

Monthly
Newsletter

CITY OF BEAVERTON

& Community News

UPCOMING DATES

DECEMBER 5

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING
 6:00 BEAVERTON ACTIVITY
 CENTER

DECEMBER 8

5:15 DDA MEETING

6:00 SCHOOL BOARD
 MEETING

7:00

BEAVERTON TWP. &
 TOBACCO TWP. MEETING

DECEMBER 10

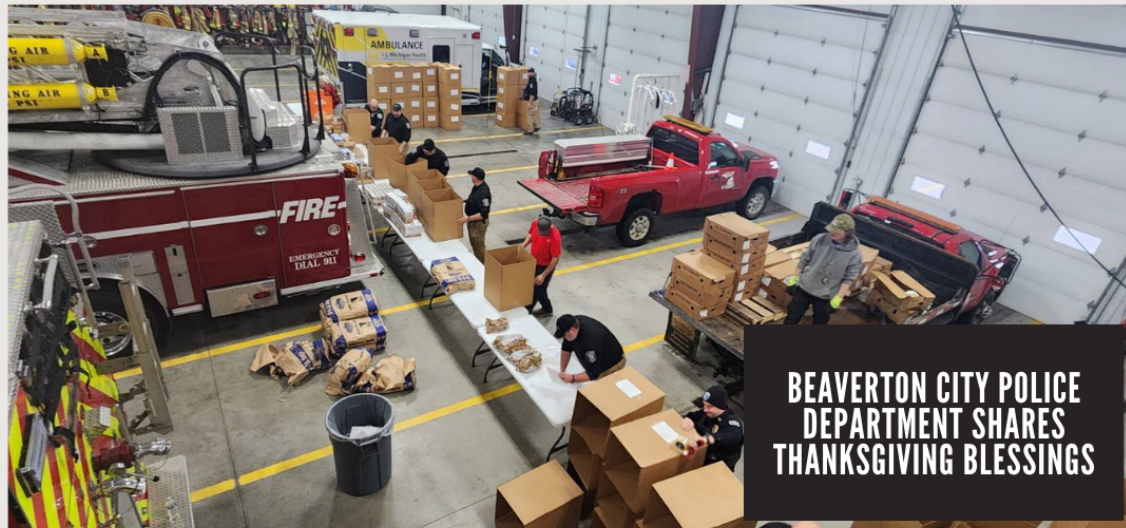
12:00 BABA MEETING

DECEMBER 15

6:00 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS
 CITY HALL CLOSED



BEAVERTON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT SHARES THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

The Beaverton City Police Department once again helped make the season brighter for local families with its annual Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway.

This year, officers and volunteers packed and delivered 98 boxes of Thanksgiving goodness, filled with everything needed for a fresh holiday meal. In total, nearly 400 people in our community were able to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner thanks to this effort.

This program is truly a community partnership. It wouldn't be possible without the generous support of the many individuals, businesses, and organizations who donate food, funds, time, and energy each year. Together, they turn kindness into full tables and grateful hearts.

The City extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who played a part in making this year's Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway such a success.

*"Beaverton, a **lasting** impression"*

A note from the Mayor

Good tidings to all!

As we move into this festive season, I want to remind everyone that there is still time to enter the Mayor’s Merry and Bright Challenge. If you love decorating for the holidays, this is your moment to shine—please see the included flyer for details on how to participate.

I’d also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Police Department, who provided Thanksgiving dinners to many families in need this year. Your kindness and commitment to our community do not go unnoticed.

A special thank you as well to Bob Fruchey and the Beaverton Area Business Association for ensuring that, although it looks a bit different this year, our Community Tree Lighting is still able to take place on Friday, December 5th at the Beaverton Activity Center. I hope you’ll join us as we kick off the holiday season together.

From my family to yours, I wish you a safe and happy holiday season and a very Merry Christmas.

— Mayor Raymond Nau



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CALLING ALL BEAVERTON RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

THE MAYOR'S
Merry & Bright
CHALLENGE

DAZZLE THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH YOUR BEST OUTDOOR LIGHT DISPLAY TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD!

