



Beaver Station—A Multi-Use Cultural and Event Center

At the request of Beaver Borough Council, the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation (BAHF) is taking the lead in proposing future uses for the former railroad station and Beaver County 911 Center. The Borough made this request to focus limited resources on more urgent municipal needs. With assistance from a grant-funded architectural and reuse study, BAHF is pleased to present a plan for a beautifully renovated Beaver Station, an exciting new cultural and event center for Beaver County.

Preserving Our Past – The 1897 P&LE passenger station is a National Historic District treasure with 8,500 sq. ft. of usable space. The elegant upper level contains many attractive architectural features. The lower level will be adapted for two important historic preservation organizations: The Beaver County Genealogical & History Center, which will relocate from Beaver Falls; and the growing Beaver Area Heritage Museum Collections & Research Area.

Enhancing Contemporary Community Life – Our plans call for creating a landmark gateway to Beaver and a 3-acre campus extending to the 1802 Log House. Beaver Station's upper level and grounds will be

repurposed as upscale community event space including a catering kitchen. Various civic, business, and social gatherings can be held here including both indoor and outdoor wedding receptions. The lower level will include two community-use classrooms. We are very pleased that Sewickley's Sweetwater Center for the Arts will offer their more popular children's and adult classes here.

Sustainability for the Future – A state of the art geothermal HVAC system is planned to reduce energy costs. Beaver Station will derive income from the Genealogical Center, Sweetwater Center for Arts, and events taking place in the upper level and grounds, assuring the facility supports its ongoing operating costs. As of this writing we are finalizing cost estimates and exploring funding sources and overall project feasibility. BAHF successfully transformed the adjacent freight station into an award-winning museum in the mid '90s, and we are optimistic broad-based community support can create Beaver Station as an important new jewel for our special community.

Architectural renderings will be on display in our booth at Garrison Day on June 9, and at our Concert in the Park on July 1. Leave a message at 724-775-7174 if you would be willing to help in any way or if you have any questions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28—Arbor Day Celebration, 10am, Gazebo

May 12—Beaver Town Yard Sale, 8am to 4pm (no permit needed)
—Bike Safety Seminar, noon-3pm, College Avenue

May 12—Spring Clean-up Day, south side of Third St.

May 19—Spring Clean-up Day, north side of Third St.

May 28—Memorial Day Parade 10:30am, Beaver Area Heritage Foundation (BAHF)

June 2—Beaver VFD and Heritage Valley Health System 5K/10K Race
—Annual Library Book Sale, 9am to 5pm (preview sale June 1)

June 9—Garrison Day (see pg. 6)

June 18-23—Beaver Carnival

July 1—BAHF Concert in the Park, 7pm

August 4—Car Cruise, 3-9 pm, Third St.

August 11—Howl at the Moon 5K Race, Pat Tarquinio Stadium, 8:30pm

September 21—Beaver Tales Storytelling Festival (see pg. 4)

First Place—Again!

BeaverPa.us was named the 2012 First Place winner in the *Pennsylvania Borough News Annual Website Contest*. This is the second year in a row that the website has received this honor.

Beaverpa.us was designed by **Johanna Semonik** of Semonik Creative and **Grant Miller** of MGSoft-Net and is maintained by **Alessa Yanssens** of RSVP Ink. (a full list of contributors can be found at beaverpa.us/credits).

Congratulations to all!

Plant Maintenance Our Community Forest

The Business District Authority is currently taking proposals for next year for plant maintenance in the downtown district. Please contact Town Center Associates at 724-728-0500 for more information.

Library News

The Beaver Area Memorial Library's annual book sale will be held on **Saturday, June 2**, from 9am to 5pm. For \$5.00, patrons can attend a preview sale on Friday, June 1, from 5-7pm. Bargain days will be held on June 4 and 5, where bags of books can be purchased for \$5.00 per bag. Donations of books, DVDs, games, and CDs will be greatly appreciated after May 21.



Thank you to those participating in the Arbor Day celebration Saturday, April 28, at the gazebo. Once again, this annual event helps to educate our residents and youth, about the value of trees and how our community is enhanced by them.

