

# Borough of Beaver

## NEWSLETTER



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Fall 2017



*Elephants in the room: Just a few of the elephants in the impressive collection of Beaver attorney James J. Loll. A lifelong resident of Beaver County and a graduate of Beaver High School, Loll has been practicing law in the county for over thirty years.*

## Wanted!

### – Old Photos of Beaver

The Beaver Area Heritage Museum is looking for old photos of houses, businesses, or any old buildings in Beaver, whether they are currently standing or not. We are especially interested in photos from the 400 block of the Third Street Business District. Most of those business buildings are gone, but we would love to have photos of that area. We are interested in all old photos and will take originals, or, if you prefer, we can scan originals and give them back to you. Please contact Beaver Area Heritage Museum at [bahm@beaverheritage.com](mailto:bahm@beaverheritage.com) or 724-775-7174 and leave a message for Midge. Thank you!



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Sept. 9** — Beaver County BookFest, Irvine Square, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Sept. 9** — Remember 9-11 Rally, Irvine Square, 6 p.m.

**Sept. 16** — Beaver Wine Festival, downtown Beaver, 2-7 p.m.

**Sept. 22** — Beaver Tales, The Gazebo, Irvine Square

**Sept. 23** — Homecoming

**Oct. 7** — Art Walk, Third Street, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Oct. 16** — Fall Leaf Pickup Begins

**Oct. 21** — Fall Festival, Beaver Area HS, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Oct. 31** — Halloween Trick or Treat

**Nov. 5** — Daylight Savings ends

**Nov. 7** — Election Day

**Nov. 10** — Borough Offices Closed (Veterans Day)

**Nov. 23** — Thanksgiving Day

**Nov. 24** — Light Up Festival, downtown Beaver, 5-9 p.m.

## FALL FESTIVAL

The annual Fall Festival featuring Touch-a-Truck will be held on October 21.

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## Beaver Tales

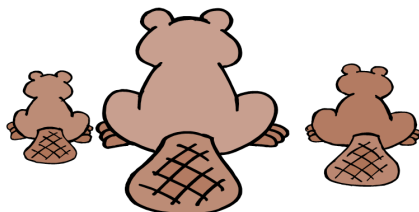
The Beaver Area Heritage Foundation's 9th Annual Beaver Tales will take place on Friday, September 22, at 7 p.m. in the Gazebo at Irvine Park. This year we are proud to introduce the following storytellers:

Ed Stivender, Quiet Riot (The Mettler Brothers), Charlotte Blake Alston, and Megan Hicks. These award-winning storytellers have performed across the United States and internationally and have all authored books.

During the day they will be entertaining students at College Square Elementary, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School, Ambridge Area State Street School, Rochester Elementary School, and Lincoln Park Performing Arts School in Midland.

There will be an adult lunch, listen, and laugh with Megan Hicks at the Beaver Area Memorial Library, Friday at noon. Contact the library at 724-775-1132 for reservations.

### Beaver Tales



### A special community storytelling event

Beaver Tales has relied on community support to fund this wonderful program. Special thanks goes to the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation, the Miller Family Foundation, Felicity Farms, College Square PTA, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School, Ambridge State Street School, the Woman's Club of Beaver, and Friends of Beaver Tales.

Join us Friday night at the Gazebo (rain location will be the College Square gymnasium). Bring a chair or a blanket and a flashlight for a wonderful evening of family fun.

## 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 and Allegheny County towns. Please visit [DowntownProperties.net](http://DowntownProperties.net) and consider linking the site to your own to help spread the word and bring potential new businesses to your downtown!

## 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.



## 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



## Message from Columbia Gas

As part of its commitment to provide safe and reliable natural service to its customers in Beaver Borough, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania is planning to replace natural gas pipelines on parts of 2nd Street, Bank Street, Beaver Street, Buffalo Street, Dravo Avenue, Insurance Street, Laura Street, Navigation Street, Orchard Street, Park Street, Turnpike Street and Wayne Street starting the first quarter of 2018. Work will include replacing underground gas main pipelines and service lines and moving any indoor gas meters outside at no cost to customers. Once work is complete, Columbia Gas will fully restore customers' property to its pre-project

condition, and through a paving agreement with Columbia Gas, the borough will coordinate final road restorations. Columbia Gas will provide additional information to affected customers before the projects begin next year.

