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May 2019

HELP NEEDED!!
FIREFIGHTER / EMS
RECRUITING MEETING
JUNE 9th
5:00pm - 6:30pm
Fire Station

Residents of Beaver Township,

We would like to take this opportunity to give you some updates on the business of the township.

Our newsletter includes some happenings from each of our Departments. As always, our monthly meetings are generally the 2nd Tuesday of month and the Pledge of Allegiance begins our meeting at 6:00 pm. We also invite you to check out our website for periodic updates and a calendar of events as well as previous meeting minutes. Our website address is beavertwp-oh.gov; we hope you will get a chance to check it out.

During the last election, the voters approved the gas aggregation. Our supplier will be NOPEC, which was also chosen for the county wide electrical aggregation. You may have received some information in the mail about each of these. Any questions about the aggregation can be answered at 1-855-667-3201. NOPEC website is nopecinfo.org.

The Beaver Township Ruritans plan the Memorial Day Parade and Program. All residents are invited to observe this holiday with us. Parade starts at 11:00 am on Memorial Day, ending with a program at the Veterans' Memorial. Hope you can attend. The park has a very strong summer schedule of music and activities and we look forward to enjoying our wonderful parks as the weather improves!

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Richard Lotze, Fiscal Officer

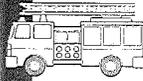


HELP NEEDED!

We NEED Firefighters and/or EMTs
EARN \$20 PER CALL

June 9th 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Fire Station

No Experience Needed - Training Provided



Message from the Fire Chief

Hi folks, just a friendly reminder as we enter spring about open burning regulations in Ohio. Open burning is defined as burning an outdoor fire without a chimney or a stack. The Ohio EPA allows burning of certain materials but only in certain situations. Residents are permitted to have outside fires for barbecues, campfires or cookouts but must use clean, seasoned firewood and be no larger than 3ft. by 3ft. Residents are also allowed to burn agricultural waste such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves and grass as long as they are at least 1000 ft. away from a neighbors inhabited building.

A few of the items that are not permissible to burn are garbage (any waste created in the process of handling, preparing or cooking food/dead animals, and materials containing rubber, grease, and asphalt or made from petroleum, such as tires, cars and auto parts, plastics or plastic coated wire.

Open burning is not permitted when air pollution warnings, alerts or emergencies are in effect. Fires cannot obscure visibility for roadways, railroad tracks or air fields and no waste generated off the premises may be brought to a property and burned. For example, a tree trimming business may not haul branches and limbs to another site to burn.

So please remember that if you feel the need to burn to clean up your yard or have a cookout, be respectful of your neighbors, have some water nearby just in case, never leave a fire unattended and most importantly, be safe.

Thank you from your neighbors and friends with the Beaver Township Fire Department.

Larry Sauerwein
Fire Chief

*****BEAVER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT CHICKEN DINNER IS
SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 FROM 4-8 PM AT THE FIRE STATION.*****

KID'S FISHING PROGRAM at MEMORIAL PARK SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd

9:00-12:00 NOON
RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 29th

We have a great way to introduce your child to fishing. Our township park along with Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is putting on a program for kids 5- 16 years old. The program includes a short educational program for the kids followed by fishing and a picnic. The fishing poles are furnished by ODNR and the kids can take them home. Hopefully, they will come back and fish with their family. Prior registration is required. Call the Park Office at 330-549-9552 and we will return your call. Register by June 20th.

Another opportunity to participate in our Kid's Fishing Program will be on Saturday, August 3rd.



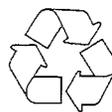
The Beaver Police Department

The Beaver Police Department has operated with a full time staff of 12 since October 1999. Over the past almost 20 years, we have tried to maintain that number, but have fallen below on a few occasions. During those times, we are forced to rely on our part time officers to supplement, but in the past few years it has been extremely hard to recruit and retain part time officers- not only for us, but our entire area. Officers begin at BPD as an unpaid reserve officer. They then move to trainee status and receive the prevailing minimum wage. They then move up to part time status and remain there unless we have a full time opening or they obtain a full time position at another area police agency.