The warm weather of spring came to us earlier than normal and brought the flowers of trees and shrubs sooner than usual. We also see evidence of insect and disease problems earlier. 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 Beaver 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 causes 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. 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 selection for planting.

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

Emergency Management Agency

The Beaver Borough Emergency Management Agency is responsible for maintaining the Borough Emergency Operations Plan. The Emergency Operations Center, located in the basement of the Borough Building 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**

Ordinance Reminder

Now that summer is nearly upon us, we would like to remind residents of two ordinances that help make it easier for all of us to enjoy being outside in our beautiful borough:

§105. Disposal of Animal Waste and Feces.

Many of us have pets, and we love them dearly. However, pets can leave a mess from time to time, and it's important to clean up after them so that someone else doesn't accidentally step into something, if you catch our drift. That said, when walking your dog, please carry along a plastic bag to properly dispose of any waste your pet leaves along the way. The penalty for not doing so could be a fine of up to \$300.

§16-101. Prohibited Acts In or Near Parks and Public Squares.

Beaver Borough is home to many a proud “duffer.” But as much as we enjoy golf, it's just 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 be a fine of up to \$300.

Thank you for your cooperation with these and the Borough's other ordinances. A full list of ordinances can be found at beaverpa.us, along with Municipal Authority Rules & Regulations relating to water and wastewater services.

Introducing the New Squad-101



You may have noticed this spring that the Beaver VFD took delivery of a new vehicle. Squad-101 (101 is our county-designated station number) is a 2012 Ford F-550 Super Duty crew-cab pick-up truck, outfitted with a custom utility body designed specifically to optimize transporting equipment and personnel for our department. The new Squad replaces a 1994 model, which was becoming increasingly expensive to maintain and whose design functionality was not meeting our needs for transporting equipment and personnel. The old Squad will be sold to partially cover the expense of the new truck.

The BVFD is very proud of the fact that we were able to purchase this vehicle without any financial assistance from the Borough. The new Squad-101 was purchased solely with funding from the Beaver Volunteer Fire Department Relief Association and a small amount of grant money from the state. Relief associations are non-profit organizations established to afford financial protection to volunteer firefighters who suffer misfortune as a result of their efforts. Relief associations receive state aid from a 2-percent state tax on fire insurance purchased by Pennsylvania residents from insurance companies incorporated outside of the commonwealth. These funds are used to pay for insurance to protect volunteer firefighters, purchase fire equipment, and cover volunteer training expenses. Relief associations are distinct separate legal entities from fire companies.

Did you know that the fire department is only about 3% of the Borough's yearly budget? Our volunteers spend a great deal of time and effort organizing fundraisers (like our 5K/10K Race on June 2) and writing grant proposals to supplement the funding we receive from the Borough. We think it's important that the public we serve is aware of how the fire protection services we offer you are funded, and that we are facing ever increasing challenges to those funding streams. State and federal budget cuts are decreasing the amount of grant money available and making those grants much more competitive to obtain. Additionally a decrease in the number of people willing to volunteer for fire departments puts a strain on the amount of time our members have to dedicate to fundraising and grant writing.

Over the next few years our department is facing the need to replace some crucial and very expensive equipment that is quickly reaching the end of its functional life cycle, like Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (approximately \$60,000 to replace), turnout gear (approximately \$45,000 to replace) and our 22-year-old fire engine, which is owned by the Borough. We appreciate the support we have received from the Borough in the past, and we hope that you will continue to support our efforts in the future!

Stop down and see YOUR new Squad-101 anytime you see one of our members at the Station. We would be happy to show it off!!

Yard Sale for a Worthy Cause



Prudential Preferred Realty's 15th Annual Make-A-Wish Yard Sale will take place on **Saturday, May 19**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine) at their offices at 877 Corporation Street.

The sale will feature a little something for everyone including furniture, jewelry, small appliances, tools, books, videos, toys, seasonal items, etc.

A pre-sale will take place the afternoon of **Friday, May 18**, from 1-3 p.m.

All proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact **Dorothy** at **724-774-2222, x200**.

Beaver Alerts

The "Beaver Alerts" page allows you to sign up to receive periodic emails that provide timely information on Borough events, programs, and general news of interest, including this semi-annual newsletter that you can forward on to friends and relatives. While over 300 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.

