

# Monthly Newsletter



*City of*  
**BEAVERTON**  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

March, 2025

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHAT'S TO COME!

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER! WE ARE THRILLED TO SHARE WITH YOU THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR MISSION TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY. THERE ARE SO MANY POSITIVE THINGS HAPPENING IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITY! WHILE THIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SURELY WON'T BE ABLE TO COVER IT ALL, WE HOPE IT GIVES YOU A GLIMPSE AND ENCOURAGES YOU TO JOIN US IN MAKING WONDERFUL THINGS HAPPEN, IT TRULY TAKES A VILLAGE.

IF YOU HAVE GOOD NEWS YOU'D LIKE US TO CONSIDER ADDING TO THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE E-MAIL IT TO [DDADIRECTOR@BEAVERTONMI.ORG](mailto:DDADIRECTOR@BEAVERTONMI.ORG).



### A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR!

We can start to sense spring in the air as the seasons begin to change. It's been great to see Ross Lake buzzing with activity this winter, from ice fishing to ice racing! As always, I am available to our residents—please don't hesitate to reach out to me at 989.435.3511 or [rnau@beavertonmi.org](mailto:rnau@beavertonmi.org).

– Mayor Ray Nau



3/5: 2:00-5:30 MI NEIGHBORHOOD 1.0 OFFICE HOURS AT CITY HALL

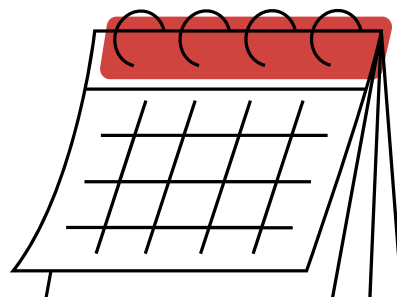
3/8: 4:00 MISS GLADWIN COUNTY FUNDRAISING GALA, RIVERWALK PLACE

3/10: 5:15 DDA MEETING  
6:00 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
7:00 BEAVERTON & TOBACCO TWP MTG.

3/12: 12:00 BABA MEETING

3/14: 7:30 AM CHAMBER LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST  
6:30 BABA BOWLING CHALLENGE

3/17: SAINT PATRICK'S DAY  
6:00 CITY COUNCIL MEETING





# COMMUNITY *Development!*

WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR MI NEIGHBORHOOD 1.0, A HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF BEAVERTON, MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH GRANT FUNDS SECURED FROM MSHDA. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [BEAVERTONMI.ORG](http://BEAVERTONMI.ORG) AND IN PERSON AT CITY HALL.

THE BEAVERTON CITY PORTION OF THE TRAIL BETWEEN TWO CITIES IS OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY! WITH ENGINEERING NOW KICKED OFF, WE ANTICIPATE INCREASED PROJECT ACTIVITY AS THE WEATHER IMPROVES, WITH FULL COMPLETION EXPECTED IN 2026.

BEYOND THESE EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS, ADDITIONAL HOUSING, INFRASTRUCTURE, ROSS LAKE IMPROVEMENTS, STREETS, AND COMMUNITY FACILITY GRANTS ARE UNDER REVIEW, MOVING THROUGH AGREEMENTS, OR PREPARING FOR BIDS. EACH STEP IS PUSHING THESE PROJECTS FORWARD, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING MORE DETAILS AS THEY PROGRESS.

I AM TRULY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON THESE INITIATIVES ON BEHALF OF OUR RESIDENTS AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE LASTING IMPACT THEY WILL HAVE ON OUR COMMUNITY! STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES!

The Active People, Healthy Nation National Walkability Action Institute (WAI), a project of the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD,) is returning to the state of Michigan, and has selected the City of Beaverton for program participation. After completing the course, City Leaders and Staff will create unified team action plans that will satisfy two very important purposes (1) ability to build capacity and expertise for successfully submitting a TAP Grant application, and (2) implementing macro-level policy, system, and environmental changes that enhance walkability, mobility, and the design of communities and transportation systems to promote active travel (biking, walking, or other forms of movement) or transit use to everyday destinations. All costs associated with attending this program are covered by the sponsoring agency WAI.





