

Savannah and Charleston — The Value of Preservation



This past June I had the opportunity to visit two of the most beautiful, historic cities in America, if not the world: Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S.C. Both cities recently made Travel + Leisure's list of the "Top 10 cities around the world" (Charleston was #1; Savannah was #9).

Charleston epitomizes southern charm and heritage with its stunning architecture and storied history. Savannah (my personal favorite) reminds me a lot of our town of Beaver, with its spacious squares and parks and its hundreds of majestic, shady trees. (I actually found Gen. Lachlan McIntosh's grave while I was there!)

Each year hundreds of thousands of tourists flock to these charming locales to marvel at their

inherent beauty. The residents of both recognize the economic benefits of this tourism, and it's a big reason why both put such a

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strong emphasis on historical and architectural preservation.

The Preservation Society of Charleston, founded in 1920, is the oldest community-based historic

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept. 10 – Beaver County BookFest, Irvine Square, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sept. 10 – Remember 9-11 Rally, Irvine Square, 6 p.m.

Sept. 15 – **Third Thursdays on Third**, Downtown Beaver, most stores open until 8 p.m.

Sept. 16 – Beaver Tales Storytelling Event, Irvine Park Gazebo, 7 p.m.

Sept. 17 – Beaver Wine Festival, downtown Beaver, 2–7 p.m.

Sept. 22 – Community Theater, "The Good Doctor", Ed Schaughency Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 23-25 – BAHS Class of 1976 40th Reunion

Oct. 7-8 – Beaver Homecoming

Oct. 22 – Halloween Parade (10 a.m.) and Hop (until noon)

Nov. 6 – Daylight Savings ends

Nov. 8 – Election Day

Nov. 25 – Light Up Festival, downtown Beaver, 5-9 p.m.

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preservation organization in America (preservationsociety.org). Committed to preserving Charleston's architectural and cultural heritage, the society offers educational programs in order to raise awareness and encourage public participation and appreciation of historic preservation. In addition to participating in various local government meetings, the group also regularly meets with property owners, architects, developers, and neighborhood association leaders to discuss proposed projects and offer technical advice.

Likewise, the Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF) (www.myhsf.org) works to preserve and protect its many historic homes and buildings, which feature 18th, 19th and early 20th century architecture. It also has a one-square-mile National Historic Landmark District and 12 National Register districts. However, just a half a century ago the city's heritage was in danger due to neglect and the push toward more modern development. Then the HSF purchased the c.1820 Isaiah Davenport House (davenportmuseum.org) in order to save it from demolition, and this initiated the city's modern preservation movement. Since then, HSF has now saved over 350 buildings and counting. (For more on Savannah's preservation success, go to YouTube.com and search for "The History of Preservation in Savannah, GA")

Here in Beaver we're also

fortunate to have a large National Historic District and dozens of historical and architecturally significant homes. It's just one of the reasons our town is seen as one of the most desirable places to live in Western PA. In fact, Beaver's historic district currently contains 1484 resources: 1474 buildings, nine objects, and one site.

But just like with Charleston and Savannah, unless the community gets actively involved in preservation, everything that makes this place so special, everything that gives us such a unique sense of place, could easily be lost to shoddy renovation, inappropriate new construction, or worse, the wrecking ball.

Currently the Borough, through the efforts of town's Historical and Architectural Review Board (HARB) and the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office, is working on a new Historic Preservation Plan to help protect our architectural treasures and provide guidelines for property maintenance and new construction. That said, it's vital that all residents take an active interest in preservation so that Beaver continues to be "Someplace Special" for generations to come.

To find out how you can help preserve Beaver's architectural heritage, please join the members of the HARB at our monthly meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Borough Building. Thank you.

—Valentine J. Brkich

A Fresh Look

A new garden wall and flowers bring a fresh new look to the entrance of the Beaver Pool.



Beaver's Fort McIntosh

The namesake of Beaver's Fort McIntosh lies in rest in Savannah.



New Bike Racks

Attractive new bike racks have been installed throughout the borough's downtown district within the business district.



Skateboard Park

Construction on the new skateboard park behind Beaver Pool began in July.



Beaver Wine Festival

The Beaver Wine Festival (BeaverWineFestival.com) returns for the second year in a row on Saturday, Sept. 19, in the business district on Third Street. Sponsored by the Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce (BeaverAreaChamber.com), and organized by Michael J. Cirelli, owner of Cirelli's Fine Jewelry, the festival will feature some of the best wine Western PA has to offer. Attendees can sample wines from different winemakers while being serenaded by some of the best local minstrels and musicians the area has to offer.

This year we have added more wineries for a total of 14. We have also added an hour to the event, which will run from 2-7 p.m. Registration will take place at Irvine Park. The wineries will be conducting tastings and sales from three sides of their tents. We will have wine pickup service for all registered attendees, which will make it



convenient to make purchases and pick them up when you leave the event. There will also be live music throughout the event at several locations. You can relax at the courtesy tent—just don't forget to bring a folding chair!

Attendees must be 21 to participate. Valid I.D. must be presented at check-in.

For more information, visit www.beaverwinefestival.com.