Farmers Market

Saturdays

May – November

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Courthouse rear parking lot.



Fort McIntosh Club

Would you like to have a party, bridal or baby shower, graduation party, anniversary celebration or other event, with bowling, billiards, cards or all of the above?

The Fort McIntosh Club, in addition to being a historic landmark, is available for league bowling, bridge club, card club, organizational meetings, billiard leagues, or just a night out. Rent the clubhouse for a single, weekly, or monthly use. We offer a full kitchen, restrooms, off-street parking for 25 cars, and very reasonable rates. Individual and family memberships are also available. While there are no employees, you will instantly feel at home in this longtime Beaver treasure.

If you would like to enjoy the Fort Mac experience, please call rental and membership chair, **Nick Jansen**, at **724-378-0344**. You will be glad you did.

Beaver Tales – A Storytelling Event

The annual “Beaver Tales” storytelling event will be held on **September 21**. Four professional storytellers will visit Beaver to weave their magic and share a sense of wonder and delight with audiences of all ages.

The day will begin with the storytellers visiting children in the Beaver Area School District and in Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School. This will give the children an opportunity to be exposed to the living art form that is professional storytelling, and to interact with the storytellers on a more personal level.

A luncheon for adults, “Lunch, Listen, Laugh,” will be held at the Beaver Area Memorial Library at noon. Seating is limited to 30 people, and tickets will go on sale in August.

The culmination of the day’s events will be a grand storytelling celebration, to be held at the gazebo in Beaver at 7 p.m. Be sure to bring blankets and/or chairs, and prepare yourself for a night of amazing, mesmerizing storytelling. Books and CDs created by the storytellers will be available for purchase, but all events are free to the public.

A workshop for teachers, librarians, students, and other interested parties is in the planning stages for Saturday morning. Please contact us if you would like to participate in this event.

“Beaver Tales” has long relied on community support to fund this project. If you would be interested in contributing to this outstanding event, please contact **Wende Dikec** at **wendedikec@gmail.com** or **Leslie Hare** at **hare4home@aol.com**.

Beaver Volunteer Fire Department 5K / 10K Race

beavervfd.org

The Beaver VFD will again host its 5K/10K race this year on **Saturday, June 2, at 9 a.m.** This year marks the 11th anniversary of the race that has brought thousands of avid runners and walkers to our lovely town.

This year’s event promises more new activities to make the day even more exciting. Trophies will be awarded to the top three men and women runners of each race and medals are awarded to top finishers in 24 different age and gender groups. All children 12 and under receive a medal just for completing the race.

New this year:

1. Master trophy for the fastest man and woman over the age of 40
2. High School 5K team award. Teams of 3 will compete for bragging rights as to who is the fastest school.
3. Optional “moisture wicking technical shirt” for those that pre-register before May 14

Registration forms are available online at beavervfd.org or at Lloyds–The Running Store (533 Third Street), or at the Beaver Fire Station on Market and Second streets.

The 5K/10K race is sponsored by over 30 local merchants and corporations, including our signature sponsor Heritage Valley Health System, all of whom contribute to making the event a huge success. Without their support, this event would not be as

successful as it has become. All proceeds are used internally by the fire department to buy new firefighting equipment, replace worn-out gear, and support our fire prevention programs.

All residents are encouraged to line the sidewalks and cheer on the race participants as they go by. Cowbells are a welcome sound, and one clever resident has even taken to showering the runners with a garden hose as they go by.

If you or your business would like to help support this worthy cause, please send an email to **BeaverVFDrace@gmail.com** or call **Jim Perini** at **724-774-8602**.

Beaver Volunteer Fire Dept. & Heritage Valley Health System



5k/10k Race & Fun Walk

Recycling Info

Recycling helps to preserve our planet's resources. Beaver prides itself in being an environmentally friendly town. That's why we offer an easy-to-use recycling program.