Columbia Gas will provide detailed maps of the gas line replacement project that will be posted on the Beaver Borough website. Additionally, in the Fall of 2017 Columbia Gas will conduct a public presentation of the gas line replacement project.

Please keep these areas in mind if you are planning on replacing your curbs or sidewalks in the near future.

## Safely Dispose of Common Household Chemicals

Beaver County – Brady's Run Center  
Saturday, October 14  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
\$3/gallon – cash only

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

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

### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

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

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## Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce Events

### Beaver Wine Festival, September 16, 2-7 p.m.,

Third Street, Beaver

—Fifteen wineries, music and food. Tickets online eventbrite.com search Beaver Wine Festival 2017

### Art Walk, October 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.,

Third Street, Beaver

—Meet artists at various businesses along Third Street for this second annual event. Food and entertainment will be available.

### Fall Festival featuring Touch-a-Truck, October 21, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.,

Beaver Area High School

—Music, food trucks, vendors, police child safety and

fingerprinting, fire department demonstrations, monster trucks, SWAT, face painting, photo booths, pumpkin patch and more! Wear costumes for a parade and trick-or-treating. Sponsored by Beaver Police Department, Beaver Fire Department, Beaver Area School District, and Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce

### Light Up Festival, November 24, 5 p.m.,

Third Street, Beaver

—Parade, live music, carriage rides, sleigh rides, pictures with Santa, food and Holiday Laser Shows! Our downtown stores will be open late offering many specials.

Follow Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce on Facebook for the latest event details!



## News and Notes

- The annual fall Beaver Ramp Clean up will be on Saturday, October 21. We will meet at Cafe Kolache at 9 a.m.; bags and vests will be provided. Contact maryannepeluso@comcast.net for more details.
- If you know of any new renters in your area, please contact Jen Temple at jentemple13@gmail.com. We would like to include renters in our Welcome to Beaver packets.
- On September 17 at 7 p.m., at the Beaver Station, the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation (BAHF) will host a guest speaker from the Heinz History Museum. The topic will explore some of the wonderful leading ladies Western Pennsylvania has given to the world! The public is welcome and the event is free.
- Faith In Action, a ministry to Beaver County, is now offering rides—at no cost!—to seniors over 60, who need rides within the county to medical appointments.



We require two weeks prior notice for a ride. Each volunteer has passed PA Criminal clearance. Those requesting a ride must be able to get from their home to the transport vehicle without assistance of the driver. Please call 1-800-207-6701, press the extension for your zone [Note: The extension number you press is equal to the town you reside in] and leave a message.

- The Beaver Area Chorus parents will be hosting its Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, September 23, in the High School cafeteria. All proceeds will benefit the chorus program in the Beaver Area School District. The time will be 8am to 11am. Cost is \$6. This is Homecoming Weekend.

## Rules for Bicycles and Skateboards

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 dinging outdoors and people walking their pets, the business district can be dangerous to try and maneuver a bike or skateboard though the slalom of activity.

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

## 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



## Fall Leaf Pickup

The Borough will begin the **Fall Leaf Pickup Program** beginning Monday, **October 16**, continuing through Wednesday, **November 22**. Leaves are picked up each week according to the normal no-parking schedule. If you rake your leaves into the street before then, please rake them 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.



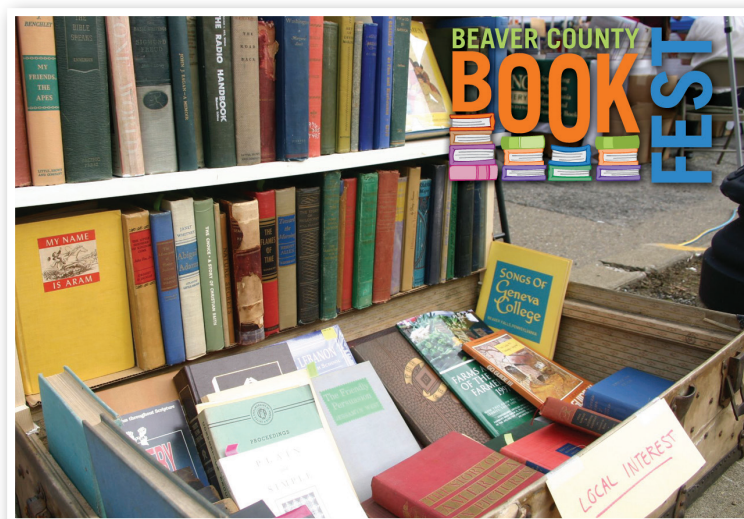
## Beaver County BookFest

**C**elebrating its eighth year as the region's number one literary festival, Beaver County BookFest is back and better than ever and will take place **Saturday, Sept. 9** in Beaver's central squares.

