

# Monthly Newsletter



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

April, 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!**

April showers bring May flowers! As we welcome the spring season, we're in the process of ordering our community flowers, which will be planted later this spring along with our hanging baskets. We're excited to brighten up town and get ready for a beautiful summer ahead!

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

4/1: APRIL FOOLS!



4/9: 12:00 BABA MEETING

4/11: 7:30 GC CHAMBER LEGISLATIVE  
BREAKFAST

4/14: 5:15 DDA MEETING

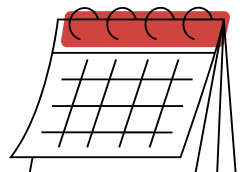
6:00 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

7:00 BEAVERTON & TOBACCO TWP MTG.

4/19: 9:00 COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT  
@ BEAVERTON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

4/21: 6:00 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

4/25: 5:00 BEAVERTON YOUTH LITTLE  
LEAGUE OPENING DAY





# COMMUNITY *Development!*

## **MI NEIGHBORHOOD 1.0**

**APPLICATIONS FOR EXTERIOR HOME REHABILITATION ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE CITY WEBSITE AND AT CITY HALL. THESE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND REVIEWED ON A ROLLING BASIS UNTIL FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED—SO IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, BE SURE TO APPLY SOON!**

## **TRAIL OF TWO CITIES PROJECT:**

**AS THE WEATHER WARMS UP, YOU'LL NOTICE INCREASED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON THIS EXCITING PATHWAY, BRINGING US CLOSER TO BETTER CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN COMMUNITIES. COMPLETION IS PROJECTED BY THIS FALL.**

## **DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY:**

LATER THIS APRIL, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WILL PRESENT THEIR FINAL REPORT ON DOWNTOWN PARKING, PROVIDING VALUABLE INSIGHTS FOR OUR BUSINESSES AND VISITORS.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN MAKING BEAVERTON A VIBRANT COMMUNITY!

## **DNR TRAILHEAD PROJECT:**

SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS SPRING AT THE CORNER OF PORTER AND ROSS, THIS PROJECT WILL ENHANCE PARKING AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IN THE AREA, WITH COMPLETION EXPECTED BY EARLY SUMMER.



# Fire Department News



**WE RECENTLY HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF CELEBRATING THE BEAVERTON AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH OUR ANNUAL AWARDS & APPRECIATION CEREMONY. THIS EVENT IS A TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE COMMITMENT, SACRIFICE, AND DEDICATION THAT OUR FIREFIGHTERS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND OUR FIRE BOARD GIVE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

**THIS YEAR, WE HAD THE HONOR OF RECOGNIZING TWO OUTSTANDING MEMBERS, PAUL DUNN AND SHANE CORNELL, FOR REACHING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE—A MILESTONE THAT REFLECTS THEIR UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY. ADDITIONALLY, JOHN DAMVELT WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE 2024 "RUN LEADER" FOR RESPONDING TO OVER 100 CALLS FOR SERVICE THIS YEAR.**

**THE EVENING'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD, FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR, WAS PRESENTED TO CASE DUNN, WHOSE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TRULY EMBODY WHAT IT MEANS TO SERVE.**

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU GOES OUT TO EVERYONE WHO MAKES THE BEAVERTON AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT A TOP-TIER ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO PROTECTING AND SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. YOUR DEDICATION DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.**

**FIRE CHIEF ANDRIST**



**CASE DUNN  
2024  
FIREFIGHTER OF  
THE YEAR**



THE BEAVERTON AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HAS ONCE AGAIN PARTNERED WITH THE BEAVERTON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE TO HOST THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH. THIS FREE EVENT INVITES PARTICIPANTS TO JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE CAMPUS, LOCATED AT 540 LANG RD, STARTING AT 9:00 AM. ADDITIONALLY, THE CHURCH WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL EASTER SERVICE AT THE BEAVERTON ACTIVITY CENTER ON SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH. WHETHER YOU'RE ATTENDING EASTER SERVICES AT ONE OF OUR LOCAL CHURCHES, PARTICIPATING IN EASTER-RELATED COMMUNITY EVENTS, OR SPENDING TIME WITH LOVED ONES, WE WISH YOU A JOYFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY.



## DREAM TEAM

CONGRATS BHS STUDENT  
ATHLETE IAN ROBERTS FOR  
BEING SELECTED AS A 1ST  
TEAM MEMBER OF THE BAY CITY  
TIMES BASKETBALL DREAM  
TEAM!