Recycling Pick-Up Dates

1st Monday of the month: *River Rd. to south of Third St.*

2nd Monday of the month: *North of Third St. up to 7th St.*

Preparing Your Recyclables

Glass – Clear, Brown, and Green Bottles and Jars — Rinse, remove Styrofoam labels, metal lids, and rings. Do not break glass. Do not include auto glass, light bulbs, porcelain, ceramic, plate glass, or crystal.

Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only — Rinse thoroughly, remove caps. Flatten to save space. Containers must have the three-arrow recycling logo, with the number 1 or 2 inside it. Containers that originally held motor oil, antifreeze, or other chemicals are not recyclable. No plastic bags or buckets.

Aluminum, Bi-Metal, & Tin Food and Beverage Containers, and Aluminum Foil — Rinse thoroughly, crush cans. Place in blue recycling container.

Your recycling container is to be used for recycling only. Please recover your recycling container promptly after collection.

Note: *The recycling container remains the property of Beaver Borough and must remain at the residence if you move.*

Civil Service Commission Reorganization

The Beaver Borough Police Civil Service Commission held a reorganization meeting recently under the direction of Atty. John Rackley. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers and to discuss general police business. Officers were elected as follows:

Chairman:	Mildred (Midge) Sefton
Vice-Chairman:	Charles Casbourne
Secretary:	James Todd
Alternate:	Lewis (Mel) Bundy

The Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Beaver consists of three acting commissioners, and an alternate appointed by Borough Council. They maintain rules and regulations governing the hiring, promoting or personnel matters of Beaver police officers. They also provide as a first line appeal for officers should they challenge any disciplinary action imposed by Council on a Beaver police officer. The Civil Service Commission meets as needed.

The Civil Service Commission recently sent two members to a workshop to learn about new regulations by the state.



Photo by Emmanuel Panagiotakis www.epphoto.net

Preventing Storm Water Runoff — 10 things you can do

1. Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways, sidewalks, and roads
2. Never dump anything down storm drains
3. Plant the bare spots in your yard
4. Compost your yard waste
5. Avoid pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management
6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
7. Use the car wash instead of washing your car in the driveway
8. Check your car for leaks, and recycle motor oil
9. Pick up after your pet
10. Have your septic tank pumped and inspected regularly



For more information, visit www.epa.gov/nps or www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater.

Beaver Trivia Quiz

Compiled by **Helen Bair**

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1. Where was Raccoon Street?
2. Where was the Beaver Conservatory of Music and who conducted it?
3. What were the boundaries of Beaver when it was laid out?
4. Where was Groveland?
5. Where was Elk Street?
6. From where did the towns' early water supply come?
7. Where was the interurban trolley terminal?
8. Where was Beaver College and what happened to it?
9. When did the Christopher Wrenn style courthouse burn?
10. What Beaver firm kept prize winning Belgian horses for its hauling?
11. Where was Beaver High School's former football field?
12. Where were the fair grounds?



ANSWERS

1. Dravo Avenue
2. The Northwest corner of Third Street and Wilson Avenue, now the Conservatory Apts. Arthur Reginald Little was conductor.
3. Fifth Street, River Road, Beaver Street and Buffalo Street.
4. West of Buffalo Street and south of Third Street.
5. College Avenue.
6. From a reservoir supplied from a spring on the lot on the corner north of Fifth Street and east of Wayne Street. (The old "Water Lot")
7. East End Avenue, south of Third Street. The trolley ran between Beaver and East Liverpool.
8. On the ground occupied by the College Square School. It was moved to Jenkintown, Pa., in the mid-twenties.
9. The Spring of 1932.
10. The Cook-Anderson Coal and Lumber Company.
11. The southeast corner of Second Street and Buffalo Street.
12. On the land occupied by the Wooden Angel and the pole yard.

Garrison Day in Beaver—June 9

The 34th annual Garrison Day will be held Saturday June 9, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the tree-lined parks in the center of Beaver. Director Ethel Icenhour expects over 300 vendors of various products such as jewelry, rugs, hand knitted and crocheted items, clothing, pottery, art, wood working items, and plants plus many food and beverage vendors.

Parking is available in the Beaver County Parking Garage on Third Street and on all of the side streets near the location in the center of town.

Garrison Day is sponsored by the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation under the direction of Ethel Icenhour. Anyone requesting information should contact **Ethel** at **724-775-0189**.

