to help with the Beaver Welcome Committee, which helps make new residents feel welcome in our town.

The Welcome Committee collaborates with sponsoring businesses (including a warm cookie from Kretchmar's Bakery and a coffee from Café Kolache) to provide coupons, samples, and a green reusable shopping bag for inclusion in the Welcome Packet. This Welcome Packet also includes information from The Heritage Foundation, the Library, the School District and the Borough.

Interested persons should please contact Mary Anne Peluso at [maryannepeluso@comcast.net](mailto:maryannepeluso@comcast.net).



## Special Needs

In the event of natural or man-made disasters it is important that the Beaver Borough Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is aware of all residents who may need special assistance. Special Needs residents are those who would not be able to hear the emergency siren due to hearing impairment or those with medical conditions that would require special assistance in the event of a disaster or evacuation.

All Borough residents receive an annual mailer from Beaver County Emergency Management containing emergency information and a Special Needs notification return card. Residents requiring special assistance during a disaster should fill out this card and mail it back to the address on the card. All information will be kept confidential and will only be used in the event of an emergency. The information is gathered by the county Emergency Services Center and is distributed to our municipal EOC. Even if you have returned a Special Needs card in the past, you need to submit a new card every year. If you have any questions or if you have not received the mailing by the end of January, please call Beaver County Emergency Services at 724-775-1700 or visit [www.beavercountypa.gov/emergency-services](http://www.beavercountypa.gov/emergency-services).

Dave Linkimer,  
Emergency Management Coordinator

## PA 211 Services

By dialing 2-1-1 or by accessing the PA 211 database, you will have access to information to the following health and human services:

- Basic human needs resources
- Physical and mental health resources
- Employment support
- Support for older Americans and persons with disabilities
- Support for children, youth, and families
- Volunteer and charitable donation opportunities



## Beaver County Crime Solvers

**B**eaver 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.

## Emergency Management Agency

**T**he Beaver Borough Emergency Management Agency is responsible for maintaining the Borough Emergency Operations Plan. The Emergency Operations Center, is now located in the Fire Station 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.

**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

## Beaver County Educational Trust S.T.E.M. Walk Grants

**T**he Beaver County Educational Trust (BCET) just received a \$20,000 donation from HighMark to help fund its new S.T.E.M. Walk program. Developed in partnership with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit, the S.T.E.M. Walk program focuses on promoting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to middle school children. School districts are welcome to apply for S.T.E.M. Walk grant money from the BCET to hold their own events.



For more information, visit [beavercountyeducationaltrust.org/stem-walk](http://beavercountyeducationaltrust.org/stem-walk).

## Please Recycle

**D**id you know that the average American generates 4.6 lbs. of trash per day but only recycles 1.5 lbs. of it? Recycling saves our resources and keeps trash out of landfills. At the annual Household Chemical Collections at Brady's Run Park in October, 51,679 lbs. of chemical waste was collected and, therefore, kept from polluting our planet. Recycling is easy. PLEASE DO YOUR PART!



## Borough Recycling

Blue recycling containers should be placed on the curb: 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.

- Tin cans, metal cans, bi-metal cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil. Please empty of contents. No chemical or paint cans.
- Glass – rinsed out and emptied of contents. Lids must be removed. Do not break. Food or beverage containers only. No light bulbs, windows, glasses, plates, etc.
- Plastic - #1 and #2 (PET & HDPE). Please empty of contents. Lids must be removed.

The recycling container is to be used for recycling only. Please recover your recycling container promptly after collection. The container remains the property of Beaver Borough and must remain at the residence if you move.

Recycling Newspapers, Regular Paper, Magazines, and Catalogs  
Beaver County Recycling Center, Brady's Run Park (724-770-2064 or [beavercountyrecycling.com](http://beavercountyrecycling.com)) Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents are also welcome to add their paper recycling to the green and yellow Abitibi bin's at the Beaver Middle/High School, College Square Elementary School, Saints Peter & Paul School, and WIN Services.

## Beaver VFD Takes Delivery of a New Engine

During the first week of October, the Beaver VFD took delivery of its new Smeal custom-built pumper. This new engine replaces the department's existing 1990 KME pumper.