Since its humble beginnings in 2007, BookFest — a “celebration of reading, writing, and the arts” — has grown into one of the largest literary festivals in the state, attracting participants and attendees from across the country.

BookFest will kick off on the evening of Friday, Sept. 8, during a ticketed fundraiser event inside the Main Author Tent along Market Street in Beaver. Attendees will enjoy food and refreshments as they listen to a Women's Author Panel featuring local writers Linda Au ([lindaau.com](http://lindaau.com)), Wende Dikec ([wendedikec.com](http://wendedikec.com)) Kara Knickerbocker ([karaknickerbocker.com](http://karaknickerbocker.com)), Madhu Bazaz Wangu ([madhubazazwangu.com](http://madhubazazwangu.com)), and Pamela Hart Vines ([pamelahartvines.com](http://pamelahartvines.com)).

BookFest's Main Event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendees can meet more than 70 authors 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. This year's tent will feature the BookFest Wizardry Academy!

Beaver County BookFest is a non-profit event backed by the Friends of Beaver County BookFest, PUSH Beaver County, PACyber, the Fort McIntosh Foundation, and RBC Wealth Management. There is no charge for admission. Other pertinent information can be found at **BeaverCountyBookFest.com** and on the festival's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/beavercountybookfestPA](http://www.facebook.com/beavercountybookfestPA)).

## Fighting Blight — What is Blight?

**B**light is a condition that poses a threat to the health, safety, and general welfare of a neighborhood. It can be easy to spot in things like broken doors and windows, a porch that is falling down, high weeds, and trash and litter. In some cases it may be harder to see, with a building that has interior water damage, has no utilities, or has been vandalized. Reasons for blight may vary, but one thing is certain, blight is a serious problem. Blighted properties have found a way to creep into every type of community, affluent or not.

### What Can We Do?

Working together, we can make a difference. Property owners, neighbors, police officers, code enforcement officers, the fire department, EMT's, and animal control officers can identify problems and attack blight before it spreads. Tell your friends and neighbors about the “Fight on Blight”. If you see a problem that needs attention, call or email the property address to our Code Enforcement Officers.

### A Few Examples of Violations That a Citation May Be Issued For:

Open burning violations, accumulation of trash, storing vehicles illegally, failing to clean up pet waste, failing to cut grass and weeds, broken windows, unsecured properties, etc. Visit the borough's website for a complete listing of all property maintenance and zoning ordinances ([www.beaverpa.us](http://www.beaverpa.us)).

### Blight is Harmful Because it Can:

Decrease property values, discourage community investment, and reduce the quality of life in our borough. Ridding a town of blight is important to everyone because if you live within 500 feet of a blighted property, your property value declines by 5 to 15 percent.

Code Enforcement officers Rick Sprecker and George Lindemann are visiting all properties in the borough to identify code violations and working with residents to correct the violations.

## Beaver Wine Festival

The Beaver Wine Festival ([BeaverWineFestival.com](http://BeaverWineFestival.com)) returns for the third year in a row on **Saturday, September 16** in the business district on Third Street. Sponsored by the Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce ([Beaver-AreaChamber.com](http://Beaver-AreaChamber.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's festival will host 15 of Pennsylvania's best wineries, local food trucks, and talented musicians. To accommodate these great activities, we have added another hour to extend the fun! The fun will begin at 2 p.m. and last until 7 p.m.

If you have never made the excursion to visit this idyllic small town heart of Beaver County, the Wine Festival should be more than enough to woo you to spend the day in this lovely town. The event attracts visitors from almost every state and even Canada. Hurry! Tickets on sale now. For more information, visit [beaverwinefestival.com](http://beaverwinefestival.com).