- ANYTHING VISIBLE FROM THE STREET COUNTS, INCLUDING LIGHTS, LAWN DISPLAYS, WINDOW DECOR, AND ANYTHING ELSE OUTSIDE.
- 1 BUSINESS & 1 RESIDENTIAL PARTICIPANT WILL EACH WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY ADMINPROXY LLC.
- DISPLAYS WILL BE JUDGED AFTER DECEMBER 8TH

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Community Tree Lighting

The BABA Annual Community Tree Lighting is a cherished tradition for so many in our community — and BABA is thrilled to keep the magic alive again this year!

As many of you have seen, construction is underway at Ross Lake Park for what will soon be a fantastic new community building. While that progress is exciting, it does mean we aren't able to decorate the park as we've traditionally done.

But rather than cancel this beloved event, BABA turned collaborated with amazing members at the Beaverton Activity Center and came up with a festive new plan!

This year's celebration will take place at the BAC campus, where we'll create a wonderful display to capture the holiday spirit.

Enjoy Christmas tunes from the Beaverton High School Band

A special kickoff by Miss Gladwin County. And yes — Santa knows about the address change!

We can't wait to see everyone at this year's special edition of the Annual Beaverton Tree Lighting Event — same community spirit, new location, and plenty of holiday cheer!



School Board Member Community Engagement

Mornings With MIKE



Join Beaverton School Board Member Mike Dodman for an open and casual conversation as he shares his outlook, opinions, and stance on topics related to Beaverton Schools, as well as listens to your questions and comments.



17 Saturday, December 13th

17 Saturday, January 10th

9:00 AM-10:00 AM

Downtown Diner – 113 W. Brown St, Beaverton

Come enjoy a cup of coffee and a friendly chat about our schools, opportunities, and community!

Community Project Information

The City of Beaverton is hard at work on a variety of exciting projects, and we're keeping the community informed every step of the way.

Project updates are posted as available on our website—so whether you're curious about what's in progress or just want to see the awesome improvements happening around town, visit:

beavertonmi.org/about-city/current-city-projects

Landon Love: Bay City Times Golden Helmet Award Winner



Coming off another outstanding season at quarterback for the Beavers, Love was honored with the Bay City Times/Coca-Cola Golden Helmet Award, presented each year to the area's top player.

He also joins elite company in Beaverton history, becoming just the third BHS athlete to earn the award, along with Dan Grant ('70) and Trent Reed ('21).

Beaverton's 3rd Annual Buck Pole a Big Hit!

Beaverton's 3rd Annual Buck Pole was a success! Hunters and spectators alike flocked downtown to check out the impressive line-up of trophy bucks, share stories from the woods, and enjoy a day full of hometown camaraderie.

The overall top honors went to local hunter Seth Bergman, whose winning buck truly stood out from the herd. Congratulations, Seth!



Events like this don't just happen by luck. A huge thank you goes out to the Beaverton City Police, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), the Department of Public Works (DPW), and Mayor Nau for planning, setting up, and helping make the event such a success.

With community spirit like this, Beaverton keeps proving it's right on target.

Fire Chief Report

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate the Christmas season, the Beaverton Area Fire Department would like to wish everyone a safe, warm, and joyful holiday.

This time of year brings extra decorations, cooking, and celebrations—which also means a few extra fire risks. Here are some simple Christmas fire safety tips to help keep your holidays merry and bright and not “too bright”

Christmas Tree Safety

- If you have a real tree, make sure it’s fresh and well-watered. A dry tree can catch fire very quickly.
- Keep your tree at least 3 feet away from fireplaces, heaters, candles, and other heat sources.
- Turn off tree lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

Lights & Decorations

- Check all light strings for frayed wires, loose bulbs, or damage and replace anything that looks worn.
- Only use outdoor-rated lights and extension cords outside.
- Don’t overload outlets or power strips.

• Cooking Safety

- Stay in the kitchen when you’re frying, grilling, or broiling.
- Keep anything that can burn (towels, paper, packaging) away from the stove.
- If a small pan fire starts, slide a lid over it and turn off the burner. Don’t use water on a grease fire.

On behalf of the Beaverton Area Fire Department, thank you for your ongoing support and for doing your part to keep our community safe. We wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!