A committee was put together back in 2012 to investigate and design a new engine that would best serve the town for the next 25 years. The committee visited various fire expositions and met with numerous manufacturers on developing the new engine. After a successful bidding process, Smeal Fire Apparatus out of Snyder, Nebraska, was chosen to build the new engine.

The new engine is built on a Spartan Gladiator chassis with seating for seven firefighters. It is equipped with a 2000 GPM pump and carries 750 gallons of water. Other features include a hydraulic ladder rack and light tower mounted on the roof.



The new engine is also equipped with a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) and carries 30 gallons of foam. A CAFS is defined as a standard water pumping system that has an entry point where compressed air can be added to a solution to generate foam. The air compressor also provides energy which, gallon for gallon, propels compressed air foam farther than aspirated or standard water nozzles. It is proven that CAFS attacks all three sides of the fire triangle simultaneously:

1. Foam blankets the fuel, reducing its capacity to seek out a source of oxygen
2. Foam adheres to ceilings and walls, aiding in rapid heat reduction
3. Foam shields the fuel source from radiant energy

The new engine is dedicated to the memory of Chief Fred Weigle, who had over 50 years of service with the Beaver Volunteer Fire Department.

## Citizen Code Enforcement Complaints

—Confidential Complaint Form Available Online

Beaver is ramping up enforcement of its municipal codes relating to the health, safety, and living conditions of its residents. Beaver's administration and Council want citizens to know that they can file formal, written complaints when they see a need to do so. If you see any of the following conditions or others that you believe Beaver should address, please file a written code-enforcement complaint:

- Accumulated Garbage/Debris
- Deteriorated and Unsafe Sidewalks
- Excessive Number of Domestic Animals
- Broken Windows/Missing Doors
- Abandoned, Unlicensed, or Long-term Illegally Parked Vehicles
- High Grass/Untrimmed Bushes or Hedges
- Improper Outdoor Storage
- Rodent Harborage
- Substandard Building or Code Violating Conditions of Buildings

To assist residents submitting such complaints, Beaver Borough is providing complaint forms. Residents can obtain a copy of this complaint form at the Borough Building or by downloading it from Beaver's website at [www.beverpa.us](http://www.beverpa.us).

On Beaver's homepage, scroll down to the "Code Enforcement Complaints" section and double click on the "[Form]" link. The Complaint Form will appear in PDF format and is printer friendly. The form provides a checkbox to indicate that you want your information held confidential.

Mail or deliver your complaint form to:  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Beaver Borough  
496 Third Street  
Beaver, PA 15009  
Or fax it to 724-773-6711.

HELP KEEP BEAVER A SAFE, HEALTHY, AND ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY!

## Important Notices to Landlords

### Rent Not Taxable Under Business Privilege Tax

The Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court has recently ruled that municipalities may not collect business privilege tax on rental income from real property. A party to that case has asked to Pennsylvania Supreme Court to hear an appeal of that decision. Because the Commonwealth Court's decision is not final, you should discuss this matter with your attorney, accountant, or tax advisor to determine what to do about this tax.

### Rental Property Registration Ordinance Draft

The Council's Code Enforcement Committee is working on a draft of a Rental Property Registration Ordinance that it will ultimately present to Council for approval. That draft is not yet complete. This Ordinance will require landlords with residential rental property in Beaver Borough to register those properties and have them inspected on a regular basis. It will provide for other duties on behalf of both tenants and landlords. The Committee will be circulating a first rough draft when as soon as it is ready. The Committee will seek comments and input from landlords and members of the general public alike. The draft of this ordinance will follow the general outlines of similar ordinances in effect for Beaver Falls, Patterson Township, and Berwick, Pennsylvania. The Committee hopes to present a final draft to Council and the Public in mid 2015 and hold at least one public hearing on that draft prior to Council taking any legislative action.

## DID YOU KNOW? —426 Hemi Has Beaver Roots

Any fan of cars and/or racing knows about the 426 Hemi, aka the "elephant engine". But did you know that this legendary engine was designed by a Beaver native?