Please come and enjoy a day in the fresh air of the beautiful parks for this annual free event. Rain or shine the event will go on!



Garrison Day Director Ethel Icenhour

Beaver County Crime Solvers

Beaver 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**.

Beaver Area Boosters

If you thought last year's football season was exciting, wait until the 2012 season kicks off this fall!

The Beaver Youth Football program has entered into the Western Pennsylvania Youth Football league. This means no more lengthy traveling, as well as new age and weight divisions, which provides more opportunity for children to play. In addition, every team will make playoffs...and there's so much more!

Teams are filling up quickly, so don't miss out! Come play for a winner—be a Bobcat!

For more information go to beaverboosters.com and link to football or email bvrfootball@yahoo.com.



Business District News

The Beaver Business District Authority Flower Committee and the Streetscape Committee have selected a lovely large flower planter that will further enhance the décor of the retail district. The commercial-grade fiberglass planters will be reminiscent of the Borough's past as a pottery maker. They will be greyish in color with dark-blue stenciling, and will display the name of the donor and "Beaver PA", along with some artistic embellishment. We believe they will make wonderful memorials and honorariums for families and groups in the area. A sample planter will soon be on display at the clock tower in the center of town.

The planters will display a colorful assortment of flowers during the summer and greenery during the winter. Anyone interested in purchasing one of these lovely planters to honor a loved one or as a dedication to their graduating class, please contact **Mary Anne Peluso** at maryannepeluso@comcast.net.



Example of what the new flower planters will look like

Welcome Packets

The Business District Authority, in conjunction with the Heritage Foundation and the Beaver Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Warm Welcome to Beaver" packet. In these welcome packets, new residents will receive information about all the wonderful amenities Beaver offers, as well as free coupons to be used at the local establishments. If you are aware of new neighbors, or if you would like to donate a coupon for your business or offer information about your local Church or group, please contact **Jennifer Temple** at jentemple13@gmail.com.

Community Life Committee Volunteers Needed

The Business District Authority is inviting residents to join us by volunteering for the Community Life Committee. This group, along with The Heritage Foundation, sponsors the new "Welcome to Beaver Committee." It's goal is to make sure that every new resident of Beaver receives a package of information and Goodies from the local merchants. Community Life also hopes to start a Babysitting Co-op this year and continue the reading program. There are many other ideas being explored that will enhance the quality of life in Beaver. Ideas and volunteers are welcome!

For more information, please call **Mary Anne Peluso** of Town Center Associates at **724-728-0500**.



Borough Ordinances

Just as a reminder, for the convenience of our residents, all Borough ordinances (laws enacted by the municipality) are available for review by the residents via the Borough website: beaverpa.us

Beaver Pool

The Beaver Swimming Pool will be open for the 2012 season. For information on hours and new ticket rates, visit:

www.beaverpa.us/visitors_center/recreation.html

Yard Waste

2012 yard waste permits are available at the Borough Office for \$20. Please abide by the regulations as to what can and cannot be dumped. The facility is for Beaver residents only. No contractors permitted.

Facility Rentals

The Borough Community Room and the Gazebo are both available to rent for \$60 each. Call **724-773-6700** for more information.

Wastewater

The Borough is not responsible for the backup of water or wastewater in residences, whether or not it is caused by blockages in the municipal system. Residents are advised to install a back flow prevention device to protect their personal property. Homeowners insurance does not normally cover such a loss, but that additional coverage may be purchased to provide coverage for backup of water/wastewater. Thank you.

Borough of Beaver

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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 Valentine Brkich at valbrkich@gmail.com.

Next issue: **September 2012**

Submission deadline: **July 18, 2012**

Your Borough Leadership

Beaver Borough Council Members

Walter McDermott – Ward 1

Luke Berardelli – Ward 1

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Borough Office

469 Third Street

724-773-6700

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

Meetings (held in the Beaver Municipal Building, 469 3rd Street)

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

Stay Informed

The Beaver Borough Newsletter is also available in electronic format. If you'd like to receive the newsletter via email, as well as regular alerts about Borough news and events, please sign up at:

BeaverPa.us

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