At the January 2019 meeting, the Board of Trustees, at the request of the Police Chief, moved 2 of the part time officers up to full time status, bringing the total staff back up to 12. Officer Kevin O'Kernick's full time hire date was March 3, 2019. Ofc O'Kernick began his career with BPD on December 19, 2013 as a reserve officer. Officer Angelo Pasquale's was April 14, 2019. Ofc Pasquale began his career with BPD on May 14, 2014. So while both officers are new to the full time ranks, both will be familiar faces in our community.

We would also like to inform residents of Beaver Township that the lobby of our police station is available to use as an internet transaction safety area- just inform the dispatcher why you are there. Many already use it for child custody exchanges. We also have a prescription drop off box in the lobby that is available at all times.

Carl N Frost, Chief of Police



Beaver Township Recycling Center

Beaver Township Recycling Center would like to extend a warm hello to you. The site is located behind the Safety Building at 601 West South Range Road. We are part of the Green Team of Mahoning County. You can find them on Facebook at Recycling Green-Team. You can also find their website at Mahoning County Green Team. They will have special drives listed on that site such as electronic drives, tire drives and household hazardous waste drives that are around the area. Through the Green Team we strive to reduce the amount of trash that we make by reusing items that can be reused and then we recycle what we can. We accept cardboard, newspaper, plastic containers, glass bottles, and tin cans. Most items that contained food are recyclable like soup cans, beverages cans or bottles. We do not accept Styrofoam of any kind including takeout food containers. We also do not accept other types of aluminum or plastic such as window frames and window glass, pool liners, kids' toys. At this time, we cannot take plastic bags of any type. The bags get caught in the conveyors that separate the recyclables. If you need more information you can call the Green Team at 330-740-2060. I do not have a direct line at my site but you can call the administration office at 330-549-3993 and leave a message and I will get back to you in a timely manner.

Thank You,
Cindy Sauerwein, Recycling Coordinator

BEAVER TOWNSHIP NEWSPAPER

EMS BILLING FOR SERVICES

Beaver Township Fire Department EMS bills for ambulance transport of residents through a system called "third-party billing". In third party billing, our contracted third party billing company will send on Beaver Township's behalf, a bill for services rendered to the resident's health insurance provider. Depending on the depth and breadth of the resident's insurance, the fire department can expect to be paid about 35% of the transport bill. The remainder of the debt for services rendered is then written off for township residents. Therefore, no township resident should ever receive a bill for ambulance service from the Beaver Township Fire Department. You may receive a request for insurance information from our billing company so that we can bill the insurance provider, but no out of pocket expense will be sought. If any resident ever receives a bill for ambulance services from the Fire Department, they should contact us immediately. Keep in mind, our third party billing procedures for residents apply to Beaver Township provided ambulance services only. If a resident should retain a private ambulance provider, that provider will bill residents according to their own terms and conditions. Residents will be responsible for the charges incurred by the use of private ambulances providers, according to their terms and conditions.

- Some other things about Beaver Township Fire Department EMS to remember are:**
- 1) We are a 911 emergency service provider. We do not provide routine scheduled transports of non-emergent patients.
 - 2) We do not charge you if we provide assessment and first aid to you, but you then decline to be transported to a hospital.
 - 3) Our third party billing procedures for residents do not apply to non-residents. As an example, family and guests who do not live in Beaver Township are responsible for the full charges billed on our behalf by our third party billing company.

Our third party billing helps us maintain our service. Besides billing, we also raise funds through grants and community fund raisers like our annual Pancake Breakfast. A new cot can cost \$20,000.00, a cardiac monitor can cost \$40,000.00, a new ambulance can cost about \$150,000.00, plus the day-to-day supplies like IV fluids, medications, bandages, etc. are expensive. We are able to keep costs down because we staff with part-paid volunteers. This is incredibly less expensive than paying personnel to sit on station all day. All of our personnel are trained to State standards, and many of them work in the private EMS field in addition to the fire department. They are dedicated professionals who believe in giving back to their community and helping their neighbors when help is needed most.

As always, we are in great need of township residents who might like to join us in helping out those in need by becoming an EMT and providing a much needed service to our community. If you may be interested, contact EMS Chief, Frank Dispenza at 330-549-2133.