APRIL IS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH, AND AS A COMMUNITY, WE ARE INCREDIBLY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SOME OF THE BEST VOLUNTEERS THE WORLD HAS TO OFFER. WITH SO MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS DEDICATING THEIR TIME TO MAKING BEAVERTON A BETTER PLACE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO NAME THEM ALL—BUT WE SEE YOU, AND WE APPRECIATE YOU. FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND FOR MAKING OUR COMMUNITY, AND THE WORLD, A BETTER PLACE.

SINCERELY,  
YOUR FELLOW  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS

THERE'S NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO  
JOIN US AT BEAVERTON ELEMENTARY.



### FREE PRE-K! ENROLL TODAY! (Hey! That Rhymes!)

#### BEAVERTON ELEMENTARY OFFERS YOUR CHILD:

- A **safe, caring environment** in the same building with the same friends, teachers and principals that your child will **know and love** throughout elementary school
- Instruction **five days a week**, all day
- Full **transportation** to and from home
- The chance to learn about taking turns, sharing and **getting along**
- An **early jump** on the full kindergarten experience and expectations
- Did we mention it's **free**?

WE'RE FILLING UP FAST! ENROLL TODAY!

\* For children four years old before Dec. 2

CLICK: [www.ClareGladwinPreschool.org](http://www.ClareGladwinPreschool.org)  
DIAL: 989.386.8075



## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

APRIL IS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## BABIES AND BLOOMS



**COMING SPRING 2025**

stay tuned for more information by keeping up with us on  
Facebook, Instagram and our website  
[www.thewildpumpkin.com](http://www.thewildpumpkin.com)

HOURS & DATES: THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY 10 AM TO 6 PM WITH ADMISSION  
CLOSING AT 5:15 PM EVERY DAY.

ADMISSION: \$7/PERSON, CHILDREN ONE AND UNDER ARE FREE

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: ACCESS TO ANIMAL PETTING FARM (WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON  
BABY ANIMALS), ACCESS TO THE FIELD OF 22,000 TULIPS (41 DIFFERENT VARIETIES) PLANTED  
ON THE GROUNDS, HAY/STRAW MAZE, WAGON RIDE AROUND THE FARM, CORN BOX, AND  
PLAYGROUND.

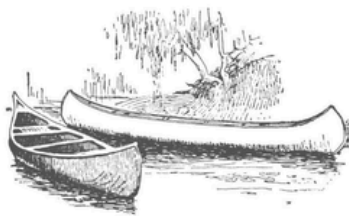
THERE ARE DIFFERENT FOOD OPTIONS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE SUCH AS:

- HOMEMADE SOFT PRETZELS
- FRESH CHERRY CHIP, BLUEBERRY, AND STRAWBERRY DONUTS
- ICE CREAM DONUT SUNDAES AND OTHER ICE CREAM OPTIONS
- SLOPPY JOES, POLISH DOGS, HOT DOGS, NACHO CHIPS WITH CHEESE, BROCCOLI CHEESE  
SOUP
- PINK LEMONADE SLUSHIES, MILOS LEMONADE AND SWEET TEA

THERE ARE ALSO PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THAT ARE HANDMADE BY 25 LOCAL  
VENDORS! ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL HAVE OTHER MERCHANDISE SUCH AS HANGING  
STRAWBERRY AND TOMATO POTS/POUCHES ALONG WITH MANY OTHER ITEMS!

JOIN US FOR AN EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT FOR THOSE AGED 2 AND  
OLDER ON THE FARM APRIL 18, 19 AND 20! \$14 PER PARTICIPANT AND ALL  
OTHERS IN THE PARTY ARE \$7 EACH (CHILDREN ONE AND UNDER ARE FREE).

THIS INCLUDES 12 EGGS THAT WILL BE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE  
FARM THAT WILL BE FILLED WITH BOTH CANDY AND TOYS. THIS IS A NUT  
FREE EGG HUNT. PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN UP ONLINE AND MAY FIND THE  
LINK ON OUR WEBSITE [WWW.THEWILDPUMPKIN.COM](http://WWW.THEWILDPUMPKIN.COM)



GLADWIN COUNTY

## RIVER RACE OF TWO CITIES

CANOE MARATHON

MAY 23 & 24 2025

GLADWIN CITY PARK TO ROSS LAKE PARK



## A NORTHERN TRADITION

A Fundraiser for the Mid Michigan College Foundation • Sponsored by Jay's Sporting Goods

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

5pm-8pm at Jay's Sporting Goods in Clare

This event supports the Mid Foundation's efforts, which include providing financial assistance to students, supporting program development, encouraging academic excellence, and assisting with continued improvements to campus facilities.

