

# BEAVERTON

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*"A lasting Impression"*

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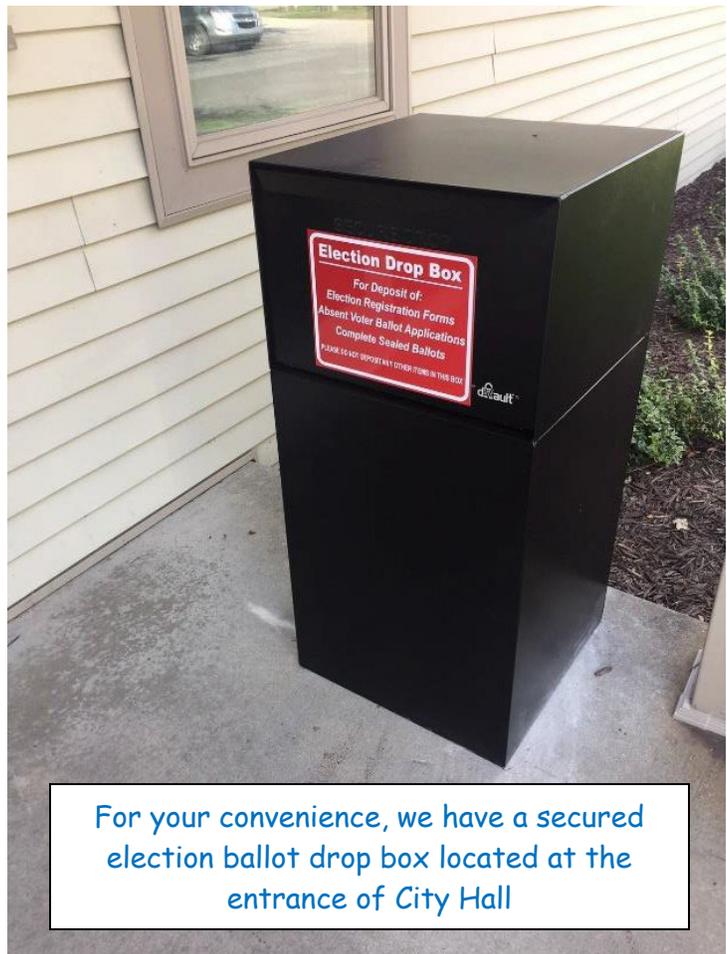
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### Upcoming Events

- Trick or Treat Oct. 31, 6pm-8pm
- Election Nov. 7th
- Holiday Hunt – Nov 11 & 12
- City Council and Downtown Development Association meetings, minutes, and events can also be found on our city website. <http://beavertonmi.org>
- Follow us on Facebook

### **IMPORTANT!**

Please see the information on page 3 regarding the election process for the City of Beaverton.



For your convenience, we have a secured election ballot drop box located at the entrance of City Hall

## **New Beaverton City Manager Announced**

After several months, the City Council is pleased to announce the hiring of a new full-time City Manager. Over the past several months the City has worked with retired professionals who have worked part time on municipal projects and grant writing while the Council searched for a new manager.

With City Council approval, Shannon Sirpilla has been hired as the new City Manager and will officially begin her employment on November 2, 2023. Shannon will be familiar to some of you as a previous employee serving as the City Treasurer, Billing Clerk and Tax Processor from 2018 through 2021. Shannon has since served as Finance Director and Treasurer for the City of Clare. Shannon lives in Gladwin with her husband Andy and is looking forward to reacquainting herself with the community and ongoing improvement projects.

## **Mayors News**

I would like to thank all City residents for another successful summer season. Let's remember to thank the City employees for all their hard work throughout the City and especially the DPW for the work that is to come this busy snowy winter season. Just a reminder that there is no parking on City streets between the hours of 2:00am-6:00am. We are asking that residents and business owners help in keeping the sidewalks clean and safe during these winter months. Please remember to vote on November 7<sup>th</sup> and as always, you are always welcome to contact me at 989-708-5229 if there are any questions or concerns within the City. Mayor Nau

## **Trick or Treating**

Keep your eyes open for ghosts and goblins on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Trick or treating will be welcomed between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to leave your porch lights on if you are participating in trick or treating

## **BIG NEWS! Water and Sewer Grant Received**

The City received word this week that it is going to be the recipient of a **\$6.5 million dollar grant** through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy State Revolving Loan Fund! The City recently submitted a grant proposal and plan for significant work to the water and sewer system in the community and this grant will allow a major portion of that proposed work to be completed under the 100% funded grant. Watch for added information on projects that will be undertaken under this award.