FRANK DISPENZA, EMS Chief



2019 SENIOR PROGRAMS (55 YEARS OF AGE & OLDER)

- Woodworth Park (255 Warren Ave.) • 10AM-1 PM**
We invite our seniors to attend this monthly program the third Friday of each month. It's FREE. It's informative. It's fun and a way to make new friends.
- Friday, May 17th**
Speaker: Lorraine Hull (Senior Independence 4350) with lunch and bingo.
- Friday, June 21st**
Speaker: Ellen Speicher (Beaver Township Parks) will help us make summer flower pots to take home followed by lunch and music with John Reese.
- Friday, July 19th**
Speaker: Melissa Ames (B. B. B.) with lunch and bingo.
- Friday, August 16th**
Speaker: Kim Lewis (Green Team) followed by lunch and music by Ed Durkin.
- Friday, September 20th**
Speaker: Ellen Speicher (Beaver Township Parks) will help make indoor flower pots to take home followed by lunch and bingo. **IT'S FREE!**
SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!!!
- 11th ANNUAL KIDS FUN AND SAFETY DAY**
FRIDAY JULY 19TH 6 PM-9 PM, WOODWORTH PARK

We invite you to bring your children/grandchildren to this highly successful program that brings as many as 30 groups including our Safety Forces (Local, County & State), several educational exhibits, pony rides, games, bounce arounds, Akron Children's Hospital, Mercy Health, Mahoning County Board of Health, YMCA, township youth organizations and

Park Department

We will have two additional concerts this year featuring area high school bands. On Wednesday, May 22nd at 7 PM, the South Range Jazz Band will be performing. The Boardman High School 2K19 Pop/Rock Show will be held on Monday, July 15th at 7 PM. Both concerts will be held at Woodworth Park.

Also, we are having a Community Day, September 21st at the Nature Preserve, 2800 South Range Rd., 330-549-9552.

SCOTT CONWAY, Park Administrator

MUSIC IN THE PARK 2019

We invite you to join us at Woodworth Park on Wednesday nights beginning June 5th at 7 PM for a variety of great music.

June 5th	Following June (Oldies)	JULY- BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE	AUGUST- CANNED FOOD DRIVE
June 12th	Justified (Country Christian)	July 3rd	August 7th
June 19th	The Jack Vasko Band (Oldies)	July 10th	Guys Without Ties (Oldies)
June 26th	The Del Sinchak Band (Polka)	July 17th	Community Corn Roast
		July 24th	August 14th
		July 31st	The Roadwork Band (Country)
			August 21nd
			Kelly Kriedler Dunlap
			(Classic Rock & Oldies)



Beaver Township Division of Zoning...recent updates!

2018 was a "record-setting" year for the Division of Zoning, here in Beaver Township! We set a record for "single family residential construction," with more than 30 permits being issued! So far, for 2019, we are keeping pace with last year, in this particular category. Also, we are fielding many inquiries for "Commercial" construction, with some very large projects being proposed. So, we are preparing for a busy "building season" and look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Beaver Township, and it's business community in the professional manner we strive to achieve.

One quick "Zoning Tip" in regard to a question asked quite frequently, from our residents, concerning the placement and construction of "fences" on their property. The current Beaver Township Zoning Resolution does allow for the construction of fences, limited to six (6) feet in height, in rear and side yards only. Any fence that is placed beyond the "front building line" of a structure can only be three (3) feet in height. Also, fences can be placed on property lines, but it is not recommended because our regulations require that the "finished surface of the fence shall be on the outside" and "it is the responsibility of the property owner... to provide maintenance of the outside surface." If the fence is placed on the property line, then to maintain the "outside surface" would require the fence owner to trespass on another property to conduct such maintenance. Also, any fence does require a Zoning Permit.

A good "rule of thumb" to consider whether or not a "Zoning Permit" is required, is that "mostly anything that is constructed on the ground" generally requires a Zoning Permit.

RICHARD J. MARTIN, Chief Zoning Inspector

Road Department

For our major project this year, we will be upgrading Germantown Road this summer by replacing (5) existing storm culvert pipes, widening the State Route 14 & Germantown Road intersection and resurfacing the road. This project will be partially funded through an OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00. We will also do road repair (patching) on our other township roads as funds are available. We have also received an ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) Sign Grant in the amount of \$15,225.00 which will be used for new signage on township roads (speed limit, stop ahead, stop and curve signs). There will be no additional cost to the township for the signs; we just have to do the installation. We will be working on this project throughout the year.

BRAD BURBICK, Road Supervisor

NEW THIS YEAR TO WOODWORTH PARK PICKLE BALL!