Participating Wineries:

Deer Creek Winery
www.deercreekwine.com

Glatz Wine Cellars
www.glatzwine.com

Greenhouse Winery
www.greenhousewinery.com

La Vignetta Winery
www.pittsburghwine.co

Mazza Vineyards
www.mazzawines.com

Mazzotta Winery
www.mazzottawinery.com

Nectar Valley Winery
www.nectarvalleywinery.com

Pittsburgh Winery
www.pittsburghwinery.com

Presque Isle Wine Cellars
www.piwine.com

Wapiti Ridge Wine Cellars
www.wapitiridgewinecellars.com

Wilhelm Winery
www.wilhelmwinery.com

Courtyard Winery
www.courtyardwinery.com

Kavic Winery
www.kavicwinery.net

Volant Mill Winery
www.volantmillwinery.com

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



Pat Tarquinio Field

Just in time for football season, brand new bleachers and a new playing surface have been installed at Pat Tarquinio Field at Gypsy Glen Stadium.



Beaver Borough 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

Beaver Police Officers Recognized for Outstanding Work

K9 Officer Jeff Wijnen-Riems and K9 Czar have made 32 confirmed drug arrests from March—December 2015. Officer Wijnen-Riems has shut down two heroin houses in the Borough of Beaver. Together, they have displayed exemplary work in the battle against the ongoing drug epidemic.



Detective Jim Degori successfully initiated and coordinated what turned out to be a nationwide charity fraud investigation head quartered here in Beaver Borough. The investigation concluded in February with a successful prosecution and sentence.

Solicitors

All individuals who solicit in Beaver Borough are required to obtain a soliciting permit from the mayor, which can be obtained at the Beaver Police Department. Be advised that solicitors are required to exhibit a copy of the permit and identification upon contact with the resident. If they cannot produce a permit, they are soliciting illegally. Soliciting is prohibited before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., and all day Sunday's and holidays.

If you come in contact with an individual who is soliciting illegally, please call the Beaver Police Department at 724-773-6709 (Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.) or the Non-Emergency Dispatch at 724-775-0880.

Help Bring New Businesses to Your Downtown!

Promoting your town's available properties is one of the easiest ways to let people know what your town has available and to help link potential businesses or business expansions to locations that will welcome them. You may be able to help bring new businesses to your downtown by simply adding a DowntownProperties.net link to your business' website or community organization website!

DowntownProperties.Net has available property listings for sale or lease in all participating Beaver County Main Street Network towns. Please visit DowntownProperties.net and consider linking the site to your own to help spread the word and bring potential new businesses to your downtown!

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

Drug Take-Back Box:

The Beaver County District Attorney's Office received a grant for a "Drug Take-Back Box". The goal is to significantly reduce the amount of prescription drugs in homes that are either no longer needed or expired. This box is located at the Beaver Police Department, 469 Third Street. Drop-offs can be made Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pills and patches only; no needles, liquids or inhalers. Any questions, please call 724-773-6709.

Current Scams to Watch Out For

Internet Merchandise Scams

You purchase something online, but it is either never delivered or it is not what they claimed it was, or is defective.

Phishing/Spoofing Emails

Emails that pretend to be from a company, organization or government agency but ask you to enter or confirm your personal information.

Fake Prizes, Sweepstakes, Free Gifts, Lottery Scams

You receive an email claiming you won a prize, lottery or gift, and you only have to pay a “small fee” to claim it or cover “handling costs”. These include scams which can go under the name of genuine lotteries like the UK National Lottery and the El Gordo Spanish lottery. Unsolicited email or telephone calls tell people they are being entered or have already been entered into a prize draw. Later, they receive a call congratulating them on winning a substantial prize in a national lottery. But before they can claim their prize, they are told they must send money to pay for administration fees and taxes. The prize, of course, does not exist. No genuine lottery asks for money to pay fees or notifies it's winners via email.

Fake check payments

You sell something online or through Craigslist, and you're paid with phony checks, and instructed to wire money back to buyer. The check looks real, but after you try to cash it, you find out it is a fake—and then you're arrested for passing a counterfeit check!

Recovery/Refund Companies

A scammer contacts and claims you owe money on a debt or the scammer offers to recover money lost in a previous scam.

Loans Scams / Credit Fixers

False promises of business or personal loans, even if credit is bad, for a fee upfront. Or a scam that promises to repair your credit for a fee.

Computer Performance Scams: Equipment and Software

Scammers claim to offer technical support for



computer problems and charge a fee to fix nonexistent problems.

Scholarship, Student Loan and Financial Aid Scams

For a fee, a search company offers to conduct a customized search for scholarships or grants for students to apply for. Scammers take the money and run or provide a worthless list.

Online Dating Scams

Fake profiles of scammers posing as attractive men and women, then claiming they need money to help in an emergency, typically when they claim to be out of the country on a business trip.

Facebook Fake Friend Scam

Did you ever get a friend request on Facebook from someone you already thought was your friend? If you hit 'Accept', you may have just friended a scammer. Con artist nurtures an online relationship, builds trust, and convinces victim to send money.