## **Even More Grant Work**

The upcoming couple of years may prove to be quite dusty, yet productive around the City. The following are just some of the additional grants have either been awarded or submitted to various state, federal and private agencies to fund a substantial number of infrastructure and planning projects around the community:

- Federal Emergency Management Grant – work at Beaverton Dam related to floods of 2020 \$850-\$1million awarded
- Downtown and Business Planning Grant – \$40,000 in process
- City Infrastructure Grant - for dam, streets, sewer, water, storm sewer and lake improvements \$10.7 million
- Ross Lake Improvement Grant - \$1.5 million awarded. \$1.5 m matching grant in process
- MDR Grant - improvements to corner of Knox/Porter/M-18 \$280,000 awarded
  - Downtown Development Authority \$85,000 match
- Tree planting Grant – Consumer Energy \$3000, work completed
- MEDC Planning Grant - related to flooding \$310,000 plus, in process
- Up to \$1million State SPARKS Grant - for walkway improvements to tie into Trail of Two Cities, in process
- Grant for Misc. improvements in Ross Lake Park - up to \$50,000, in process

## **Elections and Ballot Proposals of Interest to City Residents**

There are a number of election matters of interest to City residents. The Election will be held Tuesday, November 7, 2023 from 7am-8pm. Electing a Mayor for the City along with a ballot proposal for the mosquito millage and *renewal* of the Public Safety Protection millage will be on the November ballot. You can find more detailed election information below.

## **Police RENEWAL**

When you vote, remember that the City is seeking a millage *renewal* for City police services.

### **BEAVERTON CITY, GLADWIN COUNTY, MICHIGAN PUBLIC SAFETY PROTECTION RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

Shall the City of Beaverton, Gladwin County, levy a total of two mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000.00) on taxable value of property located in the City of Beaverton for a period of five (5) years beginning with the 2024 tax year and running through 2028 tax levy year (inclusive), which will raise in the first year of such levy as estimated revenue of \$47,362.65 to be used for the purposes of providing public safety services as authorized by law. This levy would be collected on the winter tax bill of 2024 and collected on the winter tax bill thereafter. A portion of these revenues will be captured by the DDA and if approved, this would be a renewal of a previously authorized millage.

## **Clerk's News**

As election day is quickly approaching, here are a few reminders for the upcoming general election on November 7, 2023.

- You must submit an AV ballot application for this election to receive your ballot by mail. You can obtain the application on-line, pick up a copy at City Hall or contact me and I will mail you one. The new application has an option of obtaining a ballot by mail for all future elections without submitting an application each time.
- If you have not received your AV ballot within 5-7 business days after submitting your application, please contact me immediately so I can assure that you receive a ballot to vote.
- You may submit your absentee ballot by mail, in person or drop it in our secure absentee ballot drop box located to the west of the door at the entrance to City Hall. (Drop box is for Beaverton City residents only)
- Samples of the November 7<sup>th</sup> ballots are available at City Hall.
- Elections will be held from 7am-8pm, November 7, 2023, at City Hall 128 Saginaw St., Beaverton, MI. 48612. (the old library building).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 989-435-3511, ext. 3. You may also contact Karrie Hulme, Gladwin County Clerk at 989-426-7351.

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**Beaverton Jr./Sr. School Art Class**

Special thanks to Beaverton School art class students and their teachers for their assistance in decorating the pumpkins for the fall display around the downtown area. Mayor Ray Nau coordinated the pumpkin painting with the art teachers and the students creative spirit took it from there.



**City Flowers**

The city flowers were gorgeous this year thanks to the efforts of so many, including the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) which donated funds, and the Freeman Nursery, which designed the hanging baskets. A special "thank you" goes out to the helpers from around Gladwin County for help with planting the flowers along with Mayor Ray Nau, City DPW workers, and the many volunteers who were involved in making our city a beautiful destination this summer! Special thanks to the Beaverton Leo Club for assistance in the clean up this fall.



## **Department of Public Works**

If a resident has yard waste that needs to be collected, please place yard waste in compostable paper bags and place roadside for pick-up. The DPW will also pick up branches no longer than 5-6 foot and 3” in diameter that are placed roadside.

## **Fall Leaf Pick Up**

Residents are reminded that leaf pick up within the City limits has started. Simply place leaves roadside for equipment to easily access. Leaves do not have to be bagged.

## **Water Treatment Plant to go LIVE!**

After a long period of planning and construction, the new Water Treatment Plant found in Leo Ross Memorial Park will go live within the month bringing about a change in the quality of the water to our residents. The water in this area has a significant amount of iron and the plant will nearly eliminate the issue for our customers. The project was funded in part by local funds, grants from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Economic Development Administration. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for November. Watch our website for additional ribbon cutting information.

## **Property Taxes**

The winter tax bill will be mailed no later than December 1, 2023 and due February 14, 2024 without a penalty. The summer and winter tax 2023 remaining unpaid as of February 29, 2024 must be paid to the Gladwin County Treasurer. You may pay in person, mail, or online at [www.beavertonmi.org](http://www.beavertonmi.org) credit/debit card users will be charged a fee that is 3% of the amount of the transaction or \$2.00(whichever is greater) at the time of use. We also have a drop box at the City Hall entrance for your convenience. The City of Beaverton does not accept postmarks.