## Hunter Safety



The Beaverton Police Department is expanding its commitment to community service by becoming certified Hunter Safety instructors and offering traditional Hunter Safety courses to local residents. As a way to give back, BPD plans to offer these courses at no cost for as long as possible.

With a goal of hosting multiple courses throughout the year, their first class quickly filled all 20 available spots, showing the strong interest in outdoor education. This initiative will ensure that local hunters, especially youth, receive proper training in firearm safety, hunting ethics, and wildlife conservation.

A big thank you to Chief Davis and the Beaverton Police Officers for taking on this important initiative! Stay updated on future class offerings by following Beaverton Police Department - Michigan on Facebook.



## Ice Safety



**AS TEMPERATURES BEGIN TO RISE AND SPRING APPROACHES, WE WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE TO USE EXTREME CAUTION ON FROZEN BODIES OF WATER. WARMER WEATHER AND SHIFTING CONDITIONS WEAKEN ICE QUICKLY, MAKING IT UNPREDICTABLE AND DANGEROUS. HERE ARE A FEW KEY SAFETY TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND:**

- ✓ **STAY OFF THINNING ICE – IF YOU SEE SLUSH OR STANDING WATER, IT'S NO LONGER SAFE.**
- ✓ **NEVER GO OUT ALONE – ALWAYS HAVE A BUDDY AND LET SOMEONE KNOW YOUR PLANS.**
- ✓ **KEEP PETS ON A LEASH – AVOID LETTING THEM WANDER ONTO QUESTIONABLE ICE.**
- ✓ **IF YOU FALL IN, STAY CALM – TRY TO PULL YOURSELF UP ONTO SOLID ICE AND ROLL TO SAFETY.**

**OUR TOP PRIORITY IS YOUR SAFETY, AND WE URGE EVERYONE TO BE MINDFUL AND AVOID UNNECESSARY RISKS. IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN DISTRESS, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY AND DO NOT ATTEMPT A SOLO RESCUE. ENJOY THE CHANGING SEASONS SAFELY!**

**CHIEF ANDRIST**



# ATTENTION BEAVERTON FARMERS MARKET VENDORS!

AS WE GEAR UP FOR THE UPCOMING MARKET SEASON,  
PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REVIEW MICHIGAN'S  
COTTAGE FOOD LAW TO ENSURE YOU ARE IN  
COMPLIANCE BEFORE SELLING GOODS AT THE  
MARKET.

⚠️ THIS IS REQUIRED! ⚠️

ALL FOOD PRODUCTS SOLD AT THE MARKET MUST  
COMPLY WITH MICHIGAN'S COTTAGE FOOD LAW AND  
BE PROPERLY LABELED.

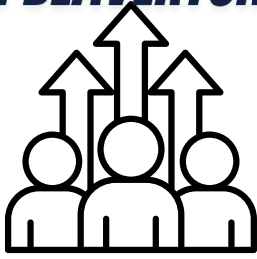
YOU CAN FIND THE OFFICIAL GUIDE HERE:  
[MICHIGAN.GOV/MDARD/FOOD-DAIRY/MICHIGAN-  
COTTAGE-FOODS-INFORMATION](https://MICHIGAN.GOV/MDARD/FOOD-DAIRY/MICHIGAN-COTTAGE-FOODS-INFORMATION)  
IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VENDOR OR  
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM  
YOU! ☎️ 989-387-7093



🏀 SPECIAL GUESTS AT THE FEBRUARY BABA MEETING! 🏀

BABA WAS HONORED TO HAVE COACH WOODRUFF AND THE  
BEAVERTON BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM JOIN THEM FOR  
FEBRUARY'S BABA MEETING! THE TEAM TOOK IN THE MEETING AND  
SHARED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT BABA PROVIDES TO  
THE COMMUNITY AND BEAVERTON ATHLETICS.