An Exclusive Evening  
at Jay's Sporting Goods in Clare.

Tickets are \$50 each and include  
the opportunity to:

- Support Mid Michigan College students
- Enjoy free food from local restaurants
- Take home an exclusive print
- Enter to win a \$1,000 Jay's Gift Certificate \*

Plus, all ticket holders also receive a \$35  
Jay's Sporting Goods shopping voucher! \*\*

\*Need not be present to win.  
\*\*Redeemable at the event only. Conditions may apply.

Each ticket will be entered  
into a drawing for a \$1,000  
Jay's Sporting Goods Gift  
Certificate!



EXCLUSIVE  
ARTWORK



Cheryl Meyer,  
Featured Artist

Attendees receive a complimentary print of this  
exclusive artwork, hand-signed and numbered by  
the artist.

FOOD &  
DEMONSTRATORS



Enjoy a night with free food from local restaurants and  
interesting demonstrations.

**Visit [midmich.edu/ant](http://midmich.edu/ant)**

For more information or tickets, contact  
Courtney Silverthorn at (989) 386-6622 x181 | [csilverthorn@midmich.edu](mailto:csilverthorn@midmich.edu)



Tickets are available at Jay's  
Sporting Goods, Mid's Harrison and  
Mt. Pleasant Campuses, and online.



# BEAVERTON Activity Center



**SOURDOUGH Workshop**

Learn to make sourdough bread with Sarah Shooltz

**APRIL 24**  
**5-7 PM**

Register soon! Spots are limited.

**\$15** Please note that payment of the fee is due at the time of registration

The \$15 fee includes a starter kit with a mason jar of sourdough starter, a bowl, a towel, & a spatula

Beaverton Library 106 Tonkin St. (989) 435-3981



**BASIC COMPUTER & SMARTPHONE SKILLS for Seniors**

Individualized help with the basic computer & smartphone skills you find challenging.

**1st & 3rd FRIDAY**

Gladwin Library 11am-12pm  
Beaverton Library 1-2pm

**DROP-IN**

**STARTS MARCH 7TH**

Gladwin County District Library  
402 James Robertson Dr., Gladwin,  
(989) 426-8221



Beaverton Branch Library  
106 Tonkin St., Beaverton,  
(989) 435-3981



- April 1- Senior Social Hour (Trivia) 10-11am
- Peep-A-Palooza (Apr.1-14, drawing on the 15th)
- April 2 - Story Time 10-11
- After School Club (Building Toys) 3-4pm
- April 3 - Finish It at the Library - 10am-12pm
- April 4 Computers for Seniors 10am-12pm
- April 5 - Dungeons & Dragons 9am-1pm
- April 7 - Silent Book Club 3-4pm
- the ARK program 6-7pm
- April 7-12 National Library Week
- 7-Shredded Book in a Jar
- 8-Trivia Tuesday
- 9-Paint a Book End
- 10-Caption Contest
- 11-Patron Appreciation Day
- April 8 - Senior Social Hour (puzzles) 10-11am
- Super Hero Club 10-11am
- April 9 - Story Time 10-11am
- After School Club (Crafts) 3-4pm
- April 14 - Play-Doh Club 10-11am
- April 15 - Senior Social Club (Coloring) 10-11am
- April 16 - Story Time 10-11am
- After School Club (Bingo) 3-4pm
- April 19 - Dungeons & Dragons 9am-1pm
- April 21 - Puppet Tales Theater Club - 3-5pm
- April 22 -Senior Social Hour (Craft) 10-11am
- April 23 - Story Time 10-11am
- After School Club (Drawing) 3-4pm
- Tiny Art Show - all day
- April 24 - Sour Dough Workshop 5-7pm \*registration required & must pay when registering\*
- April 28 - Teen/Adult Craft 5:30-7pm \*registration required\*
- April 29 - Senior Social Hour (games) 10-11am
- April 30 - Story Time 10-11am
- After School Club (games) 3-4pm

*Thank you for reading!*