## **First Buck Pole Calhoun**

Calling all hunters young and seasoned alike! Enter your prized whitetail in the first annual buck pole contest to be held at Calhoun Campground located at 3908 Roehrs Rd, Beaverton. Also following another successful camping season, the campground will remain open through November 31, 2023 for hunters only. Call Mayor Nau at 989-708-5229 for more information.

## **Mosquito Control Synopsis**

### **April/May**

Pre-season inspection and larviciding was completed on 4/12/23. Technicians applied 25 lbs. of Bti by ground to 9 sites. 258 open street catch basins treated on 5/1/23 with Natular XRT briquettes. The focus of work thus far has been treating standing water. As the temperatures increase, we will begin to see more adult activity. Staking of off-road and shutoff properties will be complete prior to regular route spraying. There are 2 off roads and 6 shutoff properties updated in the database. Truck fogging scheduled to begin week of 5/22/23, weather permitting. APM is fully staffed and prepared for a great season!

### **June/July**

Healthy adult hatch of spring mosquitoes emerged right around Memorial Day.

ULV truck fogging began 5/13/22. Approximately 53 miles of city streets fogged through 7/10/23. Backpack applications at the campground were completed 4 separate times this summer. 12 calls fielded to date. 2 off road properties and 6 shutoff properties in the city. New jersey light traps fully functional, collected twice a week.

### **August/September**

Quiet months compared to the beginning of the season. Only 1 resident called in August, and 0 in September. Monthly ULV mileage totals are as follows; 16.8 miles in July, 28.8 miles in August, 50.4 miles in September. Additional barrier applications took place at Calhoun Campground. NJLT traps have been removed effective 9/15/23. Route fogging is done for the season. Mapping and Surveying of standing water sites planned for October 2023. APM appreciates your business for another successful mosquito season.

## **Campground and Farmers Market**

Another successful season at Calhoun Campground will close after the extended Deer Season special camping concludes. Thanks to the staff and entire team for the efforts and of course to the many great campers that enjoy our wonderful and well kept facilities. Calhoun Campground is a special place and a great asset to the community. Visit the website to learn more about the campground. [www.beavertonmi.org](http://www.beavertonmi.org)

Likewise the Farmers market ended with another successful season of growth and was enjoyed by many throughout the summer months in Ross Lake Park. Many thanks to our team of volunteers and vendors for helping to make this year a great success! The market is held every Friday throughout the summer months.



### **Beaverton Area Business Association:**

SHOP LOCAL!! Have you heard the buzz? Mark your calendars for the tenth annual Holiday Hunt set for November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> to get a jump start on your holiday shopping. For more details find and “Like” the event on Facebook [@BABAHolidayHunt](https://www.facebook.com/BABAHolidayHunt)

### **Save The Date**

#### **2023 HOLIDAY HUNT**

Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 4:00pm

(individual business hours may vary)

Prizes, Give-Aways, Sales

## **City of Beaverton DDA**

Have you ever heard of DDA and wonder what that is, or what activities the DDA Board is engaged in?

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) was created by a State statute that allows communities to create a district that can capture taxes from existing tax paying entities, within district area boundaries, for improvements to enhance and grow the community.

When originally authorized in the 1990's, the Beaverton DDA started with the streetscape project that now adorns M-18 and Brown Street and the hanging flower baskets and flowers along M-18. The DDA works with City officials and other committees to try and bring to fruition the other projects that are planned for the community, like the Splash Pad, to help our small businesses gain traction by those visiting the venue.

Most recently, the DDA has been working on acquisition of the parking lot across from the B.T. that was for sale by Huntington Bank. With a \$10,000 grant from the Gladwin County Community Foundation and the DDA funds, the lot will be purchased, keeping in place the much needed downtown parking. The DDA is also looking at partnering and expanding the lighting that adorns many local businesses around Christmas time, along with other community projects.

Watch for work to begin in earnest this spring, on a newly improved parking area near the theatre at the corner of M-18 and Knox/Porter Street. A \$280,000 MDNR grant coupled with DDA funds will support the enhancement to the entrance into the community.

While there are many other activities that the DDA is engaged in, the overall work is to improve the economic vitality of Beaverton with continuing work on many other projects.

### **Beaverton Activity Center**

The Beaverton Activity Center just celebrated an 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

There's always something great happening at the BAC with a full slate of activities for all ages including great library programs. Join the BAC fitness center, walk or play pickleball. Physical therapy is also available at MyMichigan Health located in the Center.

Visit the BAC website at [www.beavertonactivitycenter.com](http://www.beavertonactivitycenter.com) if you're interested in becoming a volunteer of the organization. Check out the many opportunities to share a bit of your time, adding your face to the many community members already donating their time to keep the facility as the HUB of activities that it has become in our Beaverton community.

### **CITY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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