Stay safe,
Chief Andrist



BABA Holiday Hunt Brings Cheer to Downtown

The BABA Holiday Hunt was a wonderful success this year, bringing festive energy and smiling faces all throughout our community. From the moment the event kicked off, downtown was buzzing with activity as families, friends, and neighbors bundled up, grabbed their maps, and set off to explore.

Participants stopped into local shops to find hidden items, collect stamps, and discover holiday surprises along the way. Many took the opportunity to cross a few gifts off their shopping lists, enjoying the chance to support our hometown businesses while having fun.

Merchants reported steady foot traffic and lots of cheerful conversation as new and returning customers came through their doors. The Holiday Hunt not only sparked some friendly adventure, but also helped remind us all of the value of shopping local and keeping our downtown vibrant.



Beaverton Voters Return Familiar Faces – and Welcome a New One

In the November 2025 election, Beaverton residents headed to the polls to shape the future of their city leadership.

- Raymond Nau was re-elected as Mayor, continuing his service and leadership in the community.
- On City Council, Jennifer Harper and Christine Gerace were re-elected, earning another term of public service.
- Voters also welcomed Missy Vulders, who was elected to City Council, bringing a new voice to the team.

The City thanks all the candidates who stepped forward to serve, and all the residents who took the time to vote and participate in the democratic process.

For full and official election results, please visit the Gladwin County elections page at: <https://gladwincountymi.gov/information/elections/>



Wishing you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year from all of us at the City of Beaverton.

As we wrap up another year, we want to take a moment to say thank you. It's an honor to serve this community, and we are truly grateful for the neighbors, families, businesses, and volunteers who make Beaverton such a special place to live, work, and visit.


This holiday season, we hope your days are filled with: Time spent with family and friends. Moments of peace and reflection. Plenty of laughter, joy, and good memories

Looking ahead to the New Year, we're excited to continue working together to support our community, improve our services, and move forward on projects that make Beaverton an even better place for everyone.

From all of us on City Staff – Shannon, Janelle, Jodie, Chloe, Pat, Jim, Brad, and Steve – may your Christmas be bright, and your New Year be full of hope and blessings.



Stay Active at the BAC!



BEAVERTON Activity Center

BASKETBALL

ADULT DROP-IN

TUESDAYS
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
STARTING NOV. 4TH



Night Time Pickleball

Wednesdays
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
(Nov. 5th - April 29th)

BEAVERTON Activity Center

BEAVERTON Can-Do Spirit

We are grateful for 10 years of Connection, Collaboration and Community!

Throughout 2025, we have celebrated the many ways that Beaverton Activity Center is continually accomplishing our mission. Our 501(c)3 non-profit organization is financially stable and working to establish solid, perpetual stewardship of the re-purposed school building and property. Now, we look forward to the progress of the NEXT TEN YEARS with recognition of our community's indomitable "Can-Do Spirit!"

Thanks to the 10th Anniversary Planning Committee for their work over five months: Joan Cashin, Chair, Joyce Broka, Ashley Couturier, Julie French, Laura Maveal and Jane Rowley-Smith!

Our 10th Anniversary Reception on Friday, October 10 brought together over 80 community members to acknowledge the efforts of many who connected and collaborated to develop the vision of BAC! The first floor home of senior class composites was officially christened "Alumni Hallway" in gratitude for the active support of former students. Scott Govitz, BAC President Emeritus, was honored with the newly named second floor "L. Scott Govitz Corridor" and two large photo collages along with named tributes to BAC volunteer leadership were unveiled in the newly named corridor. A new plastics industry exhibit, honoring the memory of James A. French and featuring local innovations of Kal Plastics and Saint-Gobain, was unveiled in the Catalyst Board Room.