IRS Scam

Remember the IRS will NEVER contact you by telephone! Scams involve a caller pretending to be from the IRS. The caller will ask you to settle the IRS debt over the phone and will request your personal information as well as payment to avoid arrest.

If you receive any suspicious calls please notify the Beaver Police Department. Do not give anyone you do not know your personal information or bank account information.

Stay Informed with Beaver Alerts

Beaver Alerts provide timely information on Borough events and news including the quarterly newsletter. Sign up today: beaverpa.us

Beaver Tales 2016



The Beaver Area Heritage Foundation's (beaverheritage.org) 8th Annual Beaver Tales will take place Friday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Gazebo at Irvine Park.

This year we're ecstatic to welcome the very talented storytellers Donna Washington (dlwstoryteller.com) of Durham N.C., Motoko (motoko.folktales.net) of Amherst, Mass., and Barry Marshall & Jerri Burns of Story Crafters (storycrafters.com), from Hudson, N.Y.

Beaver Tales has relied on community support to fund this wonderful program each year. Special thanks goes to the Miller Family Foundation, Felicity Farms, the Dutch Ridge Elementary and College Square Elementary PTAs, the Woman's Club of Beaver, and Friends of Beaver Tales.

This year a special fundraising event will take place on Thursday, September 15, from 6-8 p.m. at Beaver Station Cultural & Event Center. Attendees can meet our storytellers while enjoying catered gourmet pizza, wings, tossed salad, desserts, craft beer and refreshments. Tickets are \$35. Come and join us for this adults-only, casual evening as we welcome our storytellers to Beaver!

Then, on Friday night, bring your chair or blanket and flashlight to the Gazebo for a night of eerie family fun! (Rain location will be the College Square Gymnasium).

Attendees can meet our storytellers while enjoying catered gourmet pizza, wings tossed salad, desserts, craft beer and refreshments. For more information contact Leslie Hare at hare4home@alo.com. for more information, visit www.beaverheritage.org.

Protect Our Water

Beaver Borough Municipal Authority obtains its drinking water from groundwater wells. Source water protection can help prevent drinking water from becoming polluted by managing possible sources of contamination in the area that supplies water to a public well. Everyone has an important part to play in protecting drinking water, both today and for the future. Source water protection is a community effort – we hope you will help protect our water supply.

Ways to help – What can you do?

Dispose of motor oil at a garage that will recycle it. Never pour oil on the ground or in a storm drain or sewer on the street.

Bring household hazardous

waste – such as paint, varnishes, and other chemicals – to a waste collection site.

Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides on your lawn and garden.

Do not dump swimming pool water into a creek or storm drain at the end of the season. Slowly direct the water into the sanitary sewer.

Remember: anything you throw or store on the ground can find its way into the groundwater. Store and handle chemicals properly.

Call the Department of Environmental Protection at 412-442-4000 immediately if you observe a chemical spill.

For more information, contact the Beaver Borough Municipal Authority at 724-773-6705.

Leaf Collection

The Borough will begin the Fall Leaf Pickup Program beginning Monday, October 17, continuing through Wednesday, November 23. Leaves are picked up each week according to the normal no-parking schedule. Please rake the leaves away from the curb to keep the gutters clean. As always, your patience is appreciated. Before or after these date it is the residents responsibility to take the leaves to the recycling area.

BookFest Returns to Beaver!



Beaver County BookFest is back. And this time it's Oprah approved. BookFest 2016 will take place Saturday, September 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Irvine Square and along Market Street.

BookFest will kick off on the evening of Friday, Sept. 9, during a ticketed event inside the Main Author Tent along Market Street in Beaver. Attendees will enjoy food and refreshments during an intimate author panel featuring New York Times bestselling author Tawni O'Dell (whose novel *Back Roads* was an Oprah's Book Club selection) and children's author Caroline Carlson (*The Very Nearly Honorable League of Pirates*). Sponsored by The Fort McIntosh Foundation.

BookFest's Main Event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendees can meet more than 70 writers who will be signing and

selling their books both inside and around the Author Tent. 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 and sponsored by PUSH Beaver County. There is no charge for admission. Other pertinent information can be found at BeaverCountyBookFest.com and on the festival's Facebook page.

Safely Dispose of Common Household Chemicals

Beaver County – Brady's Run Center
Saturday, October 8
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
\$3/gallon – cash only

Acceptable items include:

- aerosol cans
- motor oil
- transmission fluid
- antifreeze
- brake fluid
- batteries
- chemistry sets
- compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs)
- gasoline and kerosene
- ammonia
- drain openers
- acid cleaners
- oven cleaners
- paint products
- pesticides/herbicides
- photo chemicals
- pool chemicals

We do not accept:

- ammunition
- appliances
- bulk waste
- commercial and industrial waste
- compressed gas cylinders (including propane tanks)
- drugs
- explosives
- flares
- fluorescent tubes
- leaking containers
- medical waste (including needles)
- PCBs and dioxin
- radioactive materials (including smoke detectors)
- tires

www.zerowastepgh.org
www.prc.org 412-488-7452

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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 January 2017 Newsletter Deadline is November 18. 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.