### Participating Wineries

- Deer Creek Winery
- Pittsburgh Winery
- Glatz Wine Cellars
- Presque Isle Wine Cellars
- Greenhouse Winery
- Wapiti Ridge Wine Cellars
- La Vignetta Winery
- Wilhelm Winery
- Mazza Vineyards
- Webb Winery
- Courtyard Winery
- Mazzotta Winery
- Kavic Winery
- Volant Mill Winery



## BEAVER COUNTY SHRED DAY

**Location:** Department of Waste Management

**Address:** Beaver County Courthouse / Commerce Street

**Date:** September 18, 2017

**Time:** 11AM-1PM

- Free and open to the public
- Confidential shredding provided for personal documents
- 2 banker boxes of documents per person can be shred at the event
- Cameras are mounted to the County Shred Truck to ensure destruction
- Paper tonnages collected are reported on Beaver County's 904 grant



## Beaver County's Swift911 Notification System



**S**wift911 is a high-speed Emergency Notification System that alerts residents to emergency situations like severe storm warnings, evacuations and more in the local area. The program has the capability of delivering messages to the entire County via telephone, cell phone, email, text message and social media sites. Some phone numbers are not in the system and residents are encouraged to update their information and contact

preferences, or add phone numbers, cell phones and email addresses.

To register your information go to [beavercountypa.gov](http://beavercountypa.gov) and click on the SWIFT 911 banner on the right-hand side. You can also text "SWIFT911" to 99538 to customize your information.

Registering through the Swift911 web portal ensures that residents have access to the most immediate notice of an emergency in their area.

## Our Community Forest If Beaver's trees could talk....



**They would say...** that water and mulch are young trees' best friends. Beaver's young trees, planted within the past two years, require 2 to 3 inches of wood or other organic mulch to retain moisture and, as it decomposes, provide nutrients to the soil. Mulch should never be placed up against the tree's trunk and far enough away from the trunk to be able to see the tree's root flare. Young trees will not survive without sufficient water. A slow, thorough watering is required especially with temperatures in the 80's or if a week goes by without adequate rainfall. During drought periods, the slow, thorough watering twice a week is necessary to reach all of the roots. Taking care of our young trees now will benefit our Community Forest in future years with fresh, clean air by filtering out a variety of pollutants, providing habitats for birds and squirrels and a neighborhood forest where we can all experience shade, beauty, peace and quiet.

**They would say...** that Beaver's Spring and Fall Tree Planting Program is a great way to extend our Community Forest beyond its present canopy. The program is

coordinated by our Shade Tree Commission and is available to Beaver residents to add trees or replace trees that are declining due to maturity or hazard conditions. To take advantage of this program and significant savings on tree planting costs, contact J. Philip Colavincenzo, Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission, at [jp.cola@verizon.net](mailto:jp.cola@verizon.net).

**They would say...** that Beaver's trees love to be part of a special tribute to honor or memorialize someone by their family or friends. Walking through Beaver's parks and along Beaver's streets, you can read the many bronze plaques placed next to trees designated to honor or memorialize that special someone. New trees can be ordered through the Spring and Fall Tree Planting Program and bronze plaques, with wording chosen by family or friends, are handled by the Shade Tree Commission. A bronze plaque can be ordered for an existing tree. For costs and order details, contact **Frank Blaskowitz** at [blaskowitz1776@comcast.net](mailto:blaskowitz1776@comcast.net).

## Council Approves Bid for Milling and Repaving this Fall

Beaver Borough Council approved the bid for the milling and re-paving of the following streets in the Fall of 2017:

- Beaver Street from East Second Street to Third Street
- Corporation Street from Beaver Street to Insurance Street
- Asphalt section of Canal Street at the easterly intersection of Buffalo Street.
- Milling and re-paving of Sassafras Lane from River Road to Third Street
- Re-construction and paving of Beech Alley from Wilson Avenue to Taylor Avenue and from Taylor Avenue to McDonald Alley
- Re-construction and paving of Wood Alley from Center Way to East Second Street.

## Borough Facility Rentals

The Beaver Borough Community Room, Shaw Park Pavilion, and Gazebo are now 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**.

To reserve the Gazebo and/or Pavilion, contact the Borough Office at **724-773-6700**.



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Jarrold Thomas – Ward 1

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Michael Deelo – Ward 3

Ron Embaugh – Ward 3

## Borough Office

469 Third Street

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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](http://beaverpa.us) for dates and times.)

- Beaver Council, 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Municipal Authority, 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 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.
- Civil Service Commission (meets as needed)
- Zoning Hearing Board (meets as needed)

## Call For News

Please email your stories to [Val@ValTheWriter.com](mailto:Val@ValTheWriter.com)

## Beaver Alerts

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