On Saturday, October 11, the free Community Pancake Breakfast by Chris Cakes of Michigan provided all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage in recognition of the community's role in the success of the BAC. We served nearly 200 people of all ages with help from spirited BHS N.H.S. students. Library Program Director Denette Kraatz provided fun pancake-themed activities for children. We partnered with the Miss Gladwin County Scholarship Program to present the "Pancake Art Challenge." The eight inventive, energetic teams who built impressive artistic displays using pancakes of all shapes and sizes included: Lions Club, Beaverton Fire Department, Church of the Nazarene, BAC 10-Year Celebration Committee, Beaverton Tavern, Schumacher Insurance Agency, Rosati's Fresh Markets and BHS National Honor Society. The artworks were capably evaluated by Roy Johnston, Jan Hudson and Lindsay Owens. We are thankful to our tenant partners, local businesses and activity groups for their support of the 10th Anniversary events and projects: Mitchell, Inc., Cedar River Rental, Rosati's Fresh Market, MyMichigan Rehabilitation Services, Gladwin County District Library-Beaverton Branch, Mid Michigan Community Action Agency, Beaverton Schools, Euche Club #2, Mah Jongg, Pickleball and B-Fit Center. Thank you to the Volunteers for BAC for sharing your time, talents and treasures to help achieve our goals and make the last 10 years so rewarding. Our support staff of Ashley Couturier, Brian Govitz, Heather Wolfe, the Arnold Center, and various other contractors are to be commended. Thank you to our Board of Directors and tireless Executive Board for confident, visionary, down-to-earth decisions made with the future in mind. Together we all have played a role in remodeling and maintaining this historic building while establishing and growing a respected community business. Well done - EVERYONE!

BFIT FITNESS CENTER Excellent Equipment, Convenient Location, Affordable Fees, Instruction Provided, Encouraging & Fun. *Visit WEBSITE for hours, fees and more info!

FUN FITNESS ACTIVITIES for Men & Women of ALL Skill Levels. NOW is a Good Time to Get Started!

PICKLEBALL Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Gymnasium \$3/player per day	NIGHT PICKLEBALL Wednesdays 7 to 9 p.m. Gymnasium \$3/player per day	WALKING IN THE GYM Mon & Fri - 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tues, Wed & Thurs - 7 to 9 a.m. and 12 to 3 p.m. B-Fit members free; others \$1/walk	HYCROBOND Age 14 & older, Fridays 6 to 8 p.m., Multipurpose Room Registration required, call 989-225-6575	ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL Mondays, 6 to 9 p.m. All Skill Levels Drop-in & play \$3/player per day	ADULT BASKETBALL Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m. All Skill Levels Drop-in & play \$3/player per day
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<p>BEAVERTON BRANCH LIBRARY Monday & Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p>989-435-3981 www.govill.org FREE WiFi</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSED Nov. 27-28 and Dec. 24-25</p>	<p>YOUTH Storytime - Wednesdays, Dec. 10, 17, 20th 11 a.m. Afternoon Kids Club - Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24 4 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons - Saturdays, Dec. 6 and 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. EPIC! Class - Saturdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Play-Doh Club - Mondays, Dec. 8, 15, 22 11 a.m. Super Hero Club - Mondays, Dec. 8, 15, 22 11 a.m. Legos Club - Mondays, Dec. 22, 29 4 p.m.</p> <p>ADULT & TEEN Silent Read Club - Mondays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Cafe & Coffee - Tues, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10 a.m. to Noon Finger Knitting Class - Wednesday, Dec. 3, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Frosty at the Library - Mondays, Dec. 8, 15 a.m. to Noon Puzzle Competition - Saturdays, Dec. 6, 13 a.m. Junk Journaling - Mondays, Dec. 8, 15 5 p.m. Bar Games Exchange - Wednesdays, Dec. 10, 17 to 5 p.m. Book Reading - Mondays, Dec. 15, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Bible Study Tuesdays - 10:00 Christmas - Dec. 16, 13 to 4 p.m. White Elephant Swap - Sundays, Dec. 21, 29 to 1 p.m. Teen & Adult Craft Night - Mondays, Dec. 22, 5:30 p.m., meet register</p>	<p>MyMichigan Health UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HEALTH Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Services Offering a full range of physical therapy services with convenient appointment times. New patients welcome by physician referral.</p> <p>PT CLINIC HOURS Monday & Wednesday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>BOOK CLUB <i>Thurs, Dec 11 7 to 8 p.m.</i> DECEMBER BOOK - The Wishful by Nicholas Sparks RESERVE AT LIBRARY</p> <p>WOMEN'S LOSS OF SECURE GROUP Monthly on 2nd Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p>
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BEAVERTON Activity Center
CELEBRATING OUR 10th YEAR OF SERVICE IN 2025

The Hub of Activities for All Ages & All Interests
At the corner of M-18 and Tonkin Street 989-435-4104
www.beavertonactivitycenter.com

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