Bill Weertman was born in Fairfield, Alabama, but raised right here in Beaver, Pa. After graduating

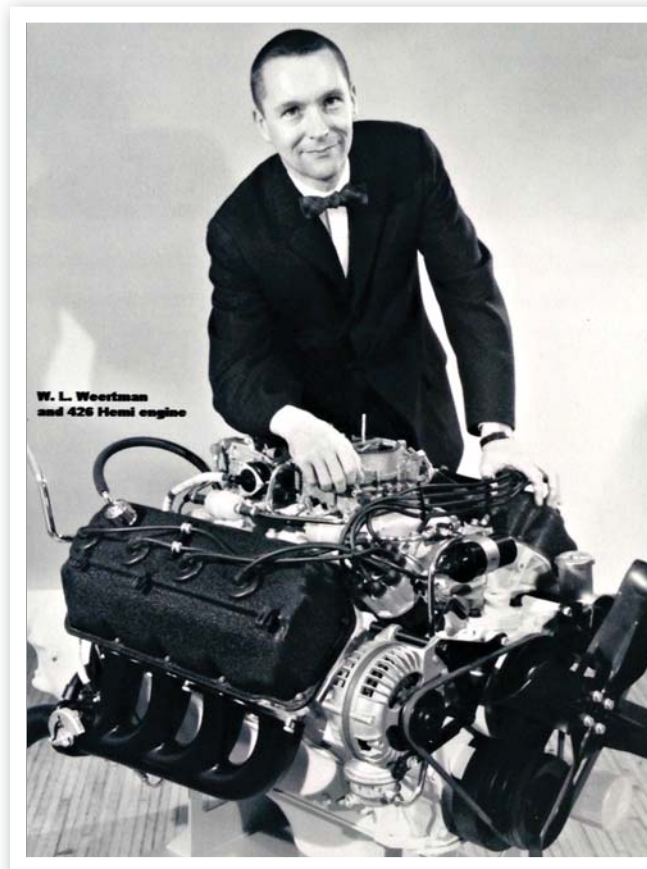
In 1949 Weertman joined the Resident Engineering Department at Plymouth's Lynch Road Assembly Plant in Detroit. After serving two years as an officer on the U.S.S. *Repose* during the Korean War, he was appointed as Resident Engineer of Plymouth's V-8 Engine Plant in 1954.

In 1962, Weertman and his team were charged with a new assignment: develop a new engine before the 1964 Daytona 500. The result was the 426 Hemi, which would go on to dominate racetracks from the oval to the drag strip and epitomize the era of the "muscle car."

By 1976 he was Chief Engineer of the company's Engine Engineering division. Until he retired in 1987, Weertman was responsible for all new engine's for Plymouth's car lines. In 2007, he published *Chrysler Engines, 1922-1998*, which chronicles every production engine built by Chrysler

over the 75-year period. He has also published four S.A.E. technical papers and holds two patents.

Bill Weertman currently lives in Issaquah, Washington.



from Beaver Area High School in 1944, he studied engineering at Yale University under the Navy V-12 program. He graduated in 1947 with a B.S. in engineering and a commission as an Ensign, USNR. Later that year he was admitted into the Chrysler Institute of Engineering's Master of Automotive Engineering program.



# Beaver Station and the Heritage Campus... Permanent Legacy Investments

An important part of Beaver Area Heritage Foundation’s (BAHF) mission since its 1967 founding has been the preservation and stewardship of important community legacies. The most visible examples are the identification of Fort McIntosh, transformation of a dilapidated P. & L. E. Freight House into the Heritage Museum and reconstruction of the 1802 Log House. A less visible “legacy in process” is our expanding Heritage Museum Collection and Research Center. In early 2011 the Borough asked BAHF to save and repurpose the Passenger Station and former County 911 Center, by far our most ambitious undertaking.

As of late December over 230 donors have helped BAHF reach 82% of our \$2.3M Beaver Station campaign goal and significant building improvements are complete or underway. By March all new mechanicals systems and the lower-level renovation should be done with historic rehabilitation work continuing on the upper level of the

1897 station building. Later in 2015 we hope to have the additional donations necessary to finish the site work and landscaping.

We are seeking additional families and firms to join with other legacy partners for vital last-mile funding of this exciting new Cultural and Event Center. At [www.beaverstation.org](http://www.beaverstation.org) are graphics of our Patrons and Benefactors plaques so you can see how your community investment could be permanently recognized. We also want to acknowledge and thank the generous investors already shown on these plaques. This is great opportunity to help preserve an iconic legacy property and permanently enrich our community.