# GOING PRO IN BEAVERTON



Going PRO Talent Fund

\$52,806



## BROWN MACHINE GROUP CONGRATULATIONS!

Pictured left to right are Michigan Works! Region 7B Executive Director Mark L. Berdan, Lisa Swinson, Amy Widdis, Brian Keeley, Cody Bartlett, and Michigan Works! Region 7B Clare County Director of Business Services LeeAnne Comer.

Going PRO Talent Fund

\$107,120



## SAINT-GOBAIN BEAVERTON CONGRATULATIONS!

Pictured left to right are Camerin Levi, Jessica Wilder, Ryan Harris, Jon-Paul Jones, Kayla Krahner, Michigan Works! Region 7B Chief Operating Officer Pam O'Laughlin, Ryan Roberts, Jackie Lamont, and Amanda Bootz.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE BMG AND SAINT-GOBAIN ON A SUCCESSFUL GOING PRO TALENT FUND APPLICATION! THEY WERE AWARDED GRANT FUNDS TO HELP UPSKILL THEIR EMPLOYEES!

WANT TO LEARN HOW THE GOING PRO TALENT FUND CAN HELP YOUR BUSINESS TRAIN EMPLOYEES?  
CONTACT YOUR MICHIGAN WORKS! REGION 7B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PROFESSIONAL:  
CLARE/GLADWIN COUNTY: LEEANNE COMER, 989-539-2173

## **BEAVERTON TO HOST MHSAA DISTRICT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS!**



A huge shoutout to Beaverton Schools Director of Athletics, Mark Grove, for securing Beaverton as the host site for the MHSAA District Tournaments for both Boys and Girls Basketball! This is an exciting opportunity to showcase our phenomenal campus and facilities while also bringing teams, families, and fans into our community—providing a great economic boost to our local businesses. Best of luck to all the teams competing—Go Beavers!



# UPCOMING EVENTS



THE MISS GLADWIN COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM INVITES YOU TO THE

## 2025 FUNDRAISING GALA

8 MARCH 2025 | 4PM | RIVERWALK PLACE

*An annual fundraiser to raise scholarship dollars for young  
women who will serve as ambassadors for our community.*

SILENT AUCTION, ENTERTAINMENT, 50/50, APPETIZERS & DRINKS

**\$40/ticket or \$75/couple**  
(special group rates available for 8 or more)

Tickets can be purchased at Riverwalk Place,  
Sugarbeet Blooms & Bridal, and The Style Studio

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



The Miss Gladwin County Scholarship Program aims to  
recognize and reward exceptional young women in our  
community who demonstrate a commitment to  
learning, leading, and living with loyalty to themselves  
and to others.

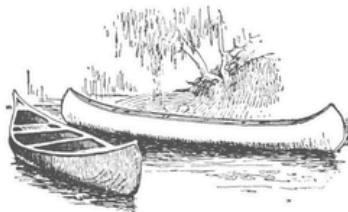
CONTACT FOR MORE INFO



989-621-3345



MissGladwinCounty.com



GLADWIN COUNTY

## RIVER RACE OF TWO CITIES

CANOE MARATHON

MAY 23 & 24 2025

GLADWIN CITY PARK TO ROSS LAKE PARK



**BABA BOWLING CHALLENGE**

BEAVERTON BOWL AND LOUNGE

**FRIDAY MARCH 14**

BABA FUNDRAISING EVENT

BOWLING STARTS AT 7:00 PM  
CHECK-IN: 6:30 PM

TEAMS OF 5-8 PEOPLE  
9 PIN NO-TAP  
3 GAMES  
1 LARGE PIZZA  
BOWLING SHOES  
INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FEE: \$175 PER TEAM  
REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL FILLED 16  
PAYMENT DUE MARCH 7TH

50/50 SILENT AUCTION GAMES & PRIZES

REGISTER YOUR TEAM ONLINE VIA QR CODE BELOW

PAY VIA VENMO OR BY CHECK AT  
CREATE-IT OR BEAVERTON BOWL  
(CHECKS MADE TO BABA)