A print-ready donation form is available at the above web site and campaign literature is available at the Beaver Library, Café Kolache and Bovard-Anderson. For questions about special giving opportunities, please call 724-728-4099.



## Borough Facility Rentals

The Beaver Borough Community Room, Shaw Park Pavilion, and Gazebo are all available for rental to the community.

Reservation forms can be found at [www.beaverpa.us](http://www.beaverpa.us). Reservations are based on a first-come, first-served basis, and the fee is due at the time of reservation. All reservations must be made in person at the Borough building at 469 Third Street.

To reserve the Community Room, contact the Police Department at 724-773-6702.

## History Corner

### TAMAQUA — KING BEAVER

**T**AMAQUA, ALSO KNOWN AS “King Beaver”, was a chief of the Delaware (Lenape) tribe that lived in the Ohio Territory, including right here in what today is Beaver Borough.

When the French and Indian War broke out in 1754, the local Delaware under Tamaqua’s brother, Chief Shingas, tried to remain neutral. But when the French defeated General Braddock and took control of the region, the Delaware decided to side with them to fight against the British. Tamaqua, however, continued to work for peace.

In 1758 Tamaqua helped Christian Post, emissary of Pennsylvania’s Gov. William Denny, carry a message of peace to the tribes at the Point near Fort Duquesne. When the French offered a bounty for Post’s scalp, Tamaqua helped to keep him safe. As a result, Post had time to gain the respect of the tribes in order to negotiate peace with them and the British. This was made official in October 1758 by the Treaty of Easton, which switched the Indians’ allegiance to the British and opened the way for General Forbes to come into the Ohio Territory and take Fort Duquesne from the French.

Afterwards, Tamaqua asked Forbes to leave the tribal lands, but Forbes ignored him and built Fort Pitt on top of Fort Duquesne’s ruins. Forbes’ refusal enraged many of the local Native American tribes and, in 1762, Tamaqua warned the British of a brewing rebellion. When Pontiac’s Rebellion broke out the following year, the Delaware tribe, along with many others, laid siege to Fort Pitt. Tamaqua, along with his brother Shingas, tried to settle the problem with negotiations but were hard pressed to sway the angry tribes. The siege ended with the arrival of British reinforcements under Col. Henry Bouquet, who defeated the Native American forces at the Battle of Bushy Run in August 1763.

Tamaqua died in 1769, leaving behind a legacy as a man of peace. ~

*Written by Geneva student Becky Gil*

## New Beaver History Book

**L**ocal writer Val Brkich is currently working on a new history book that will feature stories about Beaver residents and their homes. If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact Val to set up an interview time. Email him at [val@valthewriter.com](mailto:val@valthewriter.com).



**Followme!**

### Tweet! Tweet!

**B**eaver Borough is now officially on the Twittersphere! Follow us on Twitter today at [@BeaverBoroughPA](https://twitter.com/BeaverBoroughPA) for updates on what’s going on around town.

## Annual Litter Pick-Up Day — April 18

**P**lease join us for our annual Spring Clean Up Day on April 18. Volunteers will meet at Café Kolache on Third Street at 9 a.m. We will ‘redd up’ all the litter-filled entrances and exits of Beaver, including: Rt. 376, Rt. 68, and Leopard Lane. These spots are the first and last impressions visitors have of our town—let’s make sure we give a good first impression! PennDot will supply safety vests, gloves, and trash bags. Come and bring a friend or two.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL MARY ANNE AT [MARYANNEPELUSO@COMCAST.NET](mailto:MARYANNEPELUSO@COMCAST.NET).

## Remote Meter Reading Device

**T**he Municipal Authority asks 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 the meter reading when the access is blocked.

## Water Usage Rate Increase

**E**ffective January 1, 2015, the Water Usage Rate has increased from \$1.85 to \$2.05 per thousand gallons and the Sewage Usage Rate has increased from \$3.05 to \$3.35 per thousand gallons.

**Borough of Beaver**  
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## BEAVER BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Jarrod Thomas – Ward 2  
Daniel Deceder – Ward 3  
Michael Deelo – Ward 3  
Ron Embaugh – Ward 3

### Borough Office

469 Third Street  
724-773-6700  
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](http://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 Summer Newsletter Deadline is April 1st. please email your stories to [Val@ValTheWriter.com](mailto: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](http://www.beaverpa.us/government/newsletter).