BEAVERTON AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

COMMENT TEAM NAME IF PAYING VIA VENMO



## BEAVERTON YOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE

2025 Upcoming Dates

**March 4th: Coaches Meeting**

6pm - Location TBD

**March 8th: Assessment Clinic**

Beaverton Elementary Gym

Boys Coach Pitch: 8:15am

Girls Coach Pitch: 12:30pm

Minor Boys: 9:30am

Minor Girls: 1:45pm

Major Boys: 11:15am

Major Girls: 3:00pm

**March 18th: Parent Meeting**

6:00pm at Beaverton Jr/Sr High School Gym

**April 5th, 12th, 19th: Indoor Practices**

Beaverton Elementary School Gym + Red Barn

9:00-10:30am - Coach Pitch Boys and Girls

11:00-1:00 - Minor and Major Boys

1:00-3:00 - Minor and Major girls

**April 13th: Field Clean Up, Ump + Concession Head Worker Training**

1:00-4:00pm

**April 25th: Opening Day Ceremony + Home Run Derby**

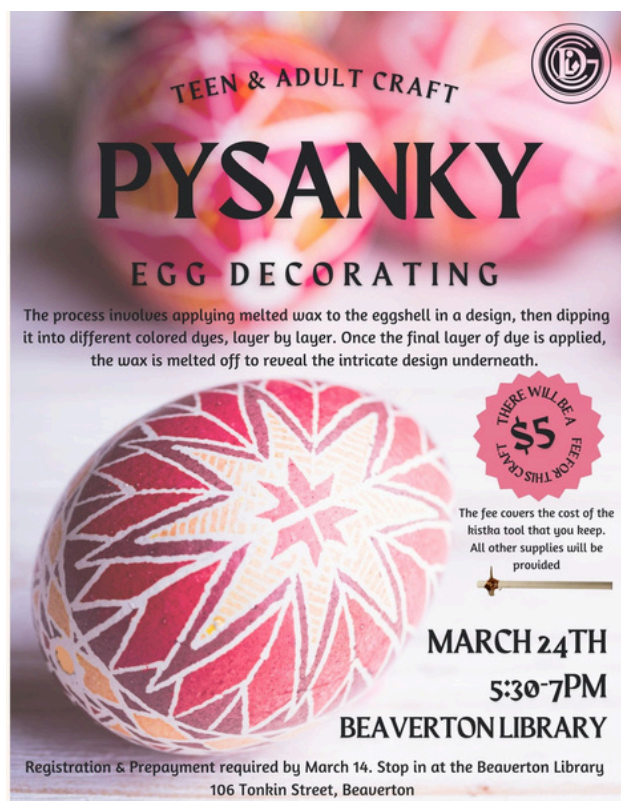
Additional details to come







- March 1 Dungeons & Dragons 9am-1pm
- March 3 Silent Book Club 3-4pm
- March 4 Senior Social Hour (puzzles) 10-11am
- March 5 Story Time 10-11am
- After School Club (Building Toys) 3-4pm
- March 6 Finish It at the Library 10-Noon
- March 9 Daylight Savings (not a program)
- March 10 Play Doh Club. 10-11am
- March 11 Senior Social Hour (coloring) 10-11am
- Super Hero Club 10-11am
- March 12 Story Time 10-11am
- After School Club (Bingo) 3-4pm
- March 13 BrAC Book Club 7-8pm
- March 15 Dungeons & Dragons 9am-1pm
- March 17 St. Pats Day
- Puppet Tales Theater Club 3-5pm
- Puzzle Competition 5:30-7 pm
- March 18 Senior Social Hour (trivia) 10-11am
- March 19 Special Story Time with MidMichigan Community Action Agency 10-11:30am
- After School Club (Drawing) 3-4pm
- March 24-29 Candyland at the Beaverton Library during the school's spring break
- March 24 Perler Bead Craft 3-4pm
- Teen & Adult Craft 5:30-7:00pm
- March 25 Senior Social Hour (games) 10-11am
- March 26 Story Time 10-11am
- After School Club (games) 3-4pm



Thank you for reading!